



87th DeSoto Heritage Festival Grand Parade

SAFETY MEETING

April 15, 2026



Parade Details

- STAGING: 1:00PM TO 6:00PM
- PARADE START: 7:30PM
- LENGTH: 1.75 MILES
- APPROXIMATE “ON-ROUTE” TIME: 1.5 HOURS
- PRE-PARADE ENTERTAINMENT
 - STARTS AT 4:00PM ON OLD MAIN STREET (12TH ST & MANATEE AVE)
 - BANDS: DEL COUCH MUSIC FOUNDATION – 4PM – 5PM
 - RYE ROAD – 5PM – 7PM
 - ALL OLD MAIN STREET BARS & RESTAURANTS WILL BE OPEN
- PARKING
 - COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BRADENTON/SARASOTA RIVERFRONT: 100 Riverfront Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34205
 - (NOT PALMETTO MARRIOTT)
 - SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION TO STAGING PROVIDED FROM HOTEL LOBBY
- POST PARADE
 - FLOATS CAN RETURN TO MARRIOTT AFTER THE PARADE

IMPORTANT

- **IF YOU HAVE A GENERATOR** ON YOUR ENTRY, YOU MUST HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER (TYPE A-B-C) ON BOARD – You will not be permitted onto the parade route without a fire extinguisher.
- THIS APPLIES **ONLY** TO ENTRIES WITH A GENERATOR



PARADE ROUTE



PARADE ROUTE

**START
9TH ST W**

**BREAKDOWN
39TH-43RD**

**END
39TH ST W**

**EXIT VIA
43RD ST**

STAGING

STAGING AREA

3RD AVE WILL REMAIN OPEN
THROUGHOUT THE PARADE

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MARRIOTT
HOTEL & PARKING

SHUTTLE ROUTE

PARKING

Manatee Performing
Arts Center Parking Lot

START

PIZZA

STAGING

MANATEE AVE (Also SR64 W)

ENTER
STAGING

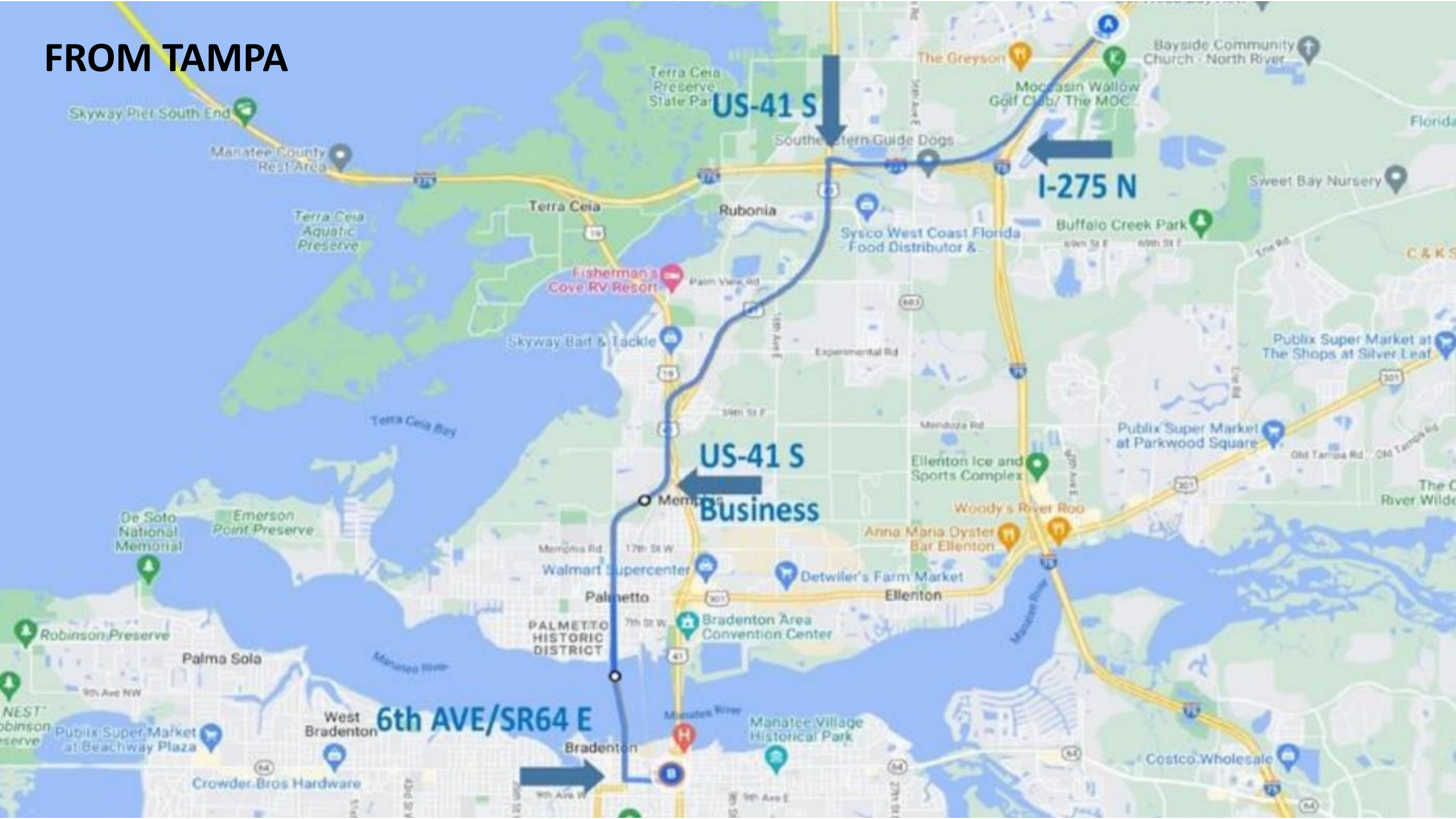
6th AVE (Also SR64 E)

PARKING

PARKING



FROM TAMPA





BREAKDOWN (END OF PARADE)

- PARADE ENDS AT 39TH STREET (ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL)
- TURN YOUR MUSIC OFF AS YOU CROSS 39th STREET
- STOP THROWING BEADS
- PULL TO LEFT OF ROADWAY AND AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE IF YOU NEED TO STOP AND SECURE YOUR FLOAT
- HIGH SCHOOL BAND BUSES WILL BE IN THE ST.STEPHENS PARKING LOT.

RETURNING AFTER PARADE



To Palmetto

43rd Street
Turn left or
continue west

6th Ave
Turn right or
continue north

Marriott
Hotel

To I-75

To West
Bradenton

Public Exiting Parade, Heavy Traffic, Don't Use 9th Ave

3rd Street
Turn left or
continue east

17th Ave
Turn left or
continue south

9th Street
Turn left

To Cortez
Road

BASEBALL
STADIUM