



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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COUNTY CLOSES BOCA CHICA BEACH AND STATE HIGHWAY 4

On March 15, 2019, the Commissioners' Court approved an Order authorizing County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. to execute any and all necessary or appropriate notices or orders of temporary closure of State Highway 4, and/or the beach at Boca Chica Beach in connection with space flight activity, now or in the future.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., has ordered the temporary closure of access to Boca Chica Beach as well as State Highway 4 from FM 1419 (Oklahoma Ave.) to the entrance to Boca Chica Beach due to anticipated test launch activities for SpaceX.

"On Friday March 22, 2019, I ordered Hwy 4 and Boca Chica Beach closed for Monday, March 25, 2019, and in the alternative, Tuesday, March 26, 2019, or Wednesday, March 27, 2019, from 10 a.m. Central Standard Time to 6:00 p.m. of the same days, due to SpaceX related testing and research. The testing and research successfully concluded on March 25, 2019, and the beach will be open today, March 26, 2019.

"I have ordered the closure of Hwy 4 and Boca Chica Beach for the purpose of protecting Public Health and Safety during SpaceX testing activities on March 27, 2019, between 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time and 6:00 p.m., with alternate dates on March 28th and March 29th between 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time and 6:00 p.m. in the event the March 27th temporary closure is not utilized," Trevino stated. Furthermore, "should SpaceX not complete its test launch activities on March 27, 2019, then SpaceX can use the alternate dates to complete its test launch activities."

SpaceX and law enforcement authorities will be coordinating to ensure that no individuals or vehicles are allowed access to these areas during these times of the day. In coordination with the County, SpaceX will establish a safety zone perimeter that will include two temporary checkpoints on Highway 4. Individuals who provide proof of residence between the two checkpoints will be allowed to proceed through the soft checkpoint and access their homes during testing. Access beyond the hard checkpoint to the beach will not be permitted during temporary closures. The beach will be closed and those wishing to visit a beach during the closures may do so on South Padre Island at County parks: Cameron County Beach Access No. 3, Cameron County Beach Access No. 4, Cameron County Beach Access No. 4 (West) or Cameron County Beach Access No. 5 (West).

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