

2026
“CROSS-TEXAS”
ADVENTURE
ROUTE



SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

RACE ROUTE SUMMARY

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2026 SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE CROSS-TEXAS ADVENTURE

Total Maximum Miles: 619.8

DAY ONE - 153.6 Maximum Diving Miles Available

Fort Worth, TX to Palestine, TX

Sunday, July 19, 2026

TX 114, TX 51, TX 171, TX 22, U.S. 287, U.S. 79

DAY TWO - 142.1 Maximum Diving Miles Available

Palestine, TX to Round Rock, TX

Monday, July 20, 2026

U.S. 79

DAY THREE - 66.7 Maximum Diving Miles Available

Round Rock, TX to Fredericksburg, TX

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

TX 29, U.S. 281, U.S. 290

DAY FOUR - 144.6 Maximum Diving Miles Available

Fredericksburg, TX to San Angelo, TX

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

U.S. 87, U.S. 67

DAY FIVE - 112.8 Maximum Diving Miles Available

San Angelo, TX to Fort Stockton, TX

Thursday, July 23, 2026

U.S. 67, U.S. 385

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND MAPS

DAY ONE - 153.6 Maximum Diving Miles Available
Fort Worth, TX to Palestine, TX
Sunday, July 19, 2026
TX 114, TX 51, TX 171, TX 22, U.S. 287, U.S. 79

D1-p1

- 0.0 Northwest ISD District Office
Turn left at traffic light in front of the District Office onto TX 114
Note: There is a bump at the turn.
- 0.9 Overpass
- 1.3 Light
- 1.4 Light
Four lane road with shoulders
- 4.3 Light.
Four lane divided highway. This is uphill.
- 4.7 Bridge
- 4.8 Uphill
- 6.5 City of Rhome
- 7.8 Overpass
- 8.2 Following the overpass, the road "Y"s" to the right. Take 114 Business Route.
Stay on Service Road. Do not proceed into town.
- 8.7 Stop Sign.
Use care! The stop sign is on a "downhill."
Go straight through the intersection.
- 9.1 Rhome Water Tower
- 9.2 OT Station on right
- 9.5 Stop Sign. Turn left following TX 114. This is a two-lane road with shoulders.
Downhill ahead.
- 10.7 Auora
Three lane road with shoulders
- 11.3 Big downhill (3 lanes)
- 11.8 Light
- 12.3 Exotic Animal Center on right.
Road is 2 lanes with shoulders.
- 13.1 Bridge
- 14.0 Coming into City of Boyd.
Road becomes 3 lanes.
- 14.3 Light
- 14.5 Railroad Track. This is bumpy!
Five lanes in town with no shoulders. Stay in right lane.

14.7 Light. D1-p2

15.0 Road narrows to 3 lanes and is bumpy.

15.6 Road is two lanes with shoulders.

17.1 Uphill. Road is three lanes.

17.6 Big Uphill

17.9 Downhill

18.2 Big uphill with passing lane.
Use care. This road is bumpy with no shoulders.

19.7 Exit right to TX 51 to Springtown.

19.9 Stop Sign. Turn left (under overpass) to Springtown.

21.0 Blinking Yellow Light

21.4 Rough-road flattens out. No shoulders.

22.4 Uphill (two lanes)

25.0 Uphill with climbing lane

26.0 Springtown

26.7 Parker County Line

28.3 Light. Turn right. (Pojo Road)

28.4 Turn right into the Springtown Intermediate School parking lot to trailer your solar car.
After you trailer your solar car, move back onto TX 51 going South (right).

0.0 Springtown Intermediate School
After trailering out of the parking lot, turn right at light continuing on TX 51

0.8 Light

1.0 Light
Continue going straight ahead

11.2 Light

14.6 Light

15.2 City of Weatherford
Five lanes

15.6 Light

16.5 Parker County Courthouse
NOTE: This is a circle drive. We will be following TX 171 South.

16.6 Stay left on the Circle (around courthouse) to TX 171 South

18.0 Light
Follow TX 171

18.2 Light D1-p3

18.5 Light

18.8 Light as you travel past Interstate Highway 20

19.1 Light
Two lanes (no shoulders)

21.0 Road "Y's" to the left. Continue following TX 171

21.7 Small shoulders
Historical Marker

33.2 Entering Hood County

34.3 Railroad Crossing

35.7 Underpass

36.2 Light

36.4.1 Exxon Station on the right.

36.5 Johnson County Line
This is two lanes with small shoulders

37.3.1 City of Godley

37.4 Hill

37.9 Bumps

39.6 Hill with small shoulders

41.0 Road flattens

43.1 Godley High School and Middle School
Pull in for required REST STOP

REST STOP

Unload solar cars and prepare to re-start the drive

0.0 Continue the drive on TX 171
Three lanes

0.7 Light

1.0 Light

3.9 City of Cleburne
Note: Uphill

5.8 Uphill with shoulders

7.6 Light

8.7 Underpass

8.9 Light

9.4 Underpass D1-p4

10.4 TX 171 "Y's" right.
Move to Middle Lane

We are now on a five-lane road. Stay in right lane.

10.9 Light

11.1 Light

11.2 KCLE Radio (on right)

11.4. Light

11.9 Light

12.0 Light
Town Square on Left

12.0 Light
County Courthouse

12.1 Light

12.2 Light

12.4 Light

12.7 Light and bridge
STAY Right
Four-lane divided highway.

LEFT TURN COMING UP

13.2 Hill
Stay on 171

13.4 **TX 171 Turns Left**

13.6 Underpass
Two-lane road without shoulders

16.0 Small hill

17.3 Hill

18.3 Follow TX 171 to Hillsboro

19.6 Bridge

20.6 Small hill

23.5 **Hill County Line**

25.2 Small hill with shoulders

26.0 City of Covington

26.4 School on right

26.8 Yellow Light

28.3	Small hill with shoulders	D1-p5
30.0	Bumps	
32.5	Small hill	
33.2	Bumps	
34.6	Hill	
35.6	Small hill	
38.4	Hill	
39.3	Small hill	
39.7	City of Hillsboro	
40.0	Power lines	
40.3	Light and Turn Left on TX 22 (In City of Hillsboro)	
40.5	Light Hill County Courthouse is on the left. Turn left into the courthouse parking area for Lunch Stop	

LUNCH STOP

**Drawing showing courthouse navigation
At end of today's instructions.**

0.0	Drive away from Hill County Courthouse on TX 22
0.6	Light Go straight to City of Corsicana
0.7	Light Four-lanes
1.0	Light Turn left to Corsicana Five-lanes
2.2	Light
2.9	Light
3.0	Pass Interstate 35
3.1	Light at bottom of Hill. USE CARE (Three-lanes)
	Note: Hill College on the left
3.8	Road goes to two-lanes
4.2	Road "Y's" left. Stay on TX 22 East This is a two-lane road with shoulders

6.7 Small Hill D1-p6

8.0 Downhill followed by uphill

10.0 Bridge with trees shading the road

10.4 Uphill and turn to the left

11.9 Good solar-driving road

14.0 Hill

14.7 Richland Creek

15.2 Yellow Light in City of Morton

15.9 **Navarro County Line**

Note: Cotton fields here

20.2 City of Frost

23.9 Small hill

24.6 Small hill

25.5 City of Blooming Grove

26.4 Small hill

27.8 Small hill

30.4 Small hill

30.6 City of Barry

32.6 Hill

34.2 Historical Marker

34.4 Small hill

35.1 Small hill

36.2 Small hill

37.1 City of Corsicana

37.8 Light
Corsicana School on right

38.4 Uphill
Three-lane road

38.7 Navarro County Hospital
Trailer Solar Cars

[See Map for City of Corsicana]

Return to TX 22 (We are driving East) (This is West 2nd Street)
Continue driving to 15th Street and turn right.

Continue driving 15th Street until you reach TX 318 (This is East 7th Street)
Turn left on TX 381 (East 7th Street)
Continue driving TX 318 until it intersects with Interstate 45.
Merge onto Interstate 45 South.

D1-p7

Take EXIT 229 to Palestine on U.S. 287
Turn left at light onto U.S. 287

Stay on U.S. 287 until you reach the TX 31 Intersection. This is the City of Mildred.
UNLOAD at Mildred High School on the left.
This is a three-lane road with shoulders.

- 0.0 Mildred High School
- 0.3 Two-lane road with shoulders
- 1.3 Small hill
- 2.8 Small hill
- 3.5 City of Eureka
- 6.6 Small hill
- 9.3 Three-lane road. Note: Lake ahead
- 9.7 Richardson Chambers Reservoir Bridge
- 12.4 Cotton fields
- 16.3 **Freestone County Line**
City of Cayuga
- 18.6 Bridge with drop-offs along the side of the road. USE CARE
- 20.3 Trinity River Bridge
- 20.6 **Anderson County Line**
- 21.3 Tree may shadow road
- 24.6 Four-lane road
- 24.9 Two-lane road
- 26.5 Down STEEP Uphill
Teams may want to trailer this steep hill
- 27.1 Two-lane road without shoulders
- 28.5 Cayuga ISD (on left)
This would be a good location to trailer – optional
- 31.1 Uphill
- 35.1 Uphill
- 35.5 Uphill
- 36.4.2 Yellow Light to BIG UPHILL

39.5 Big UPHILL D1-p8

40.6 Sage Creek followed by uphill

42.3 Uphill with trees shading road

45.9 Follow U.S. 287 right

46.0 KIM's
Turn in to this station and trailer your solar car, if not already trailering.

0.0 Trailering, turn right at KIM's on W. Spring Street which is US 287.

1.6 Turn right on to Loop 256 West

1.9 UT Tyler University of right

2.3 Light

3.0 Light

3.4 Light

4.5 Light

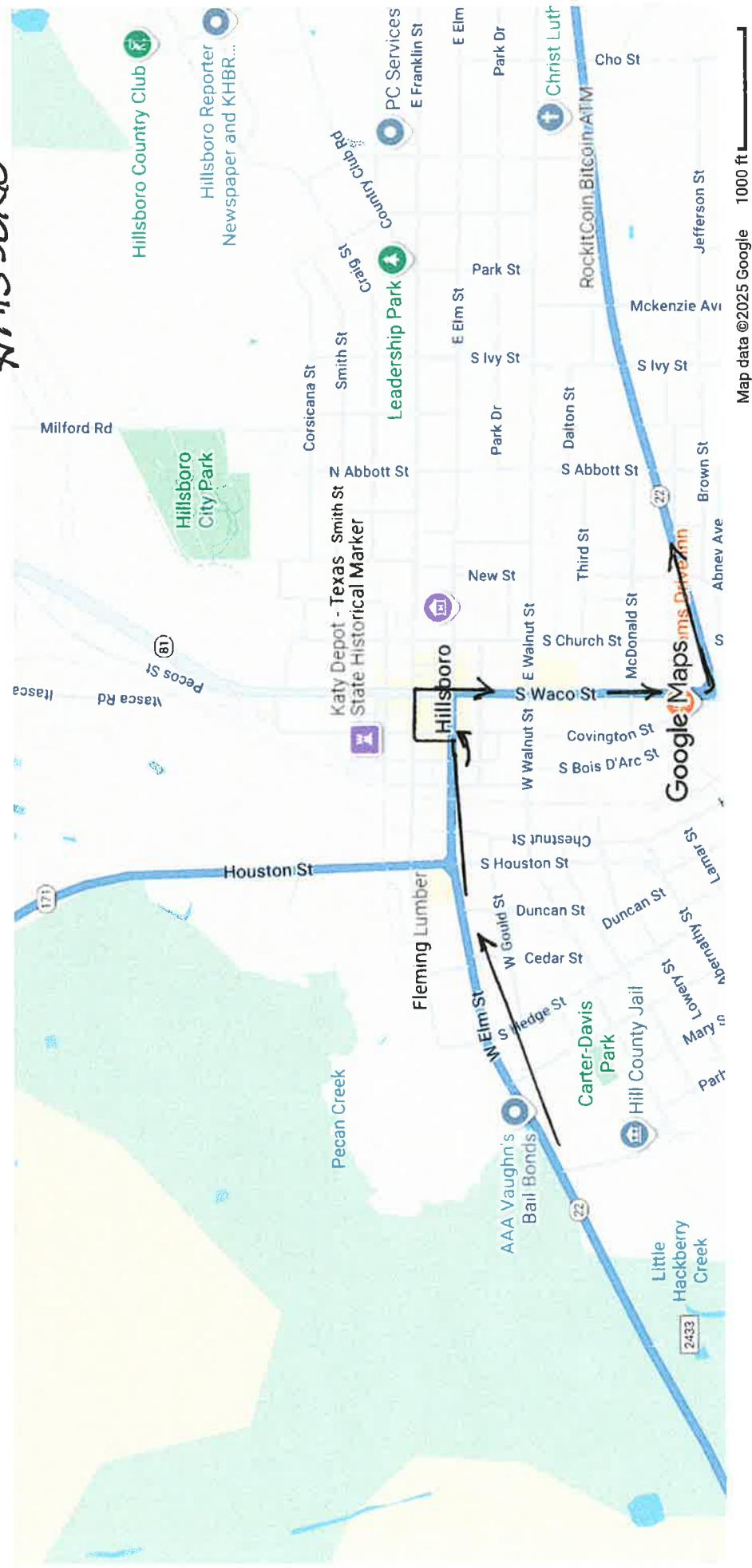
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5.8 Light

6.0 Light

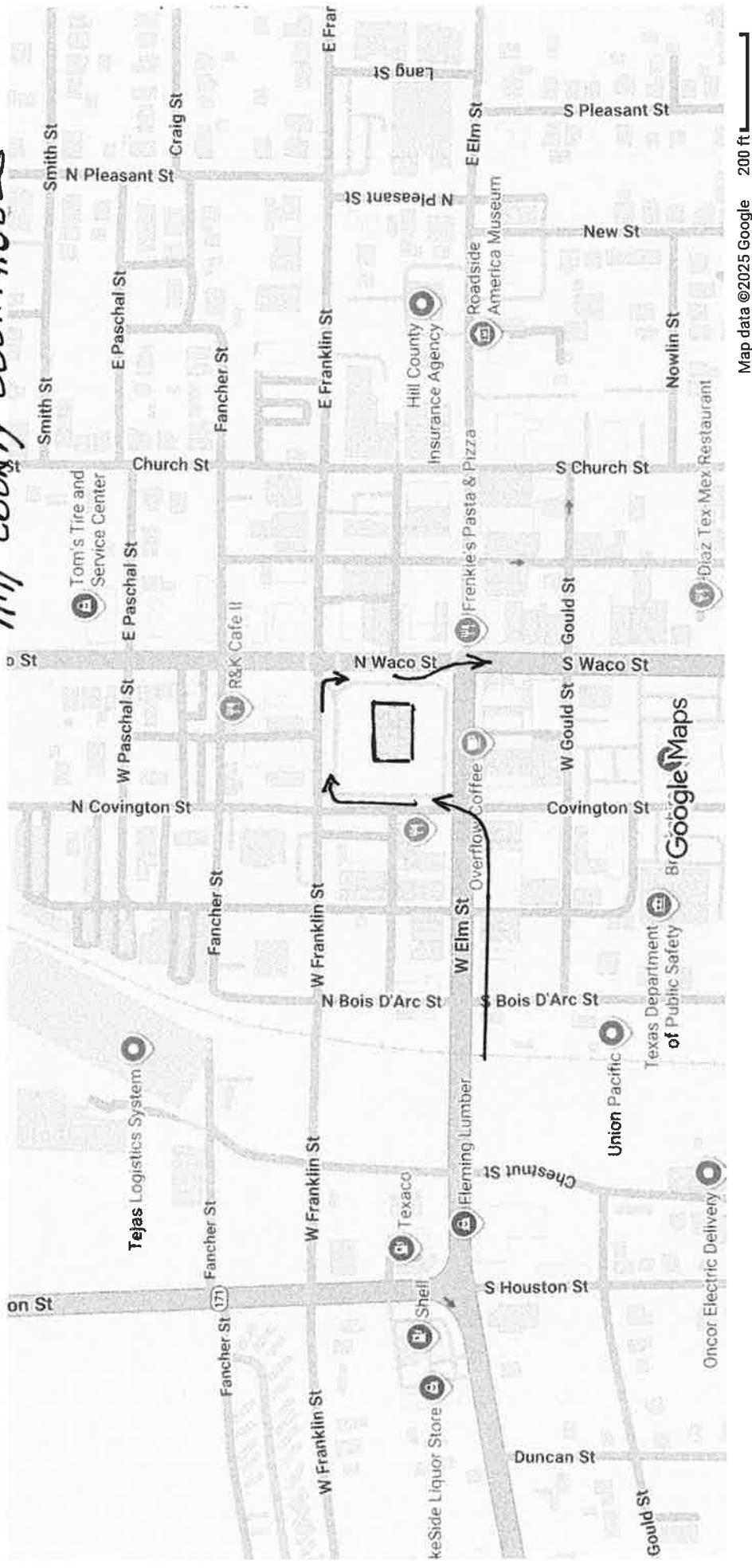
6.4 Light

6.7 Turn right onto Palestine High School Parking Lot.
Travel to parking area near tennis courts.
This is the Impound Site

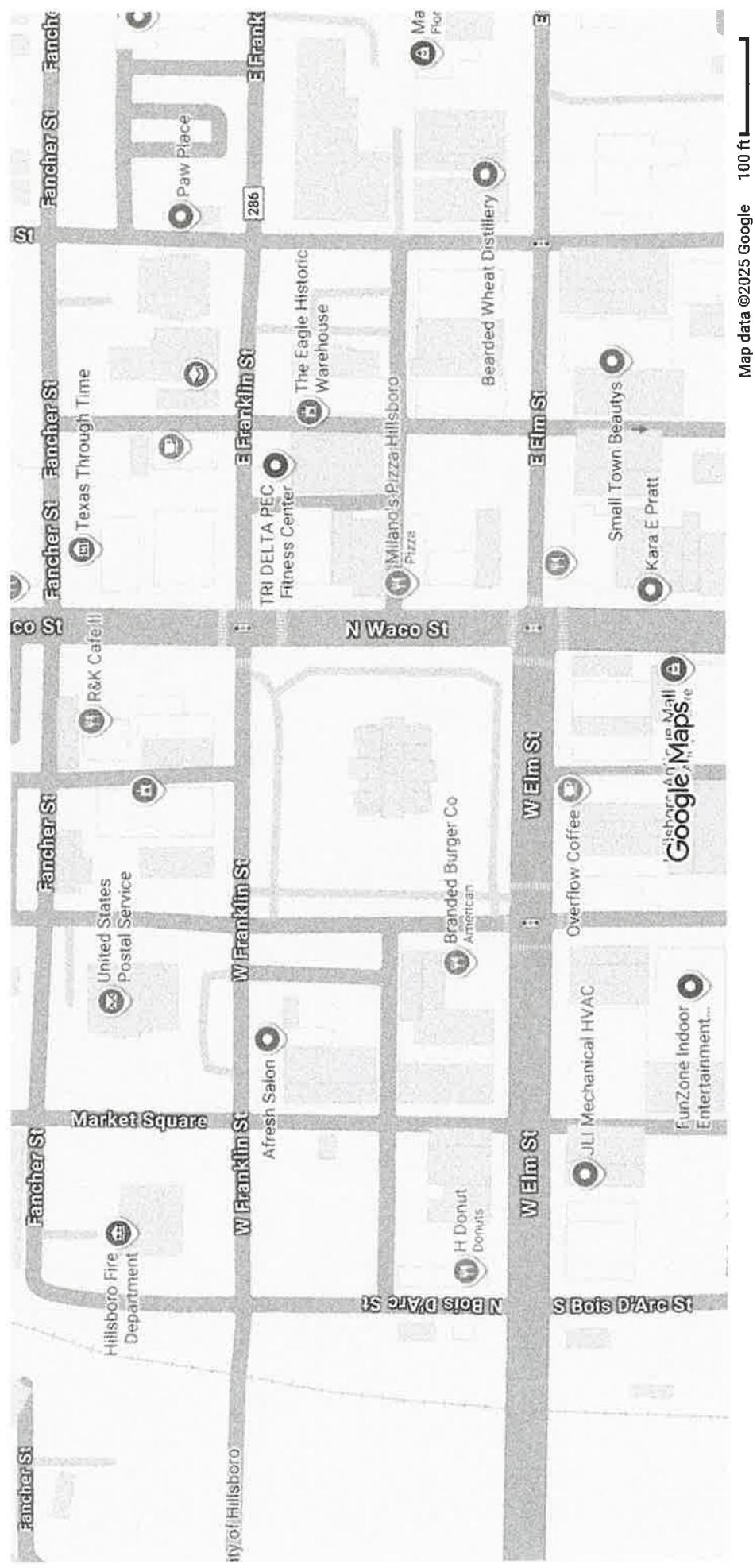
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Hill County Courthouse

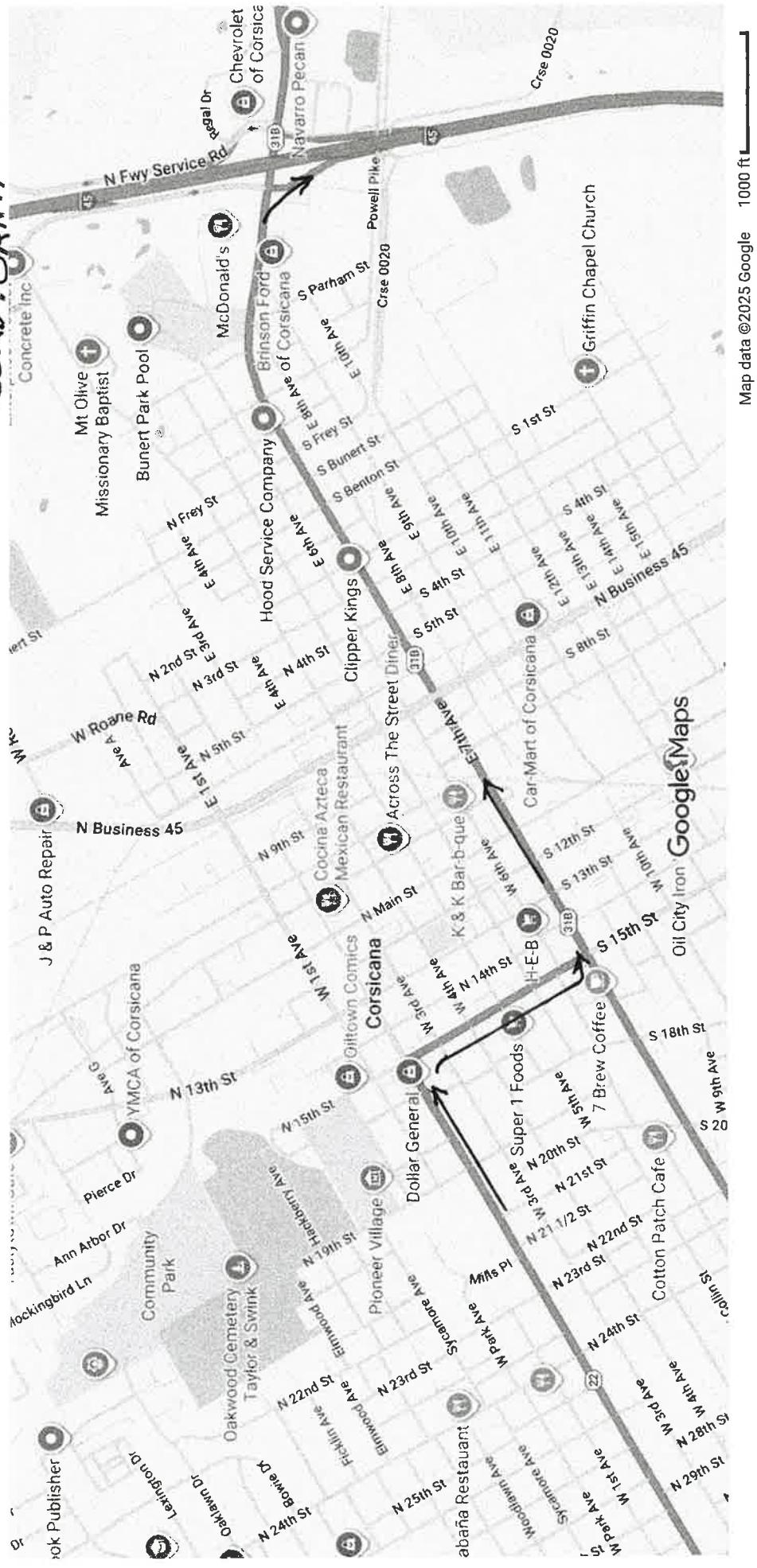


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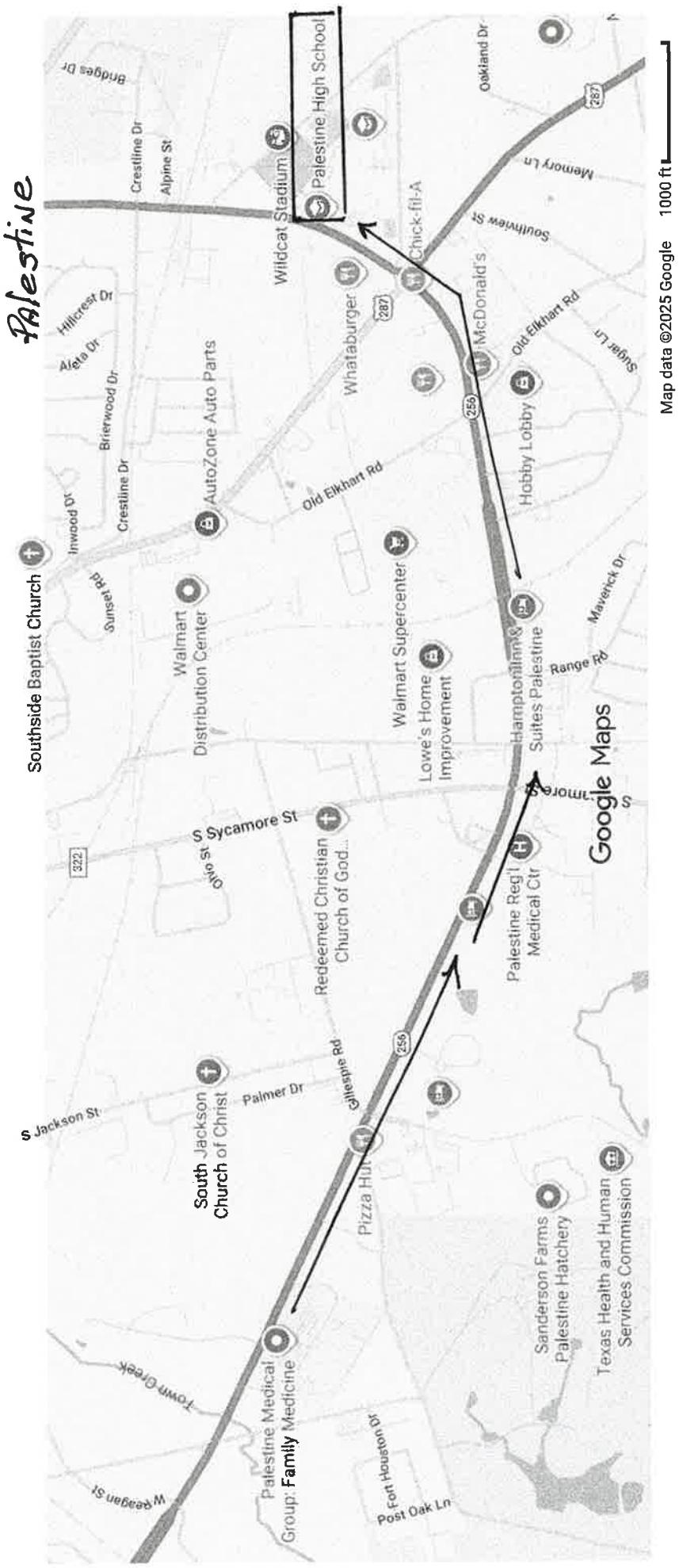
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DAY TWO - 142.1 Maximum Diving Miles Available
Palestine, TX to Round Rock, TX
Monday, July 20, 2026
U.S. 79

Trailer your solar car out of the Palestine High School parking lot turning left on Loop 256. Travel back to U.S. 79

- 0.0 Leave Palestine Parking Lot turning left on Loop 256
- 3.1 Turn left on Oak Street which is U.S. 79
- 5.1 Light (Westwood School on right)
- 5.3 Light
- 6.0 Light
- 7.2 Parking Area on the Right

Unload solar car in the Parking Area on the right and begin second day of racing.

- 0.0 Begin the drive
Four-lane divided highway
- Follow U.S., 79
- 5.9 Bridge
Road "Y's" left on U.S. 79.
Note: Trees may shade the road
- 8.4 Uphill
- 10.8 **Leon County Line**
- 11.4 City of Oakwood
- 11.5 Yellow light
Three-lane road
- 12.4 BIG uphill with shoulders
- 13.8 Bridge
- 14.1 Bridge followed by Uphill
Road has a passing lane
- 15.7 BIG uphill
- 16.4 BIG uphill
- 17.9 BIG uphill with passing lane
- 19.4 BIG uphill
- 23.1 Buffalo Creek with an uphill
- 24.9 City of Buffalo

25.5 Uphill
Note: slight right D2-p2

26.4 Light

26.8 Light with uphill
Five-lane road

27.7 Light

27.8 Interstate Highway 45

27.9 Light
NOTE: Teams may want to trailer their solar car at the Gas Station (optional)

28.2 Three-lane road

29.3 Uphill

31.0 BIG uphill

31.4 BIG uphill

32.4 Uphill

32.6 Uphill

33.0 Uphill

33.4 Uphill in City of Jewett

35.1 Yellow light
Baymont Hotel

36.8 Railroad track – BUMPY

38.6 Road is flattening out

38.7 Uphill

40.0 Leon ISD Junior & Senior High School
Turn right into parking area for Rest Stop

REST STOP

0.0 Turn right out of the parking lot back onto U.S. 79

0.3 Uphill

1.5 Uphill, followed by flat road

5.1 City of Marquez

5.7 Light

8.6 Rest Area (on left)

9.3 Uphill

11.0 Bridge

11.3 Navasota River

11.5	Robertson County Line Road flattens	D2-p3
15.0	Bridge over Duck Creek	
22.5	City of New Baden NOTE: Road improves	
23.1	Uphill	
24.9	Picnic Area (on the right)	
25.0	City of Franklin	
26.0	School on right	
26.3	Light	
27.0	Yellow light	
28.0	Historical Marker on right Flat road ahead . . . better driving	
36.6	Uphill to overpass	
37.7	Light in City of Hearne Pull off on right for Lunch Stop	

LUNCH STOP

Return to U.S. 79. Race resumes when you return to the highway.

0.0	Return to U.S. 79
0.6	Railroad Track – Very BUMPY
0.75	Railroad Track – Bumpy
0.8	Light
1.2	Light and turn right following U.S. 79
1.6	Light
1.7	Light
2.7	Little Brazos River
4.7	Overpass uphill
6.0	Brazos River
6.2	Milam County Line Flat driving ahead
18.2	Uphill
19.8	City of Milano
20.2	Light

20.9 BIG uphill at overpass
Five-lane road

21.6 Light

22.0 Small uphill

23.1 Uphill

24.9 Be careful about "drop-offs" on side of road

26.4 Uphill

28.4 City of Rockdale
Three-lane road

29.9 Light

30.0 Light

30.2 Light followed by uphill

30.9 Rockdale High School on right
Five-lane road

Tractor Supply parking lot on the right. Pull in for Rest Stop.

REST STOP

31.5 Yellow light

31.8 Uphill

33.9 Uphill

34.5 Uphill

37.2 Dry Brushy Creek

40.0 Salty Creek

41.2 Four-lane road

42.4 Light

43.0 Uphill
Still five-lane road

43.7 Four-lane divided highway

44.9 Uphill

46.2 Uphill

47.9 City of Thrall

48.0 Light

49.6 Uphill

52.6 Right following U.S. 79 to Round Rock
Note: There is an uphill on the overpass D2-p5

54.1 Yellow light

54.2 BIG uphill

55.2 Big uphill

56.6 Light

57.4 Overpass

57.7 **Round Rock - turn right**
USE CARE with turn

58.6 Uphill to light

58.9 Light

60.5 Light

61.4 Light

62.4 Yellow light

64.2 City of Hutto
Prepare to exit U.S. 79

64.4 **Turn on Park Street (after baseball field)**
Race Day ends when you turn onto Park Street

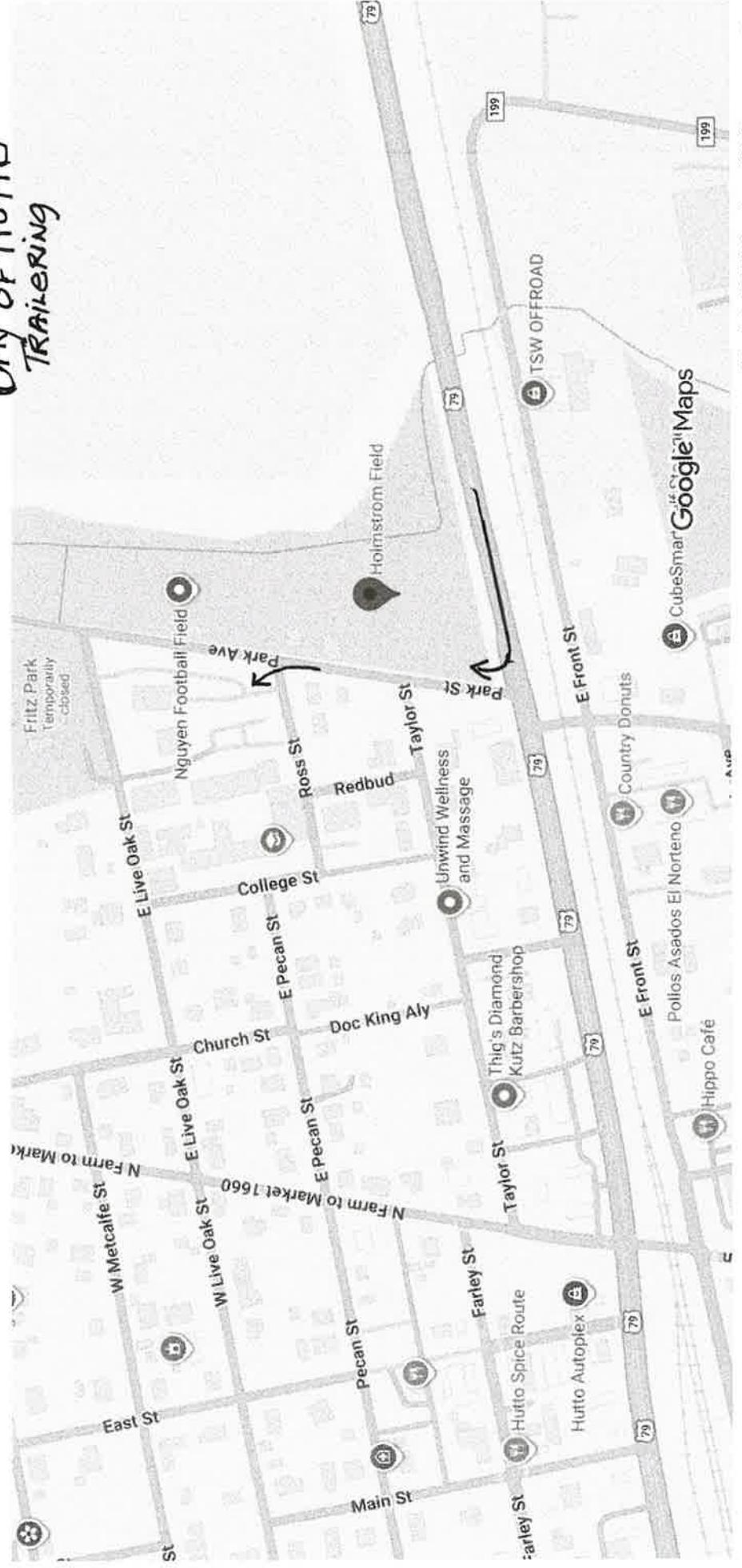
Travel on to River Horse Academy Park Lot to trailer solar cars.

Teams continue to drive West on U.S. 79 until you reach the Dell Diamond (baseball field). We will be putting on a vehicle display in the West Parking Lot.

This is the Impound Site for Day Two.

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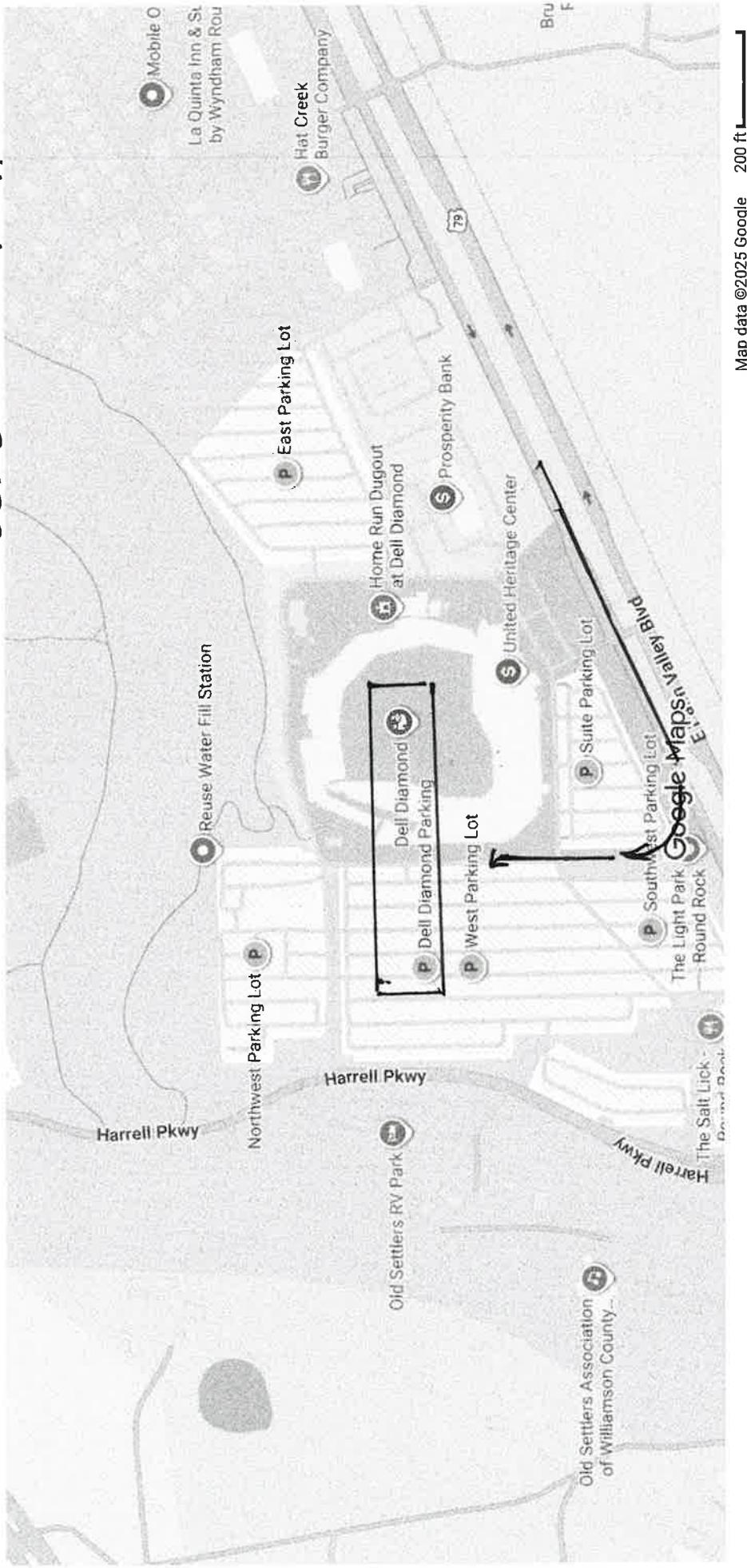
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Dell Diamond PARKING



DAY THREE - 66.7 Maximum Diving Miles Available
Round Rock, TX to Fredericksburg, TX
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
TX 29, U.S. 281, U.S. 290

Today's race is more of a display and have "fun" day. We are in the famous Texas Hill Country.

Teams need to trailer their solar cars out of the Dell Diamond Parking lot and travel West to Interstate 35.

2.8 miles - Turn right traveling North on IH 35.

Travel 10.6 miles to reach Exit 261.

Turn left (West) onto TX 29.

There is an H.E.B. Grocery Store on the right. Turn in and unload solar cars in the grocery store parking Lot. Return to TX 29. Race begins when you turn onto TX 29 from the grocery store parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE: The road ahead is hilly, has traffic, and has lots of Traffic Lights. Teams may want to unload their cars 15.7 miles down the road in the Liberty Hill High School Parking Lot and continue on from there. If you do drive these miles, you will give great visibility to your solar car in a community environment.

0.0 Turning right (West) on to TX 29.

0.2 Light
Four-lane highway

0.8 Light

1.0 Five-lanes uphill (no shoulders)

1.5 Light

1.9 Uphill

3.7 Uphill

4.0 Light

4.2 BIG Uphill
May want to trailer here

4.7 Light

4.9 Small uphill

5.6 Light and uphill

5.9 Light

6.3 Light

6.7 Uphill

7.1 Light

7.7 Light

7.8 Light D3-p2

8.2 We are getting more into the country here

8.7 Uphill

9.1 Downhill

9.7 Light at bottom of the hill
USE Care as you approach this light

10.7 Light at U.S. 183

10.8 Light and uphill

11.5 Light

12.4 Light in City of Liberty Hill

12.9 Uphill

13.0 Light

13.2 Light

13.4 Uphill

13.5 Light

14.2 Railroad Crossing - Use Care

14.3 Light

14.4 Downhill

15.3 Light

15.7 Liberty Hill High School
If you are trailing to this point, please pull into the parking lot and unload your car.

16.2 Uphill
Four-lane road with no shoulders

18.2 BIG uphill

19.1 BIG uphill

19.2 Burnett County Line

21.0 Tree shading the road

21.7 Yellow light

22.1 City of Bertram

23.1 Light in downtown Bertram
This is a flat five-lane road

25.4 Small uphill

25.9 BIG uphill

27.1 Uphill D3-p3

28.7 Uphill

29.7 City of Burnett

30.2 Uphill

31.2 BIG Downhill

31.8 Uphill

32.0 Railroad Crossing

32.6 Burnet County Courthouse

35.6 Light
Turn left following U.S. 281 towards Johnson City

36.1 Uphill

36.5 Light

36.9 Turn right into Burnett Airport and Highland Lakes Squadron Commemorative Air Force for Rest Stop.

REST STOP

Please Note: The road ahead is very hill.

Teams are required to trailer to Johnson City.

0.0 Turn right onto U.S. 281

0.5 Light and uphill

0.8 Light and uphill with small shoulders

1.3 Uphill with shoulders

3.4 Light
Four-lane with no shoulders

3.9 Honey Creek followed by an extend Uphill
Teams may want to trailer!

5.3 Road flattens

6.0 Railroad Crossing – BUMPY

6.9 Light
Five-lanes uphill with shoulders

7.5 BIG downhill

7.8 City of Marble Falls

8.4 Light

8.9 Downhill
Five-lanes with shoulders

9.4 Lowes
May be a good location if you need an extra rest stop.

9.8	Light	D3-p4
10.1	Light (in town of Marble Falls)	
10.3	Light	
10.5	Light followed by BIG Uphill Whitman Branch Creek	
11.0	Light	
11.1	Downhill to a light Use Care	
11.3	Uphill	
11.5	Light	
11.6	Light	
11.7	Light	
11.8	Light	
11.9	Bridge over Colorado River	
12.2	Up to light Still trailering	
12.8	BIG Uphill	
13.1	Uphill	
13.8	Yellow light with uphill	
14.2	Downhill followed by Uphill	
15.0	BIG Uphill	
16.2	Four-lane divided highway	
16.9	Five-lanes uphill	
18.1	Uphill Five-lane with shoulders	
19.0	Roadwork Three-lanes	
19.6	Two-lanes uphill	
20.3	Downhill	
20.5	Uphill	
21.3	Downhill	
22.1	North Cypress Creek	
22.7	Three-lanes	
23.2	Four-lanes better road	

24.0 Uphill (no shoulders) D3-p5

24.7 Downhill followed by uphill

25.1 South Cypress Creek followed by BIG Uphill

25.9 BIG Uphill
Four-lane with shoulders

26.6 Downhill

27.3 Uphill (no shoulders)

28.1 Downhill

28.8 BIG Uphill

30.1 Downhill

30.4 Small uphill

31.0 Uphill

31.7 Big downhill into Johnson City

32.3 Pedernales River

32.7 Road Y's right to Science Mill
Map at end of this day's driving instructions.

33.6 Courthouse on left
Continue on to **Science Mill** for Lunch Stop. Show solar cars at the Science Mill.

LUNCH STOP

0.0 **Teams un-trailer and resume the drive from the Science Mill.**
Turn onto U.S. 290 West

0.2 Small uphill
Five-lanes (no shoulders)
LBJ State Park

1.1 Downhill

1.4 Extended uphill
Four-lanes

2.3 Uphill

2.7 Extended tough Uphill (no shoulders)

Please note: There are dozens of wineries & tasting rooms between Johnson City and Fredericksburg

4.1 Road goes to two lanes.
Teams may need to trailer

4.5 BIG Uphill

5.0 Road flattens
Four-lanes

5.8	Downhill	D3-p6
6.8	Big downhill	
7.3	Rocky Creek followed by big uphill	
8.4	Uphill	
9.9	Downhill Four-lanes	
10.3	Uphill	
10.5	Williams Creek	
10.9	Gillespie County Line Uphill	
11.8	Road flattens	
12.2	Rest Area on the right	
13.4	LBJ State Park	
14.6	Uphill into City of Stonewall	
15.3	Five-lanes (no shoulders) uphill	
16.7	Three Mile Creek followed by uphill Five-lanes (no shoulders)	
18.4	Turn at Right Turn Uphill	
19.2	Historical Marker	
19.4	South Oak Creek Bumpy and uphill	
20.4	City of Blumenthal	
20.6	Extended uphill Five-lanes with no shoulders	
22.7	Extended uphill	
23.7	Huge winery on the right	
24.1	Light	
24.3	Yellow light	
24.9	Bump at Pedernales River	
25.3	Uphill	
26.2	Uphill	
26.5	Downhill	
26.9	City of Fredericksburg	

27.1 Light D3-p7

27.3 Historical Marker

27.6 Light

27.9 Light

28.0 Shopping Center on the right is the end of today's drive.
If you are trailering your solar car, please turn into the shopping center and un-trailer solar car so that you can drive into town.

DRIVE INTO TOWN

Map at end of this day's driving instructions

0.0 Drive into downtown Fredericksburg
Five-lanes

0.2 Light

0.7 Light

0.9 Uphill into town

1.1 Light

1.2 Light at Nimitz Museum
Museum of the Pacific

1.3 Light

1.5 Light

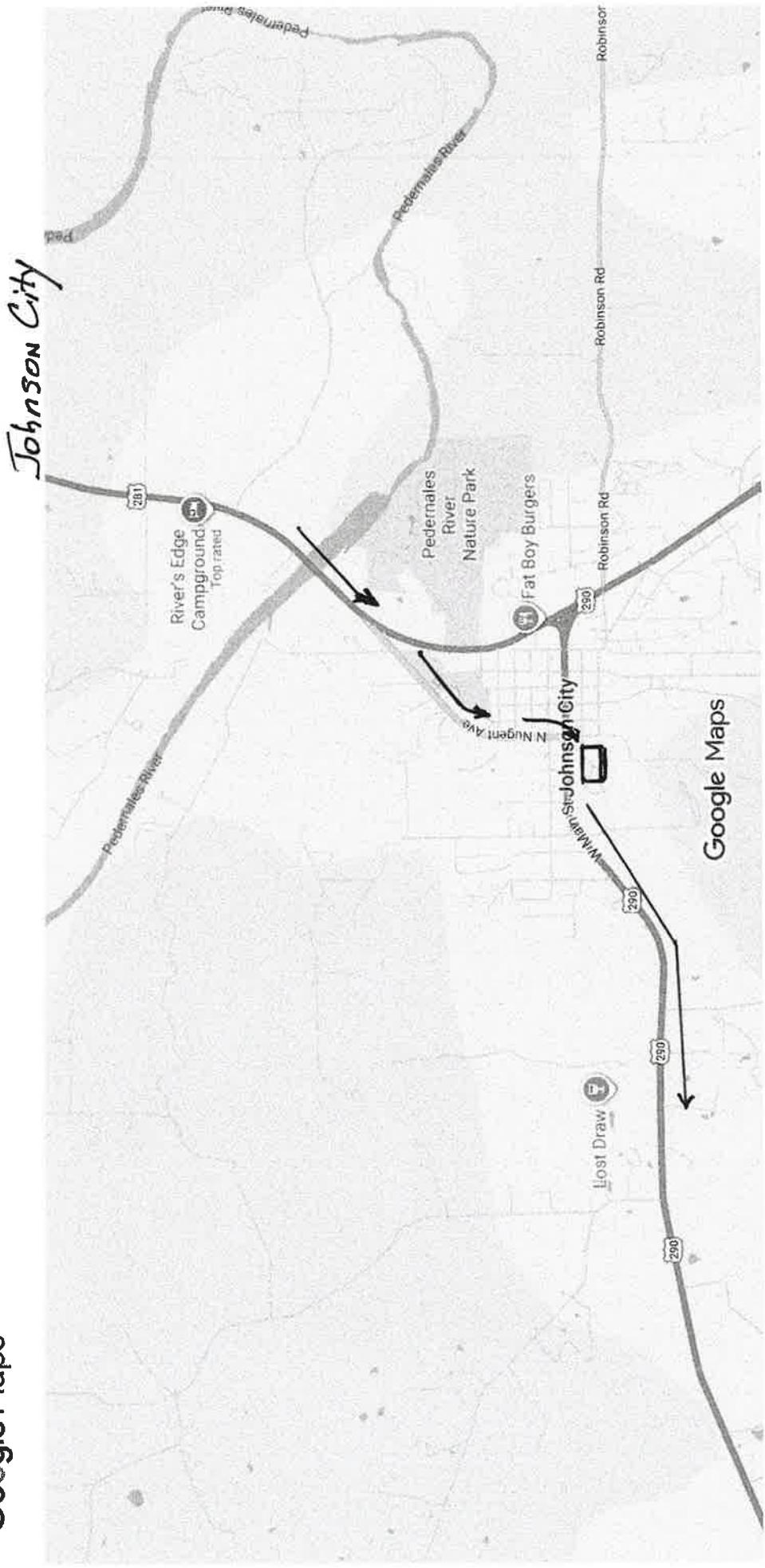
1.6 Light
Approaching Mark Platz Park

1.8 Turn right on Crockett Street.
Circle Park to unload.
Race Day ends on arrival at Marc Platz Park.

Marktplatz Park Area will be the Impound

Please note that teams will unload solar cars at the Marktplatz Park, and keep them in the parking lot located on 103 W. Travis Street, a short walk from the Park, but a safer location to maintain the trailers.

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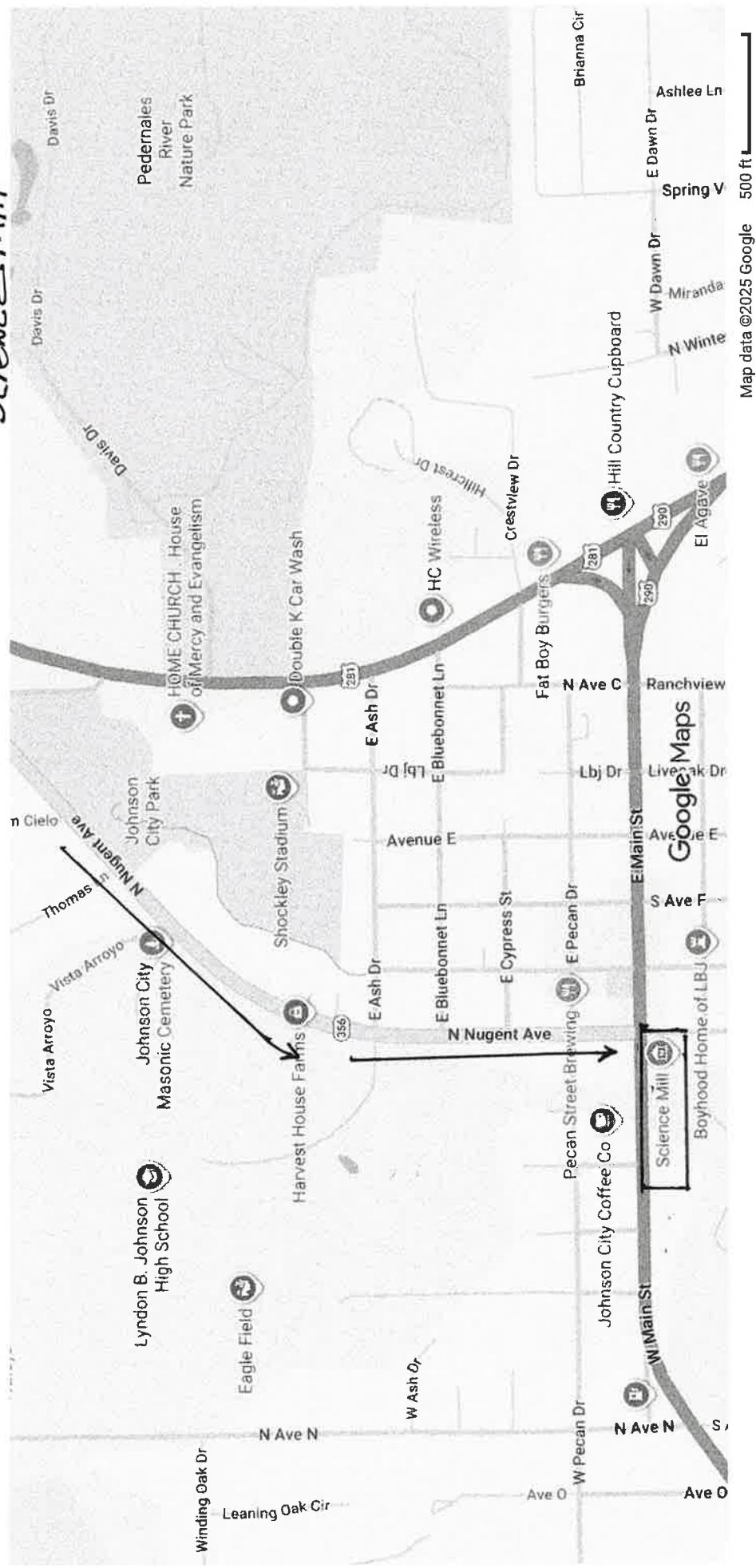


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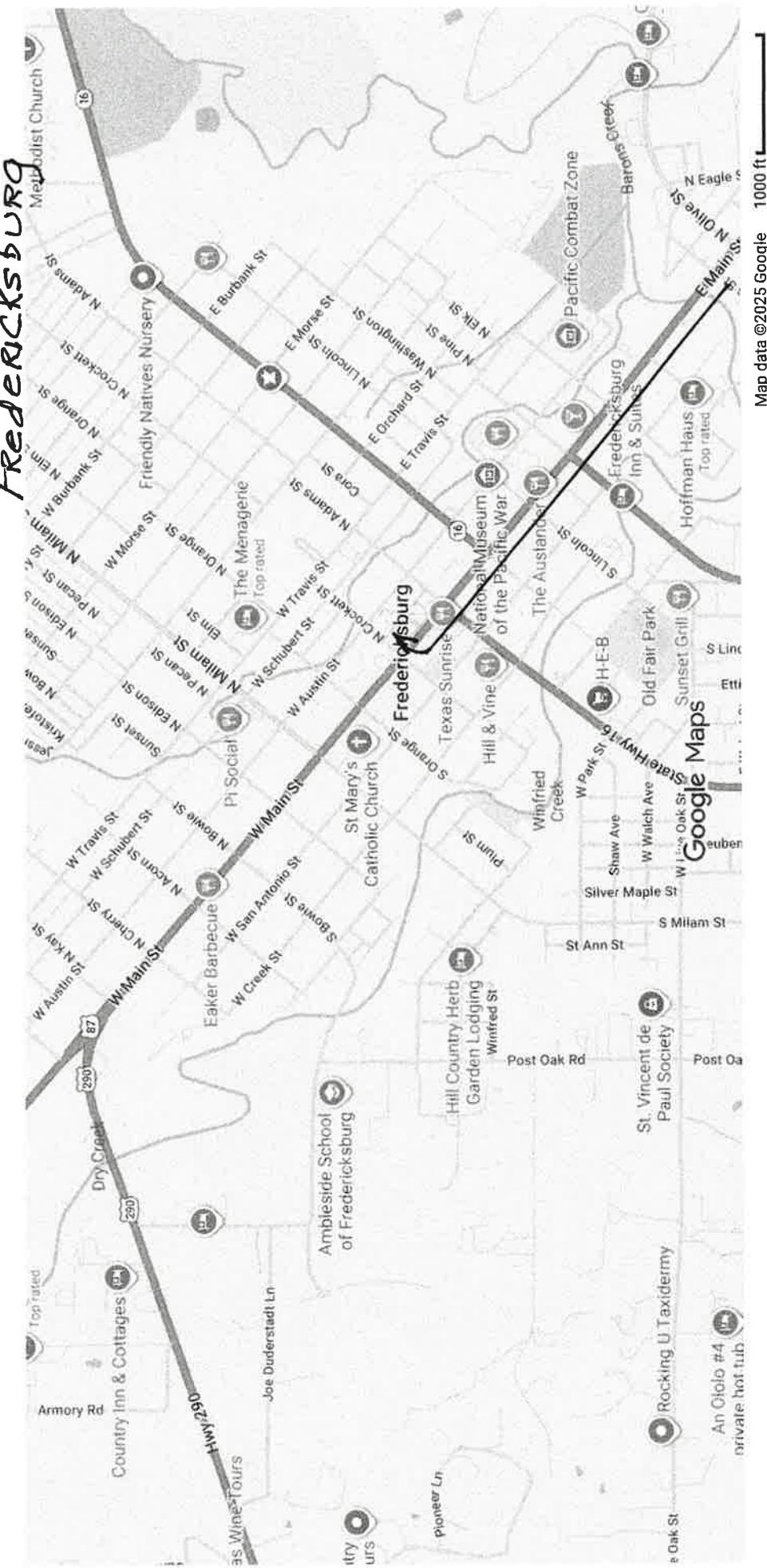
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Science Mill

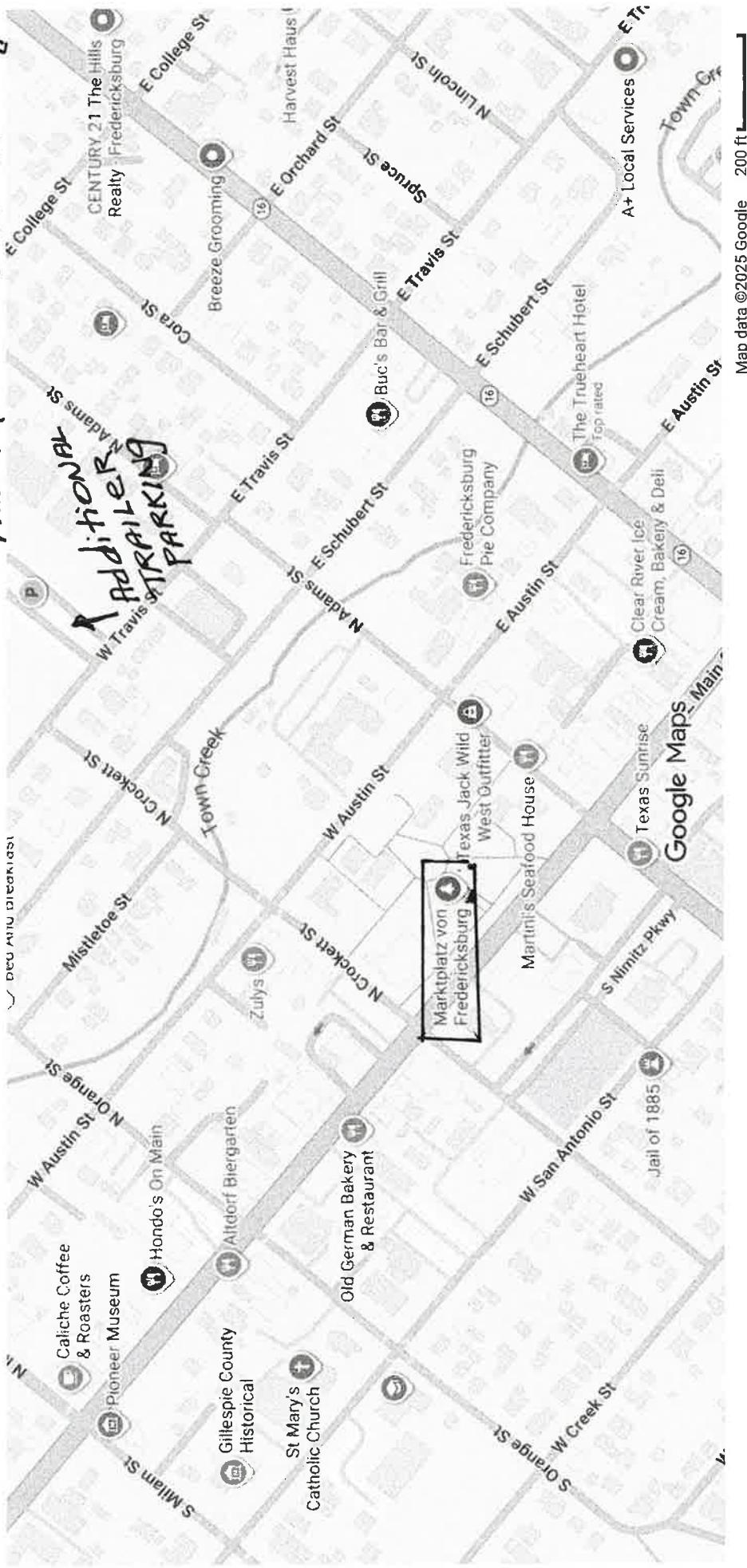


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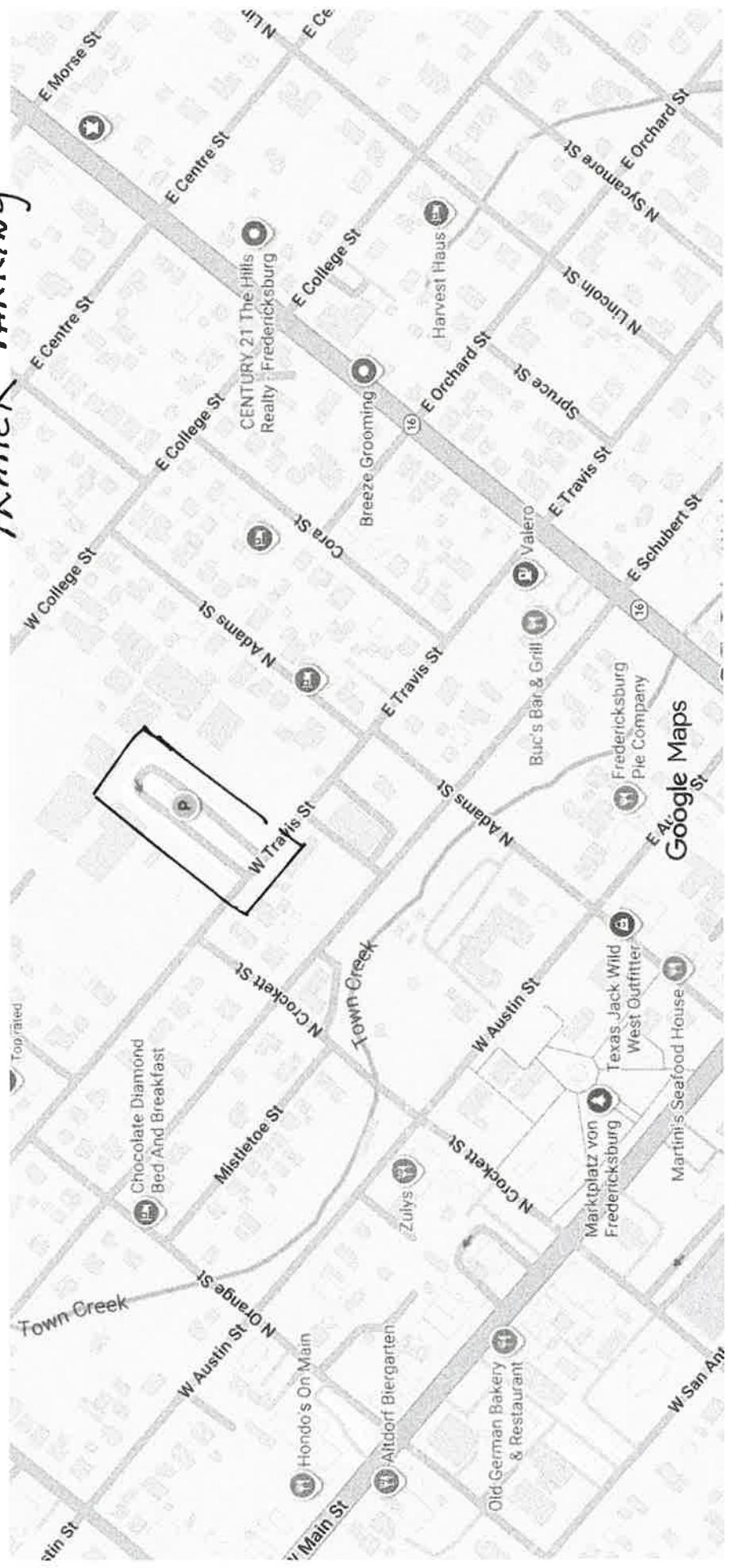
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MARKTPLATZ PARK AND PARKING



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Trailer PARKING



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200 ft

MARKTPLATZ

Austin Street

Adams Street



Fredericksburg, Texas



100 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Main Street

124' x 60'

- Adelsverein Halle is 90' x 35'
- Kinder & Oktoberfest (approximate)

PAVILION MEASUREMENTS

DAY FOUR - 144.6 Maximum Diving Miles Available
Fredericksburg, TX to San Angelo, TX
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
U.S. 87, U.S. 67

- 0.0 Race starts when teams reach Main Street & Adams driving on U.S. 87
This is across the street from the Gillespie County Courthouse
- 0.1 Light
- 0.2 Light
- 0.3 Light
We are on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway
- 1.0 Light following U.S. 87 to the right
- 2.0 BIG Uphill
Four-lane road
- 2.8 Uphill
Two-lane road with shoulders
- 4.2 BIG Uphill
Teams may want to trailer
Three-lane road with passing lane
- 5.9 Downhill
- 7.0 Creek
- 8.4 Teams not wanting to drive the hills (above) can set down their solar cars and drive on a "pull out" on the right.
- 9.6 Uphill
- 10.7 Two-lane road with small shoulders
- 11.9 Uphill
- 12.4 Uphill
- 13.5 BIG Downhill
- 15.2 Uphill
- 16.8 Historical Marker
- 17.1 Uphill with small shoulders
- 17.8 Downhill
- 17.9 **Mason County Line**
- 19.1 Uphill
- 22.8 Uphill
- 24.8 Downhill followed by a BIG Uphill

May want to trailer
NOTE: Land is flattening ahead

D4-p2

- 27.3 Small uphill
- 28.3 Extended Downhill
- 28.8 Four-lane divided highway

NOTE: Teams may want to start their drive at this point to avoid the hills.

- 30.6 Beaver Creek
Four-lane road with shoulders
- 31.4 Bridge over Llano River
- 31.8 Uphill
- 32.8 Four-lane road (not divided)
- 33.6 Uphill
- 36.6 Extended Uphill.
Four-lane road with no shoulders
- 38.1 Comanche Creek
Note uphill after the creek
- 39.8 Historical Marker
Uphill
- 39.5 Downhill
- 40.0 City of Mason
Two-lane with shoulders
- 41.0 Mason County Courthouse
Map at end of day's driving instructions

REST STOP

- 0.0 Race resumes at courthouse
Uphill
- 0.4 Uphill
- 1.2 Two-lane road with shoulders
- 2.5 Uphill with passing lane
- 3.2 Uphill
- 3.9 Uphill with passing lane
- 4.9 Uphill with passing lane
- 5.8 BIG Uphill that is extended. Has a passing lane.
- 6.8 Road flattens

8.3 Two-lane road with shoulders. Good Solar Car driving.
Small uphill D4-p3

9.5 Note vineyard on the left

10.8 Uphill

11.9 Uphill

13.0 BIG Uphill followed by a downhill.
Teams may want to trailer over this hill.

13.5 **McCulloch County Line**

14.4 Uphill with passing lane

16.4 Downhill followed by Uphill
Road has shoulders
Teams may want to trailer here

17.8 Picnic Area
Always a good place to trailer a solar car

17.9 San Saba River

18.1 BIG Uphill with passing lane

19.9 Downhill followed by BIG Uphill. Has passing lane.

21.9 Uphill with shoulder

24.6 Five-lane road

25.0 City of Brady

26.0 Light
Walmart on right for Lunch Stop
This is the Walmart on U.S. 87 and Lynn Garrett Road

LUNCH STOP

0.0 Race resumes on U.S. 87

0.2 Light
Five-lane road with no shoulders

0.5 Light

1.0 Light

1.3 Downhill to light. **Turn left at the light.**
Use Care.
Stay left following U.S. 87

1.6 Light

2.0 Brady Creek followed by uphill

2.4 Railroad.
Use Care bumpy!

3.1 Four-lane divided highway
3.7 Uphill
Note: Windfarm ahead

5.6 Two-lane road with shoulders

5.9 BIG Uphill
Teams should consider trailering this hill

6.6 Uphill

7.5 Uphill

8.3 Passing lane in two miles.
Note: This road is bumpy

9.9 Uphill

10.2 Passing lane

12.3 Two-lane road with shoulders

13.5 Three lane road with passing lane.

15.0 Two-lane road

15.3 Uphill

16.0 Road flattens

17.3 City of Melvin

17.6 Uphill

18.5 Better road here

18.7 **Concho County Line**

18.9 Passing lane

21.5 Two-lane road with shoulders
More windfarms ahead

22.9 Ledbetter Creek

24.4 Four-lane road

26.2 Two-lane road

26.4 Freeman Creek

27.1 Maverick Creek

28.0 Small uphill

29.1 Uphill with passing lane

29.7 Uphill
Four-lane road

30.6 Two-lane road

30.8 Kelly Creek followed by uphill D4-p5

31.2 Uphill with passing lane

32.1 City of Eden
Four-lane road

32.5 Note prison on the right

33.2 Light
Note: Road is VERY bumpy

33.4 Four-lane road

33.6 Harden Creek followed by uphill

34.4 Five-lane road

35.1 Uphill.
This is a four-lane divided highway with shoulders
Great road!

38.2 Uphill

39.9 Rest Area on the left with restroom facilities
Pull off for Rest Stop

REST STOP

41.0 NOTE: Observe the vast horizon ahead! The "Big Sky" effect!

43.1 Uphill hill
Four-lane divided highway

46.1 Frog Pond Creek followed by uphill

49.3 Kickapoo Creek followed by uphill

52.1 Flat Road.
Note: This is "Cotton Country"

52.5 **Tom Green County**

57.4 Uphill

64.2 School on right

65.9 Nine Mile Creek

67.7 Goodfellow Air Force Base

68.1 Overpass

72.2 Follow U.S. 67

73.3 Concho River

74.5 Overpass

76.9 Stay left on U.S. 67
We are in the City of San Angelo

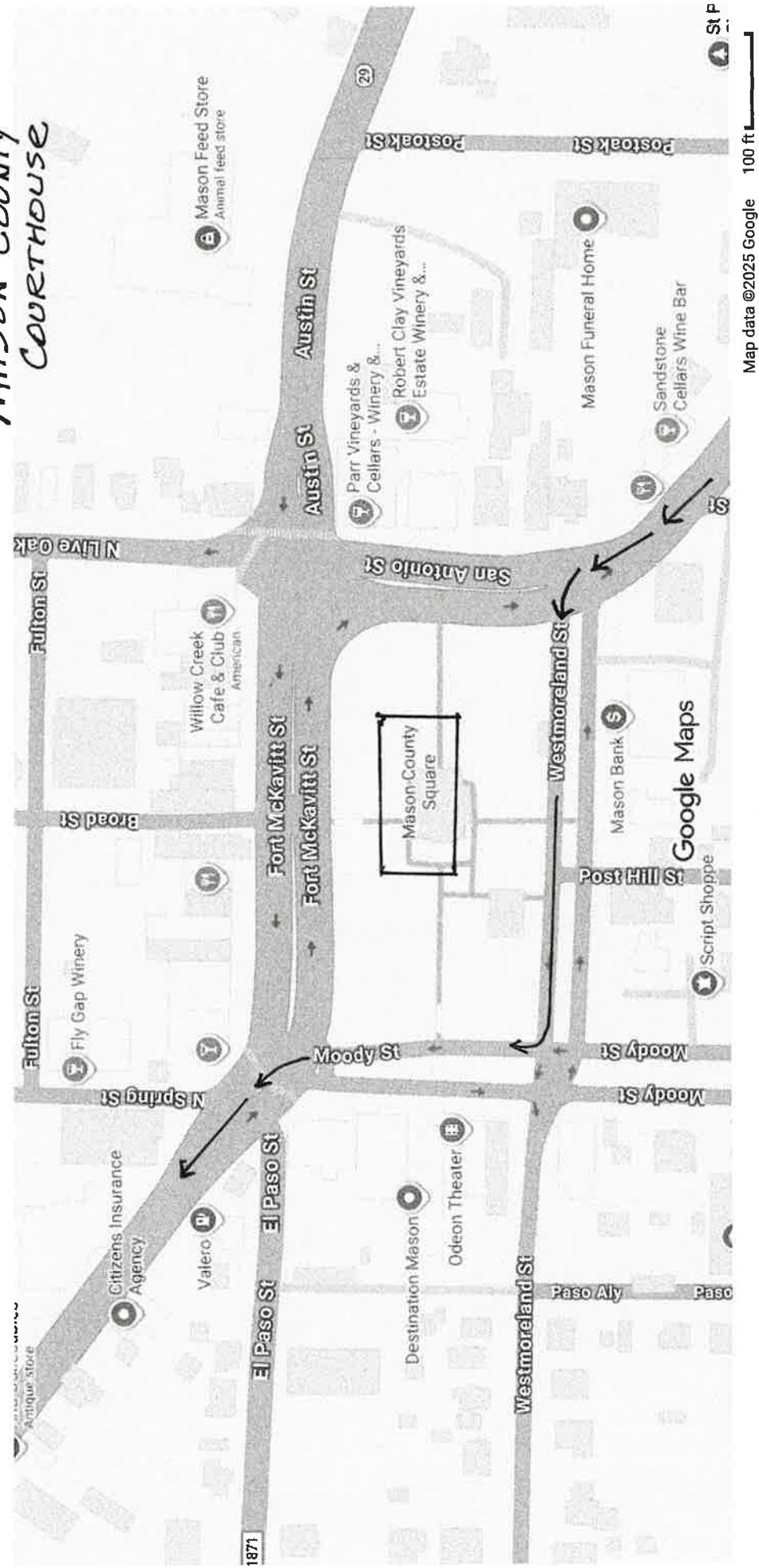
77.6 Take the Arden Road Exit D4-p5
Race ends when you take the Arden Road Exit

Hotel area is on the right.
Turn right on Southwest Blvd. See map to Tinseltown Parking Lot for Display

See Map at end of day's driving instructions

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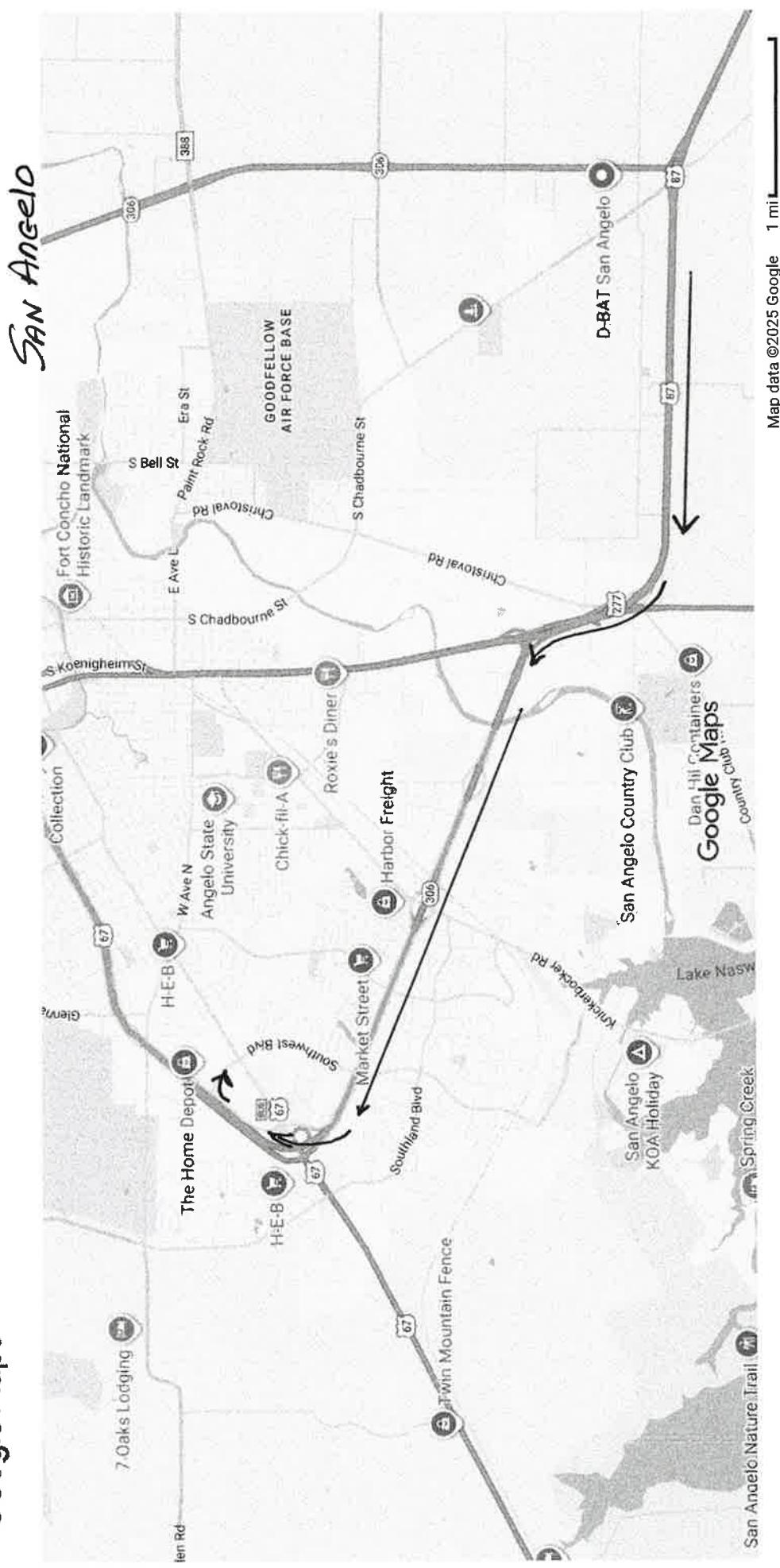
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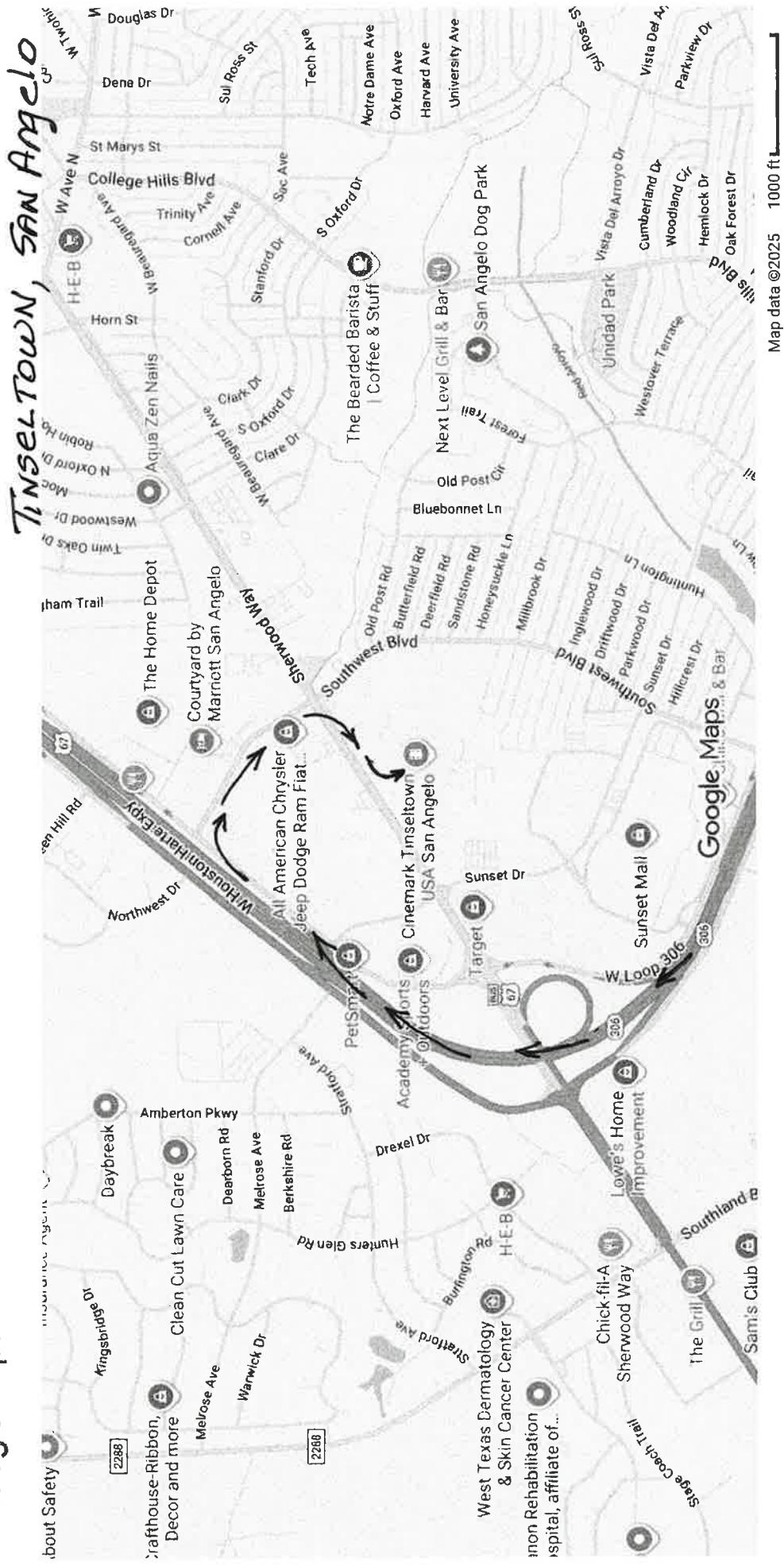
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DAY FIVE - 112.8 Maximum Diving Miles Available

San Angelo, TX to Fort Stockton, TX

Thursday, July 23, 2026

U.S. 67, U.S. 385

Teams return to U.S. 67. Trailer solar cars South on U.S. 67.
Trailering Follow U.S. 67 to Mertzon (approximately 28 miles)

When entering Mertzon, note football field on the left. The road after the field is Duncan Road.
Turn right and travel to the Community Center to unload and start the race drive.

Race begins when you return to U.S. 67 and Duncan Road.

0.0 Race resumes at U.S. 67 and Duncan Road
Two-lane road

1.0 Uphill with passing lane

3.5 Uphill

5.2 Passing lane

5.8 Uphill

8.3 Uphill with passing lane

9.0 Down hill
Note the big horizon

10.2 May be road work ahead

10.5 Uphill

10.8 Downhill followed by uphill.
Passing lane here

12.8 Uphill

13.2 Downhill

14.2 East Dutch Woman Draw

16.2 Uphill
Four-lane with no shoulders

18.2 Uphill with no shoulders
Teams may want to trailer this hill

20.2 Very BIG UPHILL.
Has passing lane, but team may want to trailer this hill

21.1 Big uphill

22.3 Two-lane road with shoulders
Teams may want to trailer

22.6 Uphill

23.0 Downhill into City of Barnhart

24.1 Light Sunoco Station D5-p2

24.4 Passing lane

26.8 Road broadens

28.2 Downhill followed by BIG Uphill
Teams may want to trailer

28.6 Teepee Draw

28.9 Passing lane

30.5 **Reagan County Line**
Four lane road

31.6 Uphill

32.7 Extended uphill

35.0 Uphill on four-lane road (no shoulders)

36.9 Uphill on two-lane road with shoulders

39.6 Sugar Creek followed by uphill

40.9 City of Big Lake
Four-lane road

41.8 Light

42.1 Sunoco located on both left or right of the road.
Turn in for Rest Stop

REST STOP

0.0 Two-lane road becomes three-lane

3.4 Big Sky here

3.7 Downhill followed by uphill with passing lane

5.7 Small uphill on two-lane road

8.3 Uphill

9.4 Passing lane

14.7 Small uphill

18.2 **Upton County Line**
Note: bumps ahead!

19.5 Maybe road work ahead

22.2 BIG downhill on two-lane road with small shoulders
BIG SKY

27.6 City of Rankin

28.2	Alsops Station on the right	D5-p3
29.9	Two-lane road with small shoulders Road is bumpy	
32.0	Road broadens	
32.8	Five Mile Creek	
36.5	Historical Marker	
38.3	Bumps ahead! Use Care!	
39.8	Bumps Two-lanes but may have road work	
44.0	Bumps	
45.8	City of McCamey	
46.1	Light. Stop Sign at corner of U.S 385 and U.S. 67. Turn in for rest stop.	

REST STOP

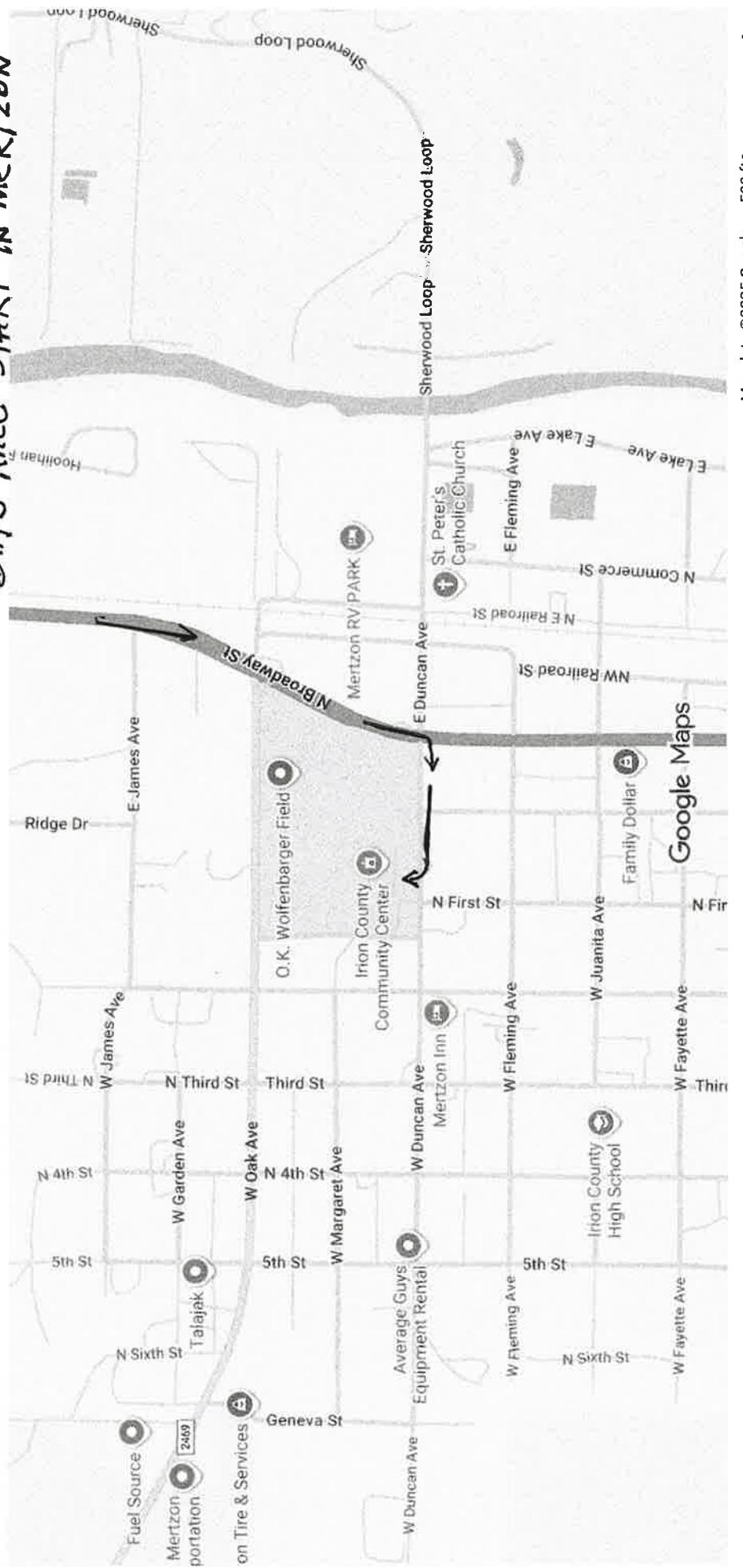
0.0	Two-lane road with small shoulders Road is flat
4.8	Crane County Line
7.0	Rest Area on right
8.0	Crockett County Line
8.8	Pecos County Line
15.8	Solar Farm on right
16.4	Uphill
24.1	Uphill
24.6	Trailer solar cars on road shoulder due to extended downhill

RACE ENDS

25.5	Extended downhill
	Continue driving on US 67 and US 385. This will intersect Interstate 10. Turn West on IH 10 to Fort Stockton. Travel to Exit 261 to Fort Stockton
	Stop light.
	Turn right on TX 385. Stay on Dickinson Road Map to Fort Stockton Convention Center

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Day 5 Race Start in Merton

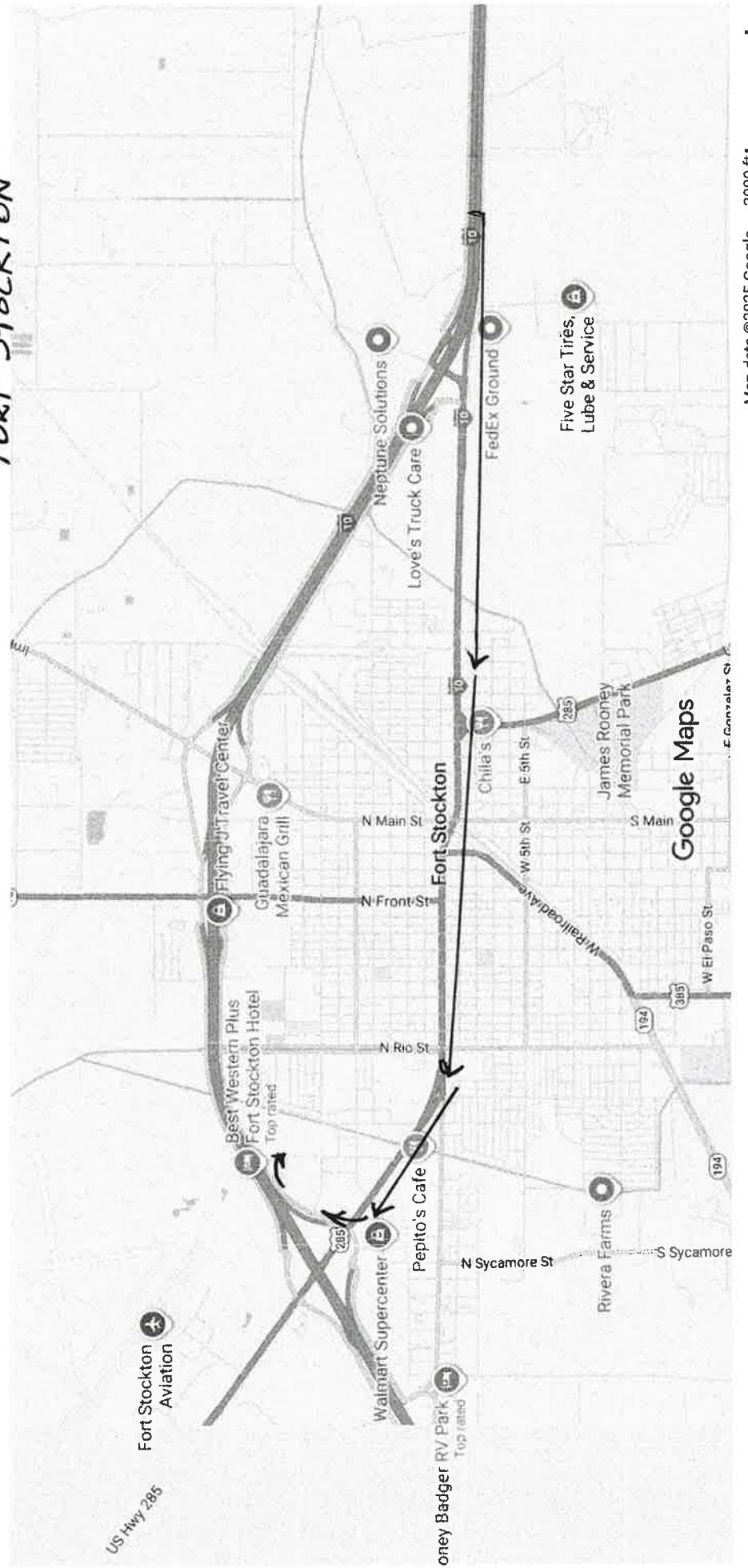


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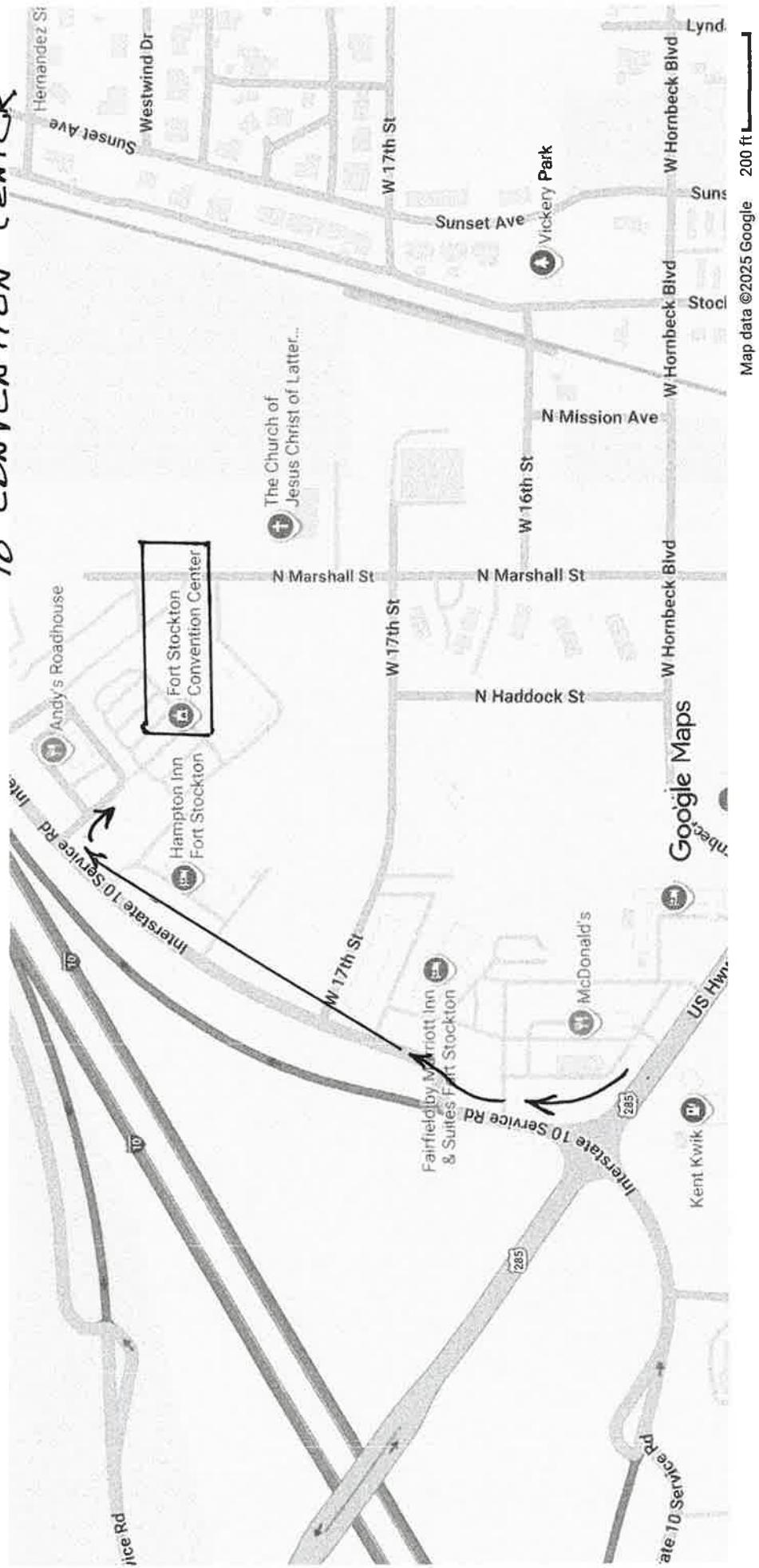
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TO CONVENTION CENTER



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Hotels without pricing do not have an established Solar Car Challenge Room Block

Fort Worth

Marriott Hotel & Golf Club \$129
3300 Championship Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177
Contact: Karla Massey - karla.massey@ohospitalitymanagement.com
Phone: 800.961.0800

Palestine – Sunday, July 19th

La Quinta \$110
3000 S. Loop 256, Palestine, TX 75801
Contact: Monica Bradshaw – lg6101gm@gmail.com
Phone: 903.723.1387

Hampton Inn & Suites \$135
2700 South Loop 256, Palestine, TX 75801
Contact: Kay Drees – kd.psntx@gmail.com
Phone: 903.723.0016
Reservation Link: <https://group.hamptoninn.com/toz1yg>

Holiday Inn Express \$137
1030 East Palestine Avenue, Palestine, Texas, 75801
Contact: Sarah
Phone: 903.723.4884

Round Rock – Monday, July 20th

La Quinta \$99
3900 East Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78665
Contact: Sandy Antunez - santunez@kalhospitalityllc.com
Phone: 737.300.6008
Reservation Link:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/53887?checkInDate=07/20/2026&checkOutDate=07/21/2026&groupCode=072026SOL>

Kalahari Resort & Water Park \$209
3001 Kalahari Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78665
Contact: Morgan Corpus - mcorus@kalahariresorts.com
Phone: 512.582.3838 | Ext. 22160
Located across the street from Dell Diamond

Hilton Garden Inn \$99
2310 North Interstate 35, Round Rock, TX 78681
Contact: Vera McKelvey vera.mckelvy@hilton.com
Marlene Alvarado Marlen.Alvarado@Hilton.com
Phone: 512.341.8200

Hampton Inn
327 Ed Schmidt, Hutto, TX 78634
Contact:
Phone: 833.312.3212

Holiday Inn Express
323 Ed Schmidt, Hutto, TX 78634
Contact:
Phone: 512.648.6588

Fredericksburg – Tuesday, July 21st

Holiday Inn Express & Suites \$149
500 S. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Contact: Susie Ashcraft – susieashcraft@yahoo.com
Phone: 830.997.3377

Sunday House \$129
501 E Main St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Contact: Susie Ashcraft – susieashcraft@yahoo.com
Phone: 830) 997-4484

Hampton Inn \$159
515 E Main St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Contact: Susie Ashcraft – susieashcraft@yahoo.com
Phone: 830) 997-9696

Fairfield Inn & Suites \$119
513 Friendship Lane, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
Contact: Mia Pelham – mpelham@jacaruso.com
Phone: 830.955.8070

San Angelo – Wednesday, July 22nd

Courtyard \$109
2572 Southwest Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76901
Contact: Ricky Choeum – rickylchoeum@outlook.com
Phone 325.703.6400

Candlewood Suites \$120
4587 W. Houston Hart3 Expy, San Angelo, TX 76903
Contat: Pearl – pearl@nuwest-hospitality.com
Phone: 325.450.8172

Holiday Inn Express \$129
4613 W. Houston Harte Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76901
Contact: Joshua Geissler - joshua.geissler@palettehotels.com
Phone: 409-599-9268

Fort Stockton – Thursday, July 23rd

Hampton Inn 2271 West Interstate 10, Fort Stockton, TX 79735 Contact: Edith Ontiveros Phone: 432.336.9600	\$118
Fairfield Inn 2571 W. Interstate 10, Fort Stockton, TX 79735 Contact: Alex Garcia – bigagar@outlook.com Phone: 432.299.2252	\$109
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 2915 W. Dickson Blvd., Fort Stockton, TX 79735 Contact: Lachelle or Sabrina Phone: 940.670.9420 / 432.336.3421	
Spark 3401 W. Dickinson Blvd., Fort Stockton, TX 79735 Contact: Rachel Patel - sparkfortstockton@gmail.com Phone: 432.336.8338	