

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.
- 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
- 18.5 Light
- 18.8 Light as your 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
- 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

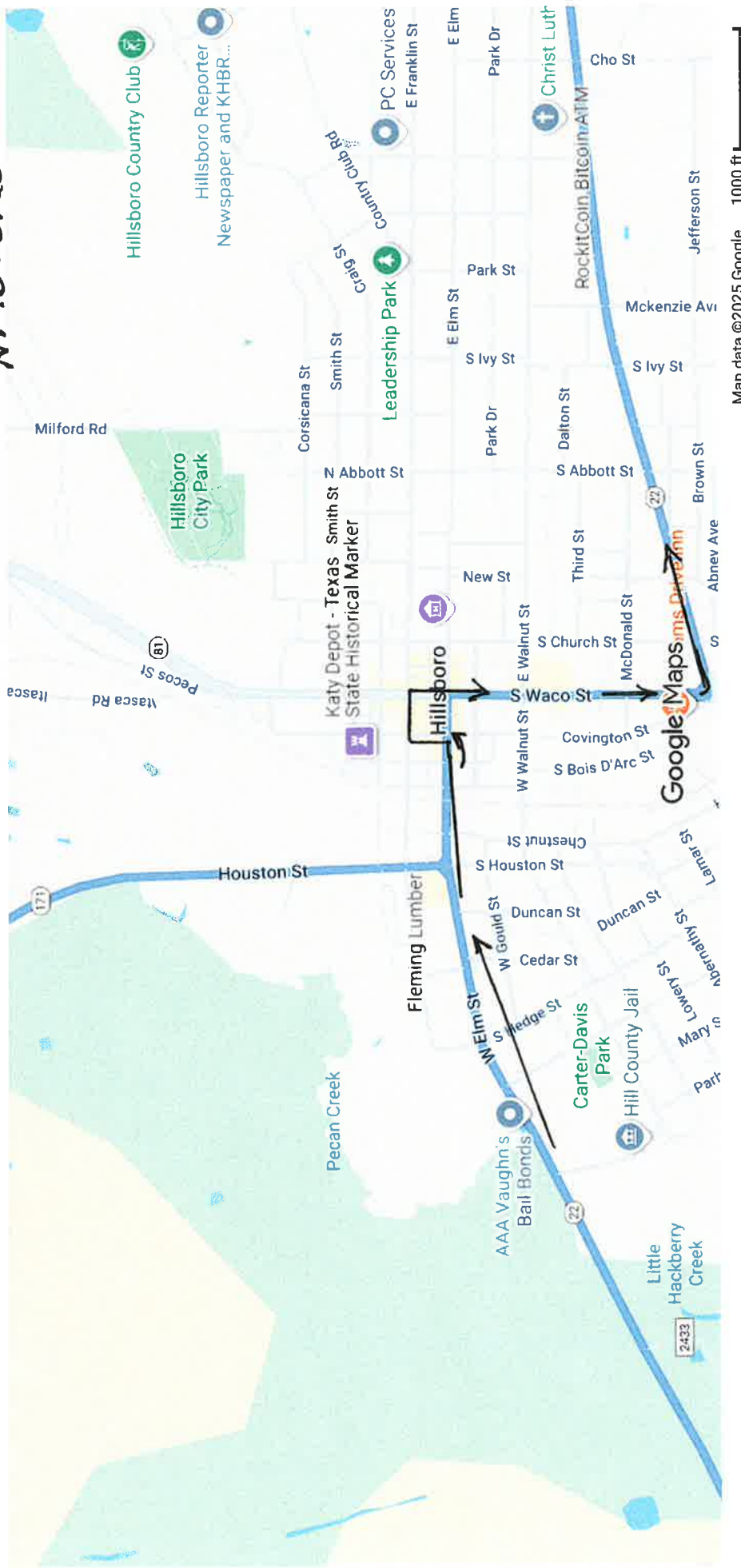
Stay on U.S. 287 until you reach the TX 31 Intersection. This is the City of Mildred.
UNLOAD at Mildred High School on the left.
This is a three-lane road with shoulders.

- 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
- 5.2 Light
- 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

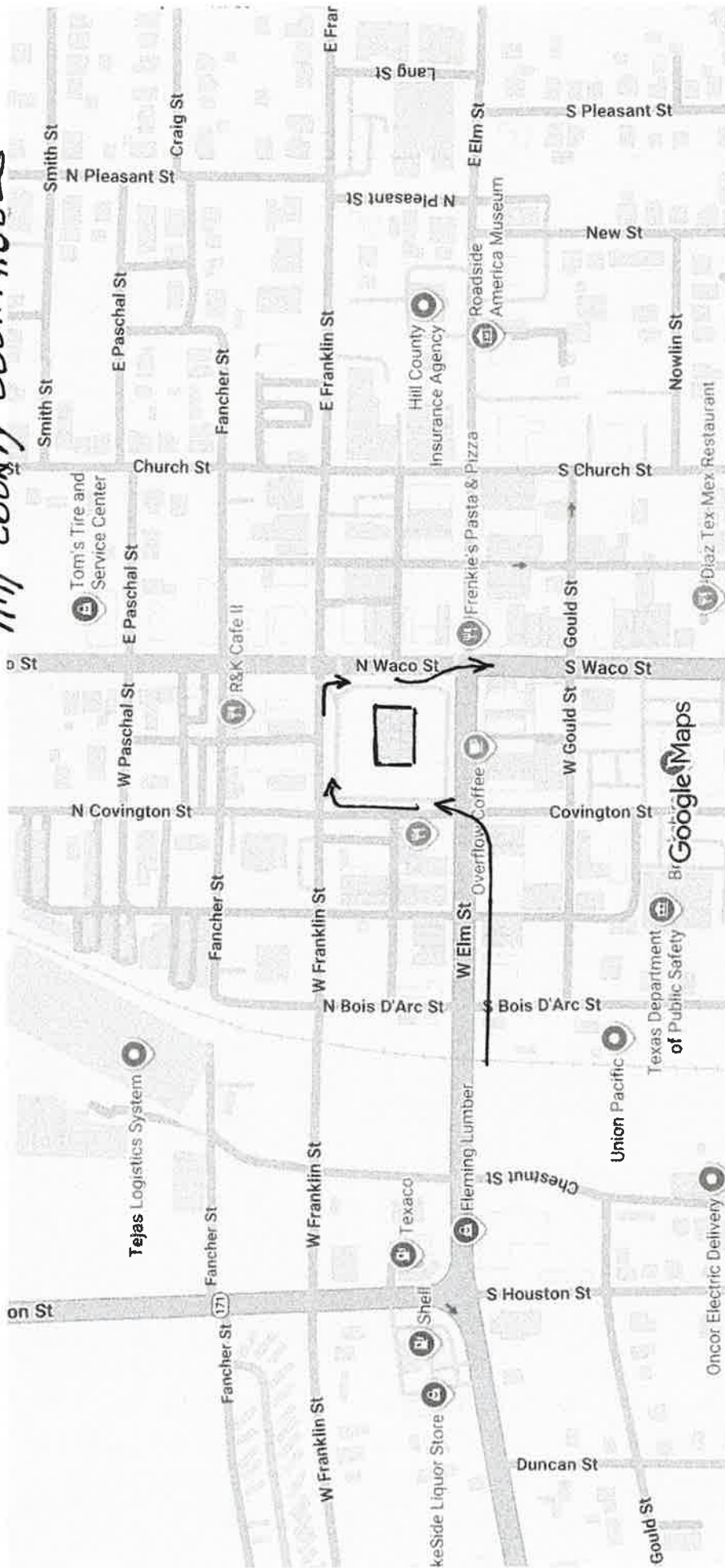


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Hill County Courthouse

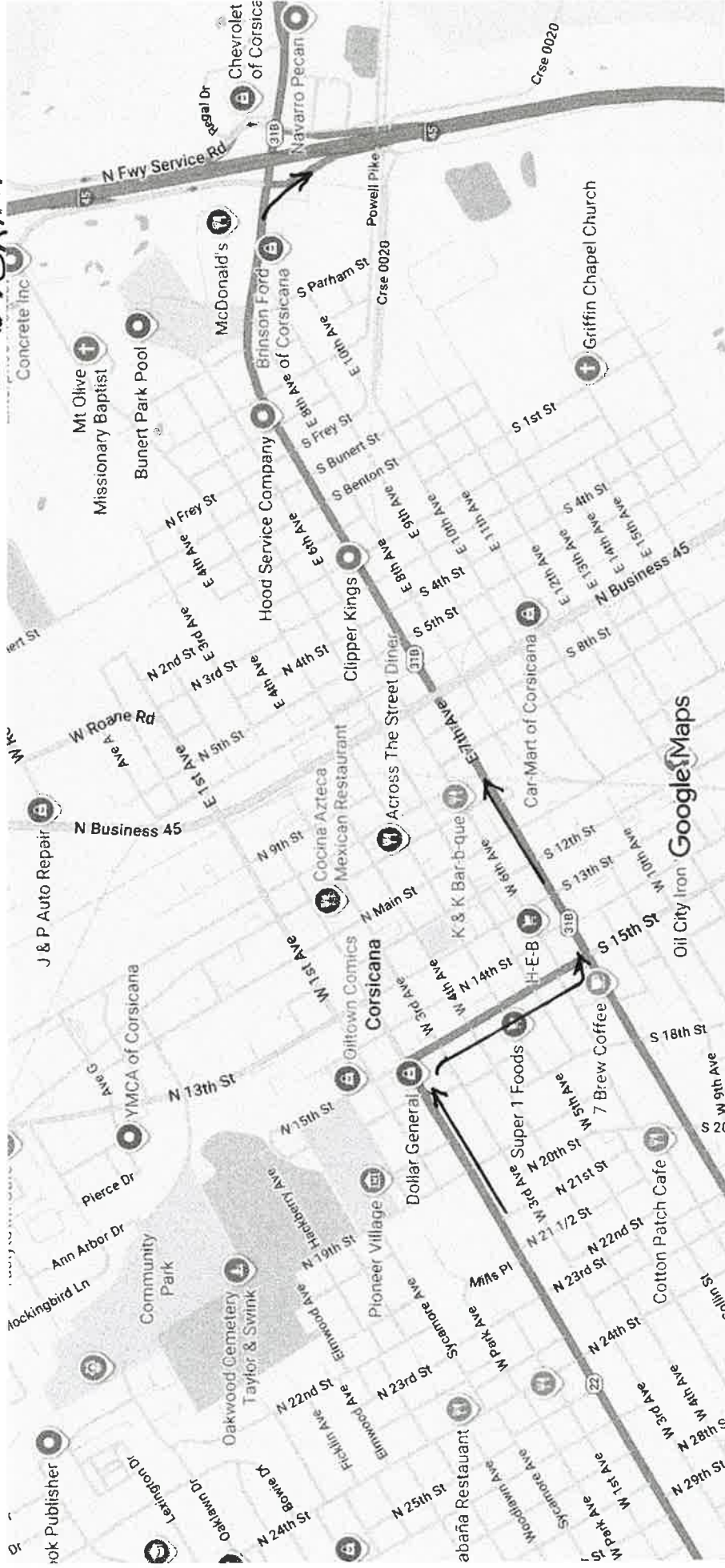


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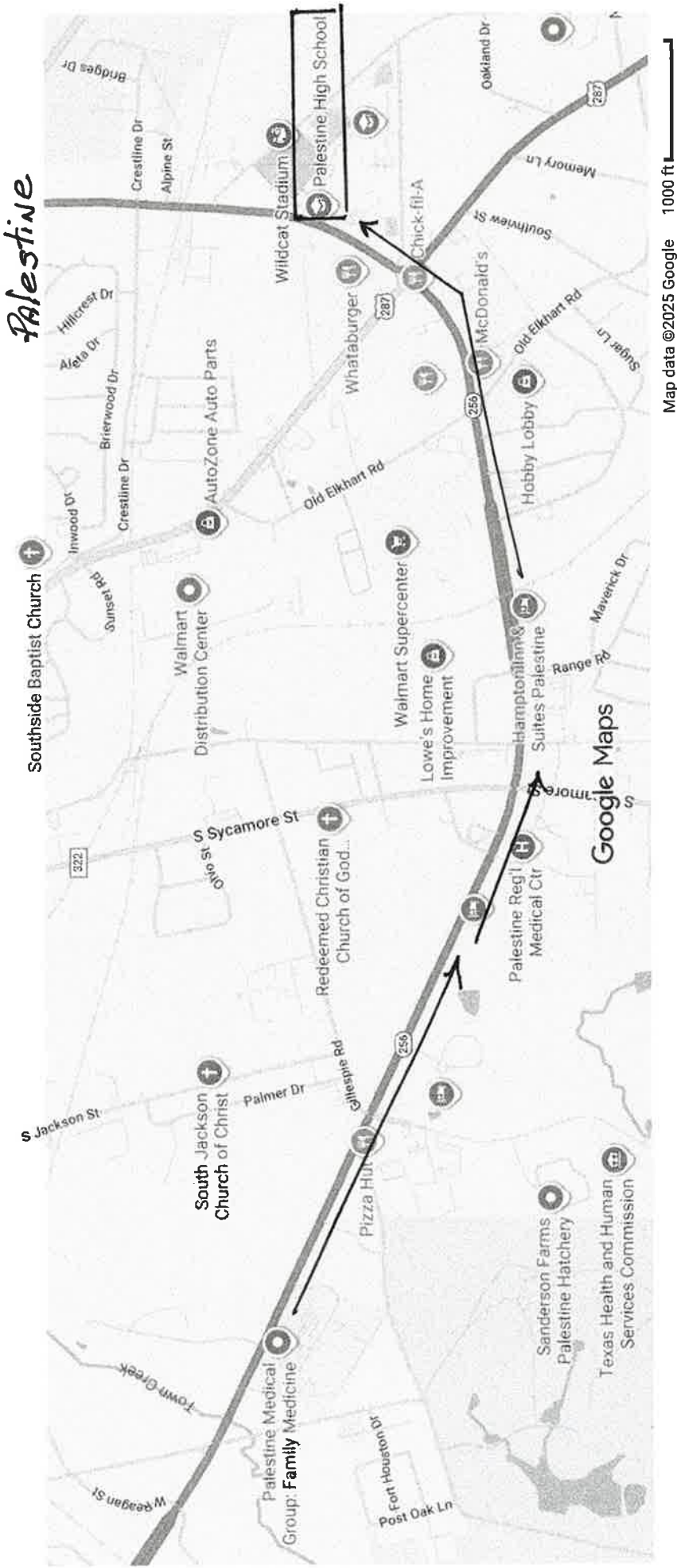
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DAY TWO - 142.1 Maximum Diving Miles Available
Palestine, TX to Round Rock, TX
Monday, July 20, 2026
U.S. 79

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.
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- 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	D2-p4
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
- 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.

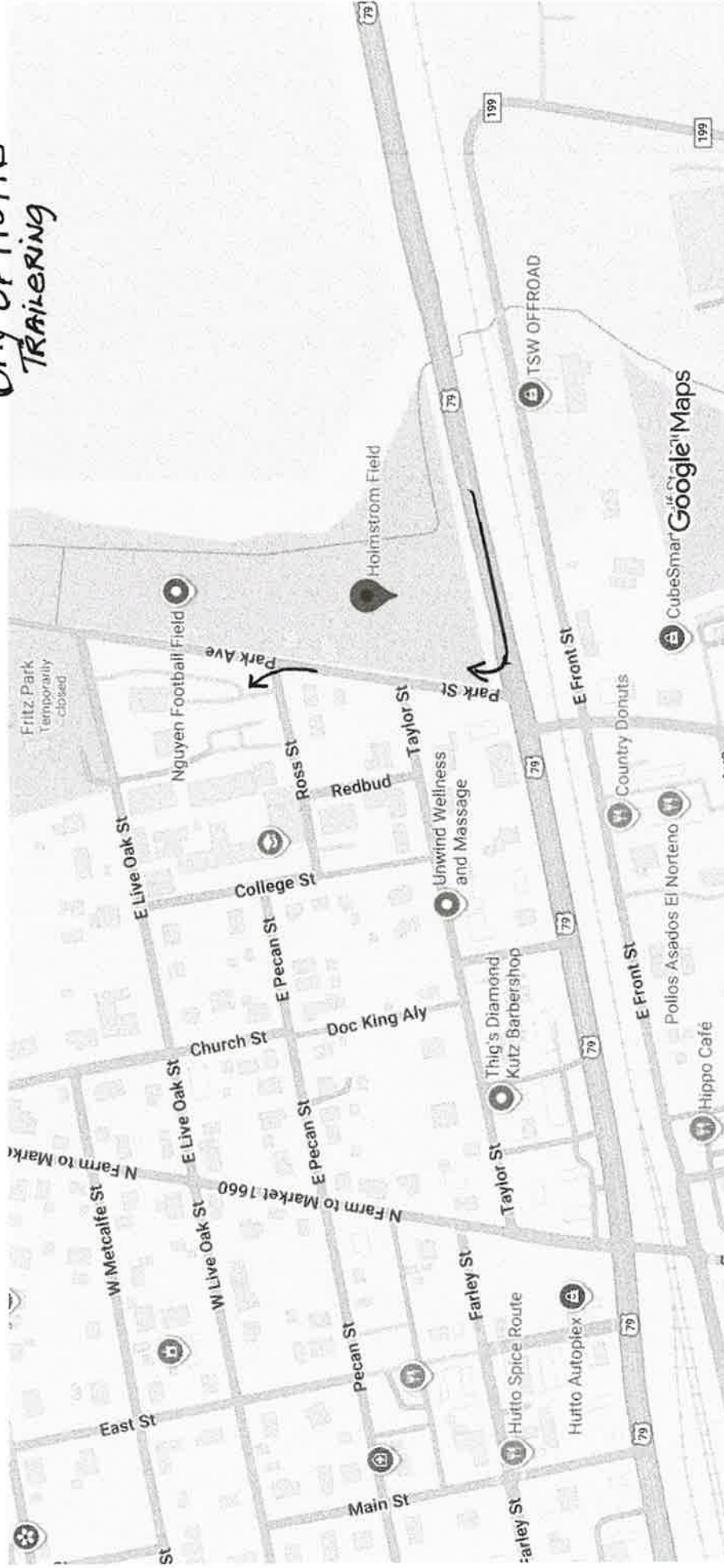
Teams continue to drive West on U.S. 79 until you reach the Dell Diamond (baseball field). We will be putting on a vehicle display in the West Parking Lot.

This is the Impound Site for Day Two.

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Holmstrom Field

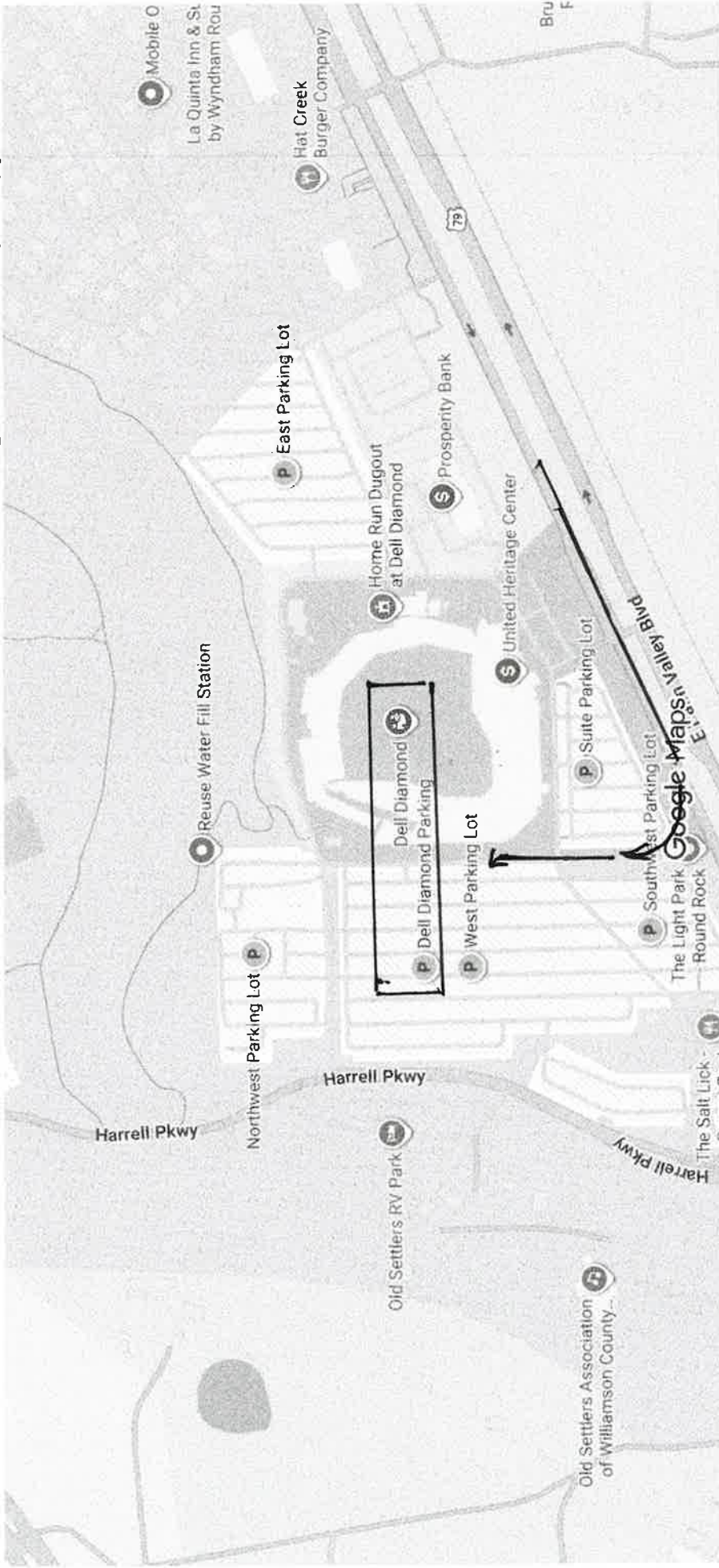
City of Hutto
TRAILERING



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Dell Diamond Parking



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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
- 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 Scholl
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
- 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
- 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)
- 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
- 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
- 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**

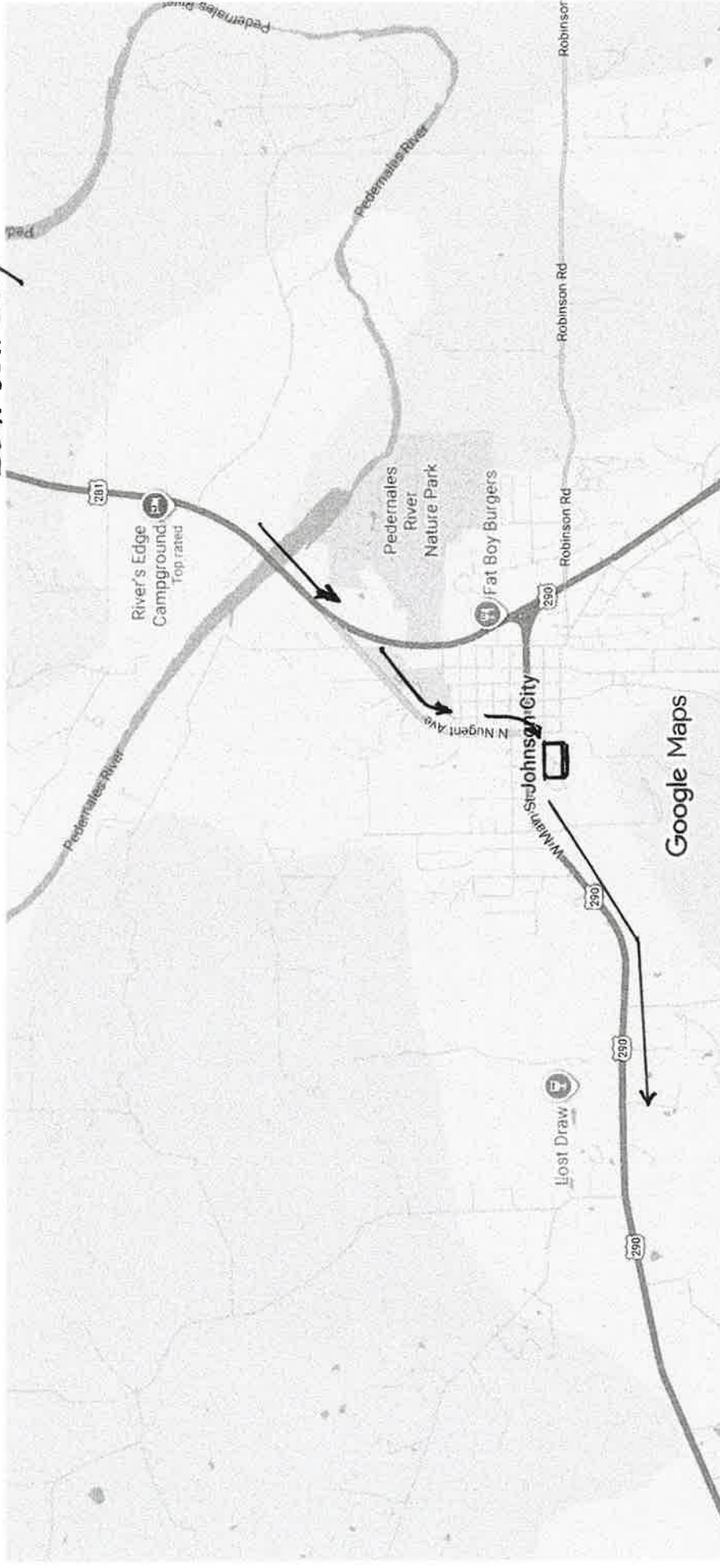
- 0.0 Drive into downtown Fredericksburg
Five-lanes
- 0.2 Light
- 0.7 Light
- 0.9 Uphill into town
- 1.1 Light
- 1.2 Light at Nimitz Museum
Museum of the Pacific
- 1.3 Light
- 1.5 Light
- 1.6 Light
Approaching Mark Platz Park
- 1.8 Turn right on Crockett Street.
Circle Park to unload.
Race Day ends on 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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Johnson City

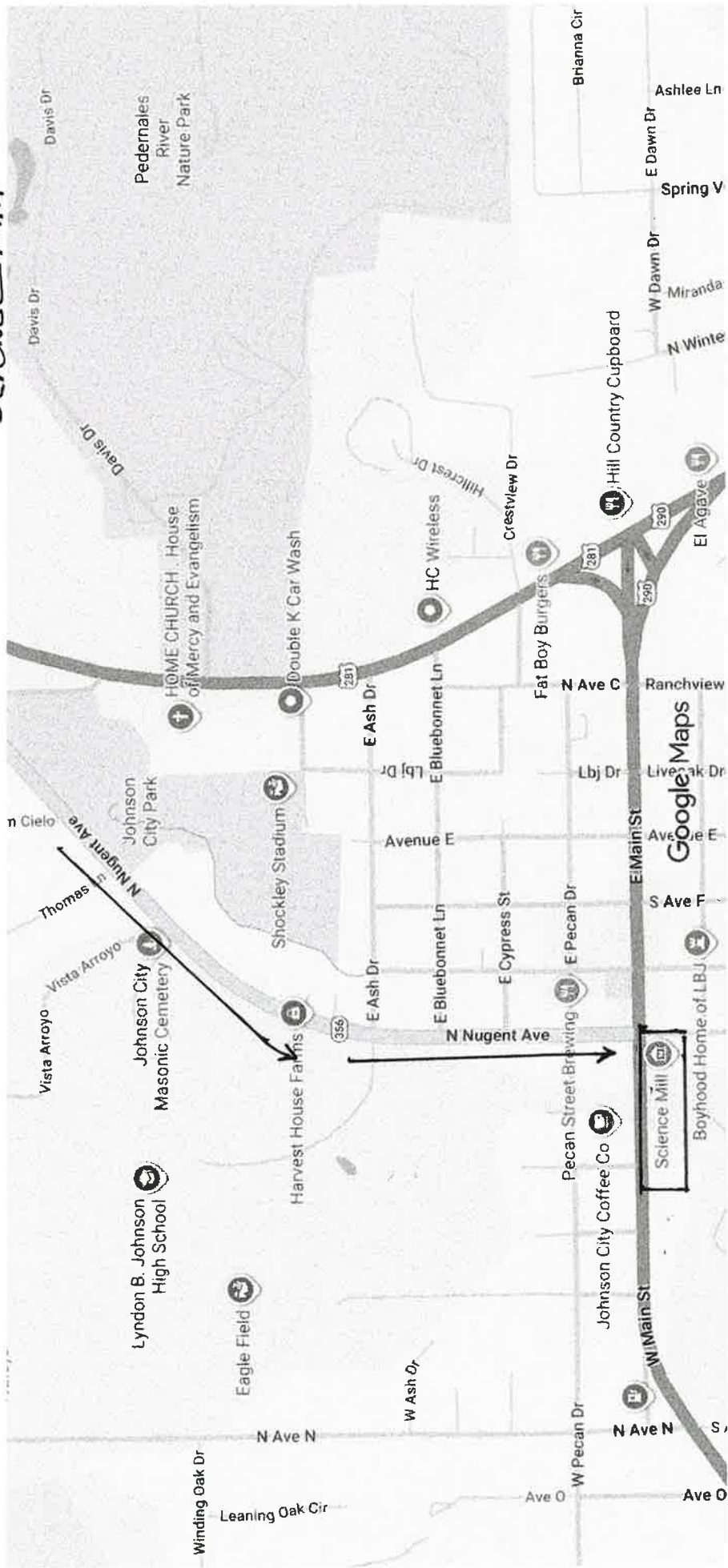


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Science Mill

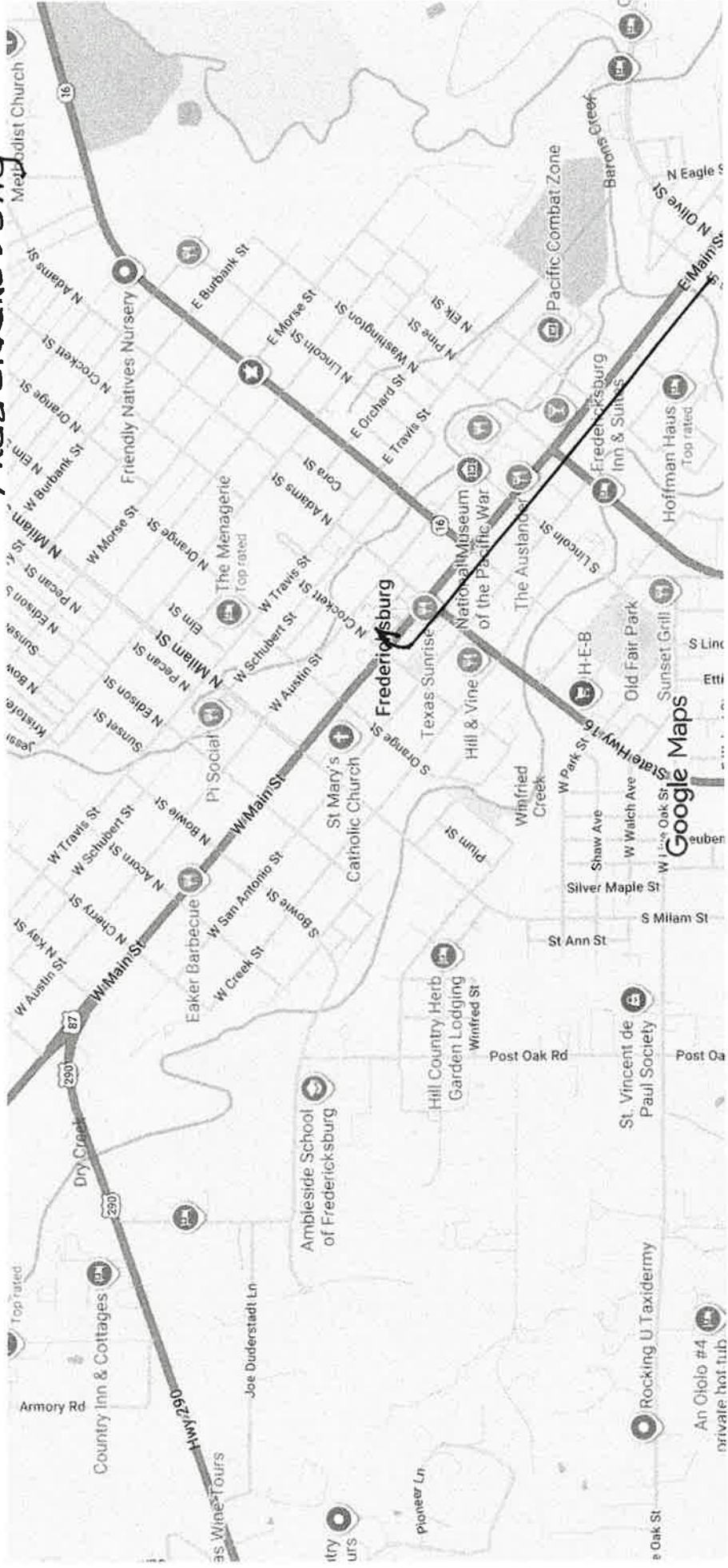


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Fredericksburg

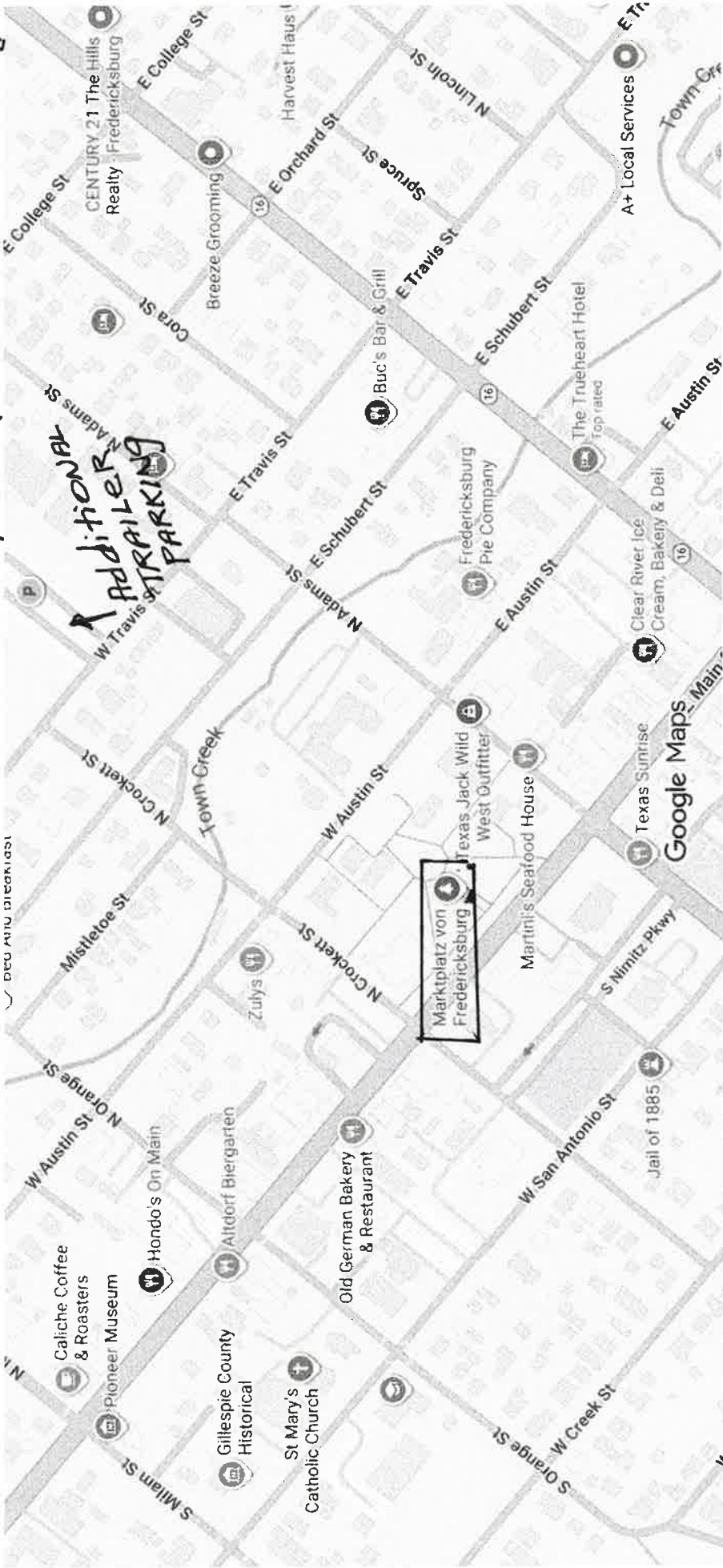


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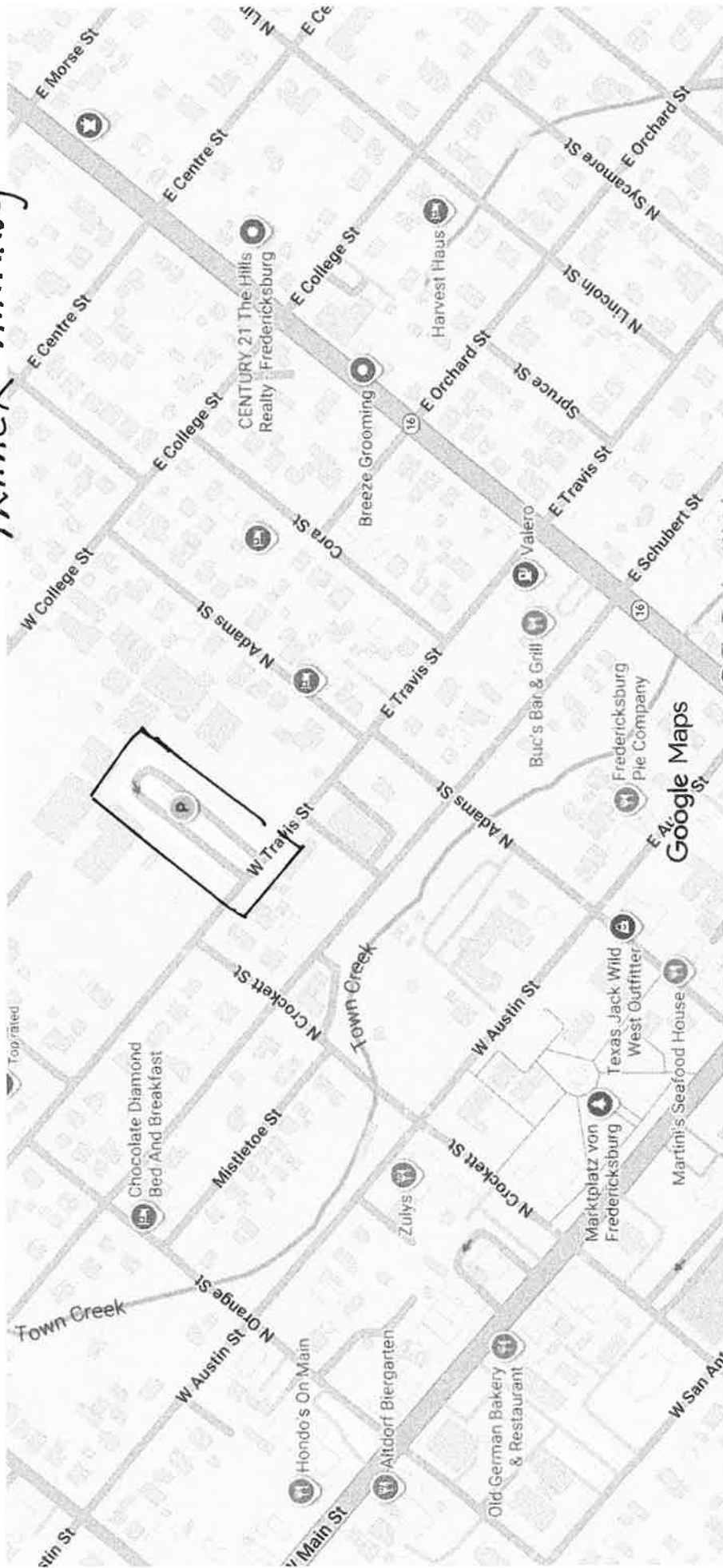
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MARKTPLATZ PARK AND PARKING



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Trailer Parking



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Fredericksburg, Texas

MARKTPLATZ

Austin Street

Crockett Street

Adams Street

Main Street

100 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624



PAVILION MEASUREMENTS

- Kinder & Oktoberfest (approximate)
Halls are 90' x 35'
- Adelsverein Halle is 124' x 60'

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

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- 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

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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 **McCullogh 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 ~~down~~ 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
- 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
- 7.2 Follow U.S. 67
- 7.3 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
Race ends when you take the Arden Road Exit

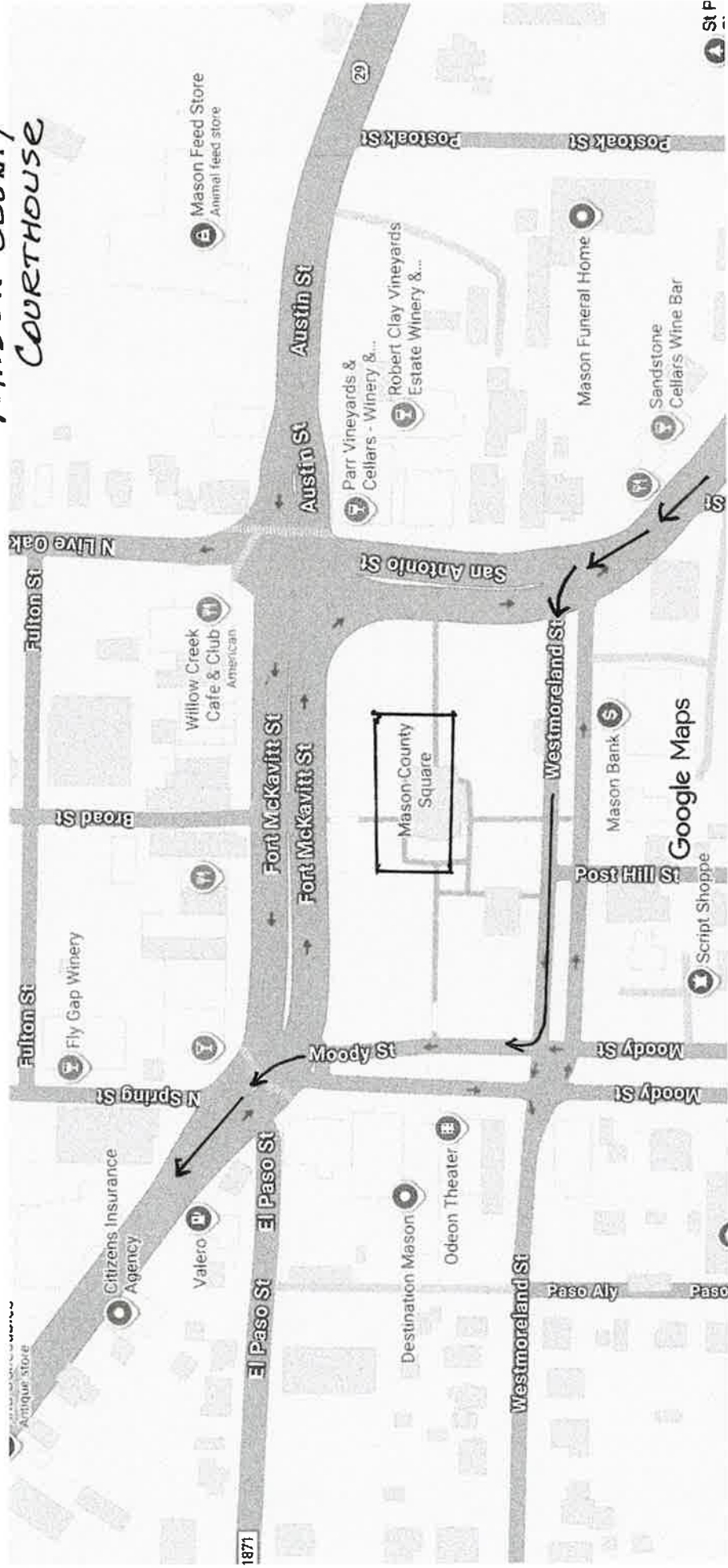
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Hotel area is on the right.
Turn right on Southwest Blvd. See map to Tinseltown Parking Lot for Display

See Map at end of day's driving instructions

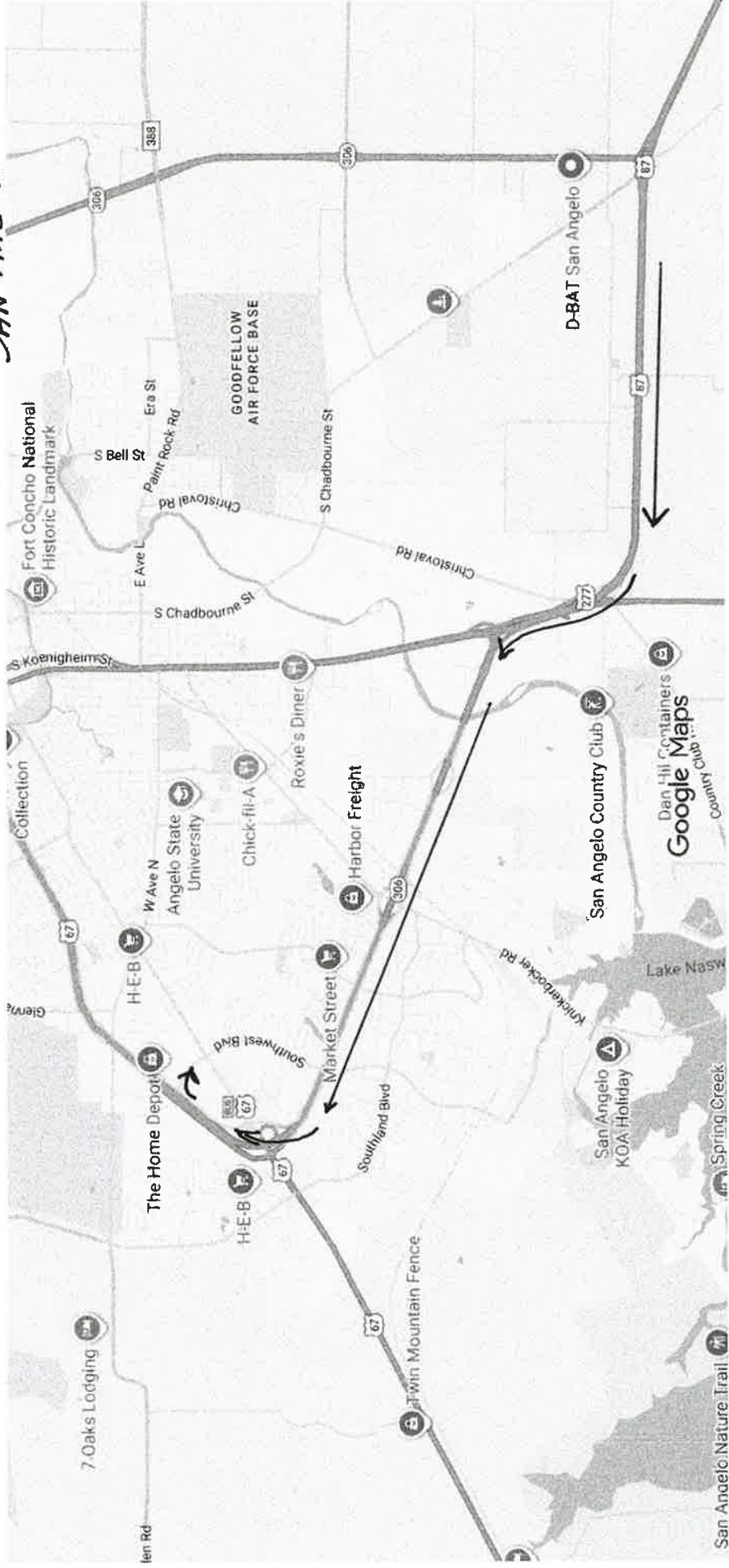
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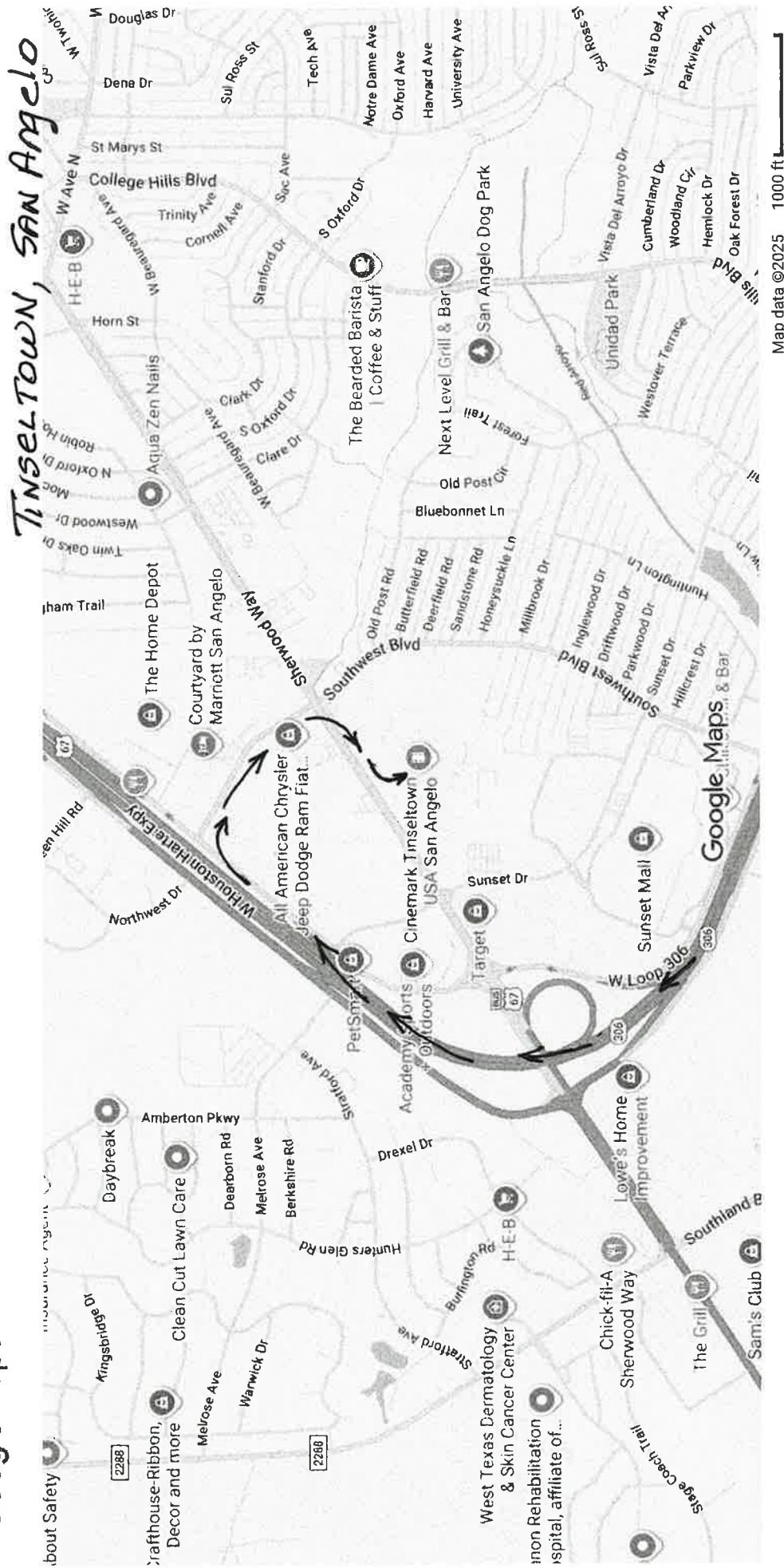
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DAY FIVE - 112.8 Maximum Diving Miles Available
San Angelo, TX to Fort Stockton, TX
Thursday, July 23, 2026
U.S. 67, U.S. 385

Teams return to U.S. 67. Trailer solar cars South on U.S. 67.
Trailing 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
- 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
- 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.

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REST STOP

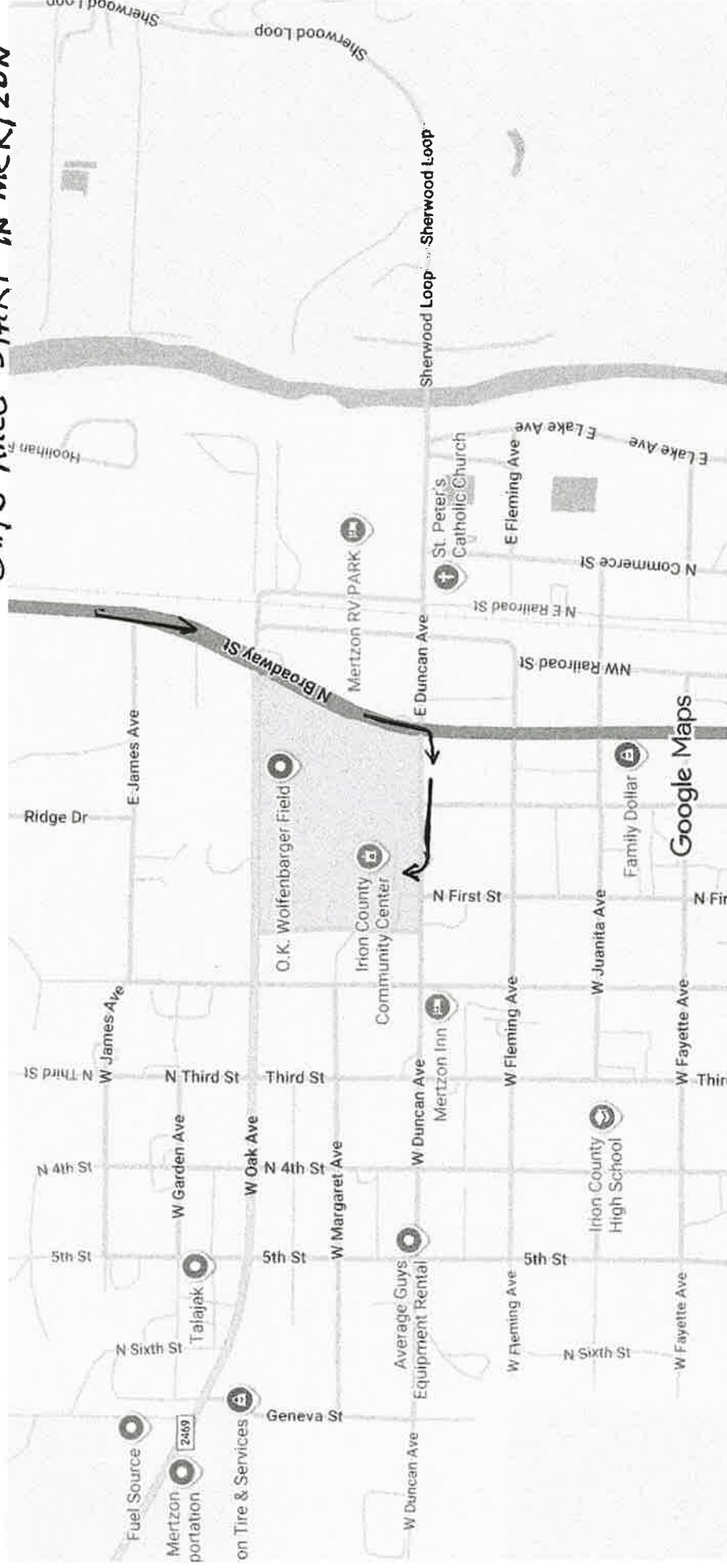
- 0.0 Two-lane road with small shoulders
Road is flat
- 4.8 **Crane County Line**
- 7.0 Rest Area on right
- 8.0 **Crockett County Line**
- 8.8 **Pecos County Line**
- 15.8 Solar Farm on right
- 16.4 Uphill
- 24.1 Uphill
- 24.6 **Trailer solar cars on road shoulder due to extended downhill**

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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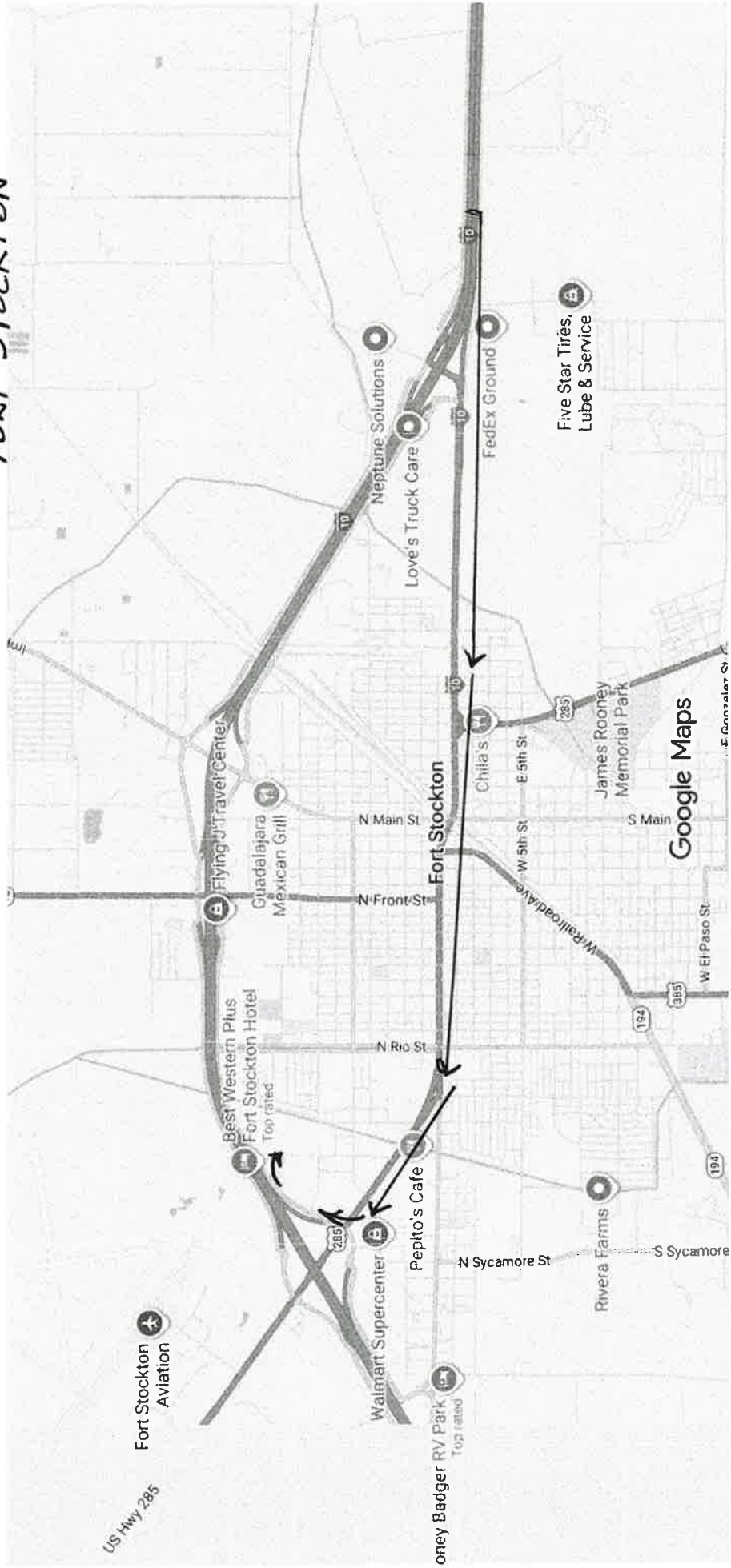
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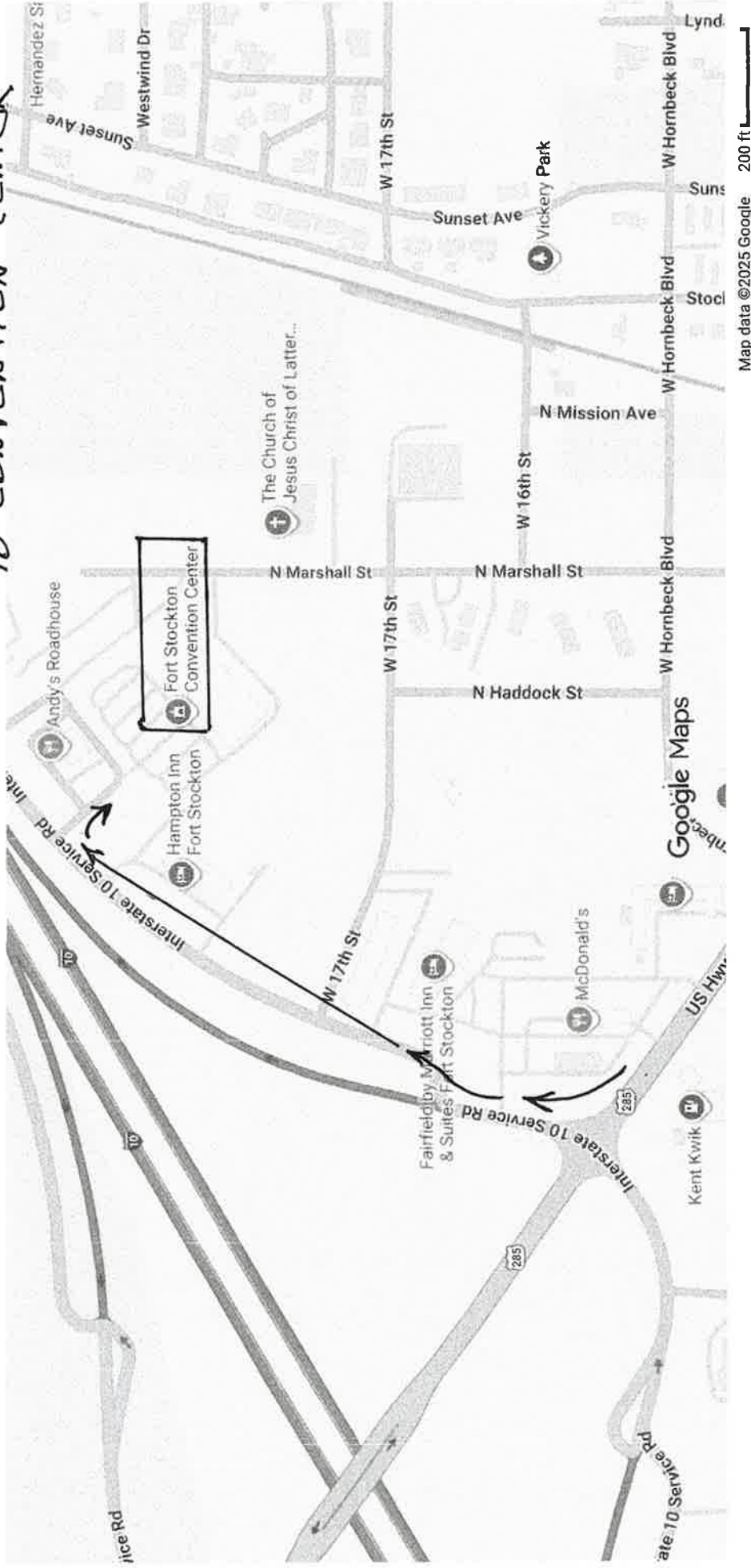


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To Convention Center



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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 – lq6101gm@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 - mcorpus@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](mailto:rickychoeum@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