

POLICE NOTICE
MAHA SHIVARATREE FESTIVAL 2026

By virtue of authority conferred upon me by Section 181 of the Road Traffic Act, traffic arrangements as hereunder will be made on the occasion of the Maha Shivaratree Festival 2026.

2. CLOSED STREETS

The following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:-

- (i) **In Rose Hill - from 06 00 hrs on 14.02.2026 to 0600 hrs on 16.02.2026** Surveyswarnath Sabha Street (ex Inkerman Street) from its junction with Labourdonnais Street to that with Hugnin Road. Vehicular traffic from the direction of Rose Hill Market and proceeding towards Hugnin Road will do so along Dr Maurice Curé Street and those from St Anne Road towards Rose Hill will be diverted along Prince of Wales and Dr Maurice Curé Streets.
- (ii) **In Quatre Bornes - from 1300 hrs on 13.02.2026 to 1600 hrs on 15.02.2026** Jawaharlal Nehru Street (ex Bassin) from La Louise Taxi Stand up to Northern Boundary Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic towards Bassin Street.

Change in bus route - NTC buses Route No. 3 C proceeding towards Bassin will be diverted onto Mgr Leen Avenue, Liston Avenue and Jawaharlal Nehru Street.

- (iii) **In Port Louis - from 0900 hrs to 1000 hrs on 14.02.2026.**

The right lane of Maupin Street from its junction with Motaïs Street to that with Souillac Street will be closed for vehicular traffic. Vehicular traffic coming from the direction of Caudan roundabout and motoring towards Bell Village will engage the left lane of Maupin Street and vehicles proceeding towards Lord Kitchener Street will use Motaïs and Caudan Streets.

Jules Koeing Street with its junction with SSR Street to that of Chaussee Street through Intendence Street will be closed to traffic till all processions have left the area. The left lane of SSR Street when facing Plaine Verte will be reserved for processions proceeding towards St Francois Xavier Street.

(iv) **In Curepipe - from 1130 hrs to 1600 hrs on 14.02.2026.**

Once the processions leave Botanical Garden, Sir Winston Churchill Street from Botanical Garden up to junction Chateauneuf Street and Royal Road Curepipe will be closed to all vehicular traffic. Vehicles will be diverted onto side roads.

(v) **In Phoenix- from 1200 hrs to 16 00 hrs on 14.02.2026.**

Camp Fouquereaux Branch Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic from its junction with Camp Fouquereaux Roundabout.

(vi) **In Eastern Division - from 1400 hrs to 1800 hrs on 14.02.2026.
Lallmatie and Camp De Masque**

- (a) The stretch of the road as from the traffic lights of St Julien Village up to L'Unité Junction through Riche Fond and St Julien D'Hotman; and
- (b) The stretch of the road from FUEL Roundabout up to Riche Fond Kovil.

Routes to be followed by the Vehicular Traffic in Eastern Division.

- (a) Vehicular traffic under 3 tons from Lallmatie proceeding towards Quartier Militaire and Flacq will be diverted along FUEL Branch Road and those 3 tons and above will **either** use the FUEL Link Road to emerge on Route No. 15 passing through Bonne Mere (Rose Hill to Flacq) **or** to proceed to FUEL Roundabout to emerge on Route No. 15 passing through the road adjoining the sugar mill; and,
- (b) Vehicular traffic from Quartier Militaire towards Lallmatie passing through St Julien D'Hotman will be diverted along L'Unité Junction Road and emerge on Route No. 15 (Rose Hill - Flacq) to proceed up to FUEL entrance and subsequently divert towards FUEL Roundabout passing along the road adjoining the sugar mill. From there, vehicles under 3 tons will use FUEL Branch Road to emerge on the main road St Julien Village and for those of 3 tons and above will use the new FUEL Link Road to equally emerge on Royal Road St Julien Village.

3. PARKING OF VEHICLES AT GRAND BASSIN

Vehicles will be parked at the following parking areas: -

- (a) Petrin Car Park located at the junction of Petrin and Grand Bassin Roads for vehicles approaching Grand Bassin from the direction of Chamouny and Mare aux Vacoas;
- (b) Durga Maa Parking (ex Main Car Park) will be used for parking of light vehicles only;
- (c) The bus park adjacent to the Durga Maa parking will be used for parking of buses only;
- (d) Mangal Mahadev Parking (ex Upper Plaine Wilhems Car Park) will be used for cars used by officials and essentials service vehicles as directed by Police;
- (e) Hanuman Hill parking (ex Grand Port/Savanne Car Park) will be used as parking for cars. The bus stand after the exit of Hanuman Hill Parking will be used as embarkation point for buses. In the event that the Durga Maa Parking and Mangal Mahadev Parking are full, Police will divert surplus cars to Hanuman Hill Parking via Link road upon availability of space; and
- (f) On the left side along the link road from exit of Durga Maa Parking to the junction before Governor's Lane.

4. VEHICLES LEAVING GRAND BASSIN

Vehicles leaving Grand Bassin from the various parking areas will do so as follows :-

- (a) from the Durga Maa Parking through Link Road towards Le Gouly and Bois Cheri Roads;
- (b) from Mangal Mahadev Parking via Grand Bassin Road. Such vehicles will turn left onto the Governor's Lane and proceed towards Le Gouly and Bois Cheri Roads;
- (c) from Hanuman Hill Parking via its exit onto Le Gouly and Bois Cheri Roads; and

- (d) from Petrin Car Park via –
 - (i) Le Mares Road to proceed towards Chamouny/ Chemin Grenier; or
 - (ii) via Grand Bassin Road through Link Road towards Le Gouly, Gower and Bois Cheri Roads.

5. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Except if otherwise decided by Police, the following traffic scheme will be in force as from 1800 hours on Wednesday 11.02.2026 up to 1300 hours on Sunday 15.02.2026:-

(a) One-way traffic

Except for **Police/emergency vehicles and essential service vehicles**, the following roads will carry traffic only in the direction mentioned below:

- (i) Vehicular traffic proceeding to Grand Bassin will use the New Link Road La Marie/La Brasserie to exit at La Marie Round About;
- (ii) The stretch of the road from junction La Brasserie/La Marie to Avalon Parking.

As such, vehicular traffic approaching Grand Bassin will do so via La Marie, Mare aux Vacoas, Gower and Petrin, and will leave via Le Gouly, Bois Chéri Bypass or Bois Cheri road and Grand Bois Roads towards La Flora;

- (iii) Bois Cheri Bypass from its junction with Bois Cheri road to its junction with Grand Bois road will carry traffic in one way only towards Grand Bois;
- (iv) Young Tow Road from its junction with Savanne Road(Riviere Du Poste Traffic Lights) up to Bois Cheri Road through Old Savanne Road and Building Street;
- (v) Vehicle from Grand Bois Road near SBM will use Old Savanne Road, Building Street to join Bois Cheri Road towards Avalon.

- (b) As and when the need arise, NTC Shuttle service buses will be authorised to use the stretch of road from Avalon to the bus stand near Hanuman Hill Parking (ex GPS Car Park) (on contraflow).
- (c) In case of heavy traffic congestion towards Grand Bassin, vehicles will be diverted at the level of Glen Park traffic lights towards Henrietta Round About to merge on New Link Road and then towards La Marie Round About.
- (d) Cars driven along Grand Bassin Road and proceeding either to the Durga Maa Parking or towards Governor's Lane, will turn left to enter the Durga Maa Parking as directed by the Police.
- (e) Vehicular traffic proceeding towards Grand Bassin will follow in single lane and motorists must refrain from overtaking from La Marie/La Brasserie junction to Pétrin.

6. DIVERTED TRAFFIC

- (a) The stretch of La Marie/Cascavelle Link Road from Pierrefonds Round About up to La Marie Round About will be reserved for vehicle proceeding towards Grand Bassin and local residents only.

Vehicles from the direction of Flic en Flac and Cascavelle willing to proceed towards La Vigie, when reaching at the level of Mte Du Rempart will be diverted towards Pierrefonds Round About and use Beau Songes Link Road, Syed Hossen Road, Pont Fer to proceed towards La Vigie.

- (b) Vehicles proceeding toward Grand Bassin along La Brasserie Road from Carbonnel when reaching the New Link Road towards La Vigie/La Marie will turn left on the Link Road and then right onto La Vigie Road to proceed towards La Marie Round About.

7. DISEMBARKATION & EMBARKATION OF PASSENGERS AT GRAND BASSIN

- (a) Upon arrival at Grand Bassin, all buses will disembark their passengers at the bus park found adjacent to the Durga Maa Parking. Route buses will then proceed to the southbound bus stand lay-bys for embarkation through Link Road and Governor's

Lane. They may temporarily park on the left hand side of the Governor's Lane if the embarkation point is jammed.

Special Route buses will park on the bus park and embark their passengers thereat. They will then leave Grand Bassin through Link Road and Le Gouly.

All motor vehicles including buses proceeding towards Grand Bassin from the direction of Bois Cheri will not be allowed to proceed beyond Avalon Parking. Buses will disembark and embark their passengers at the Avalon Parking.

(b) Bus Lane

Special route/shuttle service buses and heavy vehicles will be diverted along the "Bus Lane" leading to the Bus Park. Access at the entrance to the "Bus Lane" will be controlled by Police.

8. PEDESTRIAN ZONE

The Grand Bassin Road from its junction with Durga Maa Parking to Grand Bassin Police Post will be reserved for pedestrians only. No vehicles will, therefore, be allowed to proceed beyond the "Police Control Point" set up at the said junctions, except Police, emergency, utility i.e CWA, CEB, Telecom, waste disposal and other authorised vehicles.

NB: No vehicle will be allowed on the pavement on the right hand side from Petrin to Grand Bassin Road except when authorized by Police

9. PROHIBITED PARKING

Except if otherwise decided by the Police, no vehicles will be allowed to park:-

- (a) Along the whole stretch of Candos Road from La Louise up to La Caverne;
- (b) Along the main road from La Caverne up to Diolle;
- (c) Along La Marie Road from junction Diolle to Beard Reservoir;
- (d) Along Henrietta Road from Glen Park traffic lights to Morcellement Pousson;

- (e) Along De Vergues Street from traffic light Glen Park to junction De Vergues/Hollyrood Roads;
- (f) Along John Kennedy Street from its junction with St Paul Road (Savoy) up to Diolle;
- (g) Along La Brasserie Road, from junction Camp Le Juge to junction La Marie/La Brasserie Road;
- (h) New Link Road from A10 Round About near Garage UBS to La Marie Roundabout will be a two way traffic and will be a no parking zone.
- (i) Along the stretch of Governor's Lane as from its junction with Link Road (except for route buses on hold);
- (j) Along La Flora Road, Grand Bois Road and Bois Cheri Road to Avalon Parking;
- (k) Along Young Tow Road as from its junction with Savanne Road at Riviere Du Poste to that with Bois Cheri Road;
- (l) Along Old Savanne Road as from its junction with Grand Bois Main Road (near SBM) and Building Street at Bois Cheri; and,
- (m) Along Petrin - Chamouny Road as from Petrin Junction up to Junction Les Mares/ Plaine Champagne Road.

10. Hawkers will not be allowed to operate in the perimeter of Grand Bassin and Tookay Temple, Camp Diable.

11. Hazardous structures projecting from tents/salle verte will not be allowed to encroach either on the roads or on footpaths/pedestrian lanes.

12. Pedestrians forming part of processions must keep on the **left hand side of the road and must walk not more than four abreast and observe directives given to them by the Police.** During the night, they are advised to wear florescent / visible dress and carry torch lights, reflectors, etc. for their own safety. However, reaching junction Petrin they will use the pedestrian lane/pavement on the right side of the road from junction Petrin to Grand Bassin so as to allow adequate space for vehicular traffic.

13. From La Marie (Beard Reservoir) to Grand Bassin, vehicular traffic will use the central part of the road so as to leave both sides free for use by pedestrians.
14. Vehicular traffic will either be slowed down, halted temporarily or diverted as required by the Police so as to ensure the safe passage of pilgrims.
15. The processions may be accompanied by music. When passing places of worship or when required by Police, the same to be switched off.
16. It is strictly forbidden to interfere with or cause annoyance to persons taking part in processions.

17. METRO JUNCTIONS AND HIGH VOLTAGE CABLES

The attention of the members of the public is drawn that during the Maha Shivaratree festival, they are to exercise extra vigilance and be cautious when passing by Metro lines and junctions. Pilgrims carrying kanwars shall at no time interfere with the high voltage cable of the Metro. They are to abide by directives given by Police in that area.

18. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Non-compliance with these traffic arrangements may entail judicial proceedings.

The cooperation and understanding of the public would be much appreciated.

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