

ODRAM SAG & Support notes

Again this year, we need to have support vehicles follow a different route than riders - with as many riders as we've had in the last couple of years, having vehicles on the same route has caused some traffic issues that we want to avoid. Personal SAG vehicles are to follow state route M-20, which is 10 miles or so north of the cycling route. Points where riders & vehicles can meet are listed below, with suggested addresses (as well as the address for the finish at Bay City State Recreation Area). SAG drivers and support people can purchase exclusive ODRAM SAG t-shirts, lunch & dinner tickets, and cowbells at the start.

The SAG route map is on the back. Vehicles should go north on US-31 to the New Era/M-20/Stony Lake Road exit (exit 140), and go east from there. There's one spot where M-20 goes north along with US131; that's marked on the map. There, you'll stay on 8-Mile road and a couple of other country roads until M-20 rejoins you west of Remus.

There are 4 easy opportunities for vehicles to meet:

1. West end of Fremont – from M-20 drive south on Stone Road to Main St. in Fremont. There are a number of gas stations and convenience stores along Main where you can meet with riders. Suggested address: **1016 W. Main St., Fremont, MI 49412**
2. Village of Morley – from 8 Mile just west of Stanwood, go south on Northland Drive. In Morley, this becomes Cass Street. Suggested address: **984 S. Cass St, Morley, MI 49336**
3. The lunch stop, west of Blanchard – from M-20, go south on Isabella County Line Road (possibly marked as CostaBella) to the village of Blanchard, then west on Jackson Road – **watch for cyclists!** Blanchard Wesleyan Church is about a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west on Jackson. Address: **542 Jackson Rd, Blanchard, MI 49310**
4. The town of Shepherd – take M-20 in to Mt. Pleasant, then take the US-127 business loop to US-127. From US-127, take the Shepherd exit (exit 135) and go west. There's a gas station and grocery store on the east end of town. Suggested address: **109 E. Blanchard Rd., Shepherd, MI 48883**

From Shepherd, go ahead and follow the same route as the riders for the rest of the way to the finish line at the Bay City State Recreation Area.

The address for the park is **3582 State Park Dr., Bay City, MI 48706**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A SAG VEHICLE EVER FOLLOW A RIDER. This creates an unsafe and illegal traffic impediment that risks the future of the event! ODRAM roads are open to local traffic users who will grow very impatient with us if we don't act responsibly. Riders will have regular opportunities to purchase food and drinks from gas stations along the route - \$50 will get a rider across the state EASILY without any additional support. There is reasonable cell phone coverage along the entire route, too.

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Please don't drive on the rider's route until East of Shepherd!

