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Street Closures Planned for Oakland Running Festival on Sunday, March 24

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland today announced the temporary street closures and parking restrictions in effect for the Oakland Running Festival which takes place on Sunday, March 24, 2019. The 26.2-mile marathon starts at 7:00 a.m. from Eastshore Park at MacArthur Boulevard and Lakeshore Avenue. In addition to much of downtown, the marathon course will take runners around Lake Merritt and through Jack London Square, West Oakland, Emeryville, KONO and Uptown. For the first time, runners will use the pedestrian pathway on the Oakland span of the Bay Bridge.

Some 10,000 runners are expected for Sunday's marathon, half-marathon, relay and 5K run. To educate the public about road closures, a list of detours and a map can be found at www.oaklandmarathon.com that shows the marathon's course to assist drivers on Sunday.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and either time their travel to avoid street closures or seek alternative routes using the online map. All highway and interstate routes will remain open throughout the marathon.

Transit Impacts

BART will not be impacted by course closures.

AC Transit will have temporary signage directing riders to alternative stops for impacted routes. Service disruptions and detours on AC Transit will be in place from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 24. Downtown Oakland will be served at a temporary transfer point on [Castro St. between 12th and 17th streets](#), across from the I-980 freeway. For most buses, this will be their only stop in Downtown Oakland. Lines 1, 14, 19, 20, 33, 40, 51A, 62, 96 and 801 will also stop on [6th St. at Washington St.](#) Line 29 will also not operate its regular route. Instead, it will connect Downtown Oakland, West Oakland BART and Emeryville in a [one-way loop](#). There will be no service along Lakeshore Avenue for the duration of the festival. For more information on AC Transit service on Sunday, March 24, please visit <http://www.actransit.org/2019/03/13/ac-transit-service-during-the-oakland-running-festival/>.

Traffic/Driving/Parking Impacts

During Sunday's marathon, streets throughout Oakland will be impacted by the race. Festival organizers have planned carefully to lessen the impact on auto traffic while ensuring runner safety. The Oakland Police Department will issue temporary lane closures and traffic restrictions as runners make their way along the course.

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Motorists should use special caution and look out for both pedestrians and changes in traffic patterns. All parking restrictions will be strictly enforced, and vehicles parked in violation will be ticketed and/or towed.

Motorists that park on the streets listed below will have difficulty moving their vehicles until after runners have passed and the street has been reopened by the Oakland Police.

To ensure the runners safety while on the Bay Bridge's pedestrian pathway, bikes will be prohibited on the pathway from 8 a.m. to noon.

The following streets will be closed on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at the various times indicated as the marathon progresses:

The following streets will be closed in both directions:

- 7th St. from Union Ave. to Mandela Parkway (8:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 14th St. from Franklin to Clay sts. (6-11:15 a.m.)
- Broadway from 3rd St. to West Grand Ave. (7-11 a.m.)
- El Embarcadero from Grand to Lakeshore aves. (5 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Grand Ave. from MacArthur Blvd. to Bellevue Ave. (east exit from Lakeside Park) (5 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Lake Merritt Blvd. from Oak St. to E. 12th St. (5 a.m.-noon)
- Telegraph Ave. from 20th St. to West Grand Ave. (7-10:30 a.m.)
- Webster St. from 19th to 3rd sts. (7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Partial road closures in direction noted (N/B=northbound, E/B=eastbound, S/B=southbound, W/B=westbound):

- 2nd Ave. (S/B) from E. 12th to 10th sts. (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 3rd St. (W/B) from Webster St. to Mandela Pkwy. (8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
- 10th St. (W/B) from 2nd Ave. to Webster St. (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 16th St. (E/B) from Clay St. to Telegraph Ave. (7-10 a.m.)
- 19th St. (W/B) from Madison St. to San Pablo Ave. (7-10 a.m.)
- 27th St. (E/B) from Telegraph Ave. to Harrison St. (8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- 28th St. (E/B) from Mandela Pkwy. to West St. (8:05 a.m.-1:15p.m.)
- 29th St. (E/B) from West St. to MLK Way (8:05 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- 30th St. (E/B) from MLK Way to Telegraph St. (8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- Clay St. (N/B) from 14th to 17th sts. (7-11 a.m.)
- Harrison St. (S/B) from 27th St. to Grand Ave. (8:20 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- Lakeshore Ave. (S/B) from Macarthur Blvd. to E. 12th St. (5-10:30 a.m.)
- Lakeside Dr. (N/B) from 14th to 19th sts. (5-11 a.m.)
- Lakeside Dr. (N/B) from 9th St. to Grand Ave. (7:30-8:10 a.m.)
- Mandela Pkwy. (N/B) from 3rd to 34th sts. (8:55 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- Mandela Pkwy. (S/B) from Horton to 28th sts. (8-10:15 a.m.)
- MLK Jr. Way (N/B) from 29th to 30th sts. (8:10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- MLK Jr. Way (S/B) from 20th to 10th sts. (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
- Telegraph Ave. (N/B) from 30th to 27th sts. (8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
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The 2018 Oakland Running Festival attracted 9,500 runners from 40 states and 10 countries. An estimated \$3 million in revenue was generated for local hotels, restaurants, retailers, transportation companies and entertainment venues. In addition to injecting dollars into the local economy, the festival introduces visitors to Oakland's diverse neighborhoods and scenic beauty.

Hosted by the City of Oakland, the Oakland Running Festival is produced and fully funded by Corrigan Sports Enterprises (CSE), which also produces the renowned Baltimore Running Festival. CSE reimburses the City for all police services provided in conjunction with the festival.

Motorists may report traffic concerns related to the Oakland Running Festival by contacting Jim MacIlvaine at (510) 238-2933 or jimmac@oaklandca.gov.

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