



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

Traffic Advisory



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, October 8, 2021

Contact: German Vigil
Kathy Dominick
(410) 361-9296

REMINDER: Traffic Modifications for This **Saturday's Baltimore Running Festival** **Commercial Vehicle Restrictions will also be implemented in the** **downtown area**

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation would like to advise motorists of the temporary road closures, lane closures and parking restrictions in effect for the 20th annual **Baltimore Running Festival**, which will be held on **Saturday, October 9, 2021**. Approximately 10,000 people are expected to participate in this year's event.

The 26.2 mile marathon will kick off from Oriole Park at Camden Yards starting at 8:00 a.m. In conjunction with the marathon, the Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield Half Marathon will also be held, along with the Belcara Health 5K and the new Pandora 10K Race.

The races will begin at various times and locations:

7:30 a.m. – 5K race begins at Light & Pratt Streets (McKeldin Square)

8:00 a.m. – Marathon and 10K begin at Camden Yards (Gate A)

9:45 a.m. – Half Marathon begins at Light & Pratt Streets (McKeldin Square)

3:00 p.m. – All courses closed

In preparation for the running festival, various parking restrictions, road closures and lane closures will be implemented along the race routes. Motorists should be advised that **traveling from inside the footprint of the race to destinations beyond the race borders (and vice versa) will be very difficult throughout the day. Traffic stops WILL be implemented** for the safety of participants and **motorists WILL encounter significant delays.**

Residents and visitors are encouraged to **plan ahead and allow additional travel time**. Traffic will be impacted in many city communities, and in order to minimize delays, motorists should **use alternate routes outside of the race footprint**. This includes using roadways north of 33rd Street, south of McComas Street, west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and east of Highland Avenue. Motorists traveling within the footprint of the race are also advised to **travel before the race begins or after the event ends** if possible to minimize delays.

In order to help residents and visitors plan their commutes on race day, an **interactive road closure map has been created**. This user-friendly [map](#) can be used to see when city neighborhoods will be affected by the races throughout the day.

On race day, motorists should **pay close attention to posted parking restrictions**, as vehicles parked in violation will be ticketed and towed. Motorists with questions concerning the location of their vehicles should call 311.

Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to use public transportation during this event. The Metro Subway is a great option for traveling into and out of the city, as it will not be affected by the marathon. The **Charm City Circulator will modify its service hours during this event, and will operate on race day from 4:00 p.m. until midnight**.

In preparation for the event, the following street and lane closures will be implemented prior to the Baltimore Running Festival for race setup:

- Left lane (next to median) of southbound Light Street from Pratt to Conway Streets begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021.
- Full closure of Pratt Street from Charles to Light Streets begins at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021. This portion of Pratt Street will remain closed until the event clears late Saturday afternoon.

In preparation for the Baltimore Running Festival, the following PARKING RESTRICTIONS will be implemented on Saturday, October 9, 2021:

Linwood Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Madison Street **12:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
Eastern Avenue (north side) from Linwood to Patterson Park Avenues **12:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Boston Street (north side) from Aliceanna Street to Lakewood Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Lancaster Street from President Street to Central Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

33rd Street from Hillen Road to Guilford Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

28th Street from Howard to St. Paul Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

St. Paul Street from 28th to Light Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Maryland Avenue/Cathedral Street/Liberty Street/Hopkins Street/Sharp Street from 29th to Pratt Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Camden Street from Eutaw to Paca Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Baltimore Street (south side) from President Street to Patterson Park Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Key Highway from Light to Lawrence Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Fayette Street (south side) from Calvert to High Streets **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

High Street from Fayette to Baltimore Streets **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Hillen Road from Harford Road to Mervo entrance (near 33rd Street) **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Linden Avenue from Druid Park Lake Drive to 2428 Linden Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Ducatel Street from Linden Avenue to Eutaw Place **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Eutaw Place from Ducatel Street to North Avenue **2:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Lee Street (south side) from Light to Charles Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Charles Street (east side) from Lee to Conway Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Central Avenue from Dock to Point Streets **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Point Street from Central Avenue to Wills Street (south side) **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Point Street from Wills to Caroline Streets (both sides) **2:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

In addition, ***the following streets will be CLOSED to through traffic on Saturday, October 9, 2021:***

Paca Street from Pratt to Lombard Streets **6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Camden Street from Paca to Howard Streets **6:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

Eutaw Street from Pratt to Camden Streets **7:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

Russell Street from Lee to Pratt Streets **6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Russell Street at Hamburg Street **7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Hamburg Street Bridge from Russell to Leadenhall Streets **7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Key Highway from Cross to Light Streets **8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**
Southbound Light Street from Lombard Street to Key Highway **8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Northbound Light Street from Henrietta Street to Key Highway **8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
Pratt Street from Green to Eutaw Streets **7:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm (until marathon and half marathon clear the area)**
Pratt Street from Howard to Light Streets **1:00 p.m. to clear**
Southbound Jones Falls Expressway exit ramp to 28th Street **8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The following STREETS WILL BE IMPACTED by the Baltimore Running Festival on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the approximate times listed with lane closures in effect:

Light Street from Pratt Street to Key Highway (5K race) **7:30 a.m. 8:50 a.m.**
Key Highway from Light to Lawrence Streets (5K race) **7:35 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.**
Lee Street to Charles Street to Pratt Street (5K race) **7:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
Eutaw Street at Camden Street and Camden Street from Eutaw to Paca Streets **8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.**
Paca Street from Camden to McCulloh Streets **8:05 a.m. – 8:31 a.m.**
McCulloh Street from Paca Street to Gwynns Falls Parkway **8:10 a.m. – 8:47 a.m.**
Druid Park Lake Drive to Linden Avenue to Ducatel Street to Eutaw Place to North Avenue to Maryland Avenue (10K race) **8:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.**
Gwynns Falls Pkwy from McCulloh Street to Beechwood Drive (in Druid Hill Park) **8:15 – 9:03 a.m.**
Beechwood Drive to Safari Place to Buffalo Yard Road to Mansion House Drive **8:20 a.m. – 9:19 a.m.**
Exit Zoo from Mansion House Drive to East Drive/Wyman Park Drive **8:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**
Wyman Park Drive/Howard Street from Remington Avenue to 28th Street **8:30 a.m. – 9:51 a.m.**
28th Street from Howard to St. Paul Streets **8:35 a.m. – 10:07 a.m.**
St. Paul Street from 28th to Light Streets **8:40 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.**
Light Street from Pratt Street to Key Highway **8:45 a.m. – 10:39 a.m.**

Key Highway from Light Street to Key Highway Extension to turnaround at Under Armour Campus **8:50 a.m. – 11:11 a.m.**

Key Highway Extension to Key Highway to Light Street **8:55 a.m. – 11:27 a.m.**

Light Street to Pratt Street to President Street to Lancaster Street **9:00 a.m. – 11:43 a.m.**

Lancaster Street to Central Avenue Bridge to Point Street to S. Caroline Street to Aliceanna Street to Boston Street **9:10 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.**

Boston Street to Lakewood Avenue to O'Donnell Street to Linwood Avenue **9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Linwood Avenue from O'Donnell Street to Madison Street **9:20 a.m. – 12:31 p.m.**

Madison Street from Linwood Avenue to Washington Street to St. Lo Drive **9:25 a.m. – 12:47 p.m.**

Harford Road to Hillen Road to 33rd Street **9:30 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.**

33rd Street to loop around Lake Montebello back to 33rd Street **9:40 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

Calvert Street to Fayette Street to High Street to Baltimore Street to Patterson Park Avenue to Eastern Avenue (Half Marathon) **9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Hillen Road to 33rd Street to Guilford Avenue to 29th Street **9:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

29th Street from Guilford to Maryland Avenues **9:55 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Maryland Avenue/Cathedral Street/Liberty Street/Hopkins Place/Pratt Street **10:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.**

Race finish line on Pratt Street between Charles and Light Streets **10:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.**

Residents should be advised that road closure and race impact times listed above are approximate and may change on race day. Additional road closures, lane closures and parking restrictions may be implemented throughout the day if needed. Motorists should be on the watch for changing traffic patterns and for officials directing traffic during this event. Additional information about the 2021 Baltimore Running Festival can be found at <https://www.thebaltimoremарathon.com/>.

**Commercial Vehicle Restrictions Will be in Effect on
Saturday, October 9, 2021 in Downtown Baltimore**

In addition to the traffic modifications listed above, commercial vehicle restrictions will also be implemented in downtown Baltimore on race day.

On Saturday, October 9, 2021 commercial vehicle restrictions will be in effect from 2:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. in downtown Baltimore. During this time, commercial vehicles, **including tanker trailers,** will not be permitted in the downtown / Inner Harbor areas of the city. This commercial vehicle restriction **excludes cabs, buses and other mass transportation vehicles.**

Commercial vehicle restrictions will be implemented on the following streets during the date and times listed above:

- Fayette Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (MLK) to President Street (no commercial vehicles will be allowed to travel on or south of Fayette Street)
- President Street from Aliceanna to Fayette Streets (no commercial vehicles will be allowed to travel on or west of President Street)
- Light Street from Pratt Street to Key Highway
- Key Highway from Light to McComas Streets
- Hanover Street from McComas to Montgomery Streets (no commercial vehicles will be allowed on or north of McComas Street, including Hanover Street)
- Pratt and Lombard Streets from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to President Street
- I-395 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. split to Pratt Street (commercial vehicles on I-395 are required to use Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to continue north of the race area)

Motorists are advised to pay close attention to the commercial vehicle restrictions that will be implemented on Saturday and should use alternate routes during this time. **Commercial vehicle restrictions will be strictly enforced in the downtown area.**

###