



Race Weekend Traffic Guide Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19, 2012

Only some of us that work with the LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon are runners, but we are all Austin residents. So, as much as we want to put on a great race for runners, we really want to put on a great event that the whole city can be proud of hosting and supporting.

As Austinites, we're also very sensitive to the fact that having 20,000 people run 13.1 or 26.2 miles is going to impact the convenience of our fellow residents for one long Sunday morning in February. Accordingly, the course is designed to minimize that impact as much as possible, so that with a little planning, and a little patience, no one is completely locked in by the race.

This guide is designed to help you with that planning. We continually work on our preparation and procedures, which just leaves us asking for your patience. One of the things that have made this race successful is the overwhelming support of Austin's citizens. Almost 75% of the nearly 20,000 runners hitting the streets on Sunday, February 19 will be from outside the 512 area code. They come here not just for the scenery, the great course or the live music, but also because of the support they get from the crowds in neighborhoods, city streets, businesses, schools and churches on the route. We hope your race day experience is as positive, and we appreciate your support.

Special Notes

- If you have to cross the race course while runners are in the area, do so at a major signalized intersection. These intersections are controlled by Austin Police Department officers who will let traffic cross when gaps between runners appear.
- Park your car strategically. For example, if you live on a street that is part of the race course, and you anticipate needing to drive, you might consider parking your car on an adjoining street and simply walking across the course to your car when you're ready to leave.
- While an intersection is blocked by runners, you may be better off taking a long route around rather than sitting in a long line waiting to be let through.
- When possible, avoid: Burnett @ Northcross, 38th @ Duval, 45th @ Duval, 45th @ Bull Creek, and 2222 at Shoal Creek.
- Lamar Blvd. will be open to vehicle traffic.
- 2222, 45th, and 38th will remain open to traffic in both directions.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets will remain open
- All streets east of Brazos St. will be open to traffic. Brazos St. will have three northbound lanes open to vehicle traffic.
- Mopac is fully accessible from inside the loop by taking Lamar to 29th St/Westover.
- I-35 is not affected by the race route. If inside the loop, access I-35 at a major signalized intersection (ie: Koenig, 45th, or 38th). Access to I-35 will be fully accessible from Cesar Chavez after 10am.

Zone 1 – Downtown/Clarksville

This is the area bounded by Mopac, IH-35, MLK Blvd, and Cesar Chavez

- This area has uninterrupted access to and from Mopac via 5th and 6th streets west of Guadalupe.
- The start/finish area runs from the start at 5th and Congress to the finish line just past 10th and Congress. Some of this area will be closed for setup and breakdown before and after the race.
- Use Lamar to exit the area to the north or south.
- Cesar Chavez between Brazos and Colorado will be reopened after 8:00AM, allowing access to I-35 and other points east of the course.

Saturday, February 18

Key Points	Status	Begins	Ends
Congress between 6 th and 11 th	Closed	Saturday, 3:00am	Sunday, 6:00pm
8 th , 9 th & 10 th between Colorado and Brazos	Closed	Saturday, 3:00am	Sunday, 6:00pm
Congress between 15 th & 16 th	Closed	Saturday, 4:00pm	Sunday, 12:00pm
16 th between Colorado and San Jacinto	Closed	Saturday, 4:00pm	Sunday, 12:00pm

Sunday, February 19

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Congress between 6 th and 11 th	Closed	Saturday, 3:00am	6:00pm
8 th , 9 th & 10 th between Colorado and Brazos	Closed	Saturday, 3:00am	6:00pm
Congress between 5 th and 6 th	Closed	3:00am	4:00pm
6 th between Colorado and Brazos	Closed	3:00am	4:00pm
7 th between Colorado and Brazos	Closed	3:00am	6:00pm
11 th between Lavaca and San Jacinto	Closed	3:00am	9:15am
San Jacinto between MLK and 11 th	Closed	3:00am	4:00pm
Cesar Chavez between Colorado to Brazos	Closed	3:00am	8:00am
Congress Ave. Bridge	Southbound closed	6:00am	9:00am
South First Street Bridge	Closed	6:00am	9:45am
Cesar Chavez between San Antonio & Mopac	Eastbound closed	6:00am	10:00am
15 th between Guadalupe and Red River	Closed	3:00am	12:00pm
15 th between Lamar and Guadalupe	Eastbound closed	6:00am	12:00pm
Enfield between Lamar and Exposition	Eastbound closed	6:00am	12:00pm

Zone 2 – South Austin

This is the area inside of South Congress, South First, Ben White, and Riverside/Barton Springs

- Many residents will be able to park their cars outside of the course's loop.
- East-west streets will be reopened completely behind the last runner – please refer to the pace chart.
- The single northbound lane of Congress will only be entered and exited from the east side of Congress.
- The single southbound lane of South First will only be entered and exited from the west side of South First.
- We recommend using Mary, Oltorf, Cumberland, Lightsey & Alpine as east-west thoroughfares.

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Key Points	Status	Begins	Ends
S. Congress between Cesar Chavez and Ben White	Southbound closed	5:00am	10:00am
Ben White between S. Congress and South First	Closed	5:00am	10:00am
South First between Cesar Chavez and Ben White	Northbound closed	5:00am	10:00am
S. Congress at E. Riverside	APD officer-controlled	5:00am	8:30am
South First at Barton Springs	APD officer-controlled	7:00am	9:30am
South First at W. Riverside	APD officer-controlled	7:00am	9:35am
Congress at Oltorf	APD officer-controlled	7:00am	8:30am
South First at Oltorf	APD officer-controlled	7:00am	9:15am

Zone 3 – Tarrytown/West Austin

The area bounded by Mopac, Exposition, Lake Austin Blvd and 35th St.

- Use Scenic or Pecos for moving north and south in this zone rather than Exposition.
- Exposition will be open to northbound traffic on the east side of the street, but the going might be slow between 7:50am and 9:30am.
- While two-way traffic will be allowed on 35th, it'll be regulated by APD as runners come through between 7:55 and 10:32. It's best to avoid this, heading north on Balcones or south to Lake Austin Blvd to access Mopac, instead.

North of Enfield Road:

- For access to Mopac, use Westover Road.
- Enfield Road, from Exposition to San Jacinto, will be open to westbound traffic only, but might be a slower route at times.

South of Enfield Road:

- Avoid Enfield as runners will be in the eastbound lanes so vehicles will not be able to access Enfield.
- Avoid Winsted/Atlanta between Lake Austin Blvd and Enfield road as it will be closed.
- Lake Austin Blvd. will be open to two-way traffic.
- The southbound Mopac access ramp just past Lake Austin Blvd. will be accessible at all times.
- The 5th Street underpass to access northbound Mopac will be accessible at all times.

We suggest avoiding Enfield Road and 35th Street, if possible.

- Access to 35th from northbound Mopac will be open.
- Access to 35th from southbound Mopac will be closed.
- Access to Lake Austin Blvd from northbound Mopac will be open.
- Access to Lake Austin Blvd from southbound Mopac will be closed.

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Winsted between Lake Austin Blvd. and Enfield	Closed	6:00am	10:00am
Enfield between Exposition and Mopac	Eastbound closed	6:00am	10:00am
Exposition between Enfield and 35 th	Southbound closed	6:00am	10:30am
35 th between Exposition and Bull Creek	Open to two-way traffic, APD-controlled	6:00am	10:30am

Zone 4 – Allandale/Crestview/Brentwood

This is roughly the area inside the course loop north of 45th and south of Anderson Ln.

- Burnet Road will only be interrupted at Northcross Dr./St. Joseph. The first runners shouldn't arrive until 8:35 or so, at the earliest. After 8:35, and until a little after 12, the police at that intersection will be letting traffic through as gaps in the runners allow. The longest wait times will be between 9:00am and 11:00am.
- Hancock will have two-way traffic, with access controlled by an APD officer, on the north side of the street.
- People in the area bounded by White Rock, Shoal Creek, and Northland will have complete access to Northland via Bullard Dr., Marilyn Dr., and Louise Ln. From there they can take Northland/2222 west to Mopac.
- Residents west of Bull Creek, between Hancock and 45th, will have access to both Hancock and 45th by driving south on Bull Creek to 45th, so they'll be able to get to Mopac. Runners will be in the northbound lanes.
- Residents east of Shoal Creek and south of Foster/Northcross/St. Joseph's, Morrow that need to get out of the course's loop, **you can access Mopac without ever encountering the course by taking Burnet to 45th to Lamar to 29th to Mopac.**
- Many residents that live right on or near the route, and know they need to get out during the race, should consider parking their cars just on the other side of the route. For example, if you live on the south side of Foster, you could park your car on the north side of the street. (We, of course, understand this is not an option for the mobility impaired.)

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45 th at Bull Creek	APD officer-controlled	8:00am	11:00am
Hancock between Bull Creek and Shoal Creek	2-way APD-controlled traffic	8:00am	11:00am
Shoal Creek between Hancock and White Rock	Southbound closed	8:00am	11:30am
Shoal Creek at Northland/Allandale	APD officer-controlled	8:20am	11:20am
Shoal Creek at Foster	APD officer-controlled	8:30am	12:15pm
Burnet Road at Northcross/St. Joseph	APD officer-controlled	8:35am	12:30pm
Koenig Lane at Woodrow	APD officer-controlled	8:45am	1:00pm
North Lamar at North Loop	APD officer-controlled	8:50am	1:00pm
51 st at Guadalupe	APD officer-controlled	8:45am	1:00pm
51 st between Guadalupe and Duval	Closed	6:30am	1:30pm
Duval between 51 st and San Jacinto	Southbound closed	6:30am	1:30pm

Zone 5 – Hyde Park/University

This area is bordered by the route, south of 45th and north of MLK

- This area does see the heaviest impact because at this point in the race, there can be several hours difference between the lead and last runners, disrupting access to the east of the course.
- Major intersections will be controlled by APD officers, who will let traffic pass through intersections as gaps between runners appear.
- Those living close enough to the race route, that need to cross the route during the race, are encouraged to park on the east side of the course before the runners come through, and to cross the course on foot when necessary.
- Cesar Chavez will be reopened after 8:00am. While it's a detour of several minutes, it would allow access to I-35 and other points east of the last six miles of the course.
- The affected area of Duval will have one northbound lane open to traffic.
- Access to Mopac without interruption by the race is available at all times via 29th Street/Westover.
- Access to 35th from northbound Mopac will be open.
- Access to 35th from southbound Mopac will be closed.
- Access to Lamar is available at all times, though the intersection at Northcross/St. Joseph will be interrupted from 8:40am to 12:50pm.

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Duval between 51 st and San Jacinto	Southbound closed	6:30am	1:30pm
Duval at 45 th	APD officer-controlled	9:00am	1:30pm
Duval at 38 th	APD officer-controlled	9:00am	1:50pm
Dean Keeton at San Jacinto	APD officer-controlled	9:00am	2:00pm
San Jacinto between Duval and MLK	Southbound closed	6:30am	2:00pm
San Jacinto at MLK	APD officer-controlled	9:05am	2:10pm

2012 Austin Marathon Pace Chart

The LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon uses a rolling course closure to minimize its impact on traffic. This means roads are reopened behind the slowest runner. Marathoners have seven hours to complete the course (about a 16 minute per-mile pace), and half-marathoners have four hours (about a 19 minute per-mile pace). An allowance is also made for the time to clear the start line of all 20,000 runners. The courses run together for the first ten miles, so closure is based on the 19 minute pace time. Wheelchairs will start at 6:55AM, and runners will start at 7:00AM.

The following charts project the times runners will pass through each mile marker of the marathon and half marathon courses. You can use this to give you a rough idea of when roads will reopen. The page for each affected zone contains additional detailed information on each affected road and major intersection.

Marathon Course

MILE	Location	Time Range
0	Start – Congress Ave & 16 th St.	6:55 - 7:25AM
1	Congress @ Brazos St.	7:04 - 7:41AM
2	Cesar Chavez @ Lavaca	7:08 - 7:57AM
3	S. Congress Ave. @ James St.	7:12 - 8:13AM
4	S. Congress Ave @ Oltorf St.	7:16 - 8:28AM
5	S. Congress Ave. @ Krebs	7:20 - 8:44AM
6	South 1st St. @ South Park Street	7:24 - 9:14AM
7	South 1st St. @ Johanna	7:28 - 9:16AM
8	South 1st St. @ Riverside Dr.	7:32 - 9:32AM
9	Cesar Chavez @ Lamar Blvd.	7:36 - 9:48AM
10	Cesar Chavez @ Lake Austin Blvd Ramp	7:40 - 10:04AM
11	Enfield @ Kent St	7:44 - 10:20AM
12	Exposition @ Townes Rd	7:48 - 10:36AM
13	35th Street @ Camp Mabry entrance	7:49 - 10:52AM
14	Jackson @ Bull Creek Rd	8:00 - 11:09AM
15	Hancock @ Strauss	8:04 - 11:25AM
16	5906 Shoal Creek Blvd.	8:08 - 11:41AM
17	Great Northern @ Borden Rd.	8:12 - 11:57AM
18	Foster Ln. @ Shoal Creek (3203 Foster)	8:16AM - 12:13PM
19	St. Joseph @ Hardy Dr.	8:20AM - 12:29PM
20	Arroya Seco @ Justin Ln.	8:24AM - 12:45PM
21	Woodrow Ave @ Theckla Ter	8:28AM - 1:01PM
22	North Loop @ Guadalupe St.	8:32AM - 1:17PM
23	Duval St. @ 47th St. (4718 Duval)	8:36AM - 1:33PM
24	Duval @ 35th Street (3506 Duval)	8:40AM - 1:49PM
25	San Jacinto Blvd @ 23rd St.	8:44AM - 2:05PM
26	San Jacinto Blvd @ 11th St.	8:48AM - 2:21PM
FINISH	FINISH - Congress @ 10th Street	8:50AM - 2:25PM

Half Marathon Course

MILE	Location	Time Range
10	Cesar Chavez @ Lake Austin Blvd Ramp	7:40 - 10:04AM
11	Enfield Road @ Hartford	7:44 - 10:20AM
12	15th Street @ West Ave.	7:48 - 10:36AM
13	Congress Avenue @ Brazos St.	7:52 - 10:55AM
FINISH	Congress @ 10th Street	7:53 - 10:57AM