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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

SunTrust National Marathon and Half Marathon Street Closings on Saturday, March 21, 2009

WASHINGTON, D.C. –The 4th Annual SunTrust National Marathon and Half Marathon will be run on Saturday, March 21, 2009 with a 7:00 AM start time and 1:00 PM finish time. This half-day event includes both a 26.2-mile Marathon and a 13.1 mile Half Marathon. The race route starts and ends at RFK Stadium and runs through six of the city's eight wards. Race officials advise the public that temporary, intermittent street closings will be in effect on Saturday, March 21st starting at 6:55 AM. Vehicles may be parked along the route, however they will not be allowed to be moved once runners enter the area to ensure that no moving vehicles will collide with participants. Affected streets will be posted with temporary RACE ROUTE signage prior to the day of the event. MPD will handle the alteration of traffic patterns and enforce moving violations. Each posted MPD officer on the course route will be supplied with a Race Day Operations Guide with detailed information on open access routes and detour plans.

Note that between the marathon and half-marathon races, the event course encompasses six wards of the city in two large loops. East Capitol Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic starting at 6:45 AM. It will reopen at approximately 10:30 AM. Residents of Capitol Hill, who normally use East Capitol to get to or from their homes, will be allowed intermittent north bound/southbound travel across East Capitol Street. **Metrorail will be running as normal on Saturday but will be opening early at 5am to transport spectators to and from the race.** Some bus lines will be affected; WMATA will advise as to these bus route detours.

Drivers along Connecticut Avenue should be advised that they are likely to experience delays between 7:15 and 8:30 AM. Minnesota Avenue in SE Washington will be closed to traffic from approximately 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Other delays are expected. Persons with unessential travel should avoid driving in all areas affected by the event. Massachusetts Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, and New York Avenue provide the best options for crossing the route. Metrorail is another useful alternative. It is imperative that District residents review the route map and times of closures to confirm whether desired routes will be available, and to identify streets, which may be used to get around the race route and to other parts of the city.

Public safety officials are committed to reopening streets along the route as quickly as it is safe to do so. For more information on the SunTrust National Marathon, please visit www.NationalMarathon.com.

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All times approximate and at the discretion of MPD public safety officials

<u>Street Closure</u>	<u>Closed From</u>	<u>Closed To</u>	<u>Estimated Time Closed</u>	<u>Estimated Time Open</u>
E. Capitol St SE	22 nd St SE	2 nd St. NE	6:45 AM	7:15 AM
2 nd St NE	E. Capitol St.	Constitution Ave NE	6:50 AM	7:30 AM
Constitution Ave NE	2 nd St NE	Pennsylvania Ave NW	6:50 AM	7:40 AM
Pennsylvania Ave NW	3 rd St NW	Constitution Ave NW	6:55 AM	7:40 AM
Constitution Ave NW	Pennsylvania Ave NW	22 nd St NW	6:55 AM	8:10 AM
18 th St NW	Constitution Ave NW	Connecticut Ave NW	7:05 AM	8:15 AM
Connecticut Ave NW	18 th St. NW	Columbia Rd NW	7:05 AM	8:30 AM
Columbia Rd NW	Connecticut Ave NW	Harvard St NW	7:10 AM	8:40 AM
Harvard St NW	Columbia Rd NW	Michigan Ave NW	7:15 AM	9:00 AM
Michigan Ave NW	Harvard St NW	North Capitol St NE	7:15 AM	9:15 AM
N. Capitol St NW – SB	Michigan Ave NW	K St NE	7:25 AM	9:30 AM
K St. NE	North Capitol St NE	4 th St NE	7:30 AM	9:40 AM
4 th St NE	K St. NE	H St NE	7:30 AM	9:45 AM
H St NE	4 th St NE	13 th St. NE	7:35 AM	9:45 AM
13 th St NE	H St NE	North Carolina Ave NE	7:35 AM	9:50 AM
North Carolina Ave NE	13 th St	C St. NE	7:35 AM	9:50 AM
C St NE	N. Carolina Ave NE	22 nd St. NE	7:35 AM	10:00AM
Independence Ave SE	RFK Lot 8 Entrance	19 th St SE	7:45 AM	10:15AM
19 th St. SE	Indep. Ave SE	E. Capitol St SE	7:45 AM	10:20 AM
E. Capitol St SE	19 th St. SE	2 nd St. NE	7:50 AM	10:45 AM
2 nd St. NE	E. Capitol St	Constitution Ave NE	7:50 AM	10:30 AM
Constitution Ave NE	2 nd St. NE	Pennsylvania Ave NW	7:55 AM	10:35 AM
Pennsylvania Ave	6 th Street NW	Constitution Ave	8:00 AM	10:55 AM
Constitution Ave NW	Pennsylvania Ave NW	9 th St Tunnel NW	8:05 AM	11:15 AM
9 th St. Tunnel NW	Constitution Ave NW	Maine Ave SW exit	8:15 AM	11:30 AM
Maine Ave SW	12 th St SW	6 th St SW	7:00 AM	11:30 AM
6 th St. SW <i>Southbound</i>	Maine Ave SW	Water St SW	7:00 AM	11:30 AM
P St SW <i>Eastbound</i>	Anacostia River Walk Trail	South Capitol St SW	8:25 AM	11:40 AM
South Capitol St SW	P St SW	Douglass Bridge Access Rd	8:25 AM	12:00 PM
Douglass Bridge Access Rd	South Capitol St SE	Anacostia Dr SE	8:40 AM	12:00 PM
Anacostia Dr SE	Douglass Bridge Access rd	Nicholson St SE	8:40 AM	12:30 PM
Nicholson St SE	Anacostia Drive SE	Fairlawn Ave SE	8:45 AM	12:30 PM
Fairlawn Ave SE	Nicholson St SE	Pennsylvania Ave SE	8:45 AM	12:35 PM
Pennsylvania Ave SE	Fairlawn Ave SE	Minnesota Ave SE	8:50 AM	12:45 PM
Minnesota Ave SE	PA Ave SE	E. Capitol St exit ramp	8:50 AM	1:15 PM
E. Capitol St SE	Minn/E. Cap exit ramp	22 nd St NE	8:50 AM	1:20 PM
22 nd St NE	C St NE	East Capitol St SE	8:55 AM	1:30 PM

Intermittent traffic flow across course will be at the discretion of MPD in the best interests of the safety of pedestrians, drivers and runners.

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