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Eugene Marathon to affect traffic in southeast Eugene & Springfield
 Thousand of runners expected to participate in Sunday’s race

On Sunday, July 27, the annual Eugene Marathon will begin its 26.2 mile route at E. 15th Avenue & Agate Street in Eugene at 6:00 a.m.

Course Details
The marathon race course has three distinct sections: the Eugene street section, the Springfield street section, and the River Bank trail section. The Eugene section will wind its way through the east University area, then head south on Hilyard Street to the south end of East Amazon. After looping through the neighborhood, it returns northbound on West Amazon and back to Hilyard Street. It will then enter the Amazon Parkway at E. 30th Avenue. From there it heads north through the Amazon Parkway and past South Eugene High School to E. 19th Avenue. Runners will then turn eastbound back to the University area, where the course will cross the Knickerbocker footbridge and split from the half marathoners as the full marathon participants turn east (right) down the canal path toward Springfield.

Once participants enter downtown Springfield, they will travel east to East 10th Street, then north to Centennial Boulevard. Marathoners will then head west on Centennial and cross over I-5 into Eugene.

After returning from Springfield on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the full-marathoners will head west on Leo Harris Parkway then enter Alton Baker Park, south of Autzen Stadium. From there the course will follow the River Bank Trail system westbound, ultimately crossing over the Owosso Bridge near Marist High School. It will then return along the south side of the Willamette River back to River Front Parkway. The last half mile of the course will cross south back over Franklin Boulevard on Agate Street to E. 15th Avenue. From there, participants will enter through the plaza entrance and cross the finish line on historic Hayward Field.

Traffic Details and Advisories

It is anticipated all of the race participants will complete the early portion of the Eugene section around 8:45 a.m. and the Springfield section at approximately 10 a.m. Area residents can expect
some delays and road closures along the Eugene street portion of the course between 5:30 a.m. and approximately 1 p.m. and along the Springfield portion between approximately 6:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. Franklin Boulevard will be closed to thru motor vehicle traffic between Villard Street and Alder Street for the duration of the event and motorists will be detoured around this area. All LTD buses, including EmX, will also be required to use the detour during the race and will resume regular routes around 10 a.m., which is the expected completion time of the race. Eugene Police, Springfield Police, and volunteer course marshals will provide traffic direction and assistance to motorists along the route. Once the race begins, motorists will not be allowed to proceed on the course, but assistance to cross over the course will be provided when gaps between the runners permits.

Approximately 5,500 to 6,000 people from around the world are signed up to participate in this exciting event. Patience and consideration from residents’ is greatly appreciated while we work together to showcase our community. For a detailed map of the courses and other information about the event, please visit the Eugene Marathon website at http://www.eugenemarathon.com.

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