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Los Angeles Department of Transportation Announces City Street Closures for Skechers Performance LA Marathon

Los Angeles, CA (March 15, 2017) - The City of Los Angeles has finalized street closures, restricted parking, as well as security and public safety measures, to support the <u>32nd annual Los Angeles Marathon</u>.

The 26.2-mile Skechers Performance LA Marathon will trek along a similar route to last year, going from downtown's Dodger Stadium to the Pacific coast. Along the way, participants will again pass some of Los Angeles' most famous landmarks and journey through diverse neighborhoods. The race begins on Sunday, March 19 at 6:30 a.m. for Wheelchairs, 6:42 a.m.

for Handy cycles, 6:45 a.m. for Elite women's, 6:55 a.m. Elite Men and Full Field.

Family Fun at the LA BIG 5K: On March 18th, the day before the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon, people of all ages and abilities will take part in the 2017 LA BIG 5K at Dodger Stadium. The family-friendly event features beautiful views of Los Angeles as the course takes people through iconic Elysian Park before a rewarding finish set against the backdrop of Dodger Stadium. Those interested in participating are encouraged to register at www.labig5k.com.

Various streets along the marathon route will be closed by 3:15 a.m. on March 19, then reopen as early as 10:15 a.m., depending on the location. Streets will reopen by region because of the size and complexity of the event route. Numerous agencies, including the California Department of Transportation and the City of Los Angeles Police and Fire departments were consulted in the planning process and agree that the finalized plan is the best way to accommodate all of the parties involved.

LADOT will begin to strictly enforce a restricted no-parking policy for the marathon which includes the citing and impounding of vehicles parked on these temporarily restricted, no-parking streets. Vehicles will be towed to the Official Police Garage (OPG) servicing those respective areas, at the request of the Department of Transportation.



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Motorists are advised to call (213) 485-4184 and select option 2 or check the OPG website at <u>www.opglaviic.com</u> to locate and redeem vehicles. There will be freeway ramp closures. Please modify your schedule and use alternate routes when available.

Three other municipalities — West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica — will likely institute additional street closures. Detailed course maps and event information are available on the internet at <u>www.lamarathon.com</u> or <u>trafficinfo.lacity.org</u>. Additional questions can be posed to the Skechers Performance LA Marathon office at (213) 542-3000. Media representatives can contact **Kerry Hendry** at <u>kerry.hendry@ketchum.com</u>

Area residents who use public transit may experience some delays. For more information call Metro at (323) GO METRO (466-3876) or visit the agency's trip planner web site at: <u>www.metro.net</u>

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