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Sold Out 2011 3M Half Marathon Keeping Road and Lane Closings to a Minimum

AUSTIN, Texas – Jan. 26, 2011 – Watch for road closures and restrictions on the morning of Sunday, Jan. 30 as organizers prepare for the seventeenth annual 3M Half Marathon & Relay.

For the second consecutive year, the race has sold out, this time with 5,750 participants expected for the the 13.1 mile course.

Although traffic safety devices will be dropped as early as 3 a.m., lane restrictions and road closures won't occur until 5 a.m. There will be lane and road closures from Stonelake Blvd. in the Arboretum area through central Austin, ending on Trinity and 11th streets. Roads will reopen on a rolling basis as soon as runners have passed each intersection. The entire event is scheduled from 6:40 a.m. to 11 a.m., although traffic will be heavy in the Arboretum prior to the race start.

City of Austin Right of Way Management, the Austin Police Department, and Turnkey Operations, a traffic control device company, and 3M Company have worked together for the past 11 months to make traffic flow as smooth as possible and that traffic safety devices are removed as quickly as possible.

Further, 3M has worked with churches, neighborhood associations, civic groups, and government agencies since last March in an effort to minimize the impact of the event on traffic, which also accounts for the earlier than usual start time for an Austin road race. Residents along the racecourse will have access to their homes via police-controlled barricades, although they are asked to work with law enforcement officers to maximize safety and convenience. Major intersections along the route will be police controlled.

Drivers are encouraged to add a minimum of 30 minutes to travel times on Sunday morning and to pay attention to police directions around the racecourse. A complete list of impacted streets and intersections is available at from the [City of Austin](#).

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About the 3M Half Marathon & Relay

Athletes enjoy this fast, downhill race in Austin, Texas. A perennial favorite with runners, the 3M Half Marathon & Relay is the capital city's second largest distance road racing event. The seventeenth annual 3M Half Marathon & Relay benefits Any Baby Can of Austin, a non-profit

organization whose mission is to ensure that all children reach their potential through education, therapy and family support services. Any Baby Can will receive a guaranteed \$30,000 donation in conjunction with the event. The race starts at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 in the 9500 block of Stonelake Blvd. For more information on the 2011 3M Half Marathon, visit <http://www.3Mhalfmarathon.com>.