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**ON SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011, TO ACCOMMODATE THE
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON®, THE PUBLIC SHOULD EXPECT ROADWAY DELAYS
AND PARKING CLOSURES ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE UNTIL 10 AM**

***NO DROP-OFFS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AS ALL PARKING
LOTS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE EVENT***

San Francisco, CA- (July 11, 2011)- The San Francisco Marathon® returns to the Golden Gate Bridge (Bridge) roadway on Sunday morning, July 31, 2011. The marathon runners will begin crossing the Bridge at about 6 am, with the last runner coming off the Bridge by approximately 9 am.

**SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC & TRANSIT IMPACTS AT/NEAR
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011**

All times shown are approximate

Golden Gate Bridge Roadway Lanes

- From 1 am to 6 am, the roadway lane configuration on the Bridge and Doyle Drive will be transitioned to accommodate the Marathon runners.
- From 6 am to 9 am, the Marathon course will occupy 2 northbound lanes, with a third “buffer” lane between the runners and traffic. There will be 2 southbound traffic lanes and 1 northbound traffic lane.
- By 10 am, the roadway will be returned to 3 northbound lanes and 3 southbound lanes.

Northbound Doyle Drive and 19th Avenue (heading north from San Francisco)

Northbound Doyle Dr. and northbound 19th Ave. will be reduced to 1 northbound lane near the Bridge.

Golden Gate Bridge Exit and Parking Area Closures – NO DROP OFFS ALLOWED

- Last northbound San Francisco exit, off Doyle Drive just before the toll plaza will be closed from midnight to 10 am.
- The southeast parking lot will also be closed from midnight to 10 am.
- First southbound exit after the toll plaza onto Merchant Road will have no access beyond the toll plaza itself and no access into the Presidio from Midnight to 10 am.
- Vista Point exit (northeast side) and the Vista Point parking lot will be closed midnight to 10 am.
- Northwest side parking lot (off Conzelman Rd.) will be closed from 3 am to 10 am.

Golden Gate Bridge Sidewalk Access

- East sidewalk will open to pedestrians at 5 am. The public is advised not to access the sidewalk until after 10 am as the parking areas and exits on both sides of the span will be closed until that time.
- West sidewalk will be open to bicyclists at 5 am; however, alternate access routes to the sidewalks will have to be used due to the road closures in the Presidio.

Bus Transit Service Impacts

- The Golden Gate Transit northbound bus stop, located on the east side of the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza, will not be served from 1:15 am to 10 am.
- San Francisco Muni will not operate through the southeast parking lot from midnight to 10 am.

Road Closures in Presidio/GGNRA

- From midnight to 10 am, there will be no access to the Bridge through the Presidio.
- From 4:30 am to 10 am, Lincoln Blvd. and all intersections onto Lincoln Blvd. from the 25th Ave. gate to Lendrum Ct. will be closed.
- Baker Beach residents may enter the housing areas via the service road from Battery Caulfield.
- Intermittent traffic will be allowed access and egress from Baker Ct. and Brooks Ct. via Lincoln Blvd.
- From 4:30 am to 10 am, Mason Street and all intersections onto Mason Street will be closed from the Marina Gate to Crissy Field Avenue.
- From 4:30 am to 10 am, Crissy Field Avenue will be closed.

Overview of Marathon Course

The 2011 San Francisco Marathon's Start Line is located at the Ferry Building along San Francisco's Embarcadero. After passing the Embarcadero, Fisherman's Wharf, Marina Green, and Crissy Field, runners step onto the Golden Gate Bridge at the 5-1/4 mile point. They proceed north over the approximately 1.7 mile span into Marin County. At the north end, runners immediately turn around and re-cross the Bridge back into San Francisco. Runners then head to the Pacific Ocean coastline at Baker Beach, through Golden Gate Park, the Haight-Ashbury District, and past AT&T Park before finishing in front of Cupid's Arrow.

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