



Traffic Advisory



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Downtown Access During the Baltimore Grand Prix: August 29 Through September 6

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation would like to advise motorists of the traffic and transit modifications that will be implemented for the 2011 Inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix race. The streetscape of downtown Baltimore is being quickly transformed in preparation for the three day "Festival of Speed" taking place Labor Day weekend on September 02-04, 2011.

In preparation for the race, modifications to traffic and transit routes will be necessary in the downtown business district. Starting on Monday, August 29, 2011 after 7:30 p.m., road closures will begin on some of the race route roadways. As the week progresses, additional closures along the course will be implemented. Then on Thursday, September 01, 2011, all roadways along the race route will be completely closed to through traffic throughout the course of the day.

The Department of Transportation advises motorists to know the road closures and plan ahead, use alternate routes, expect delays, and allow additional travel time to reach downtown destinations. All roadways are expected to be reopened to traffic by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 06, 2011. For additional traffic information and maps detailing the Grand Prix closings, visit www.gptraff.com.

The following road closures will be implemented in preparation for the race:

Monday, August 29, 2011 after 7:30 p.m.

- **Hanover Street between Pratt and Lombard Streets** - Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained from Lombard Street to the road closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period.
- **Hopkins Place between Pratt and Lombard Streets** - Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but two-way local access will be maintained from Lombard Street to the road closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period.

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Monday, August 29, 2011 after 7:30 p.m. (continued)

- **Eutaw Street between Pratt and West Camden Streets** - Will close after the completion of the Orioles game. This roadway will reopen on Wednesday evening to accommodate hotel access, but will close again Friday morning. Nightly openings will occur Friday through Sunday.
- **Maryland Stadium Authority Service Drive** between the Lee Street ramp and the light rail crossing will close at 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 after 7:30 p.m.

- **Charles Street between Pratt and Lombard Streets** - Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained from Lombard Street to the road closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period. In the evening, Charles Street will be reopened to provide two-way controlled traffic access between Lombard and Lee Streets.
- **Charles Street between Conway and Lee Streets** – Access to Conway Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained from Lee Street to the road closure near Conway Street throughout the event period. ***There will be no daytime access to Charles Street between Conway and Pratt Streets throughout the event.*** In the evening, Charles Street will be reopened to provide two-way controlled traffic access between Lombard and Lee Streets.
- **Sharp Street between Pratt and Conway Streets** – Access to Conway Street from the south will be maintained until Wednesday evening.
- **Camden Street between Paca and Eutaw Streets** - Access to Paca Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained via Howard and Eutaw Streets.

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 after 7:30 p.m.

- **Pratt Street between Calvert and South Streets** –Two-way local access will be maintained from South Street to the road closure near Calvert Street throughout the event period.
- **Pratt Street between Penn and Paca Streets** – Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event ***between Paca and Calvert Streets***, but access from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the closure near Paca Street will be allowed. Two-way traffic will be allowed between Penn and Paca Streets.
- **Conway Street between Howard and Light Streets**
- **Sharp Street at Conway Street** – Access to Conway Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained from Sharp Street to the south.
- **Lee Street between Light and Charles Streets** – Access to/from Light Street will be eliminated during the event, but two-way traffic will be maintained from Charles Street eastward to the closure near Light Street to accommodate local access.

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Wednesday, August 31, 2011 after 7:30 p.m. (continued)

- **Hughes Street between Charles and Light Streets** – Westbound traffic flow along Hughes Street will be reversed to one-way eastbound. Traffic exiting Hughes Street will have to turn right onto Light Street.
- **Camden Street between Eutaw and Howard Streets** – Access to Howard Street will be eliminated during the event, but local access will be maintained via Eutaw Street nightly.
- **I-395 / Howard Street between Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Pratt Street** – This stretch of roadway will initially close Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. It will temporarily reopen Thursday morning for *northbound* traffic only from 6:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and then it will close throughout the event period.
- **Greene Street / southbound Russell Street at Washington Boulevard** – Motorists will be diverted onto Washington Boulevard after 8:00 p.m. Local controlled access will be maintained.

Thursday, September 01, 2011 after 7:30 p.m. through Tuesday, September 06, 2011 at 6:00 a.m.

- **Light Street between Lee Street and Key Highway** – Northbound Light Street will close at 11:00 a.m. and southbound Light Street will close at 7:30 p.m. *Access to Light Street between Key Highway and Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event.*
- **Light Street between Lombard and Pratt Streets** – Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but temporary two-way local access will be maintained from Lombard to Pratt Street throughout the event period.
- **Key Highway between Light and Cross Streets** – Access to Light Street will be eliminated beginning at 12:00 noon, but local two-way access will be maintained from Cross Street to the closure near Light Street.
- **Howard Street between Lombard and Pratt Streets** - Access to/from Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but temporary two-way local access will be maintained from Lombard to the closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period.
- **Northbound Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Exit to Russell Street** - Will close at 1:30 p.m. Traffic will be diverted onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.
- **Northbound Russell / Paca Streets between Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Lombard Street** – At 10:00 a.m. a two-way traffic pattern will be implemented along northbound Russell/Paca Streets from Lee to Lombard Streets to accommodate baseball traffic. Then at 1:30 p.m. the roadway will be converted back to its normal northbound pattern. At 7:30 p.m. northbound Russell/Paca Streets close from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the closure near Pratt Street. All traffic will be diverted onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.
- **Paca Street between Lombard and Pratt Streets** will close at 11:00 p.m. Access to Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but temporary two-way local access will be maintained from Lombard to the closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period.
- **Calvert Street between Lombard and Pratt Streets** - Access to/from Pratt Street will be eliminated during the event, but temporary two-way local access will be maintained from Lombard to the closure near Pratt Street throughout the event period.

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Transit Information:

Transit passengers are encouraged to use the Metro Subway and Light Rail for the easiest commute downtown. All MTA passengers should plan ahead, as the installation and design of the Grand Prix race course will have an impact on MTA service from August 31-September 5. Normal service will resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. For additional transit information, visit the MTA website at <http://www.mta.maryland.gov>.

Local Bus

Local bus service will begin operating a diversion schedule on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Affected Local Bus routes include Nos.1, 3, 3X, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20, 23, 27, 30, 35, 40, 46, 61, 64, 120 and 160.

Commuter Bus

Affected Commuter Bus routes include Nos. 320, 410, 411 and 420.

Light Rail

To accommodate the race track design, northbound Light Rail service will terminate at the Hamburg Street stop, with southbound service terminating at Baltimore Street beginning Thursday, September 1. Shuttle buses will operate between the Hamburg Street Light Rail stop and Baltimore Street.

Metro Subway

The Metro Subway service will ***not*** be affected by the race. **Citizens are strongly encouraged to use the Metro to get to downtown destinations.**

Charm City Circulator

The Charm City Circulator Orange Route will run its usual course; however the Pratt Street stops are being relocated to Baltimore Street starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. In addition, the Purple Route will be split into two separate routes, including Penn Station to Lombard Street on the northern half and Federal Hill to Ostend Street on the southern side. For additional information about the Charm City Circulator, visit www.charmcitycirculator.com.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access:

The full track circuit will be closed to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Pedestrians and cyclists can use the Inner Harbor Promenade to bypass the track area.

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