

## TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

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## **RE: Street Closing for Special Event**

Sunday, November 19, the "*Tulsa World Route 66 Marathon*" takes place in Downtown Tulsa. Crowds in excess of 10,000 are anticipated to attend this Inaugural Tulsa World Route 66 Marathon event, which will incorporate a Full Marathon, Half Marathon, and Marathon Relay. The Start-Finish Line will be located at 600 South Main Street and the race will start at 8:00 AM. **Main Street** between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Boulder Avenue and Boston Avenue will be closed from Noon Saturday, 11.18.2006 to 4:00 PM Sunday for the pre-staging area. **Main Street** between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Boulder Avenue and Boston Avenue will be closed from 10:00 PM Saturday, 11.18.2006 to 4:00 PM Sunday for the final staging area. *Vehicles parked within this staging area including loading zones or any type of parking spaces will be towed*.

The racecourse will be closed from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. However, some of the route not doubling back will be open after the last runner. In addition, some areas will be open sooner following the last runner. Route: Start on Main Street at 6th Street. Go south on Main Street to 10th Street and west on 10th Street, which becomes 11th Street at Boulder Avenue and then turns into 12th Street west of Denver Avenue. Follow 12th Street west to Southwest Boulevard and south on Southwest Boulevard across the 11th Street Bridge to 17th Street. Continue east on 17th Street to Jackson Avenue, south on Jackson Avenue to 23rd Street, and east on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street across the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge to the northside exit-ramp unto Riverside Drive. Continue around the ramp (loop) onto Riverside Drive, south on Riverside Drive (in the southbound lanes) to 96<sup>th</sup> Street and west on 96<sup>th</sup> Street across the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (westbound lanes) to 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Riverfront Drive) in Jenks. Head north on 9<sup>th</sup> to Aquarium Drive (B Street), east on Aquarium Drive, which loops south along the Oklahoma Aquarium and turns into 101<sup>st</sup> Street. Maintain west on 101<sup>st</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, north on 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Main Street, east on Main Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and north on 5<sup>th</sup> Street onto the gravel road and take a right (eastbound) at the construction site. Follow the private road west of the Riverwalk Crossing and go through the west parking lot onto the river trail and back onto the south parking to Riverwalk Terrace. Make a right (westbound) onto Aquarium Drive and go west on Aquarium Drive to 9th Street, south on 9th Street to Main Street, and east on Main Street across the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (westbound lanes). Once across the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (leaving Jenks) to Riverside Drive (Parkway), continue north on Riverside Drive in the southbound lanes to Peoria Avenue and switch over to the northbound lanes. Maintain north on Riverside Drive to 36th Street, east on 36<sup>th</sup> Street to Peoria Avenue, and south on Peoria Avenue to a turnaround point located north of 39<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn and go north on Peoria Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Street, west on 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street, and north on Main Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

The primary intersections for traffic to cross the racecourse will be 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Peoria Avenue, and 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Peoria Avenue. If motorists need to cross the racecourse, they should go to one of these four locations where they will be allowed to cross in between the gaps of runners. Police officers will be at other locations for limited access. Runners (4,000) will be so concentrated at times it will be impossible to allow any traffic at all, including emergency vehicles, up to 15 minutes. Emergency vehicles will be staging on both sides of the racecourse for public service.

Drivers who are not coming to watch or participate in this event *should avoid* these areas.

