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Marathon Season Up & Running in South Florida With Florida 511

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TALLAHASSEE — As we start the New Year, runners and race organizers prepare for one of South Florida’s most popular marathon months. Miami and Key West will host two of the state’s largest marathons during the month of January: the 18th Annual Key West Half Marathon and 5K on Jan. 17 and the Miami Marathon and Half Marathon on Jan. 24. The Florida Department of Transportation encourages drivers to use its [511 Traveler Information System](#) to navigate special event traffic.

The 511 system provides up-to-date traffic information – crashes, congestion, construction and more – on all of Florida’s interstates, most toll roads, and other major metropolitan roadways including I-95, I-75 and Florida’s Turnpike.

There are five convenient ways for all motorists to receive traffic updates:

- Call 511 toll free for updates in English and Spanish.
- Visit FL511.com for interactive roadway maps showing traffic congestion and crashes, travel times and traffic camera views.
- Sign up for a “[My Florida 511](#)” account at FL511.com to create custom routes and register for email, text or phone alerts.
- Download the free [Florida 511 mobile app](#) available on Google Play or Apple App Store.
- Follow one of the 13 statewide, regional or roadway-specific Twitter feeds ([#FL511](#)), [@FL511 Southeast](#), [@FL511 I-95](#), [@FL511 I-95 Express](#), [@FL511 Turnpike](#) and [@FL511 I-75](#).

Safety Tips

- Before driving, find out what roads will be closed due to the route of the marathons.
- Leave ample time to reach your destination, especially when traveling near areas expecting increased congestion due to the marathons.
- Customize your trip at FL511.com before leaving to minimize time spent on the phone.
- Always wear a safety belt.

- Don't drink and drive.
- Check 511 prior to driving or when pulled off the roadway or have a passenger check to avoid distracted driving.

Florida 511 Features

- Traffic information on all interstate highways, toll roads and many other metropolitan roadways.
- Commuter travel times and reports on crashes, congestion and construction.
- Public transit, airport and seaport information.
- AMBER, Silver and LEO Alerts. America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alerts notify the public of the most serious child-abduction cases. Silver Alerts notify the public when law enforcement agencies are searching for missing adults or citizens with cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Alerts notify the public when law enforcement officers are searching for an offender(s) who has seriously injured or killed a law enforcement officer.
- Travel information, traffic camera views and free personalized services, including customized travel routes and email, text and phone call alerts, available on FL511.com.
- Voice-activated and touch-tone navigation available when calling 511.
- The 511 phone call and FL511.com website are available in English and Spanish.

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