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***Law Enforcement and Public Safety Agencies Announce Security  
Restrictions and Joint Transportation Plan for the 2020  
Democratic National Convention  
Milwaukee, WI***

**Partners:**

Milwaukee Police Department  
Milwaukee Fire Department;  
Milwaukee County Emergency Management  
FBI - Milwaukee Division  
Milwaukee County Transit System  
Milwaukee County Executive Office  
Milwaukee Public Works  
Mitchell International Airport  
Milwaukee City Attorney  
City of Milwaukee  
Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation and State Patrol  
Wisconsin Department of Health Service  
Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation  
Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs  
Waukesha County Health and Human Services  
Wisconsin National Guard  
Wisconsin Circuit Courts  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
National Weather Service  
U.S. Capitol Police  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
United States Secret Service

(Milwaukee, WI) – Today, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Agencies announce the Security Restrictions and Joint Transportation Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Milwaukee, WI. Events and activities related to the DNC, a designated National Special Security Event by the Department of Homeland Security, will take place from Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 to Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020.

Security and transportation plans have been developed by a partnership of local, state and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies outlined above. Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of these safety measures on the public.

This plan provides the general outlines for road closures, vehicular restricted zones, flight restricted zones. Additional information is available online for residents of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin, as well as for charter operators, through the websites and social media accounts listed at the end of this plan. Additions to this plan may be made prior to the start of events and will be updated on these accounts and associated websites. Specific questions regarding this transportation plan should be directed to the participating agencies as identified.

A map containing street closures for the 2020 Democratic National Convention is now available on the U.S. Secret Service website at:

<https://www.secretservice.gov/press/releases/>

### ***Security Screenings***

Only individuals with credentials/tickets will be allowed access to the Democratic National Convention at the Wisconsin Center. Those individuals will be subject to a thorough security screening before entering and should allow additional time for these security screenings.

### ***General Prohibited Items***

As a security precaution, the following items will be prohibited from entry into the Wisconsin Center:

- aerosols
- ammunition
- animals other than service/guide animals
- backpacks
- bags exceeding size restrictions
- bicycles
- balloons
- coolers
- drones and other unmanned aircraft systems
- explosives
- firearms
- glass, thermal, or metal containers

- laser pointers
- mace/pepper spray
- packages
- selfie sticks
- structures
- signs exceeding the size restrictions (20' x 3' x 1/4")
- support for signs and placards
- toy guns
- explosives
- recreational motorized mobility devices
- weapons of any kind
- any other items determined to be potential safety hazards

**\*\*Surrendered items will not be returned.\*\***

### ***Road Closures and Parking Restrictions***

Road closures and parking restrictions will be necessary during the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The public's cooperation and patience in abiding by these restrictions are appreciated. The transportation plan below provides the general outlines for road closures and vehicular and restricted zones. Additions and changes to this plan may be made before the start of the event and will be updated on agency websites. Specific questions regarding this transportation plan should be directed to the participating agency partners as identified above.

Motorists traveling in the area of this event may experience delays and should consider alternative routes, if possible. The U.S. Secret Service is working closely with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners in planning for multiple motorcade movements, street closures and security zones for the 2020 DNC. Although we do not control dates and times of events, we always strive to limit the impact on pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic by making street and highway closures as brief as possible. Despite our best efforts, there are occasions where necessary security measures cause inconveniences to the public. When these situations occur, we do our utmost to make them the shortest duration possible.

The Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin State Patrol, Milwaukee Department of Public Works, Milwaukee County DOT and Wisconsin Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists to pay full attention whenever operating any motor vehicle and to be mindful of heavy pedestrian traffic that may be associated with the events around the Wisconsin Center. These street closings are subject to change without notice based upon unanticipated events and prevailing conditions.

Fencing, other physical barriers, and uniformed law enforcement officers will also be utilized to enforce vehicle restricted zones and road closures. A map of street closures for the 2020 DNC and the restricted areas in and around the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee is available at [https://twitter.com/security\\_dnc](https://twitter.com/security_dnc)

Beginning no later than 6:00 P.M. CDT on Saturday, Aug. 15, until midday on Friday, Aug. 21, the following permanent street closures will be in effect:

- W. Wells St., between N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Vel R. Phillips Ave (N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)
- W. Wisconsin Ave., between N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Vel R. Phillips Ave (N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)
- N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., between W. Michigan St. & W. Kilbourn St.
- N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., between W. Michigan St. & W. Kilbourn St.
- N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., between W. Michigan St. & W. Kilbourn St.
- W. Michigan St., between Vel R. Phillips Ave (N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) & N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Beginning Friday, plan for the Kilbourn Tunnel to be closed from Friday 8/14 through Friday 8/21

- Kilbourn Tunnel - Exit ramp from N I-43 (Exit 72C)
- Kilbourn Tunnel - Entrance ramp to N I-43



## ***Commercial Vehicle Restrictions***

Commercial vehicle restrictions will be coordinated by the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin State Patrol. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday, Aug. 15, until midday on Friday, Aug. 21, the following types of commercial vehicles will be prohibited from traveling on streets and roadways adjacent to the road closures listed above:

- Delivery trucks
- Utility vehicles
- Parcel trucks
- Small dump trucks
- Buses
- Flatbed and stake trucks
- Refrigerated and box trucks
- Large delivery trucks
- Refuse trucks
- Cement mixers
- Buses
- All tractor and trailer combinations including double trailers
- Motor homes
- Recreational trailers operated for personal use

**All interstate highways and expressways in the Milwaukee region, to include I-94, I-43 and I-794, will remain open to passenger and commercial vehicles throughout the DNC.**

## ***Airspace Restrictions***

The FAA is implementing a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), affecting both manned and unmanned aircraft, to provide secure airspace over and around Milwaukee, WI, during the Democratic National Convention (DNC). A 5 and 30 nautical mile Temporary Flight Restriction, up to 18,000 feet, will be in place each night from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. CDT, Monday, Aug. 17, through Thursday, Aug. 20. Specific TFR details will be available on [tfr.faa.gov](http://tfr.faa.gov) approximately 72 hours prior to the event.

This TFR may limit certain flight operations. Pilots are urged to check all Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) before flight. The TFR may change with little advance notice.

## ***No Drone Zone***

Flying unmanned aircraft systems, drones and radio-control model aircraft in any of the designated restricted areas is against the law and is strictly prohibited in the TFR area. Failure to comply may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

Please visit [www.FAA.gov](http://www.FAA.gov) for further information.

## ***Marina/Waterway Restrictions***

The USCG will not be enforcing any security zones or the safety zones previously released to the public and will maintain normal maritime operations throughout the event. For additional questions regarding waterway restrictions during the DNC in Milwaukee, please contact the Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan public affairs officer at 414-405-6436.

## ***Online Information & Social Media***

U.S. Secret Service @security\_dnc Twitter account will act as the aggregated source for all DNC security-related information including public safety updates leading up to and during the week of the convention.

Additionally, the following twitter accounts will share agency specific public safety updates:

- Milwaukee Police Department - @MilwaukeePolice
- Milwaukee Fire Department - @MilFireDept
- Milwaukee Dept. of Public Works - @milwaukeedpw
- City of Milwaukee - @cityofmilwaukee
- Mayor's Office - @MayorMKE
- Milwaukee Office of Emergency Management - @ReadyMKE
- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office - @MCSOSheriff
- Milwaukee County Transit System - @RideMCTS
- Milwaukee Airport - @MitchellAirport
- Milwaukee Emergency Management Agency - @ReadyWisconsin
- NWS Milwaukee - @NWSMKX
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Milwaukee Division - @FBIMilwaukee
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation - @WisconsinDOT
- Wisconsin Governor's Office - @GovEvers
- Wisconsin National Guard - @WI\_Guard
- Wisconsin Department of Justice - @WisDOJ
- U.S. Secret Service - @Secret Service
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security - @DHSgov
- Federal Aviation Administration - @FAANews

Motorists can check Wisconsin road conditions by visiting 511WI website at <http://www.511WI.gov>, or Twitter - @511WI, which is free and available 24-hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, and traffic speed information.

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***EDITOR'S NOTE: Additions or updates to this plan may be made prior to the start of the event. For questions concerning this release, please contact the U.S. Secret Service Office of Communication and Media Relation, DNC-USSS-mediainquiry@uss.s.dhs.gov. This press release will also be posted at <https://www.secretservice.gov/press/releases/>.***