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**MEDTRONIC TC 10 MILE COURSE RE-ROUTED AFTER I-35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE**

*First two miles of course will change for the safety of runners*

(*Minneapolis*) – City of Minneapolis and Twin Cities Marathon, Inc. race officials will re-route the Medtronic TC 10 Mile course due to the impact of the I-35W bridge collapse on the original course. The new course will follow Portland Avenue to West River Parkway in Minneapolis and turns down 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Washington Avenue and into the 7-Corners neighborhood near the University of Minnesota campus. The re-routed course is certified and sanctioned by USA Track & Field. A new course map is located on [mtcmarathon.org](http://mtcmarathon.org).

“We would like to thank officials from the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Police Department, Minneapolis Public Works Department, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and Metro Transit for the tremendous efforts they are making to ensure the safety of our runners,” said Twin Cities Marathon, Inc. executive director, Virginia Brophy Achman. “The course re-route was designed to create minimal disruptions with maximum safety. We are grateful to the surrounding neighborhoods and to our runners as we implement this temporary change.”

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Medtronic TC 10 Mile takes place Sunday, October 7, beginning at 7:10 a.m. and hosts the USA Men’s 10 Mile Championship.

***About Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon***

The Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon is recognized as one of the top marathons and great road races of our time. Join us as the tradition continues October 5-7, 2007. The three-day weekend celebration of fitness includes a 5K run/walk, children's fun runs, pasta dinner, health and fitness expo and Medtronic TC 10 Mile, in addition to the marathon. Major media sponsors include Clear Channel Radio, KARE 11 and the Pioneer Press. Twin Cities Marathon, Inc. is the non-profit organization that directs high quality running events as a community service for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Visit [www.mtcmarathon.org](http://www.mtcmarathon.org) for more information.

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