



PLAN FOR ROLLING ROAD CLOSURES AT AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

May 11, 2011 (*Lake Tahoe, Calif./Nev.*) – As the **2011 Amgen Tour of California** makes its way through the Lake Tahoe region, residents and visitors are encouraged to plan ahead for rolling road closures – [slight delays allowing the cyclists to pass](#) - on Sunday, May 15 (Stage 1) and Monday, May 16 (Stage 2).

According to race officials, roads will close 20 to 30 minutes before the peloton passes and a few minutes after the cyclists go by. Tour course logs (with times and locations of rolling road closures) can be downloaded at www.TahoeAmgenTourofCalifornia.com; click on the News tab. The public is encouraged to park in designated parking lots, also on the website, and bike to points of interest on the race routes.

Sunday, May 15 – Stage 1

The Stage 1 2011 Amgen Tour of California around Lake Tahoe, Sunday May 15, will be assisted by the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and El Dorado County Sheriff's office, will assist.

In support of this event, Highway 50, (Lake Tahoe Boulevard) and State Route 89 (Emerald Bay Road) north of the "Y" will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 10:10 a.m. to approximately 10:45 a.m. for lap one. It will again close at approximately 12:45 p.m. and re-open at approximately 1:15 p.m. for lap two. The timing for the second closure can vary greatly depending on the speed of the race and how spread apart the riders get for their second stint through the city.

[For times when the tour will pass a street or road in South Shore click here. Officials suggest providing at least a 30 minutes window on each side of the time listed. All times are approximate.](#)

Monday, May 16 – Stage 2

On Monday, May 16 the **Amgen Tour of California** will be coming from Squaw Valley USA through Truckee. The Truckee Police Department, in conjunction with the CHP, will be providing traffic control for this event while it is in the Town of Truckee.

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The event will enter Town limits on State Route 89 (SR-89) from Squaw Valley. It will continue northbound on SR-89 to Donner Pass Road, make a left turn onto westbound Donner Pass Road and continue on Donner Pass Road along Donner Lake, up to Old US-40 and the Donner Summit area.

Road closures will be of a short duration as the cyclists pass major intersections and should start about 9:50 a.m. on SR-89 and West River Street, and at about 10 a.m. at SR-89 and Donner Pass Road, progressing westbound on Donner Pass Road to the Donner Lake area and finally exiting Town limits by 10:30 a.m. Motorists can expect delays of up to 20 minutes at each of the major intersections. CHP officers will accompany the cyclists on motorcycles.

Motorists are urged to drive with caution and follow directions of the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, El Dorado County Sheriff, Truckee Police Department and CHP officers and race officials as the race passes by. Times for the Amgen Tour of California race are approximate, based on average speeds of the peloton and are subject to change.

For a complete calendar of Tahoe’s 10-Day Countown, events leading up to the race (May 5-14), as well as activities during Stage 1 (May 15) and Stage 2 (May 16), click to www.AmgenTourofCalifornia.com.

[NOTE: For media driving to South Lake Tahoe from Northern California please be aware that construction will close U.S. Highway 50 over Echo Summit near South Shore beginning Wednesday, May 11 through Thursday, May 26. There are alternate routes and adds 30 -45 mins. to South Lake Tahoe. From Sacramento: Exit at Power Inn Road and take State Route 16 east to State Route 49 south, at State Route 88 in Jackson, turn left \(east\). Take that to State Route 89 and turn left again \(north\), and follow it back to U.S. Highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe. Visit \[www.way2tahoe.com\]\(http://www.way2tahoe.com\) for maps, deals and other information. Download a free mobile app \(Tahoe South\) to obtain information about alternate routes, directions, updates, events, weather and more.](#)

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The **2011 Amgen Tour of California** will cover nearly 800 miles and visit 15 Host Cities for official stage starts and finishes, while other cities along the route also will have the opportunity to witness the excitement of elite professional cycling. Stages for the **2011 Amgen Tour of California** include:

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- Stage 1, Presented by Michelob Ultra: Sunday, May 15 – South Lake Tahoe to North Lake Tahoe-Northstar at Tahoe Resort
- Stage 2, Presented by the California Travel and Tourism Commission: Monday, May 16 – North Lake Tahoe-Squaw Valley USA to Sacramento
- Stage 3: Tuesday, May 17 – Auburn to Modesto
- Stage 4, Presented by UnitedHealthcare: Wednesday, May 18 – Livermore to San Jose

- Stage 5, Presented by Rabobank: Thursday, May 19 – Seaside to Paso Robles
- Stage 6, Presented by Herbalife: Friday, May 20 – Solvang Individual Time Trial
- Stage 7, Presented by Nissan: Saturday, May 21 – Claremont to Mt. Baldy
- Stage 8, Presented by Amgen: Sunday, May 22 – Santa Clarita to Thousand Oaks

For best viewing points, where to catch the riders up close, a complete list of events and lodging accommodations, click to www.TahoeAmgenTourofCalifornia.com follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). For details about the Tour and information about volunteering, visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.



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About the Amgen Tour of California

The largest cycling event in America, the **2011 Amgen Tour of California** is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG, that challenges the world’s top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 15-22, 2011.

About Amgen

Amgen discovers, develops, manufactures and delivers innovative human therapeutics. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen was one of the first companies to realize the new science's promise by bringing safe and effective medicines from lab, to manufacturing plant, to patient. Amgen therapeutics have changed the practice of medicine, helping millions of people around the world in the fight against cancer, kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and other serious illnesses. With a deep and broad pipeline of potential new medicines, Amgen remains committed to advancing science to dramatically improve people's lives. To learn more about our pioneering science and vital medicines, visit <http://www.amgen.com>.

About AEG

AEG is one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters in the world. AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Anschutz Company, owns or controls a collection of companies including facilities such as STAPLES Center, The Home Depot Center, Sprint Center, The O2, Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE and Times Square’s Best Buy Theater; Square; sports franchises including the Los Angeles Kings (NHL), two Major League Soccer franchises, two hockey franchises operated in Europe, management of privately held shares of the Los Angeles Lakers, the Bay to Breakers

foot race and the Amgen Tour of California cycling road race; AEG LIVE, the organization's live-entertainment division, is a collection of companies dedicated to all aspects of live contemporary music performance, touring and a variety of programming and multi-media production. For more information, visit AEG today at www.aegworldwide.com.

About the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority

Set at 6,300', South Lake Tahoe is the only destination in the country that combines two strikingly different worlds: spectacular natural beauty and desirable resort amenities. The combination of outdoor summer activities includes hiking, biking, kayaking, golfing, swimming, fishing and boat cruises along with 24-hour nightclubs, fine dining, gaming and entertainment. For information about lodging, recreation and family packages at Lake Tahoe South Shore, call the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, 1-800-AT-TAHOE (1-800-288-2463) or log onto www.TahoeSouth.com.

About NLTRA

North Lake Tahoe is one of the country's leading outdoor destinations, offering the largest concentration of ski resorts, the famed mountain biking Flume Trail, Summerlong Music Series (free, live outdoor concerts daily, except Mondays) and exquisite cuisine. North Lake Tahoe is a 45-minute drive from the Reno Tahoe International Airport, two hours from Sacramento International Airport and just over three hours from San Francisco International Airport. For lodging reservations, recreation and event details, call North Lake Tahoe at 1-877-949-3296 or visit www.GoTahoeNorth.com. Visitor information centers are located at 380 North Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City and 969 Tahoe Boulevard in Incline Village. The North Lake Tahoe Visitors Bureaus, Incline Village Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, work together to promote North Lake Tahoe as a premier, year-round destination.