

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 86

Subject: Authorize the issuance of a closure permit under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the Austin Marathon and Half Marathon right-of-way event sponsored by CONLEY SPORTS, INC. which is to be held on February 14, 2010.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

Conley Sports Inc. submitted a right-of-way event application for a City Code Chapter 14-8 closure permit for the following right-of-way event.

Event Name: Austin Marathon and Half Marathon

Street Race Route: Start: Cesar Chavez Street and Congress Avenue; south on the Ann Richards Bridge/South Congress Avenue to Ben White Boulevard; westbound to South 1st Street; northbound to Cesar Chavez Street; westbound to Lake Austin Boulevard; westbound to Enfield Road; eastbound to Exposition Boulevard. At this point the Half Marathon splits from the Marathon Route. The Half Marathon continues eastbound on Enfield Road/15th Street to Congress Avenue; southbound to the Capital and then to the finish line at 9th Street and Congress Avenue.

The Marathon continues northbound on Exposition Boulevard to West 35th Street; eastbound to Jackson Avenue; northbound to West 41st Street; eastbound to Bull Creek Road; northbound to Hancock Drive; eastbound to Shoal Creek Boulevard; northbound to White Rock Drive; westbound to Bullard Drive; westbound to Great Northern Blvd; northbound to Foster Lane; eastbound to Northcross Drive/ St. Josephs Boulevard; eastbound to Morrow Street ;southbound to Arroyo Seco; southbound to Romeria Drive; eastbound to Woodrow Street; southbound to Northloop Boulevard; eastbound to Guadalupe Street; southbound to West 46th Street; eastbound to Avenue H; northbound to East 47th Street; eastbound to Red River Street; southbound to East 41st Street; westbound to Duval Street; southbound to San Jacinto Boulevard; through the University of Texas campus to East 15th Street; westbound to Congress Avenue; southbound through the Capitol grounds to 11th Street; southbound to the Finish Line at 9th Street and Congress Avenue. A map of the route is attached.

This will be a moving street closure. As the area is cleared of participants, the barricades will be removed.

Closed: 4:00 am, February 13, 2010 (complete closure of 600, 700, 800, 900 and 1000 blocks of Congress). Additional details on closures for the Event are included on the attached Notice of Proposed Closing.

Open: 5:00 p.m., February 14, 2010

Event Times: 7 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on February 14, 2010

The director may not issue a closure permit under Chapter 14-8 without Council approval for a right-of-way event if 20 percent or more of the affected persons on any block to be closed or a neighborhood

association objects to the closure. This event received objections from two blocks on the street route and the applicant has not proposed an acceptable alternative route. Objections were received from:

3200 block of Exposition (20%)

Reason for objection or comments: The impact this event is having on the three other churches in this vicinity and preferences that the race occur on a Saturday. Promoter is providing a map to the church for ingress and egress.

1200 block of 45 Street (20%)

Reason for objection or comments: By closing streets on a Sunday this impacts a weeks worth of business and stated the events alternate between Saturday's and Sunday's.

The applicant is in the process of complying with all other requirements for this right-of-way event. The Austin Transportation Department recommends Council approval of this request contingent on the applicant meeting all other requirements of Chapter 14-8.

The fees for this right-of-way event include:

\$250.00	-	Street Event Application Fee
66.00	-	Sound Permit Fee (two days)
152.00	-	Safety Inspection Fee (two days)
3,000.00	-	Street Event Permit Fee (\$100 a block maximum 15 blocks per day for two days)
\$3,468.00		Total
\$2,000.00	-	Refundable Deposit

The Austin Transportation Department recommends that the Austin Marathon & Half Marathon be permitted to have their event this year with attention to city concerns listed below concerning Rule No. TRANS 14-8-2009.01:

1. Section 1.05 - Staff has no objection to the waiver of this rule.
2. Section 1.07 - Staff has no objection to allowing an alternative method of notice delivery, as long as the notice has critical information.
3. Section 2.01 - Staff has no objection to allowing the crossing of 5th and 6th Street so long as enough advanced warning is provided and a timeline is submitted to the City and Downtown stakeholders. Promoter must ensure timeline is adhered to, in order to be considered for waiver on future dates.
4. Section 2.03 – Staff has no objection so long as enough advanced warning is provided and a timeline is submitted to the City and Downtown stakeholders. Promoter must ensure timeline is adhered to, in order to be considered for waiver on future dates.
5. Section 5.01 - Staff has no objection to allowing the occupation of both bridges, so long as enough advanced warning is provided and a timeline is submitted to the City and Downtown stakeholders. Promoter must ensure timeline is adhered to, in order to be considered for waiver on future dates.
6. Section 6.03 - Staff has no objection to allowing the staging of devices more than 20 hours in advance of an event, so long as ADA compliance is maintained as well as the aesthetics of downtown.
7. 20% Objections – Staff has no objection so long as the promoter provides maps of ingress and egress for those in objection to their event. The city has adopted a new policy on Partial Closures, in addressing who is an “Affected Person”. It has been the practice that if a single direction of travel is open and available to anyone facing a racecourse, that they were not known as an affected person and a sign-off was not required. After discussion at the Urban Transportation Commission, the City Attorney’s office has determined that a partial closure is the same as a full closure.