

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 37719 Agenda Number 77.

Meeting Date: 11/20/2014 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve the waiver of certain closure notice requirements that allow affected individuals and neighborhood associations to object to street closures under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the 2015 Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K which will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is not required.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	W. Gordon Derr, 512-974-7228; Frances Hargrove 512-974-7083; Gilda Powers 512-974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	On October 14, 2014, recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission on a $4/0/0/3$ vote with Commissioners Highsmith, Lanier and Truxillo absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

John Conley, promoter with Conley Sports Productions LLC, submitted a street event application on June 2, 2014 to close various streets described below for the Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K on Sunday, February 15, 2015 and requested the Austin Transportation Department to submit this event for Council's consideration in compliance with City Code Chapter 14-8. The applicant will pay all fees and meet all ordinance requirements prior to obtaining the event permit. No fees will be waived by the City. The Austin Transportation Department offers this request for Council action without recommendation.

Under City Code Section 14-8-3(B)(3) (Restrictions on Issuance of Closure Permit), the Director may not issue a closure permit 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 may receive objections from property owners on the street route, and this action will waive the right of property owners to object. The applicant has requested that Council waive this requirement.

City Code Section 14-8-15(B) specifies that "(i)f an annual right-of-way event has been held for the past 10 or more years and has not received a violation or changed its character, nature, location, or route, the director may approve the following year's event for the same applicant regardless of whether it satisfies the requirements of Subsection 14-8-3(B) (Restrictions on Issuance of Closure Pernit)." The Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and a 5K have been successfully and safely conducted in Austin for 22 years. Changes to the race route have been made to adapt to changes in roadways because of construction or development or as a response to Community Stakeholder feedback.

Event times: The finish line closure starts on February 13 at 9:00 a.m. and remaining route closures start February 14

at 4:00 a.m., February 15 at 2:00 a.m. and February 15 at 6:00 a.m. The event, which includes a 5K, Half Marathon and full Marathon course, begins at 7:00 a.m. This is a moving street closure. After the last runner has safely cleared the course, the barricades will be removed. All roads should be open by 6:00 p.m.

The applicant is in the process of complying with all other requirements for this Street Event. The Austin Transportation Department has no objections to this request contingent on all other requirements being met.

Event Name: Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K

Event Route: Marathon and Half Marathon start: on 2nd Street and Congress Avenue; southbound on Congress Avenue to Ben White Boulevard; westbound on Ben White Boulevard service road to South 1st Street; northbound South 1st Street to Cesar Chavez Street; westbound on Cesar Chavez Street continuing on to westbound Lake Austin Boulevard; runners turn eastbound on Enfield Road; half marathoners continue westbound on Enfield Road and 15th Street to San Jacinto Boulevard then southbound on San Jacinto Boulevard to East 11th Street and turn westbound on East 11th Street to Congress Avenue to Half Marathon finish; marathoners turn off eastbound Enfield Road onto Exposition Boulevard northbound then turn eastbound onto West 35th Street to Jackson Avenue, Jackson Avenue northbound to West 40th Street, West 40th Street eastbound to Bull Creek Road; northbound Bull Creek Road to Hancock Drive; Hancock Drive eastbound to Shoal Creek Boulevard; Shoal Creek Boulevard northbound to White Rock Drive; White Rock Drive westbound to Great Northern Boulevard; Great Northern Boulevard northbound to Foster Lane; Foster Lane eastbound to Northcross Drive; Northcross Drive eastbound to St. Joseph Boulevard; St. Joseph Boulevard eastbound to Morrow Street; Morrow Street eastbound to Woodrow Avenue, southbound Woodrow Avenue to Arroyo Seco; Arroyo Seco southbound to Romeria Drive; Romeria Drive eastbound to Woodrow Avenue; Woodrow Avenue southbound to West North Loop Boulevard; West North Loop Boulevard eastbound to Duval Street; Duval Street southbound to East 49th Street; East 49th Street eastbound to Red River Street; Red River Street southbound to East 41st Street; East 41st Street westbound back to Duval Street; Duval Street southbound to San Jacinto Boulevard; San Jacinto Boulevard southbound to East 11th Street; turning westbound to Marathon finish line at Congress and East 10th Street.

5K Event start: 11th Street and Congress Avenue; eastbound on East 11th Street to San Jacinto Boulevard; San Jacinto Boulevard northbound to East 12th Street, East 12th Street westbound to Brazos Street; Brazos Street northbound to East 13th Street; East 13th Street eastbound to San Jacinto Boulevard; San Jacinto Boulevard northbound to East 14th Street; East 14th Street westbound to Brazos Street; Brazos Street northbound to East 15th Street; East 15th Street eastbound to San Jacinto Boulevard; San Jacinto Boulevard northbound to East Dean Keaton Street; turn around at East Dean Keaton Street and head southbound on San Jacinto Boulevard; San Jacinto Boulevard southbound to East 11th Street; East 11th Street westbound to North Congress Avenue; North Congress Avenue southbound to finish at 10th Street.

Closed: February 13, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to February 15, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Open: February 15, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Event Times: From 7:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2015

The following fees will not be waived by the City:

\$2000 Refundable Deposit

Street Event Application Fee \$250

Sound Permit Fee \$33

Safety Inspection Fee -

Street Event Permit Fee -\$10,200

Total: \$12,711

\$228