

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 19, 2017

Item Number: **021**

Transportation

Approve issuance of a street closure permit and waiver of the signature requirements under Code Sections 14-8-3 and 14-8-15(B) for the Austin Marathon, to be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

District(s) Affected: District 1, District 3, District 9, District 10

Lead Department	Transportation
Fiscal Note	There is no financial impact for this item. A fiscal note is not required.
For More Information	Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488; Frances Hargrove, 512-974-7083; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	Will be reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission on October 10, 2017.

Additional Backup Information:

The 2018 Austin Marathon will celebrate its 27th year running in the capital of Texas on February 18, 2018. Austin's flagship running event annually attracts runners from all 50 states and 20+ countries around the world. In 2017, the Austin Marathon contributed \$34.4 million to the local economy, and Austin Gives Miles, the Official Charity Program of the Austin Marathon, raised \$637,000 for 26 nonprofit organization in the Central Texas community.

Promoter: Dan Carroll, High Five Events

Street Closure Schedule: See Attached Event Closure Form.

Event Information: The Austin Marathon is an annual event. 9th Street road closure from Brazos Street to Congress Avenue starts on February 16, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Remaining closures start February 17th at 4:00 a.m., February 17th at 12:00 p.m., February 18th at 2:00 a.m. and February 18th at 5:00 a.m. The event which includes a 5K, ½ marathon and full marathon course begins at 7:00 a.m. This is a moving street closure. As the area is cleared of participants, the barricades will be removed. All roads should be open by 6:00 p.m. A map is attached.

Event Route: The Marathon and Half Marathon start on Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez Street; south on Congress Avenue; right on East Ben White Boulevard Access Road; right on South 1st. Street; left on Cesar Chavez Street; left on Stephen F. Austin Drive; continue onto Veterans Drive; left on Lake Austin Boulevard; right on Enfield Road; continue onto West 15th Street.

The Half Marathon course turns right at San Antonio Street (this is subject to change based upon official certification of the new Marathon course).

The full Marathon continues and turns left on Guadalupe Street; right on West 45th Street; right on Red River Street; right on East 41st Street; left on Duval Street; left on East Dean Keaton Street; right on Lafayette Avenue; continue onto Chicon Street; left on East 12th Street; right on North Pleasant Valley Road; left on Webberville Road; right on Goodwin Avenue; right on Tillery Street; left on East 5th Street; right on Shady Lane; right on East Cesar Chavez Street; right on Waller Street; left on East 6th Street; right on Red River Street; left on East 11th Street; left on Congress Avenue; finish at Congress Avenue and 9th Street.

Back Up Information:

The applicant has met the 180-day and 120-day requirements. The applicant requested the following Rule waivers which were granted:

Section 1.05 The Director will determine whether a Courtesy Advisory Notice for an Event is necessary, and, if required, approve the method of notification.

Section 1.07 The following process shall be followed when preparing and sending a notice of proposed closure on a form prescribed by the Director for an Event required by City Code, Section 14-8-14 (*Notice of Proposed Closure and Signature Requirement*)

Section 2.01 For a Moving Event or one or more substantially simultaneous combinations of Events the following streets may not be completely closed or crossed at grade.
(A) 5th and 6th Streets, from Mopac to IH-35
(B) Lamar Boulevard from West 38th Street to Ben White Boulevard

Section 2.03 Moving Events must not prevent Reasonable Access to a geographic area which would otherwise not have access as a result of the moving event.

Section 5.01 No event or one or more substantially simultaneous combinations of events may completely close the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and the Drake South First Street Bridge simultaneously.

Section 6.03 Unless approved by the Director, Temporary Traffic Control Devices must not be pre-staged more than 20 hours in advance of an Event.

Notifications: Applicant was required to send notifications along with a Notice of Proposed Closure Form to the affected persons along the new portion of the route. Applicant mailed 5545 letters on June 8, 2017. The Office Special Events received 83 approvals, 17 disapprovals and 1 request for more information. Applicant has contacted all respondents that sent in disapprovals. Additional postcard notifications will be mailed to all affected persons on the route as well as door hangers closer to the event day.

Recommendations by Austin Transportation Department to the City Council:

City staff has no objection to the waiver of the signature requirement as long as the promoter continues to work with individuals who disapprove and provides them with maps of ingress and egress and works to mitigate other concerns.

Name of Event: Austin Marathon

Date of Event: February 18, 2018

Event Website: youraustinmarathon.com

Time Event Begins: 7:00 a.m.

Time Event Ends: 2:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 15,000 runners