



Commission Event Fact Sheet

Provide recommendation on the appeal of requirements under City Code Chapter **14-8-3** for the issuance of a street event permit for the **3M Half Marathon and Relay** to be held on **January 29th, 2012**. The event received a total of six disapprovals. Two of the disapprovals represented over 20% of the affected persons of the block adjacent to the closure. One of the 20% disapprovals was later withdrawn.

§ 14-8-3 RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE OF CLOSURE PERMIT.

(B) The director may not issue a closure permit for the following events without Council approval:

(3) except as provided in Section [14-8-15](#) (*Calculation of Signatures*), 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 in writing on a form prescribed by the director;

Organization: 3M Company

Promoter: Matthew P. Fagan

Event Information: The Start Line is at: 9600 Block of Stonelake Boulevard north bound; west on Braker Lane; east on Burnet Road; south on Longhorn Boulevard; west on Neil's Thompson Drive; east on Industrial Terrace; south on United Drive; west on NBSR US183 under US Hwy 183 SBSR; south on Shoal Creek Boulevard; west on Foster Lane; south on Great Northern Boulevard; south on Bullard; east on White Rock; south on Shoal Creek Boulevard; east on West 45th Street; south on Duval Street; south on San Jacinto Boulevard; west on Martin Luther King Jr., Boulevard; south on Congress Avenue; to intersection at 17th Street the Finish Line. The proposed end time is at 11:30am. This event will have the roads closed from 5 am – 1pm and roads will reopen at 12:01pm.

History: The 18th annual 3M Half Marathon and Relay is the second largest stand-alone half marathon in Texas, with an anticipated attendance capped at 6,000 participants. As of December 5, 2011 3,686 runners have registered on the event website. This year the event will also raise a guarantee of \$30, 000 for the Communities in Schools of Central Texas.

Back Up Information:

- The 3M Half Marathon and Relay is current with their special event ordinance requirements.
- The promoter has been in communication with city staff and those affected persons who have disapproved the event to resolve any conflict by mail correspondence.

Disapprovals and Status:

1. Thomas Copeland, Director Trustees – 1207 West 45th Street, Trinity Lutheran Church (50% of the block)

Comments: By running down 45th Street the marathon denies us access to our house of worship on the one day of the week we are “in business”. In the past this has been very difficult for our parishioners to get through/pats, especially our seniors. Our experience in the past has shown that controlled crossings are not adequate to ensure our parishioners are able to arrive on time. In fact traffic conditions are so extreme that parishioners become confused and hopeless and simply stop trying to find a way through.

Status: Disapproved

2. Don Evans, 8515 Shoal Creek Blvd., Tenant (less than 20%)

Comments: No I do not approve of your closing Shoal Creek so you can have a marathon. You are saying you will make a donation if you can take away my rights to go anywhere for approx four hours. If 3M is sincere in their donation the marathon shouldn't make a difference. If you need a marathon to bring attention to 3M - have the marathon on Wall St - where their warehouse is located.

Status: Disapproved

3. George J. Pryor- 4703 Hilwin Circle, Property Owner (12.5% of the block, less than the 20% required by ordinance)

Comments: Each year we are prevented from fulfilling our church related music and choral duties because of these races we are locked in by the races, the APD and race officials. Please stop.

Status: Disapproved

4. Isabel Sweat – 8525 Shoal Creek, Apt#109, Tenant (less than 20% percent)

Comments: Disapproved, no additional comments.

Status: Disapproved

5. Carl Shock, Superintendent for The Austin State Hospital- 4110 Guadalupe Street, (20% disapproval of the block)

Comments: We need to ensure our staff can get between our main campus south of 45th Street (between Lamar and Guadalupe) and our children's unit north of 45th Street. There is a north gate that staff access 45th Street. There is a north gate that staff access 45th through and cross 45th Street to get to the children's unit.

Status: Mr. Shock, withdrew his disapproval after communicating via email with Mr. Fagan, access will be provided to all staff, family and visitors.

6. Timothy Harold, 3820 Duval Street, Tenant (less than 20% percent)

Comments: They urinate in our bushes!!! Why don't 3M provide portable restrooms, checkpoints to accommodate? We plan to video this year and post to You Tube. I think were all also tired of the noise at 7 a.m. Change the route for once!

Status: Disapproved.

Recommendations by Austin Transportation Department to the Urban Transportation Commission:

- The Austin Transportation Department recommends the approval of this event based on the following information:

- According to the pacing calculation, with a 6:45 a.m. start, the first runner would pass the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1207 West 45th Street at approximately 7:30 a.m. The mid-pack, at a 2-hour finishing pace, would reach this location at approximately 8:30 a.m.
- The last person passing by at a 4-hour finishing pace would pass the church at approximately 9:35 a.m. At such a pace, law enforcement officials could easily allow vehicles through to the church property. The 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Bible Class may be minimally disrupted by the back portion of the field. The regular 10:30 a.m. service wouldn't be impacted at all.
- 3M is willing to do whatever is reasonable to accommodate the Trinity Lutheran Church, including create signage specific for the organization, the hiring of additional law enforcement officials for traffic control before and during the event, and writing and printing of flyers for the congregation well in advance of the event that will explain alternate routes accessible the morning of the event.
- 3M has offered courtesy transportation from a remote location that suits the needs of the church.
- Ingress and egress will be accommodated during the event within a timely manner with assistance by Austin Police Department.
- 3M has received approval from the University of Texas to run the course through campus and has also received five approvals from other affected persons along the course.
- The applicant is in the process of complying with all other requirements for this Street Event. The Transportation Department has no objections to this request contingent on all other requirements being met. Staff recommends approval of this event.