

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 18, 2018

Item Number: 035

## Transportation

Approve the waiver of City Code Section 14-8-28 (Approval of Permit) and issuance of a street closure permit for the Austin Marathon to be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

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| <b>Lead Department</b>                                 | Austin Transportation Department  |
| <b>Fiscal Note</b>                                     | There is no financial impact for this item.   |
| <b>For More Information</b>                            | Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488; Frances Hargrove, 512-974-7083; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092. |
| <b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b> | Will be reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission on October 9, 2018.               |

## Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Marathon is the city's premier running event and 2019 will be its 28th edition. The Austin Marathon starts and finishes on Congress Avenue, in the heart of downtown Austin. The looped course provides a tour of some of the most beloved and historic landmarks and neighborhoods of Austin. Runners will experience Austin's unique culture with each part of the course bringing its own flavor of spectator support, music, and scenery - from funky to modern and everything in between. Highlights on course include S. Congress Ave, S. 1st Street, Lady Bird Lake, Hyde Park, and The University of Texas. The

course ends with runners crossing the finish line with the majestic Texas State Capitol in the background! The event also includes a half marathon and 5K.

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 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Remaining closures start February 16th at 4:00 a.m., February 17th at 2:00 a.m. and February 17th at 5:00 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. 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; right on 14<sup>th</sup> Street; left on Nueces St.; left on 13<sup>th</sup> Street; right on Colorado St; left of 11<sup>th</sup> Street; right on Congress Avenue; finish at Congress Avenue and 9th Street.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*) \*recently updated as City Code Section 14-8-28 (*Approval of Permit*).

**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.

Response from last year's event: Most of the feedback concerning the new route from last year was from churches. In the past year the applicant has since met in person with all the churches to develop custom traffic guides for each church that requests it. Furthermore, the Austin Marathon has developed a database and communication plan for places of worship on or near the race route to ensure that they have all necessary information to plan for and communicate with the event on race day. The applicant has attended several community meetings and responded to each official complaint from the 2018 Marathon.

Notifications: Applicant will mail postcard notifications to all affected persons on the route as well as door hangers closer to the event day. Additional route signs will be placed on the route prior to the event.

**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 17, 2019**

**Event Website: [youraustinmarathon.com](http://youraustinmarathon.com)**

**Time Event Begins: 7:00 a.m.**

**Time Event Ends: 5:00 p.m.**

**Approximate Number of Attendees: 15,000 runners**