



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2019-212R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2019-212R, approving an agreement for the temporary closure of State Right of Way with the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") authorizing the City to close certain highway exit and entrance ramps along Interstate Highway I-35 to alleviate traffic congestion in connection with retail events, including Black Friday and Tax-Free Weekends, at the City's Outlet Malls; declaring that such activities serve a public purpose; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute such agreement for these events for both the upcoming year and subsequent years; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: November 6, 2019

Department: Public Services - Tom Taggart, Executive Director

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: \$12,000

Account Number: 10006147.52305

Funds Available: \$127,000

Account Name: Operating Expense: Traffic Operations-Contracted Services

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action:

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Community Partners

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☒ Economic Development - Fiscally Responsible Incentives for Economic Development

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

☐ Transportation - Choose an item.

☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

Since 2000, the City of San Marcos has worked with the San Marcos Outlet Malls and TxDOT to develop a traffic control plan that increases safety and minimizes congestion for major retail events such as Black Friday and Tax-Free weekends.

The traffic control plan (TCP) includes the closure of Interstate 35 exit and entrance ramps. These closures help to reduce accidents minimizing traffic backups on the interstate main lanes and reducing collisions associated with slow moving vehicles exiting the malls and speeding traffic exiting the interstate. The City contracts the closure of the interstate ramps (\$7,500) and uses in-house crews for all other traffic control (\$4,500). The total cost for the outlet mall traffic control for one weekend is \$12,000.

For the first time since 2000, TxDOT is requiring approval of an agreement for closure of state right of way. In addition, the City shall furnish to the State a completed "Certificate of Insurance".

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

City Staff recommends approval of the agreement.