

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Department of the City Manager – Development & Infrastructure
AGENDA DATE: June 9, 2009
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Patricia D. Aduato, Deputy City Manager; (915) 541-4853
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Action to authorize the City Manager to bring forward recommendations, Code amendments, and necessary City-initiated public right-of-way vacation applications to permit an “open-air entertainment area” within a portion of the Union Plaza District; to take any necessary actions within a period of no more than sixty days; and to investigate other potential opportunities for “open-air entertainment areas” within the City.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Options for providing an open-air entertainment area within the Union Plaza District have been presented and discussed before the Planning & Development Legislative Review Committee since February 2009. The purpose of an open-air entertainment area is to permit outdoor café’s, lounging, pedestrian walkways and other uses within portions of the dedicated alleys and sidewalks to encourage daytime/nighttime outdoor activity. Meetings between the owners and operators of the District have been ongoing, and these will continue as such an initiative is vetted and presented to City Council for finalization. Issues such as how the use of the public right-of-way will be authorized, what areas can be utilized for such a purpose without disruption of services in the area, the design standards that will be imposed for participants of the area, and what other opportunities exist within the community will be evaluated. The need to expedite this work is to encourage utilization of the area during the summer months when outdoor activity is at its highest.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Planning & Development Legislative Review Committee meetings have been held on the following dates and staff has been working on presenting a proposal: May 27, 2009; March 23, 2009; February 25, 2009; and February 5, 2009.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

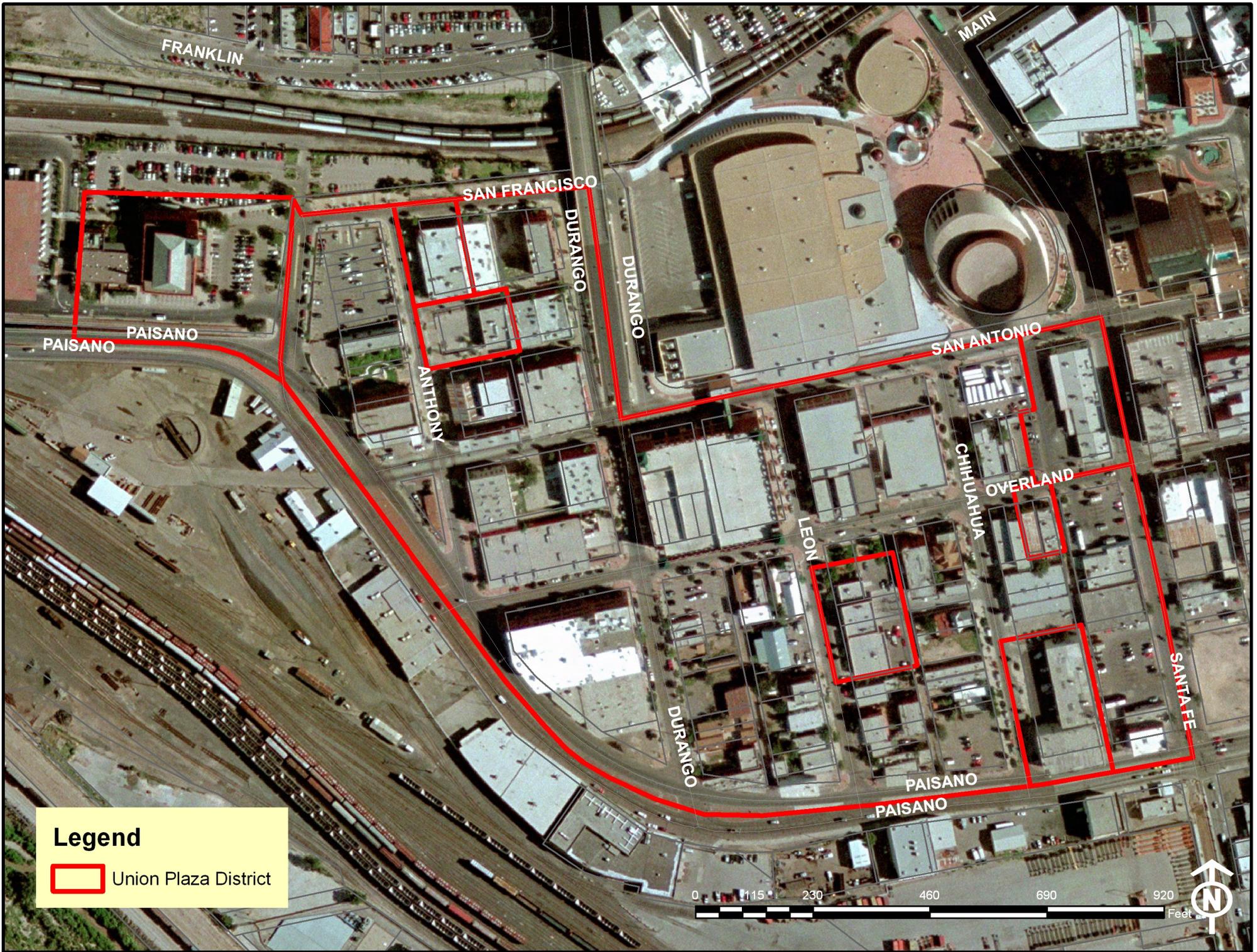
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FINANCE: (if required) N/A

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CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____



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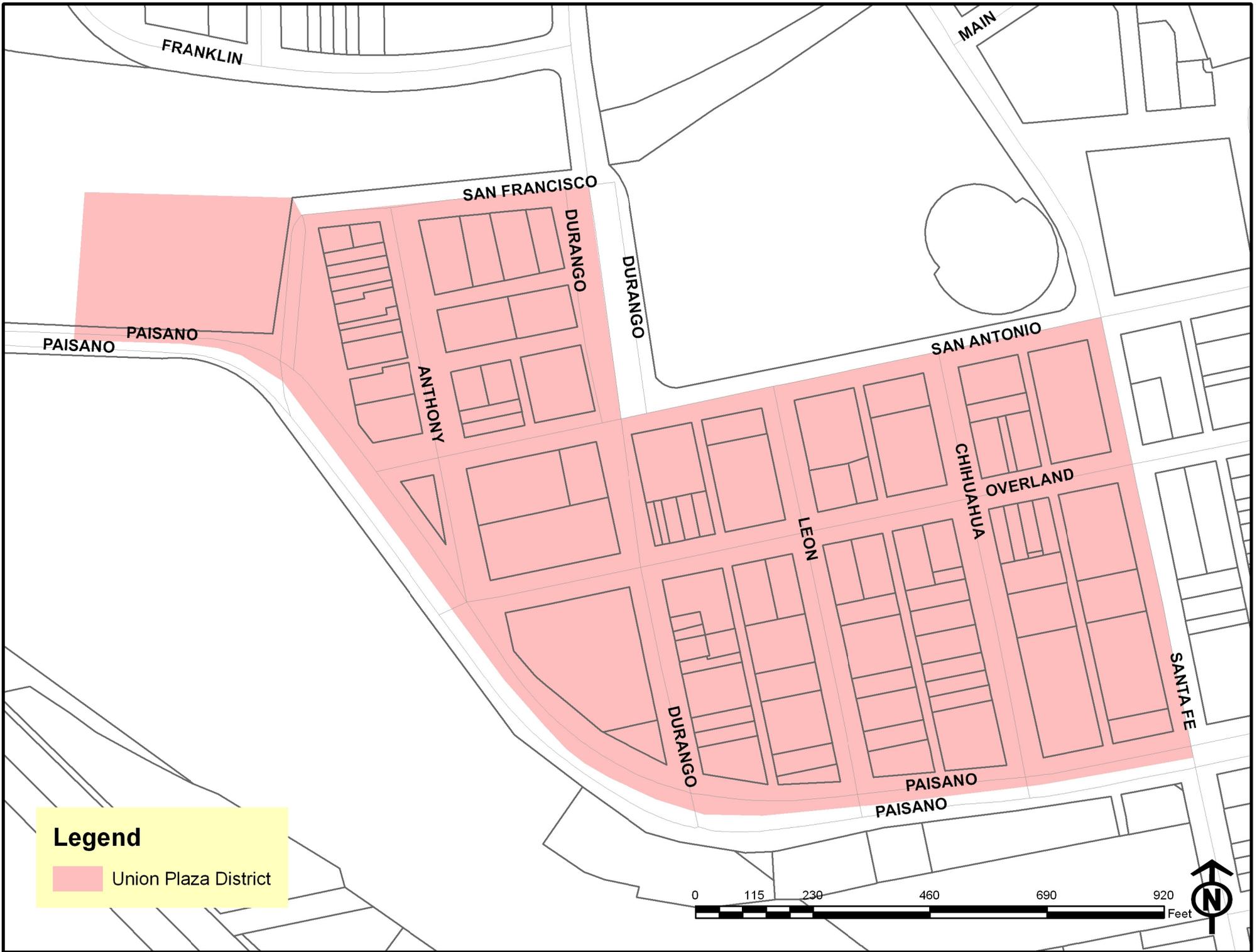
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 Union Plaza District

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