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

DEPARTMENT: **Department of Transportation**

AGENDA DATE: **September 27, 2011**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Mirian Spencer (915) 541-4482, spencermd2@elpasotexas.gov**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1 and 4

SUBJECT:
A Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to sign and Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way (Form TEA 30A), made by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of El Paso, for the temporary closure and use of State-owned and operated highways within the City of El Paso for the purpose of Transmountain Challenge (October 9, 2011), found by the City to serve a public purpose and the event is scheduled to exceed four hours in length (Districts 1 and 4).

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
Transmountain Challenge has received permission to utilize portions of City rights-of-way on Resler Drive, Transmountain Road, Gateway Boulevard South, and Diana Drive from 6:30 am to 12:00 pm Sunday, October 9, 2011. In order to utilize the portions of Transmountain Road (Loop 375) between Resler Drive Gateway Boulevard South and Gateway Boulevard South between Transmountain Road (Loop 375) and Diana Drive the State of Texas requires the Agreement for the Temporary Closure of Right-of-way (Form TEA 30A) be signed by the City of El Paso if the closure exceeds four hours.

The City has found the Transmountain Challenge serves a public purpose because the event promotes health and fitness for the entire Paso Del Norte Region. The event highlights the beauty of the mountains while participants enjoy the largest state park.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
for **Daryl W. Cole, Director**
Department of Transportation

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of El Paso (hereinafter referred to as the "City") has granted various organizations permission to utilize City rights-of-way for events during the 2012 Fiscal Year (hereinafter referred to as "Events"); and

WHEREAS, the City has found that the Events serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "State") owns and operates a system of highways for public use and benefit within El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the following Event utilizes both City and State rights-of-way: Transmountain Challenge, Sunday, October 9, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the "Event"); and

WHEREAS, 43 TAC, Section 22.12 establishes the rules and procedures for the temporary closure of portions of the State Highway System for events that exceed four hours; and

WHEREAS, the State in recognition of the public purpose for such Events, provides a means of cooperating with the City for the temporary closure of State rights-of-way, provided each closure is in accordance with the requirements of 43 TAC, Section 22.12 and the City enters into n Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way for each Event (Form TEA 30A, attached hereto as Exhibit 1).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign an Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way (FORM TEA 30A), made by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of El Paso, for the temporary closure and use of State owned and operated highways within the City of El Paso for the purpose of Transmountain Challenge, Sunday, October 9, 2011, found by the City to serve a public purpose, and the event is scheduled to exceed four hours in length.

ADOPTED this _____ day of September, 2011.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elizabeth Ruhmann
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

for Daryl W. Cole, Director
Department of Transportation

Agreement No._____

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF EL PASO §

AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "State," and the City of El Paso, a municipal corporation, acting by and through its duly authorized officers, hereinafter called the "local government."

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the State owns and operates a system of highways for public use and benefit, including Transmountain Road (Loop 375) and Gateway Boulevard South, in El Paso, County; and

WHEREAS, the local government has requested the temporary closure of Transmountain Road (Loop 375) and Gateway Boulevard South for the purpose of Transmountain Challenge, from 6:30 am to 12:00 pm Sunday, October 9, 2011 as described in the attached "Exhibit A," hereinafter identified as the "Event;" and

WHEREAS, the Event will be located within the local government's incorporated area; and

WHEREAS, the State, in recognition of the public purpose of the Event, wishes to cooperate with the City so long as the safety and convenience of the traveling public is ensured and that the closure of the State's right of way will be performed within the State's requirements; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of September, 2011, the El Paso City Council passed a Resolution, attached hereto and identified as "Exhibit B," establishing that the Event serves a public purpose and authorizing the local government to enter into this agreement with the State; and

WHEREAS, 43 TAC, Section 22.12 establishes the rules and procedures for the temporary closure of a segment of the State highway system; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been developed in accordance with the rules and procedures of 43 TAC, Section 22.12;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties hereto, to be by them respectively kept and performed as hereinafter set forth, it is agreed as follows:

A G R E E M E N T

Article 1. CONTRACT PERIOD

This agreement becomes effective upon final execution by the State and shall terminate upon completion of the Event or unless terminated or modified as hereinafter provided.

Article 2. EVENT DESCRIPTION

The physical description of the limits of the Event, including county names and highway numbers, the number of lanes the highway has and the number of lanes to be used, the proposed schedule of start and stop times and dates at each location, a brief description of the proposed activities involved, approximate number of people attending the Event, the number and types of animals and equipment, planned physical modifications of any man-made or natural features in or adjacent to the right of way involved shall be attached hereto along with a location map and identified as "Exhibit C."

Article 3. OPERATIONS OF THE EVENT

A. The local government shall assume all costs for the operations associated with the Event, to include but not limited to, plan development, materials, labor, public notification, providing protective barriers and barricades, protection of highway traffic and highway facilities, and all traffic control and temporary signing.

B. The local government shall submit to the State for review and approval the construction plans, if construction or modifications to the State's right of way is required, the traffic control and signing plans, traffic enforcement plans, and all other plans deemed necessary by the State. The State may require that any traffic control plans of sufficient complexity be signed, sealed and dated by a registered professional engineer. The traffic control plan shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. All temporary traffic control devices used on state highway right of way must be included in the State's Compliant Work Zone Traffic Control Devices List. The State reserves the right to inspect the implementation of the traffic control plan and if it is found to be inadequate, the local government will bring the traffic control into compliance with the originally submitted plan, upon written notice from the State noting the required changes, prior to the event. The State may request changes to the traffic control plan in order to ensure public safety due to changing or unforeseen circumstances regarding the closure.

C. The local government will ensure that the appropriate law enforcement agency has reviewed the traffic control for the closures and that the agency has deemed them to be adequate. If the law enforcement agency is unsure as to the adequacy of the traffic control, it will contact the State for consultation no less than 10 workdays prior to the closure.

D. The local government will complete all revisions to the traffic control plan as requested by the State within the required timeframe or that the agreement will be terminated upon written notice from the State to the local government. The local government hereby agrees that any failure to cooperate with the State may constitute reckless endangerment of the public and that the Texas Department of Public Safety may be notified of the situation as soon as possible for the appropriate action, and failing to follow the traffic control plan or State instructions may result in a denial of future use of the right of way for three years.

E. The local government will not initiate closure prior to 24 hours before the scheduled Event and all barriers and barricades will be removed and the highway reopened to traffic within 24 hours after the completion of the Event.

F. The local government will provide adequate enforcement personnel to prevent vehicles from stopping and parking along the main lanes of highway right of way and otherwise prevent interference with the main lane traffic by both vehicles and pedestrians. The local government will prepare a traffic enforcement plan, to be approved by the State in writing at

least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Event. Additionally, the local government shall provide to the State a letter of certification from the law enforcement agency that will be providing traffic control for the Event, certifying that they agree with the enforcement plan and will be able to meet its requirements.

G. The local government hereby assures the State that there will be appropriate passage allowance for emergency vehicle travel and adequate access for abutting property owners during construction and closure of the highway facility. These allowances and accesses will be included in the local government's traffic control plan.

H. The local government will avoid or minimize damage, and will, at its own expense, restore or repair damage occurring outside the State's right of way and restore or repair the State's right of way, including, but not limited to, roadway and drainage structures, signs, overhead signs, pavement markings, traffic signals, power poles and pavement, etc. to a condition equal to that existing before the closure, and, to the extent practicable, restore the natural and cultural environment in accordance with federal and state law, including landscape and historical features.

Article 4. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Upon completion or termination of this agreement, all documents prepared by the local government will remain the property of the local government. All data prepared under this agreement shall be made available to the State without restriction or limitation on their further use. At the request of the State, the Local Government shall submit any information required by the State in the format directed by the State.

Article 5. TERMINATION

A. This agreement may be terminated by any of the following conditions:

(1) By mutual written agreement and consent of both parties.
(2) By the State upon determination that use of the State's right of way is not feasible or is not in the best interest of the State and the traveling public.
(3) By either party, upon the failure of the other party to fulfill the obligations as set forth herein.
(4) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations as set forth herein.

B. The termination of this agreement shall extinguish all rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities of the State and local government under this agreement. If the potential termination of this agreement is due to the failure of the local government to fulfill its contractual obligations as set forth herein, the State will notify the local government that possible breach of contract has occurred. The local government must remedy the breach as outlined by the State within ten (10) days from receipt of the State's notification. In the event the local government does not remedy the breach to the satisfaction of the State, the local government shall be liable to the State for the costs of remedying the breach and any additional costs occasioned by the State.

Article 6. DISPUTES

Should disputes arise as to the parties' responsibilities or additional work under this agreement, the State's decision shall be final and binding.

Article 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

The State and the Local Government agree that neither party is an agent, servant, or

employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

Article 8. INSURANCE

A. Prior to beginning any work upon the State's right of way, the local government and/or its contractors shall furnish to the State a completed "Certificate of Insurance" (TxDOT Form 1560, latest edition) and shall maintain the insurance in full force and effect during the period that the local government and/or its contractors are encroaching upon the State right of way.

B. In the event the local government is a self-insured entity, the local government shall provide the State proof of its self-insurance. The local government agrees to pay any and all claims and damages that may occur during the period of this closing of the highway in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

Article 9. AMENDMENTS

Any changes in the time frame, character, agreement provisions or obligations of the parties hereto shall be enacted by written amendment executed by both the local government and the State.

Article 10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The local government shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental laws, regulations, ordinances and any conditions or restrictions required by the State to protect the natural environment and cultural resources of the State's right of way.

Article 11. LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

In case one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

Article 12. NOTICES

All notices to either party by the other required under this agreement shall be delivered personally or sent by certified U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such party at the following respective addresses:

Local Government:	**State:**
City of El Paso Attn: Joyce Wilson City Manager 2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor El Paso, Texas 79901	Texas Department of Transportation Attn: Julia M. Brown, P.E. Interim El Paso District Engineer 13301 Gateway West El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

All notices shall be deemed given on the date so delivered or so deposited in the mail, unless otherwise provided herein. Either party hereto may change the above address by sending written notice of such change to the other in the manner provided herein.

Article 13. SOLE AGREEMENT
This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements respecting the within subject matter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate counterparts.

THE CITY OF EL PASO
Executed on behalf of the local government by:

_____ Date_____
Joyce Wilson
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Elizabeth Ruhmann
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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for Daryl W. Cole, Director
Department of Transportation

THE STATE OF TEXAS
Executed for the Executive Director and approved for the Texas Transportation Commission for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies or work programs heretofore approved and authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

By_____ Date_____
Julia M. Brown, P.E.,
Interim El Paso District Engineer

Exhibit A
Transmountain Challege Route

Half Marathon:

1. Start at 1500 N. Resler Drive to Transmountain Road (Loop 375) turn right
2. Transmountain Road (Loop 375) to Gateway Boulevard South turn right
3. Gateway Boulevard South to Diana Drive turn right
4. Finish at Old Glory Memorial Flag

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1. Start at Old Glory Memorial Flag on Diana Drive to Gateway Boulevard South turn right
2. Gateway South to Transmountain Road (Loop 375) left
3. Transmountain Road (Loop 375) to turnaround on left
4. Gateway South to Diana Drive turn left
5. Finish at Old Glory Memorial Flag

Exhibit B
City Council Resolution

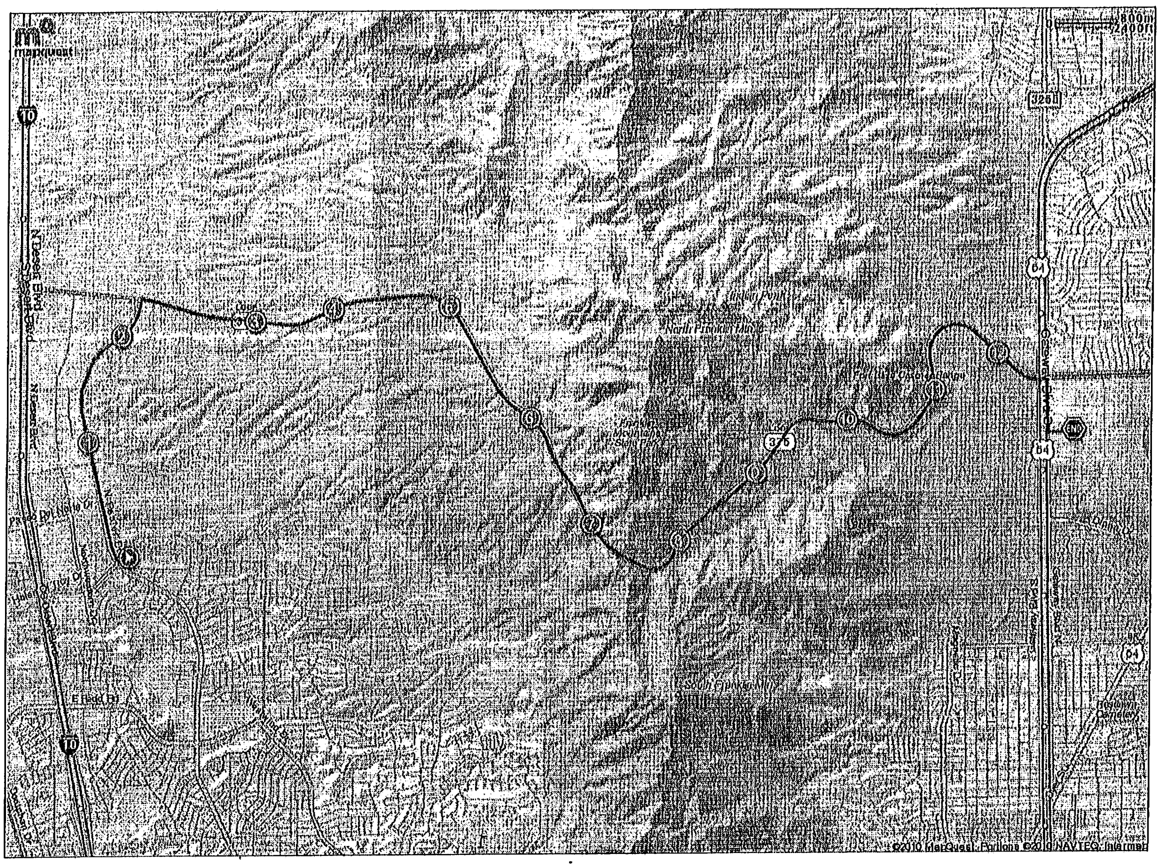
Agreement No.________________

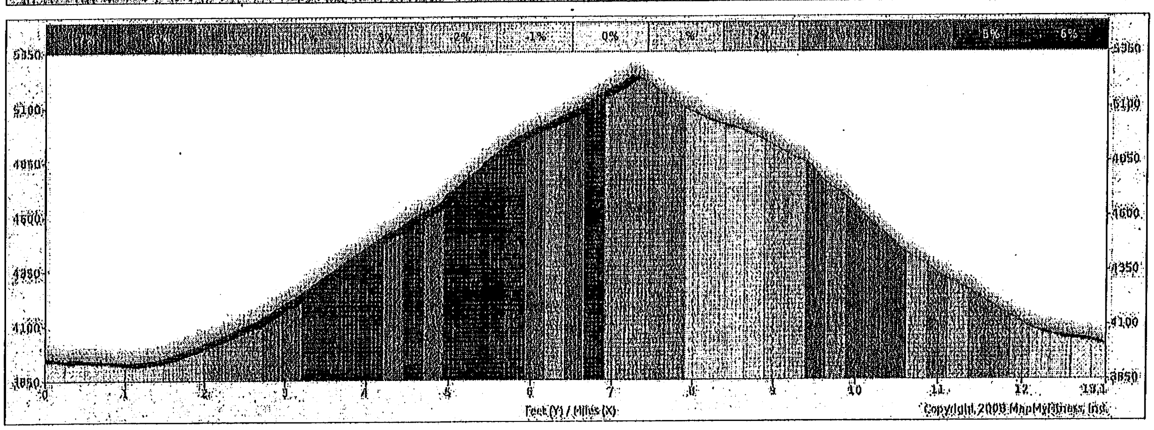
Exhibit C
Location Map

MapMyRun

ROUTE: **Trans Half**
DISTANCE: [1]13.04 mi LOCATED: El Paso, Texas

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:
No Description Provided





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