



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Council Session

Item G-14

#2021-177 - Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathons

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: July 27, 2021

Subject: Consideration of Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathons

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

The YMCA is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the routes involved in the Nebraska State Fair Marathons.

Discussion

The 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathon is proposed for the afternoon of Friday, August 27, 2021 through the morning of Saturday, August 28, 2021. The Marathon routes will require the use of City streets and bike trails, crossing US Highway 34 and running in one lane of US Highway 30. Please see the attached maps for the Kids Fun Run, 5K, half marathon, and full marathon routes.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) that the route has approval if it closes or blocks any part of a State highway. This is a requirement for any race, parade or march that would create some closure of the highway. This action then makes the City responsible for the liability of using a State highway for the event.

The Marathon planners from the YMCA and Nebraska State Fair have met with Public Safety, Public Works, County Highway Department, and other affected agencies in planning for the event. The routes being presented to the Council for approval have been agreed upon as the best identified, with changes made to the routes for this year.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

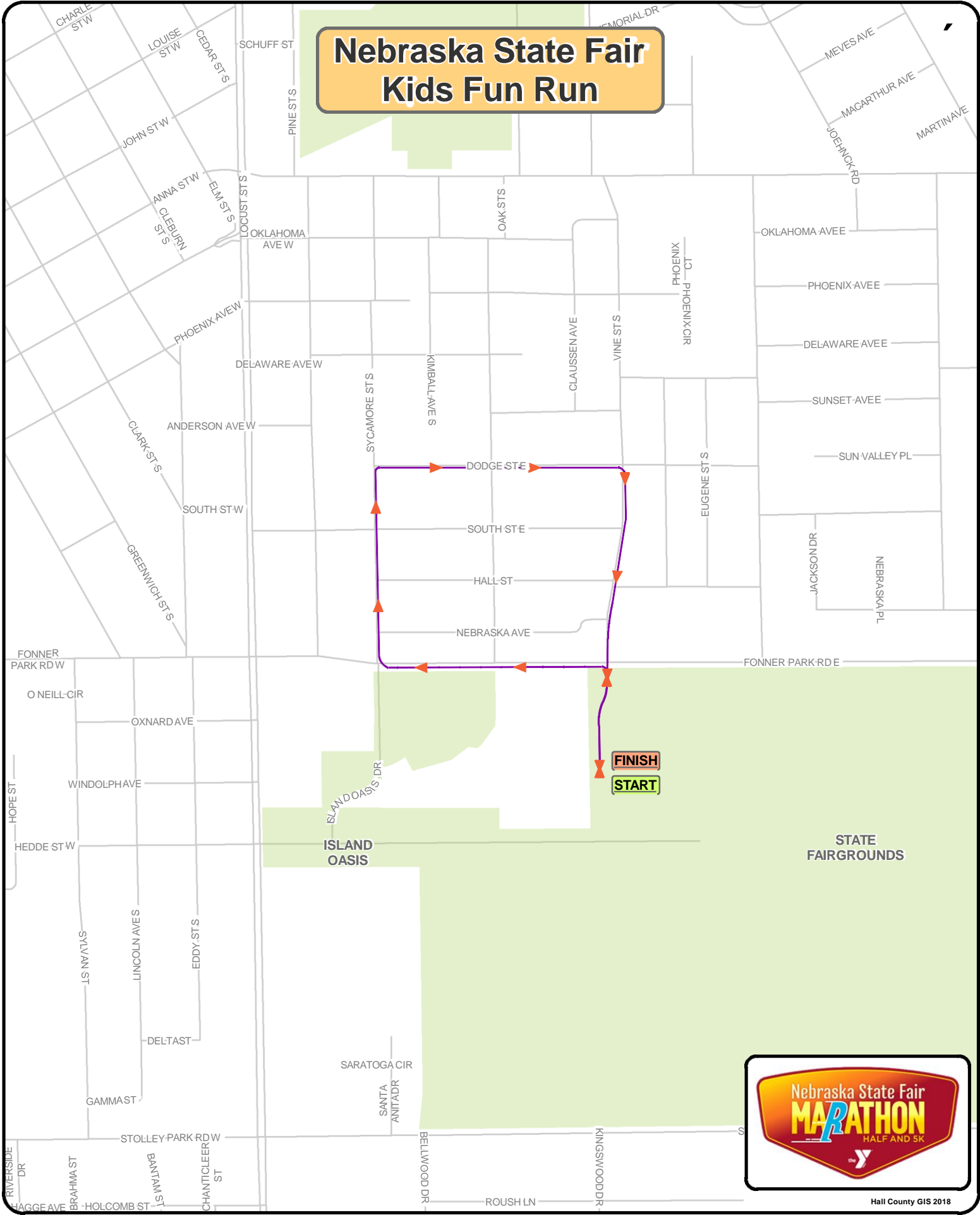
Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the YMCA's presented routes for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathons and direct that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) be notified of this action.

Sample Motion

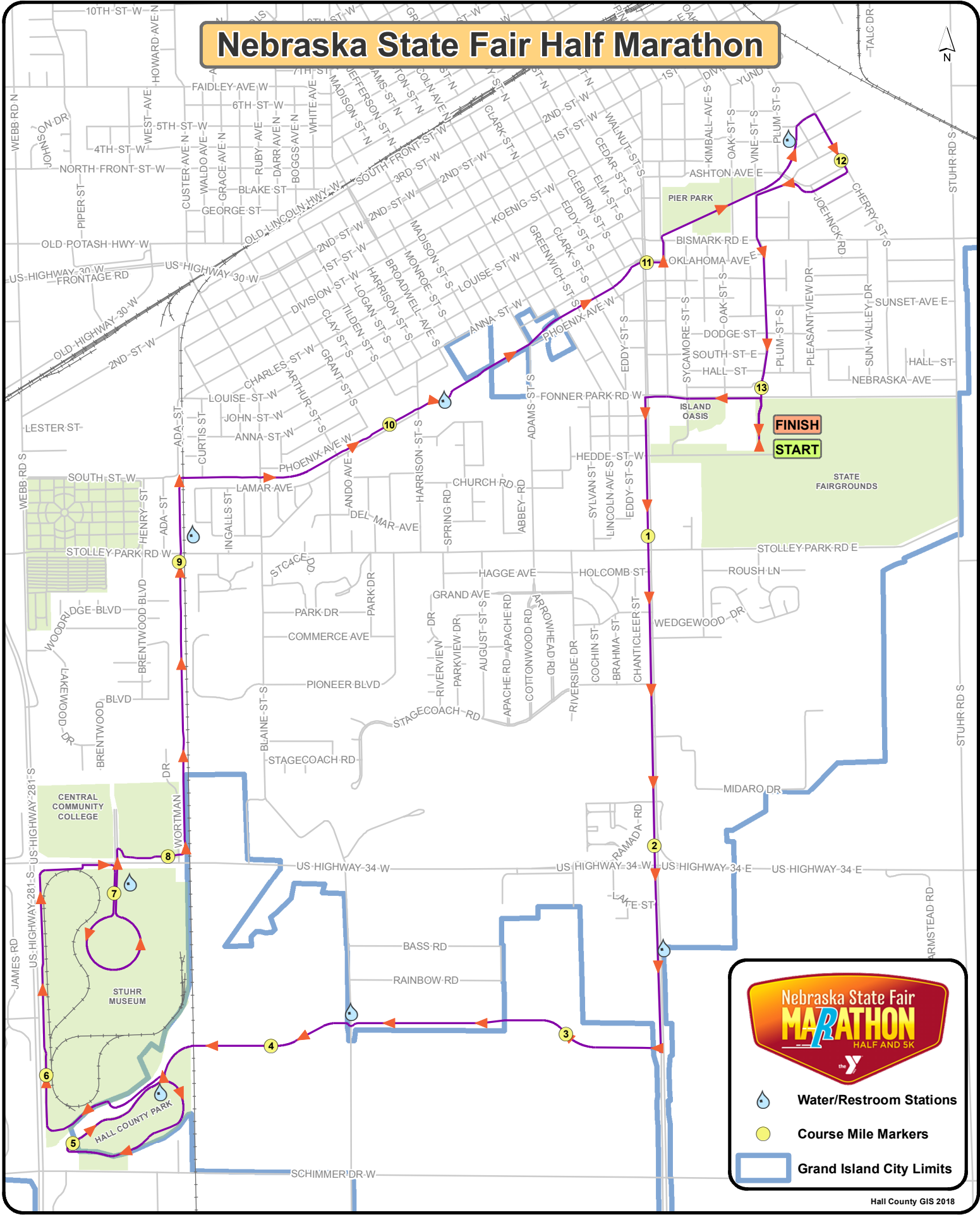
Move to approve the resolution.

Nebraska State Fair Kids Fun Run



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Nebraska State Fair Half Marathon

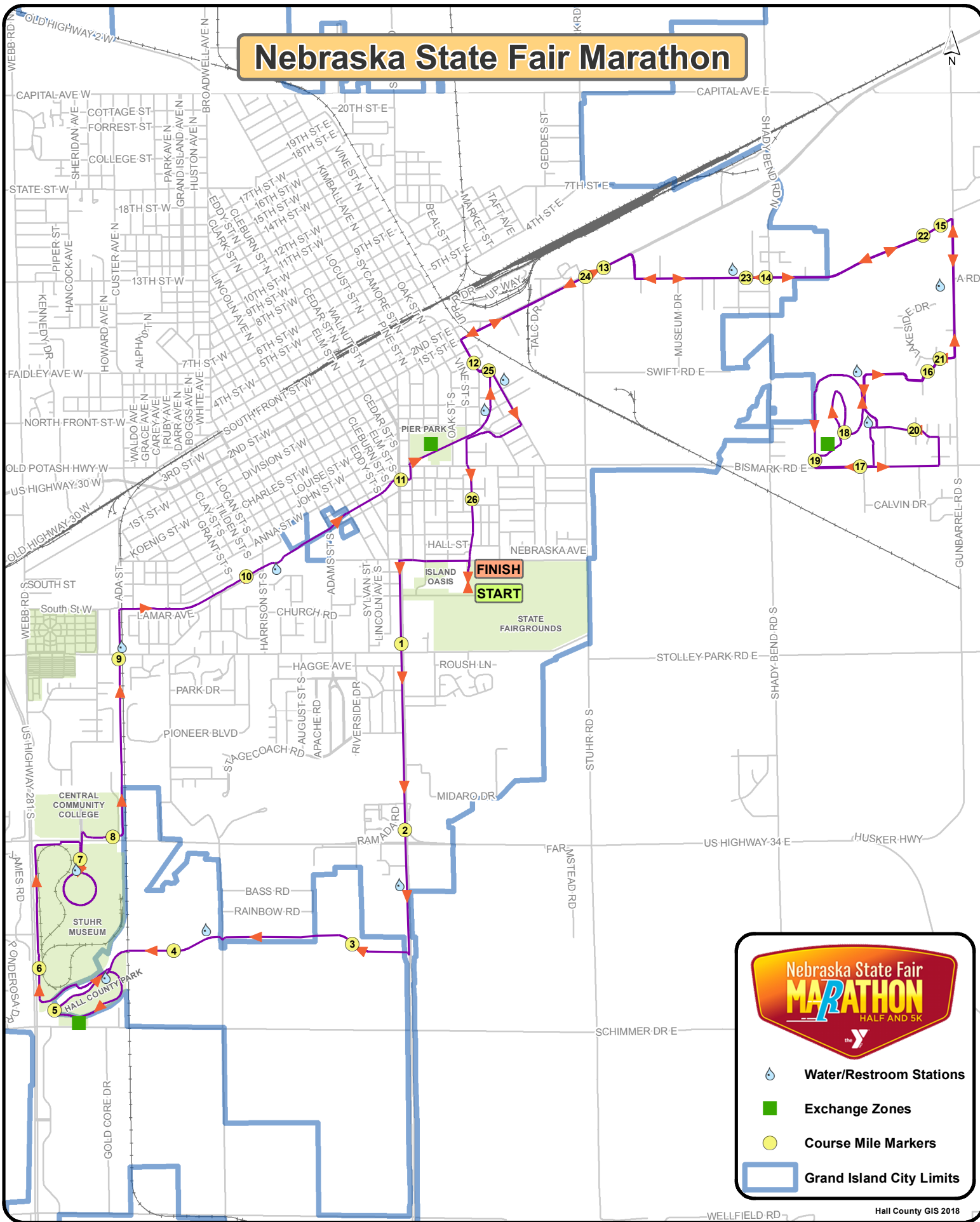




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-  **Course Mile Markers**
-  **Grand Island City Limits**

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Nebraska State Fair Marathon



**Nebraska State Fair
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RESOLUTION 2021-177

WHEREAS, the YMCA and Nebraska State Fair have proposed routes for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Kids Fun Run, 5K, half marathon and full marathon routes; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has worked with City and County departments in planning the marathon race routes and developed acceptable routes; and

WHEREAS, specific wording is required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat §39-1359, and

WHEREAS, the City accepts the duties set out in neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1359, and that if a claim is made against the State, the City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the special event, more specifically defined as the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathon to be held on August 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the route for the special event necessitates the usage of US Highway 34; crossing at Locust Street and Suhr Museum Entrance, and US Highway 30; Plum Street to Seedling Mile Access Road, Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the special event will be held on August 28, 2021, with the control of US Highway 34 and US Highway 30 being assumed by the City at 6:00 am on August 28, 2021 and ending at 1:30 pm on August 28, 2021, at which time control of US Highway 34; crossing at Locust Street and Suhr Museum Entrance, and US Highway 30; Plum Street to Seedling Mile Access Road, shall revert to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Notice of Use of City Streets and State Highways to accommodate the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathon to be held on August 28, 2021 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) shall be notified of the approved route and this Notice.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 27, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 23, 2021	☐ City Attorney