



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Council Session

## Item I-1

**#2014-99 - Consideration of Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for a State Fair Marathon/Half Marathon/5K Race**

Staff Contact: Mary Lou Brown, City Administrator

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

**Meeting:** April 22, 2014

**Subject:** YMCA Request for Bill Seymore, State Fair Marathon

**Item #'s:** I-1

**Presenter(s):** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

## **Background**

The YMCA in cooperation with the State Fair are expanding the Bill Seymore one half marathon to a full marathon. The YMCA is seeing Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the marathon route.

## **Discussion**

The YMCA in cooperation with the State Fair is expanding the Bill Seymore half marathon to a full marathon. The YMCA is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the marathon route.

The Marathon will be held the morning of Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Marathon route will require the use of City streets and bike trails as well as crossing Highway 34 and running in one lane of Highway 30. Please see the attached map of the route.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Roads that the route has approval if it closes or blocks any part of a State highway. This is a new 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 State Fair have met with public safety, public works and the county highway department and other affected departments in planning for the event. The route being presented to the Council for approval is agreed upon as the best identified alternative for the marathon.

For information purposes, any future such event will need to be presented to the Council if the event crosses or uses part of a State highway.

## **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

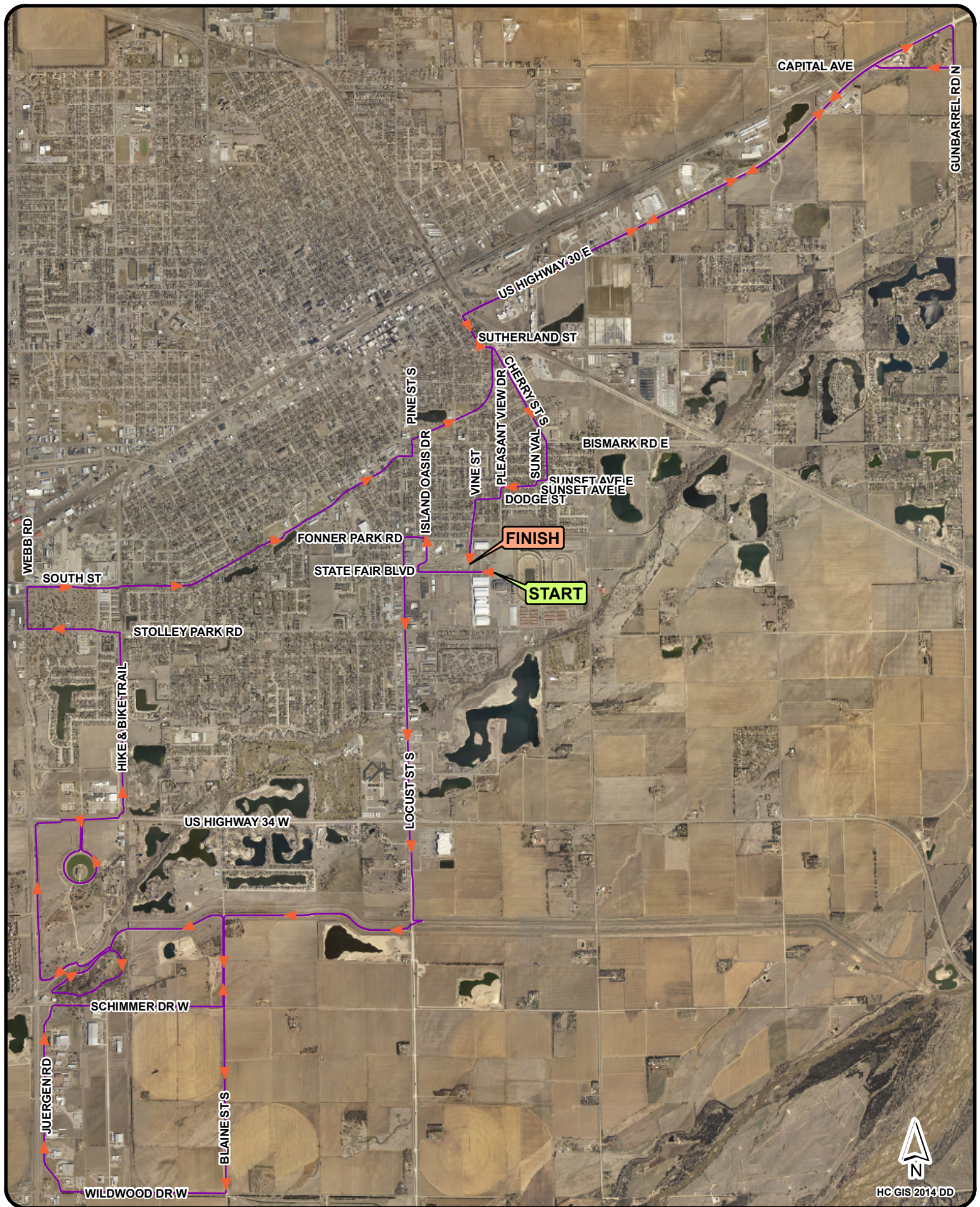
## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the YMCA's presented route for the Bill Seymore/State Fair Marathon and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.

## **Sample Motion**

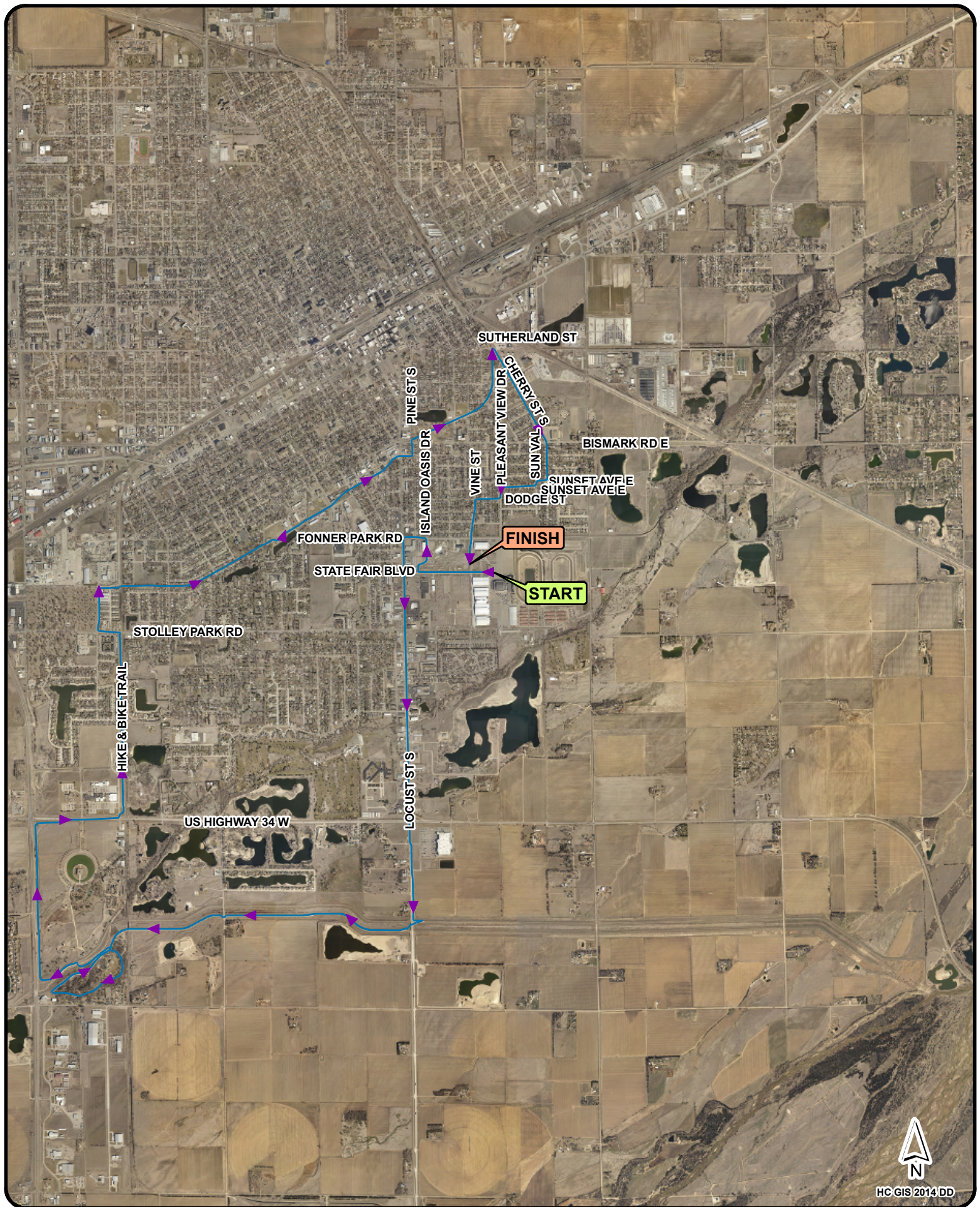
Move to approve the YMCA's presented route for the Bill Seymore/State Fair Marathon and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.





**2014 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR MARATHON**  
**26.2 TOTAL MILES**





**2014 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR HALF MARATHON**  
**13.1 TOTAL MILES**



RESOLUTION 2014-99

WHEREAS, the YMCA and State Fair are expanding the Bill Seymore half marathon to be a full marathon race, and;

WHEREAS, the YMCA has worked with City and County departments in planning the marathon race route and developing an acceptable route; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 39-1359 now requires cities to obtain Council approval and proper notification of the Nebraska Department of Roads when any event is going to require the closure or partial closure of a State highway; and

WHEREAS, the recommended race route for the marathon requires crossing Highway 34 and the closure of one lane of traffic on east Highway 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to approve the presented route for the Bill Seymore/State Fair marathon to be run on Saturday, August 23, 2014 and direct that the State of Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of the approved route.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 22, 2014.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 18, 2014	☐ City Attorney