



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Center City Development & Operations

DEPARTMENT HEAD: John Jacks

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Agreement for Use of Gateway Plaza Area

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a Supplemental Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation that will allow the annual Tejano Music Festival in Market Square to expand its event footprint to include the Gateway Plaza area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1993, the City of San Antonio entered a Multiple Use Agreement (MUA) with the Texas Department of Transportation that authorized the City to install and operate public parking lots on State of Texas property located under IH35 from West Martin Street to approximately 500 feet south of Guadalupe Street. The property includes the Gateway Plaza area below the freeway and adjacent to the City-owned Farmers' Market Building. Gateway Plaza is surfaced with concrete paver stones and serves as a plaza for use by pedestrians. In 1995, the MUA was amended via a Supplemental Agreement that approved use of the Gateway Plaza area for Fiesta events.

The annual Tejano Music Festival is held each spring in Market Square, and the increasingly popular, four day event attracts over 50,000 attendees. In order to better accommodate attendees and enhance the visitor experience, the City proposed TXDOT enter a new Supplemental Agreement to allow use of the Gateway Plaza area by the annual Tejano Music Festival.

ISSUE:

Approval of this ordinance is consistent with the use of public property in support of special events.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City may elect not to expand the event footprint of the annual Tejano Music Festival in Market Square.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance being approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to authorize a Supplemental Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation that will allow the annual Tejano Music Festival in Market Square to expand its event footprint to include the Gateway Plaza area.