

COUNTY JUDGE OF CORYELL COUNTY AT 11:15 FILED O'CLOCK 4 M

ORDER No. CJ2024-01

APR 04 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CORYELL §

Jennifer T. Denton
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER – SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT ON APRIL 8, 2024

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, Coryell County, Texas will be in the path of a total solar eclipse event that will pass across North America; and,

WHEREAS, this event is expected to significantly increase the population of Coryell County by as many as 200,000 visitors during the days preceding and including the day of the event, leading to extreme traffic congestion and placing an enormous burden on our infrastructure, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Services providers, and stressing our local resources to the point of creating food, grocery and fuel shortages and, disruption of cellular and internet services, thereby threatening the safety and security of Coryell County residents, as well as visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Coryell County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Coryell County and its visitors who may be adversely affected by this event; and,

WHEREAS, the Coryell County Judge, in consultation with local and State emergency management personnel, local officials, law enforcement agencies, and fire and emergency service officials, has determined that the probability is extremely high that roads, streets, and highways within Coryell County will be stressed beyond their design capacity, creating unsafe and hazardous traveling conditions and will likely impede and/or delay the responsiveness of law enforcement and emergency service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Coryell County Judge encourages all residents to use extreme caution when traveling in Coryell County during the effective dates of this declaration and, urges all residents to ensure vehicles are filled with fuel and, have sufficient food, groceries, and medications to sustain your household and pets for four days; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 418.108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Judge of Coryell County, Texas:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Coryell County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code due to the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse Event.



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2. This order is effective April 6, 2024, at 6:00am and, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Coryell County emergency management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance.
4. That, pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. Coryell County offices will be closed on April 8, 2024.
2. Burn Ban – the outdoor burning of brush, trash, debris, or any other flammable material is prohibited from 6:00am April 6, 2024, until 6:00am April 10, 2024.
3. The use of fireworks is prohibited from 6:00am April 6, 2024, until 6:00am April 10, 2024.
4. Commercial vehicles carrying a load requiring a State issued permit as Over Size, Wide Load, or Over Weight, are prohibited from operating within Coryell County from 6:00am April 7, 2024 through 6:00pm April 9, 2024; except for those portions of Interstate 14 and US Highway 281.
5. The City of Gatesville is authorized to implement traffic control measures in accordance with Appendix A from 6:00am April 7, 2024, through 6:00pm April 9, 2024.

Order this 4th day April, 2024.

ROGER A MILLER
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JENNIFER NEWTON
COUNTY CLERK

APPENDIX A

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City of Gatesville Traffic Control Plan

APR 04 2024

PLAN A: Traffic Control Points

4/8/24, 1200-2400 hrs.

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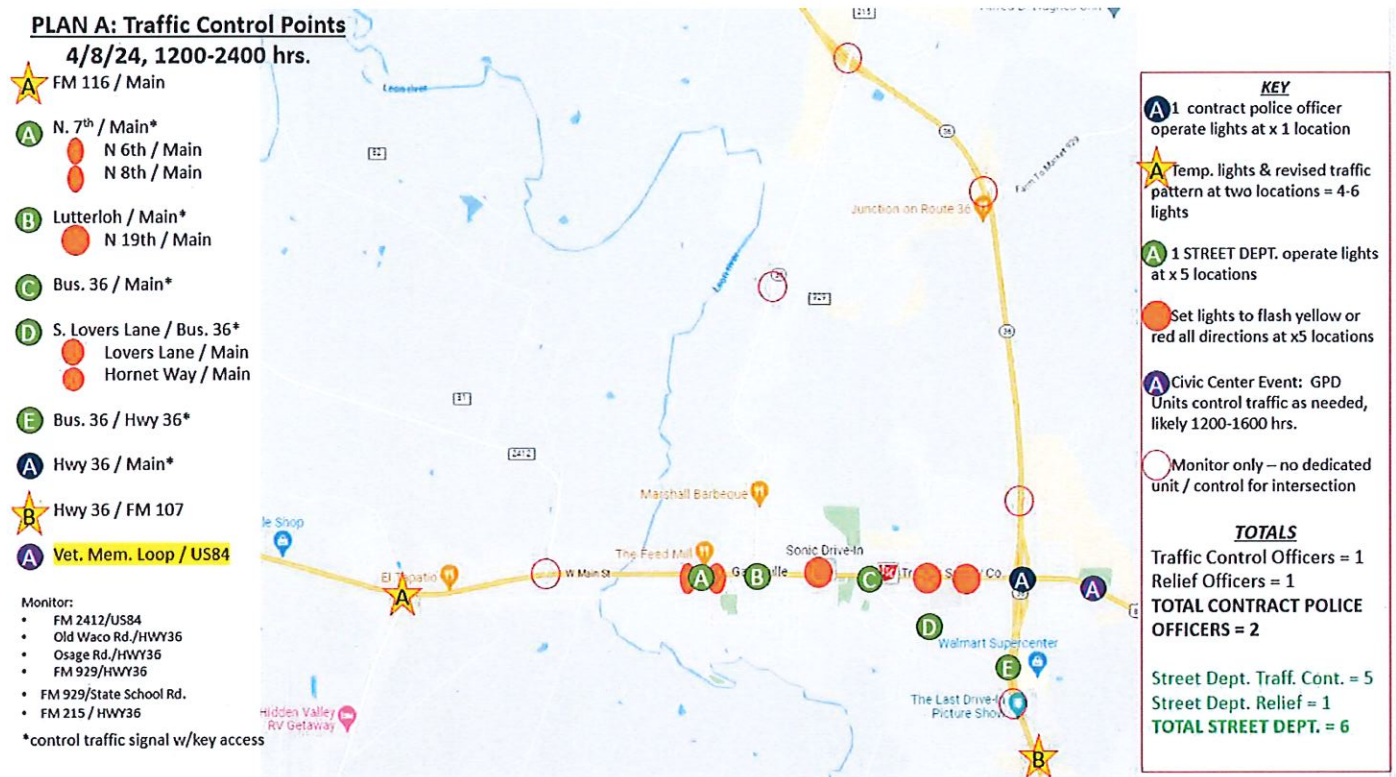
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I. INTRODUCTION

The intent of the Traffic Control Plan is to maximize traffic flow, especially on US 84 through congested areas and downtown. Existing and additional traffic control devices (traffic signals) are prioritized in order to limit the need for personnel to direct traffic manually (by standing in the road). Thus, safety for our personnel and the drivers is enhanced. To this end, the only Traffic Control Point within this plan that requires personnel to direct traffic manually is for a few hours after the city event at the Civic Center, at the intersection of Veterans Memorial Loop and US 84.

This Traffic Control Plan is submitted by Chief Hunt of the Gatesville Police Department, in partnership with Jim Shepard of the Gatesville Street Department, Seth Phillips of the Gatesville Parks and Rec Department, and Billy Vaden of the Gatesville Fire Department.

Overall Map of Traffic Control Points:



II. STREET DEPARTMENT

A. N. 7th / Main Street (US 84)*

- N 6th / Main Street (US 84)
- N 8th / Main Street (US 84)

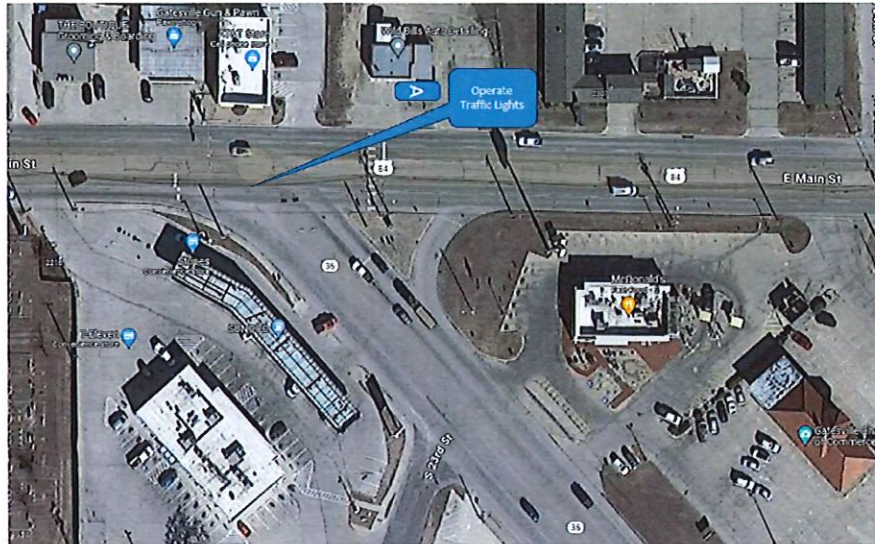


B. Lutterloh / Main Street (US 84) *

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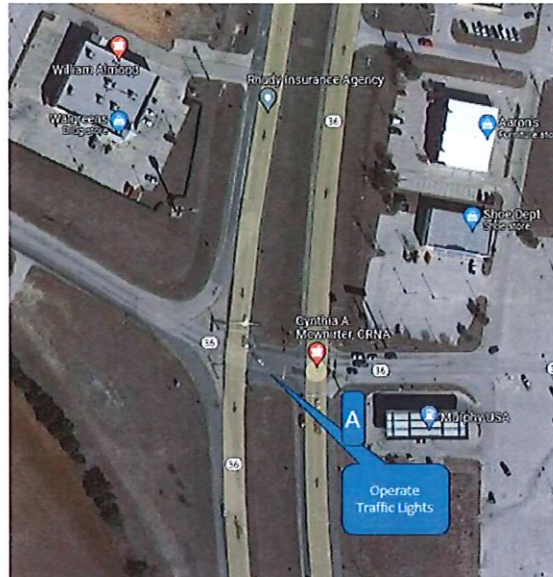


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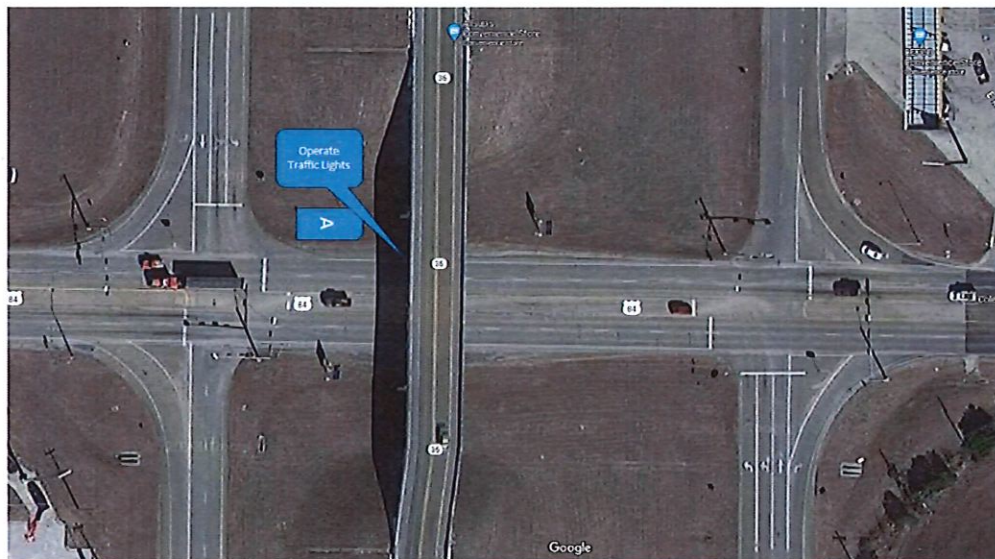


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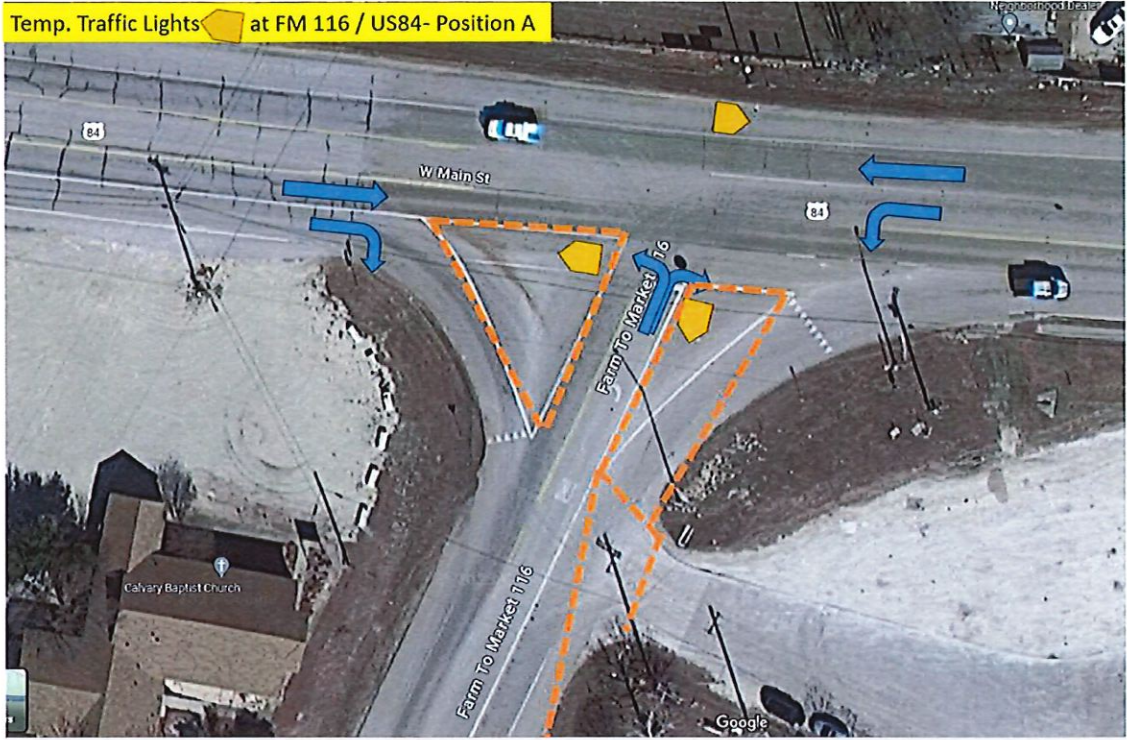
A. Veterans Memorial Loop / US 84

PD Event Position A—
HWY 36 / FM 215 – 2 units

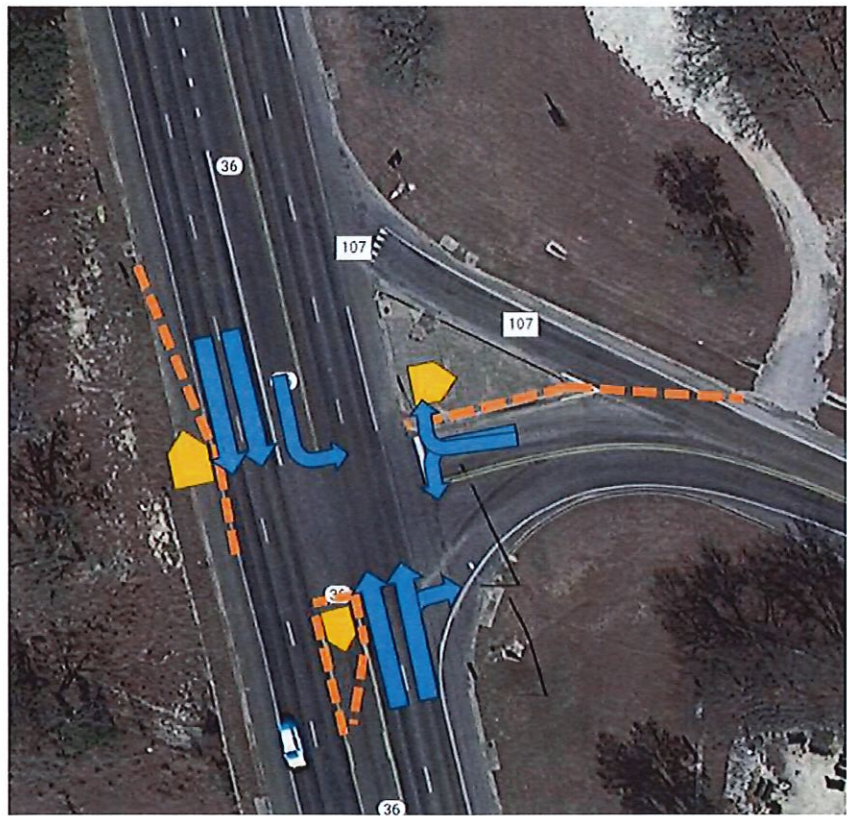


Parks Dept. (Seth) has a parking plan that
Indicates about 290 parking
Spaces. We will allow entry by one end of
Veterans Memorial and exit by another,
to control traffic flow.
~1,500 total attendance

- V. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS
 - A. FM116 / Main Street (US 84)



B. Fm 107 / HWY 36



VI. MONITOR ONLY

A. FM 2412 / US84

- US 84 = no traffic control devices
- FM 2412 (Levita Road) = stop signs

B. Old Waco Rd. / HWY 36

- HWY 36 = no traffic control devices
- Old Waco Rd. = stop signs

C. Osage Rd. / HWY 36

- HWY 36 = flashing yellow warning lights
- Osage Road = stop signs / yield signs

D. FM 929 / HWY 36

- HWY 36 = no traffic control devices
- FM 929 = stop signs / turn & merge lanes

E. FM 929 / State School Road

- State School Road = no traffic control devices
- FM 929 = stop signs

F. FM 215 / HWY 36

- HWY 36 = overpass
- HWY 36 service roads = stop signs
- FM 215 = no traffic control devices

VII. Emergency Vehicle Lane on US 84 Across Leon River Bridge

- Coryell Health Hospital, Gatesville’s only Emergency Room, is west of town and the only route across the Leon River for at least 10 miles north or south is US 84. On April 8 from 1400-2300 hrs., US 84 is expected to be stop and go traffic, thereby hindering the travel of emergency vehicles to and from the hospital.
- US 84 is a four-lane roadway with no center turn lane and narrow shoulders.
- We are proposing the establishment of a coned-off lane of travel for emergency vehicles (police, fire, EMS) only, on the right-hand shoulder of the W/B lanes of travel. Emergency vehicles will have to take turns traversing the established lane east and west bound.
- The existing shoulder is approximately 8 feet wide, so the emergency lane will need an additional one to two feet of width.
- Signs at entry/exit of lane, as well as along its length, will be needed which state “Emergency Vehicle Traffic Only – All Others Towed”
- A message board will need to be placed about 1/8th mile to the east, facing W/B traffic, and stating “Right Lane Narrows – Large Vehicles Merge Left”

