

**TCAA Fall Conference**

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# Preparing for Mass Gatherings – The Eclipses



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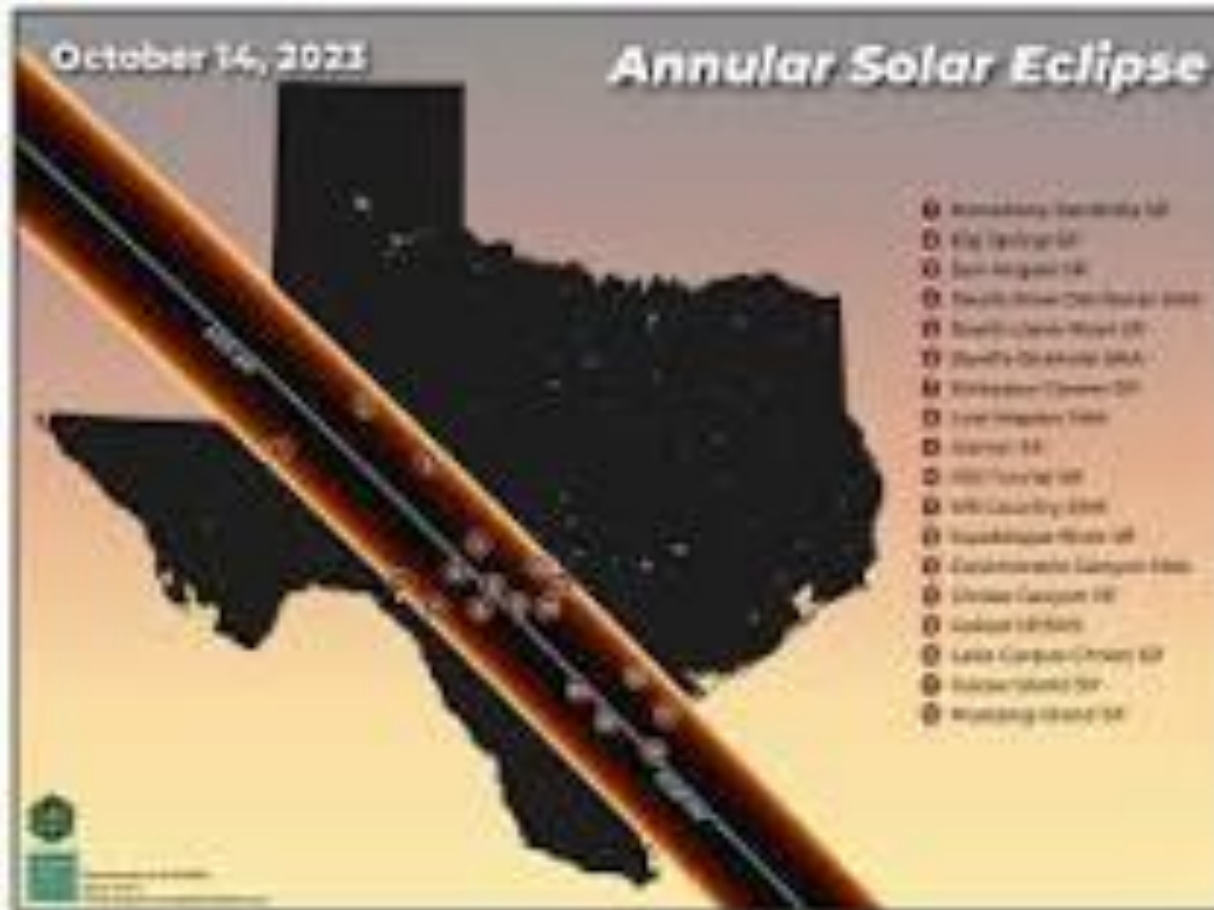
# Sun...Moon...You!

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**  
ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE

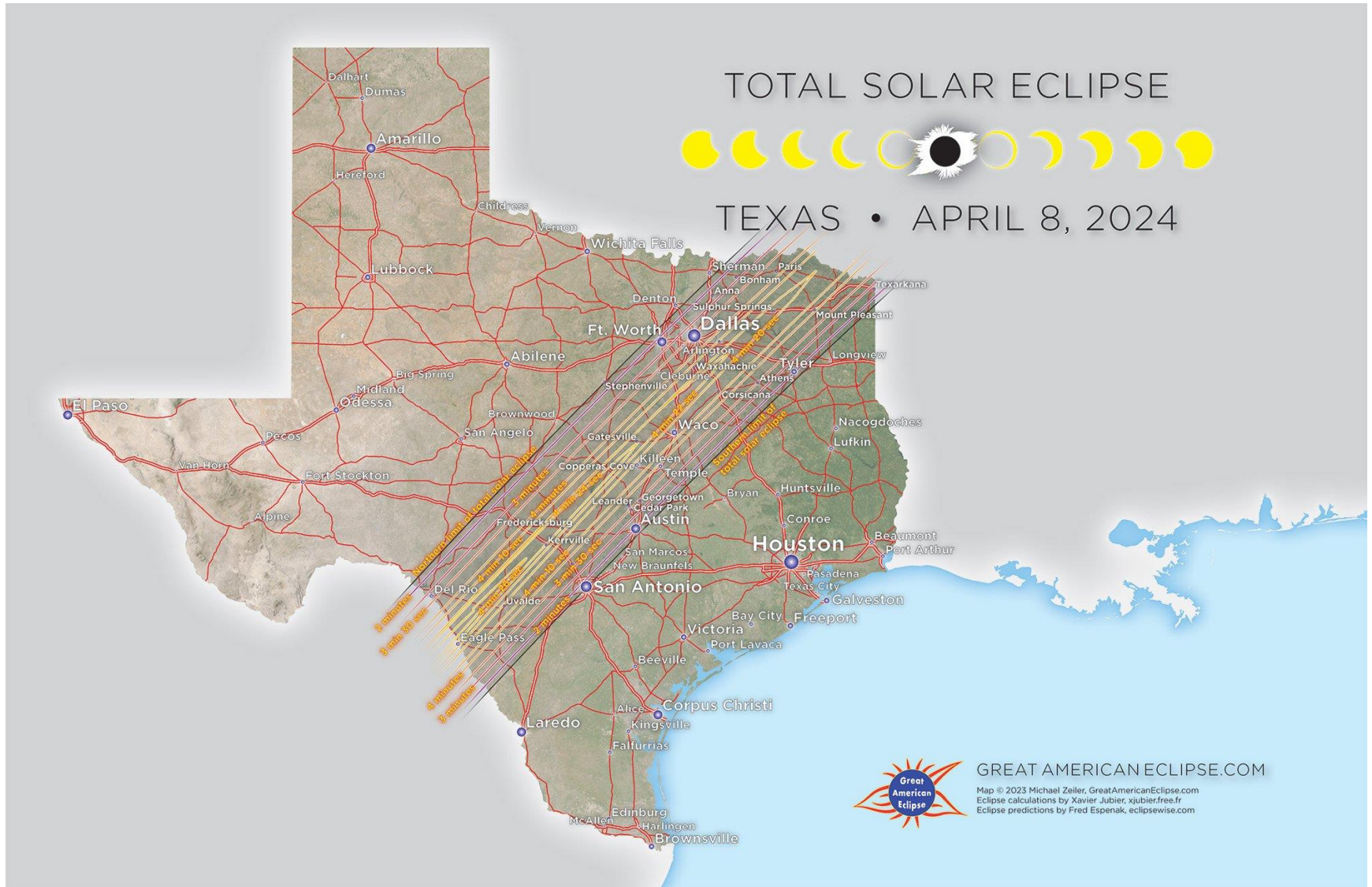


**APRIL 8, 2024**  
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

# Annular Eclipse -- October 14, 2023



# Total Eclipse – April 8, 2024





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# Mass Gatherings – the Eclipses

## Preparing our City for a Safe and Memorable Experience

- What legal assistance is called for?
  - Temporary Ordinances
  - Resolutions
  - Interlocal Agreements
  - Memoranda of Understanding



# Temporary Ordinances??

- Ensuring public safety & order
  - Enhancing visitor experience
  - Protecting local infrastructure
  - Protecting environmentally sensitive areas
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- Many factors may be addressed with Resolutions, Mayoral Declarations, Interlocal Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding



# Anticipated Challenges

## Challenges of Mass Gatherings

- Traffic Congestion
- Resource strain – utilities, medical, communication
- Waste management
- Emergency response delays





# Transportation Ordinance?

## Managing Traffic and Transportation

- Designated parking zones
- Temporary road closures, one-way routes, close truck routes
- Public transportation incentives



# Public Safety Ordinance?

## Ensuring Public Safety

- Mandatory safe-viewing equipment distribution points
- Temporary alcohol or substance restrictions (even in TEXAS???) (Mayoral emergency powers???)
- Designated emergency response areas

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# Vendor and Business Ordinance?

## Supporting the Local Economy

- Vendor permits and designated zones
- Special business hours – some extended, some shortened
- Regulations to prevent price-gouging



# Waste Management Ordinance?

## Keeping Our City Clean

- Designated trash and recycling areas
- Increased waste collection frequency
- Fines for littering
- Clean-up deadlines on private property



# Cultural and Social Activities Ordinance?

## Enriching the Experience

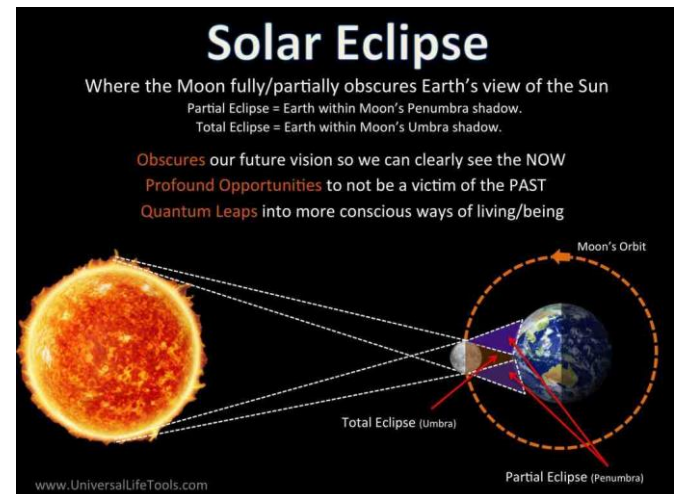
- Permits for public performances and gatherings
- Noise curfews, noise zones
- Space reservations for community events
- Private party permits



# Implementation & Oversight

## Making the Regulations Work

- Collaboration with local agencies and stakeholders
- Public awareness campaigns
- Reporting & feedback mechanisms



# Conclusions & Next Steps

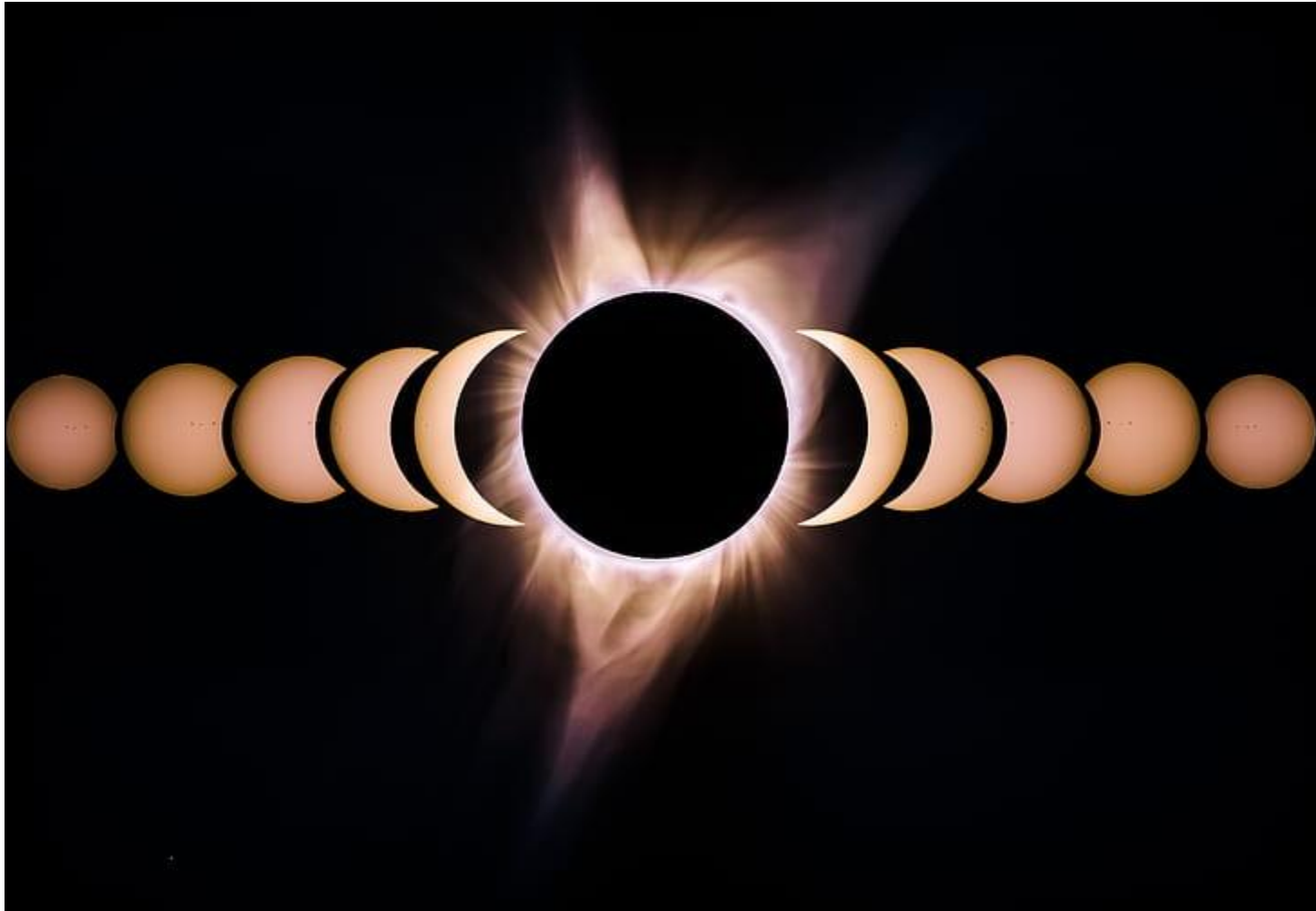
## Towards a Safe & Successful Event

- Collaboration with local agencies
- Engaging the community in preparations
- Celebrating the City as a focal point of the event



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# Q&A







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