



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

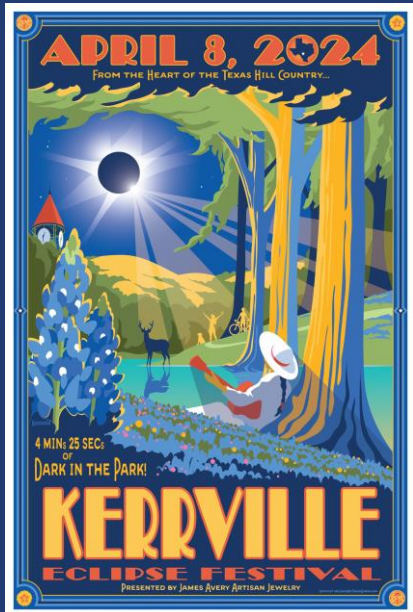
APRIL 8, 2024

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# The Solar Eclipse of 2024: A Disaster Waiting to Happen or a Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity?



TCAA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2024

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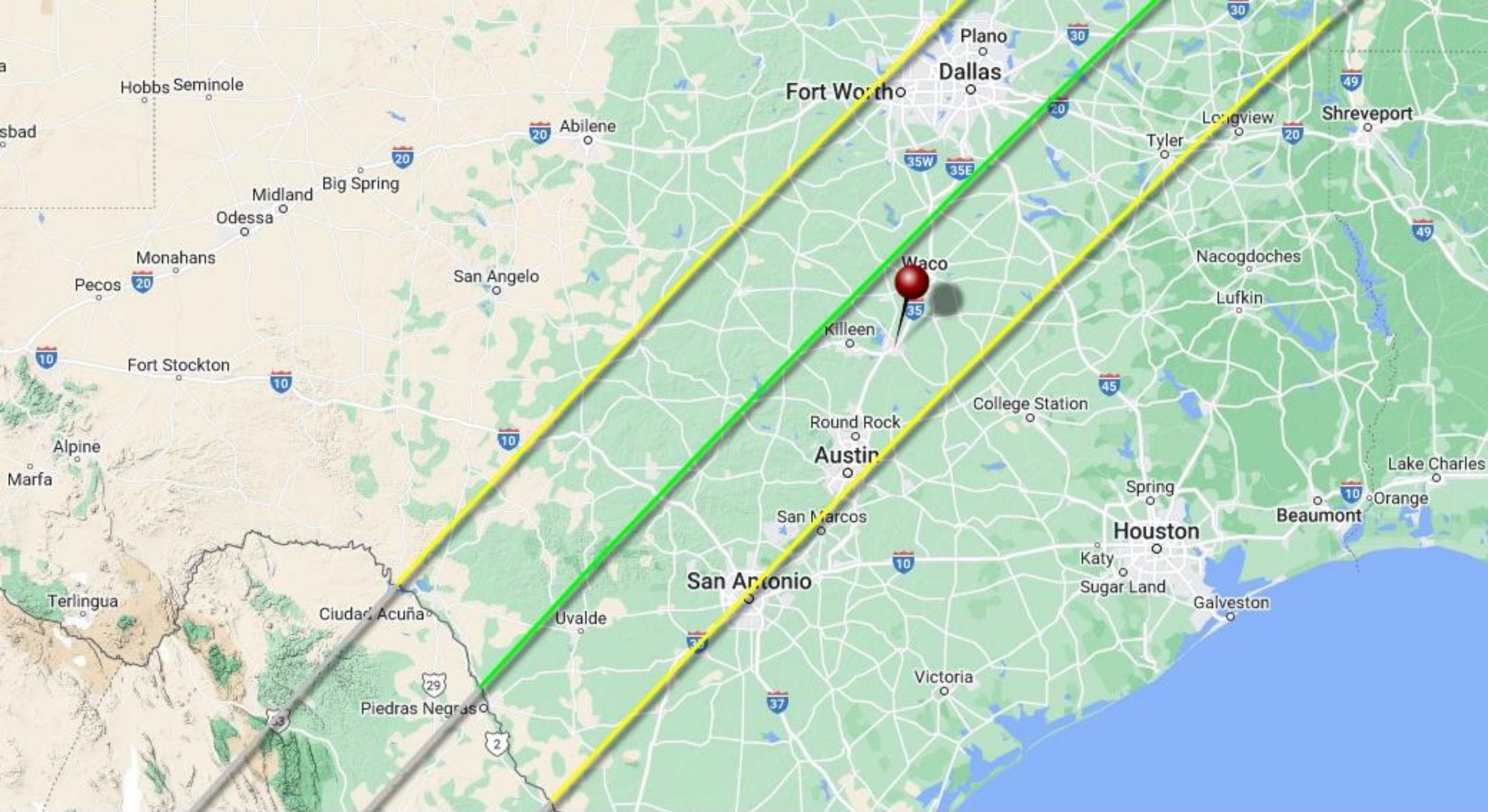
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City of Temple's Eclipse Preparations



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# Total Solar Eclipse

APRIL 8, 2024

BEGINS 12:19 PM  
TOTALITY 1:39 PM  
ENDS 2:59 PM

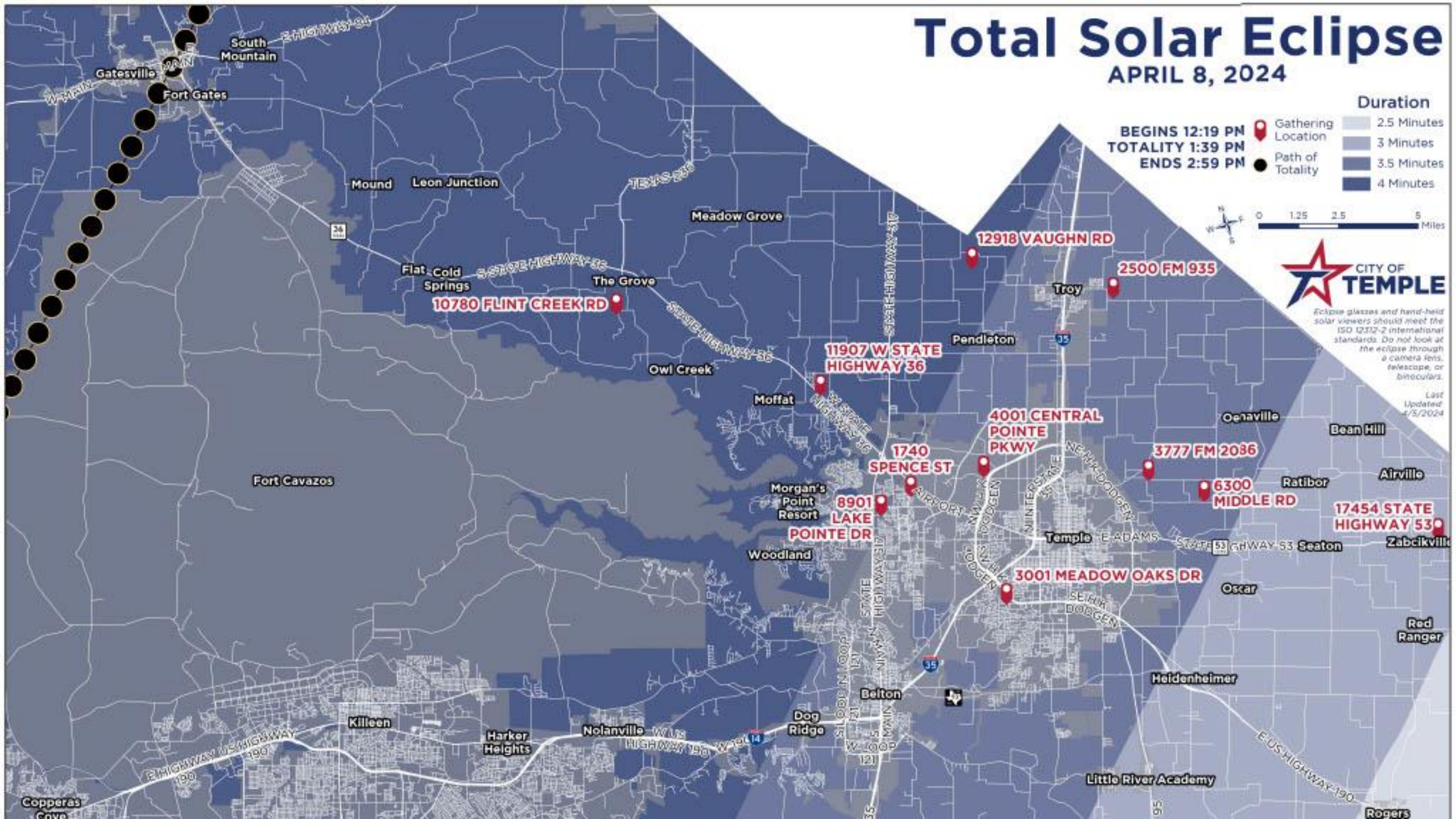
Duration
2.5 Minutes
3 Minutes
3.5 Minutes
4 Minutes

- Gathering Location
- Path of Totality



Eclipse glasses and hand-held solar viewers should meet the ISO 12312-2 international standards. Do not look at the eclipse through a camera lens, telescope, or binoculars.

Last Updated 4/5/2024



10780 FLINT CREEK RD

11907 W STATE HIGHWAY 36

12918 VAUGHN RD

2500 FM 935

1740 SPENCE ST

4001 CENTRAL POINTE PKWY

3777 FM 2086

8901 LAKE POINTE DR

6300 MIDDLE RD

17454 STATE HIGHWAY 53

3001 MEADOW OAKS DR

Copperas Cove

Killeen

Harker Heights

Nolanville

Dog Ridge

Belton

Little River Academy

Rogers

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0108-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, DECLARING A DISASTER RELATED TO THE APRIL 8, 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

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**Whereas**, the City of Temple is in the direct path of a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 and the influx of visitors is expected to cause the population to surge by two to three times across Bell County, bringing the population to around or over one million people;

**Whereas**, visitors are expected to arrive as early as Friday, April 5, 2024 and leave as late as April 9, 2024 - public utilities, transportation, and communications infrastructure are expected to be strained and periodically inundated during this time;

**Whereas**, having this disaster declaration in place will allow the City of Temple the ability to access state and federal resources quickly should the need arise during the management of this event; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Part 1: Findings.** All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

**Part 2:** Pursuant to § 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council declares a disaster for the City of Temple, Texas related to the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, and consents to its continuation until such time that it is terminated by the Mayor.


**Part 3:** Pursuant to § 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, the authorization of this disaster declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and posted on the City of Temple website.

**Part 4:** Pursuant to § 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of disaster activates the City of Temple's emergency management plan.

**Part 5:** That any City ordinance or regulation imposing a time requirement for payment, filing, or appealing a decision may be extended by the Mayor without further confirmation by the City Council.



Three goals as  
we prepared:

1. Maintain emergency operations for City of Temple during the event;
  2. Maintain personnel safety and situational awareness during the event;
  3. Maintain safe and secure environment for all attending the event.
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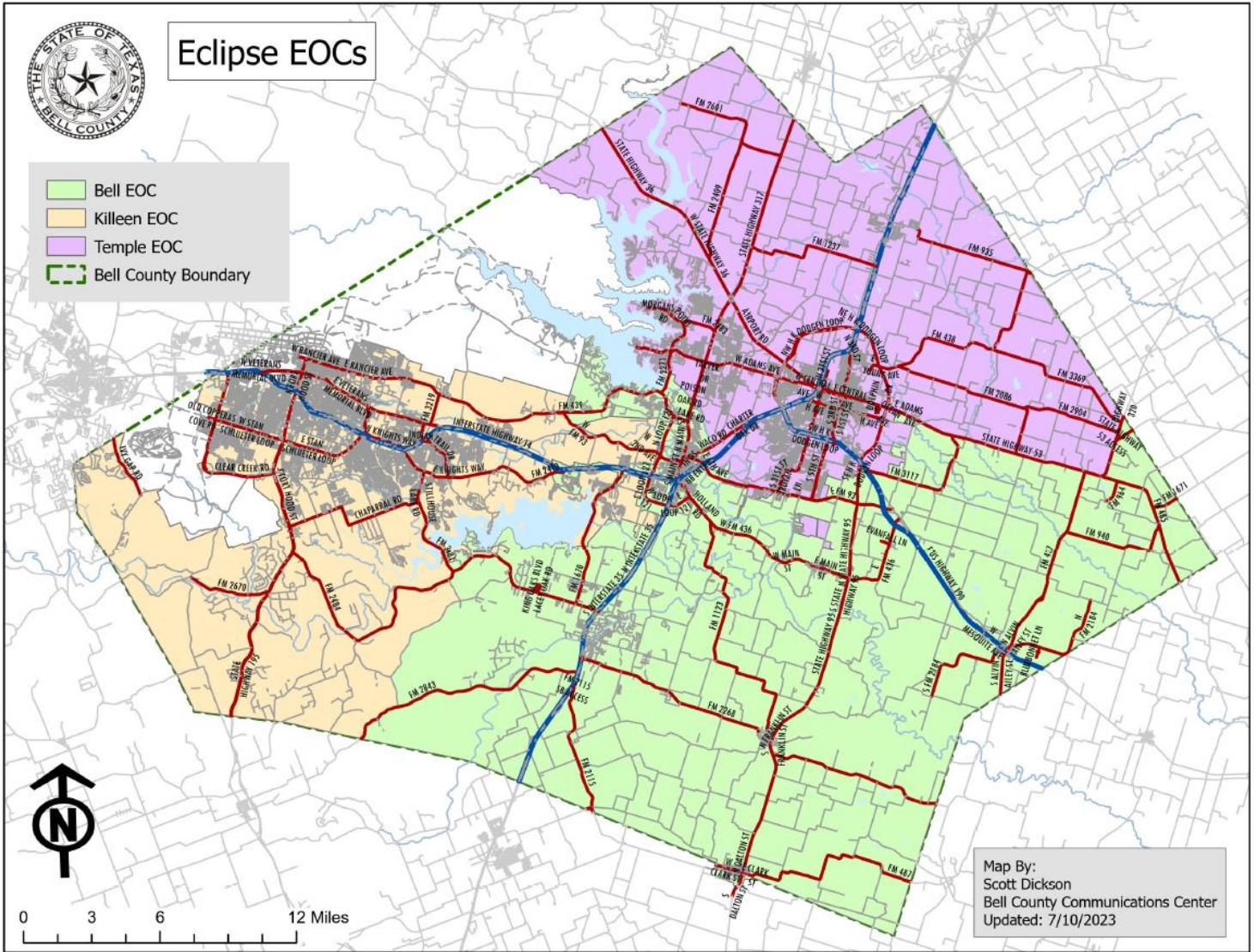


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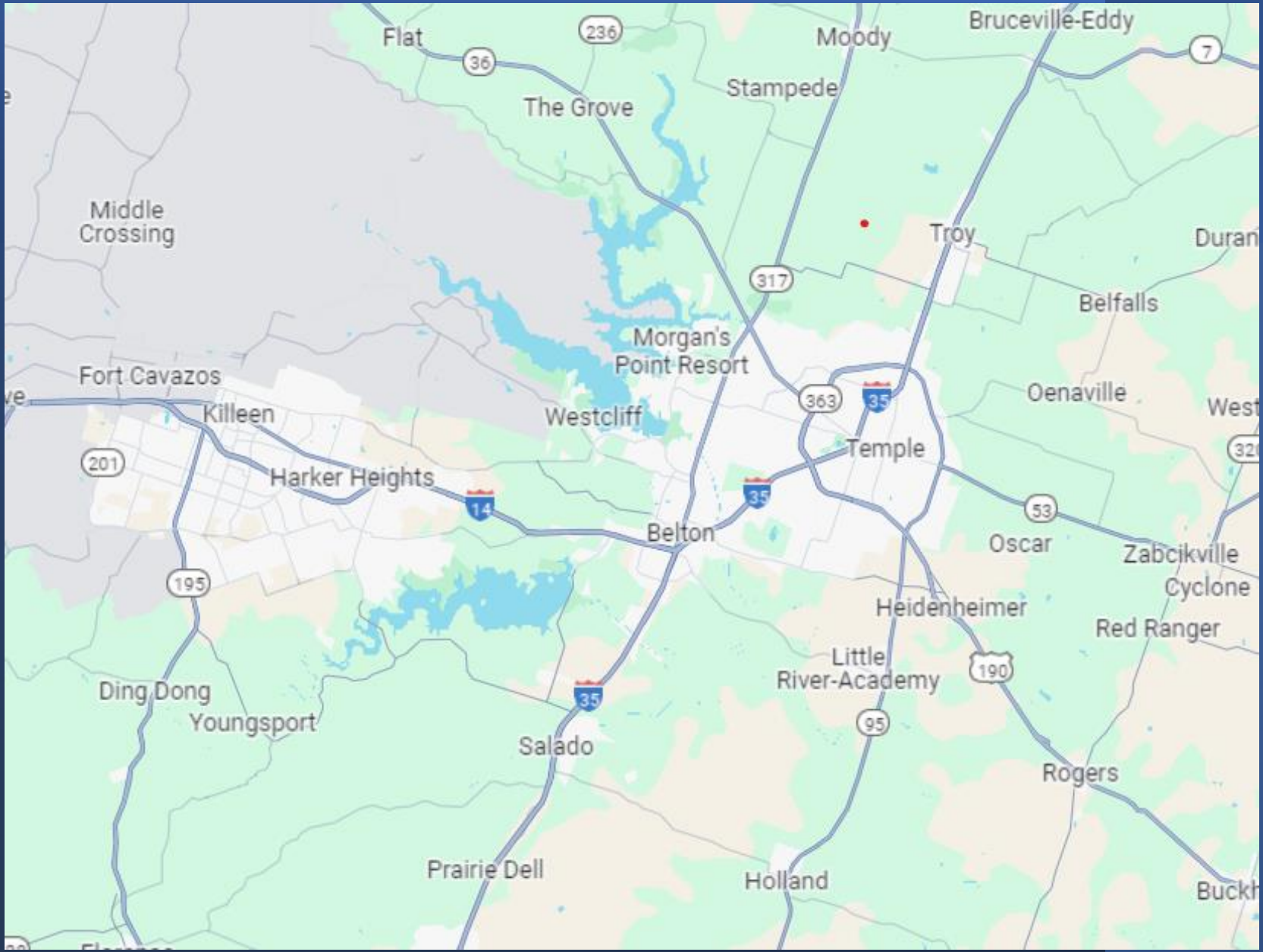


# Eclipse EOCs

- Bell EOC
- Killeen EOC
- Temple EOC
- Bell County Boundary



Map By:  
Scott Dickson  
Bell County Communications Center  
Updated: 7/10/2023











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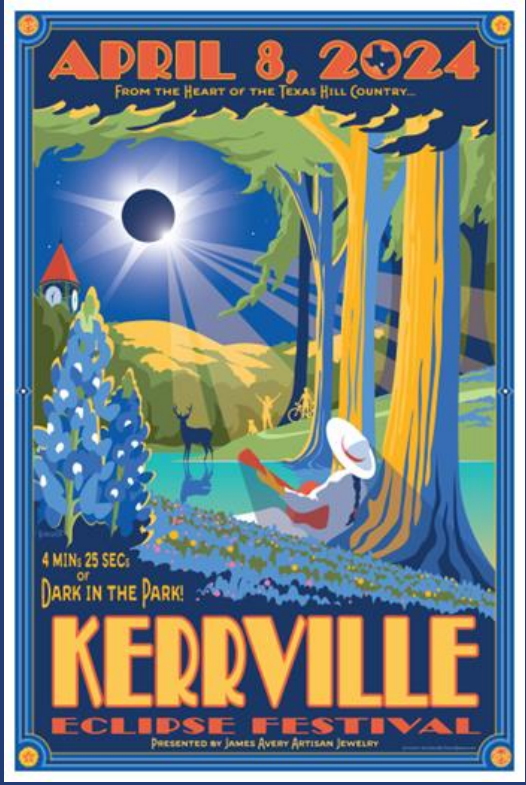






A night sky filled with numerous small, bright stars. The sky transitions from a dark blue at the top to a lighter blue at the bottom. At the very bottom, there is a dark silhouette of tall grass. The text "...crickets chirping" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

...crickets chirping



Mike Hayes, City Attorney Kerrville, Texas





City Of  
**Kerrville, Texas**



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**2024**  
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- PLANNING – and Planning and Planning and ....
- DESTINATION CITY – Why not?
- ECLIPSES – they've happened before, right?
- IMACTS & "COMMUNITY LIFELINES" - "Can we reschedule?"
- EXPECTATIONS → COMMUNICATIONS!!! - WHAT were they, WHAT did the City know or think we know, HOW, and WHAT?
- PARTNERS – state, regional, local
- OUTCOME? - "Did we over plan?"
- SUMMARY – we survived and did great!



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**DRIPPING SPRINGS**  
Texas

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City of Dripping Springs

# Dripping Springs



## Goals:

- Safety & Infrastructure
- Education
- Economic
- Memorable Experience

## Highlights:

- Totally community focused
- Community Task Force & Texas State Guard
- Creation of city-wide website
- Sold \$80,000 in commemorative items, \$26,000 in sponsorships
  - Sold out of items
  - Sold to all over US, even the UK
  - Sponsorship for glasses to all students and teachers
- Large glass display - coverage
- sunBLOCK Party
  - Food, shopping, local entertainment
- Whimsical, fun and cheeky graphics
- Clear sky for entire totality!



# Triangle Display & Media





# No Eclipse Plans? Try These Last-Minute Strategies.

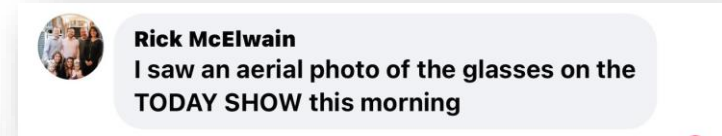
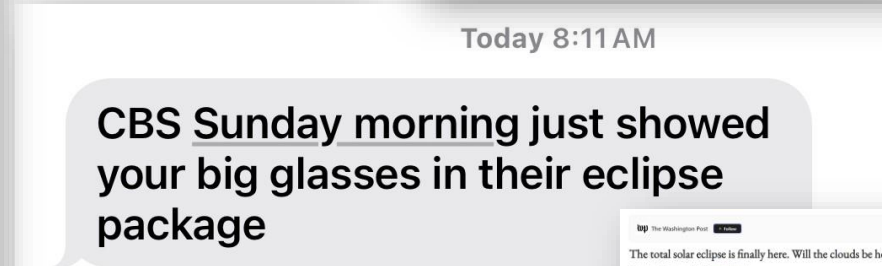
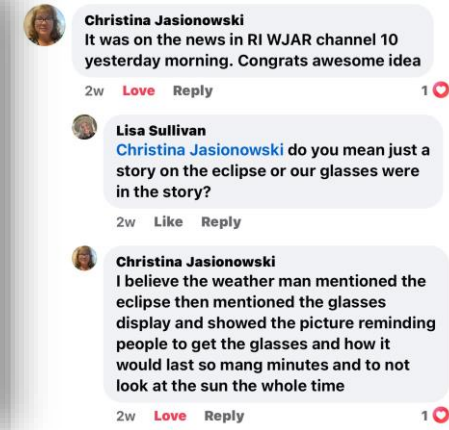
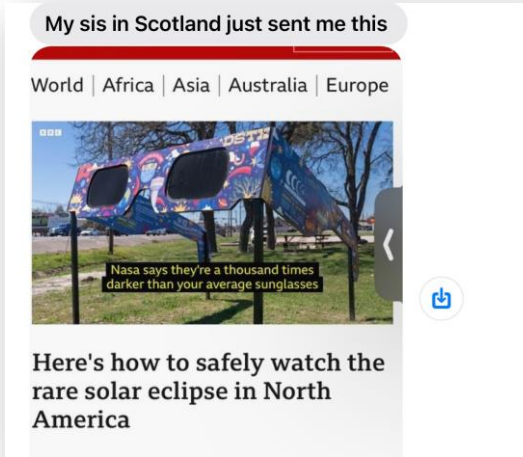
On April 8, parts of 13 U.S. states, Mexico and Canada will plunge into midday darkness. Miss this spectacle and you'll have to wait till 2044 for the next one so close to home.

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Dripping Springs, Texas, will experience three minutes of midday darkness on April 8. It's just one destination along an eclipse path that sweeps from Mexico to Newfoundland. Suzanne Cordeiro/Agence France-Presse — Getty

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# Some photos of the day... with an engagement between two of our employees!



# Roundtable

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# Temple: The Next Incident

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Morgans Point Resort

Troy

Temple

Belton

Harker Heights

Killeen

W36

2410

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2412

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JUBILEE SPRINGS

BELFALLS

# WEDNESDAY'S TORNADOES IN TEMPLE

LAKE BELTON H.S.

BELCO

OENAVILLE

BELTON H.S.

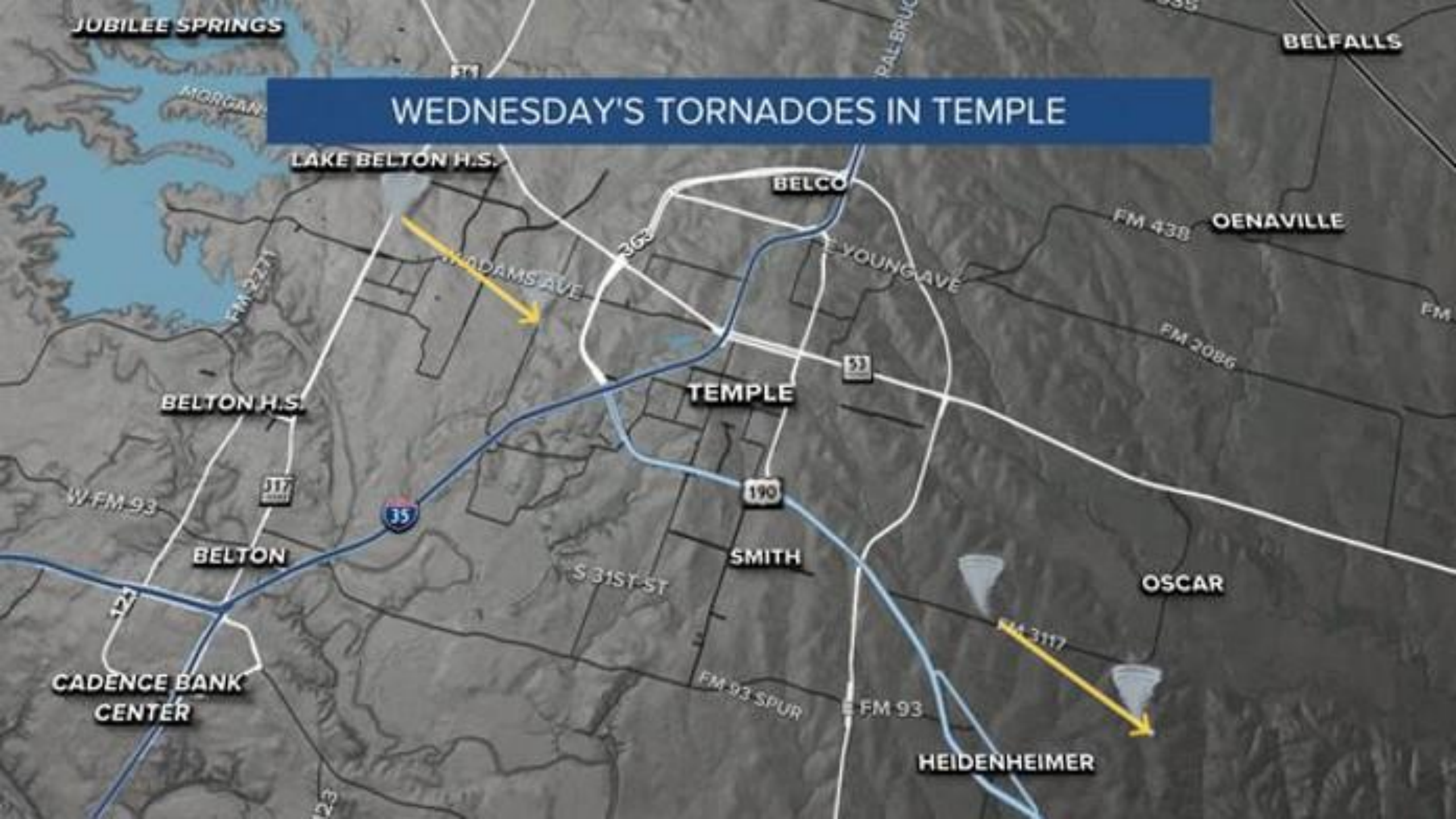
TEMPLE

OSCAR

CADENCE BANK CENTER

SMITH

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# Top Tips

- Introduce yourself to the Emergency Management Director/Coordinator for your City
- Familiarize yourself with the Local Emergency Management Plan – get forms ready and accessible
- Take FEMA training and Plan and Prepare for a variety of potential incidents
- Cultivate relationships with other emergency management officials and city attorney offices in the region
- Coordinate with the County, Texas Division of Emergency Management, ESDs, and nearby Cities – Interlocals



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