



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Pam King, Tourism Manager

Council Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026 Songwriters Festival Temporary Road Closure and Traffic Control Plan for October 16-18, 2026, authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of College Street from Mercer Street 160 feet south towards Wallace Street (the entrance to the Mazama parking lot) and the temporary closure of the east bound lane of Mercer Street from North San Marcos Street to North Bluff Street. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Pam King

Summary/Background: The Songwriters Festival will be held October 16 – 18 in Downtown. There will be 5 stage venues on Mercer Street (The Barbershop, Acopon, Mazama, the Warehouse District Courtyard, and Hudson’s on Mercer). There will be a large stage for events on the 17 and 18 in the parking lot for the former Rental Center. There will be 3 stage venues on Old Fitzhugh (Haus of Jayne, Dog “n” Bone, and Winehouse). Vendors and The Dripping Springs Art League tent will be situated on College Street, from south of the Mazama parking lot entrance to Mercer Street.

Rather than closing Mercer Street completely, we believe that closing one side of Mercer and making it a one-way street will be safe and will allow access for our downtown businesses.

The plan is to make Mercer Street a one-way street heading west, and create a golf cart/pedestrian lane on the north side of the street. This redirect will be on Friday and Saturday. The normal Mercer Street traffic pattern will resume on Sunday. The plan also calls for the closing of College Street, from north of the entrance to Mazama’s parking lot to Mercer Street for food and beverage vendors and the Dripping Springs Art League Tent. This closure will be in effect all three days. Specific crosswalks will be designated for pedestrians and golf carts. Barricades and signage will be strategically placed (see diagram) to indicate the closures, the redirect, and crosswalks.

City Engineer Chad Gilpin approved the Traffic Control Plan. ESD #6 (North Hays County Fire and Rescue) and ESD #1 (North Hays County EMS) also approved the Plan.

Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Recommended Council Actions:	Staff recommends that City Council approve the Temporary Road Closure and Traffic Control Plan as presented.
Attachments:	2026 Songwriters Festival Temporary Road Closure Plan
Next Steps/Schedule:	If approved, the plan will be implemented beginning Friday, October 16 at 6:00 am.