



2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

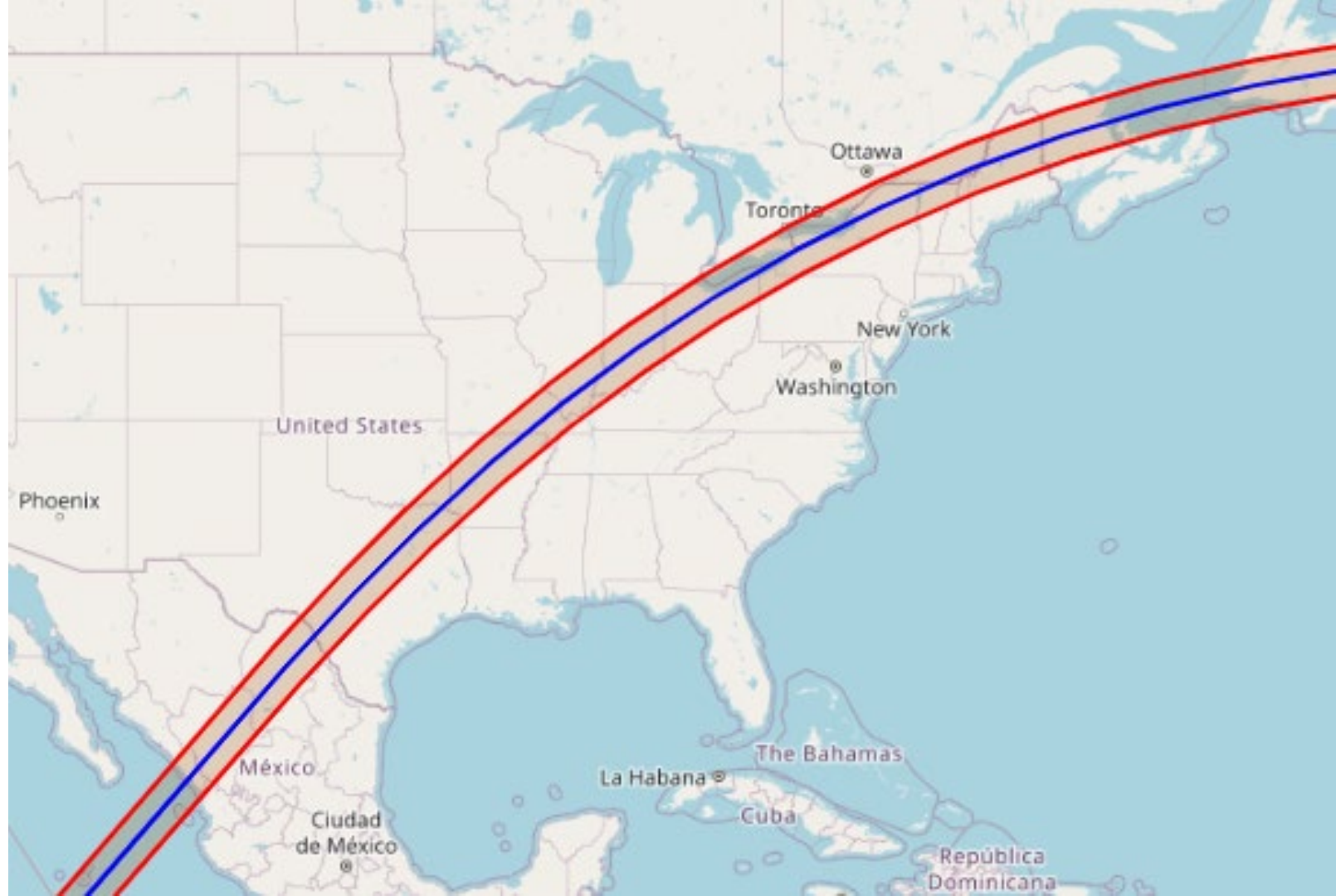
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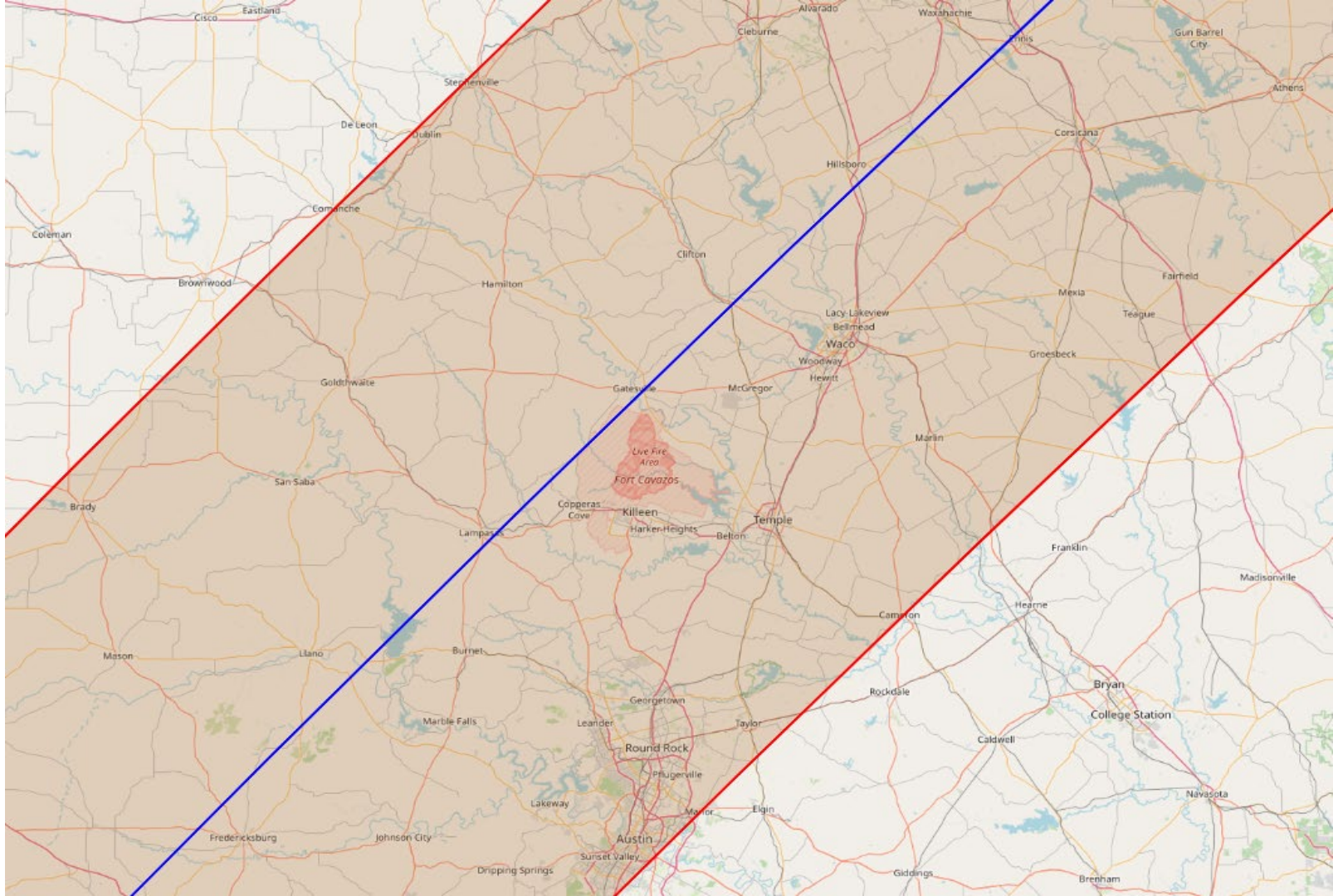
GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSE

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- ❑ Total Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024
- ❑ “Path of Totality” will start in Mexico, cross 13 U.S. states, and part of Canada
- ❑ Killeen is in the Path of Totality and about an hour from the eclipse centerline which is just east of Lampasas
- ❑ We will experience the total eclipse for a total of 4:16
- ❑ This is greater than five other major cities in the state



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PUBLIC PREPARATIONS

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- Community members should
 - ▣ Ensure they have fuel & groceries
 - ▣ Plan your daily errands ahead of time
 - ▣ Prepare for traffic – stay off main roads
- Businesses should
 - ▣ Ensure they are stocked 2 weeks ahead of time
 - ▣ Have an online reservation system for food or seating
 - ▣ Schedule staffing with heavy traffic in mind

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

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- ❑ do NOT look directly at the Sun, unless you are using special-purpose solar filters
 - ▣ Not Sunglasses, or weld mask less than shade #12
- ❑ Plan extra travel time for your errands and appointments
- ❑ Regional, county, & local public safety planning meetings have been taking place for the past year
- ❑ Sign-up for emergency notifications by going to readykilleen.org

CITY PREPARATION

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- Timeline of Information
 - ▣ Initial Press Conference in November 2022
 - ▣ Business Preparedness started in February 2023
 - ▣ Year Out news release in April 2023
 - ▣ Community Preparedness info started in December 2023
 - ▣ Visitor Information started in December 2023
- Places to look for information
 - ▣ www.killeentexas.gov/eclipse
 - ▣ www.visitkilleen.com/eclipse
 - ▣ Follow City of Killeen social media (Facebook, Instagram, X)

Questions

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