

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET & PARKING LOT CLOSURES

August 20, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to inform you of upcoming street and parking lot closures related to special activities planned for downtown Austin in the days leading up to the 2012 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX™. The **Austin Fan Fest** and **Experience Austin** are two fan festivals that will take place Friday, Nov. 16, through Sunday, Nov. 18. Both festivals situated in the heart of downtown Austin will feature a variety of exhibits, unique fan-interaction areas and lively entertainment showcasing the very best local artisans, musicians, cuisine and culture- all within walking distance of downtown eateries, nightclubs, retail shops and hotels. While the world's fastest motorcars get ready to race at Circuit of The Americas, tens of thousands of fans from all over Austin, Texas, and the world will be looking for memorable ways to experience our one-of-a-kind community, and **Austin Fan Fest** and **Experience Austin** will give everyone a great reason to visit the center of our city's business and entertainment district.

The street festivals are **free** of charge and will be open to the public during the following hours (CST):

## Austin Fan Fest

- Friday, Nov. 16 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 18 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

## Experience Austin

- Friday, Nov. 16 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 18 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Staggered road closures will begin Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. and will conclude Tuesday, Nov. 20 by midnight. As such, you may notice some traffic or lane restrictions that vary by day during the set-up and removal of festival exhibits. The west half of Congress Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> St. and fully close from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> St. Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7pm. The east half of Congress Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> St. will be open for bi-directional traffic Friday, Nov. 16 until 6pm, at which time the full street closure will be in effect and will remain closed until Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 a.m. The alleys running parallel to Congress will remain open for local access. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> St. will remain open for east/west travel. Additionally, the following parking lots will be unavailable during the festival:

- NW corner 4<sup>th</sup>/Congress
- NE corner 4<sup>th</sup>/Colorado
- NW corner 3<sup>rd</sup>/Congress
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/Colorado Jack Lot
- South of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Colorado and Congress
- NW corner 11<sup>th</sup>/Colorado
- SE corner 11<sup>th</sup>/Congress
- NW corner 9<sup>th</sup>/Colorado

Congress Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> St. will reopen by 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19. We anticipate all other roads and parking areas affected by the fan festivals to reopen no later than Tuesday, Nov. 20, at midnight. Please refer to the attached map for closure information.

Shuttles to and from the racetrack will be operating from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday in and around East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Trinity Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, and the IH-35 frontage road. You can expect lane reductions and heavy traffic in this area during shuttle operations.

If you approve of **Austin Fan Fest** and **Experience Austin**, no further action is necessary. Although if you like you are welcome to submit an approval by using the same form which offers this option. If you do NOT approve, please complete the City of Austin Notice of Proposed Closure form (enclosed) and return it via mail or email <http://www.austintexas.gov/email/specialevents> to the City of Austin by September 17, 2012 or earlier.

We sincerely appreciate your support and patience while we complete preparations for these celebrations. We hope you will join us downtown for a stylish display of motorsports, entertainment and the unforgettable character that makes Austin, Texas one of the very best places to call "home."

For more information or questions regarding these events, please contact:

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You may also visit the City of Austin Special Events website at [www.austintexas.gov/departments/special-events-0](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/special-events-0) or call 512.974.6501

