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## RIGHT OF WAY ACTIVITY MORATORIUM

## Mobility Directive MD-08

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/right-of-way-management>

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion and increase mobility, the Austin Transportation Department mandates that construction activities be halted during **large scale events** that generate high demand for right of way space in the downtown area.

The primary area of impact is the [Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone](#) (DAPCZ), an area of Central Austin with a high concentration of critical arterial roadways. See **Figure-1**. Secondary areas, along corridors with hotels and high activity centers, will be closely monitored to determine if the moratorium area of influence needs to be extended.

### PURPOSE

The City of Austin uses moratoriums to better manage an increase in traffic generated by events in and around the DAPCZ by freeing travel lanes and sidewalks that might otherwise be used for construction activities. Moratoriums also provide City crews and the contracting community an opportunity to focus on cleaning up their work sites and perform any necessary right of way maintenance.

### EVENTS

The following is a listing of events that attract a lot of interest and attendees from around the world. During these events all construction activity in the City of Austin right of way shall be halted a minimum of three days prior to the start the event and will extend through one day after the event conclusion:

- South By Southwest
- Formula 1 Grand Prix

### EXEMPTION

Projects in the DAPCZ area are able to request review for exemption. Reviews will determine

if they may be exempt from total moratorium or stop work. The Directors of Public Works and Transportation will determine if the exemption can be granted. All exemption requests must be delivered to the Right of Way Management Division a minimum of 45 calendar days, prior to the start date of the event. Factors to consider include:

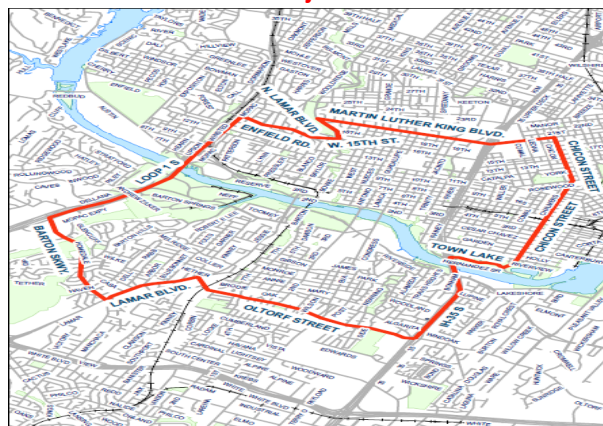
- Can the work occur behind an established, long-term closure?
- Will the activity create conflict with pedestrians or cyclists or contribute to congestion downtown?
- What are the expected haul routes in and out of downtown?
- What time will the activity be taking place?

### EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Operations or repairs made to facilities to prevent imminent harm to the health, safety, or welfare of persons or property are authorized to occur as needed. A permit for right of way use must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. the next business day. A Lane Closure Notification should be reported to Austin 3-1-1 at the first opportunity. See Mobility Directive-04, Providing Notification.

**FIGURE-1**

**Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone**



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