



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Beth Culver, Assistant Director, Development Services Department
Jim Dale, P.E., Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department

DATE: October 12, 2021

SUBJECT: **Continuation of Moratorium on New Downtown Street Events**

The Austin Center for Events (ACE), along with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), is recommending a continuation of the moratorium on new street events in the downtown area through December 2022. The primary area of influence affected by this moratorium is the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone, bounded by Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the north, Oltorf Street to the south, MoPac/Loop 1 to the west, and Chicon Street to the east. This area continues to experience tremendous growth in both residential and workforce populations. A number of major public utility projects and private development projects are underway with more scheduled in the future. Some examples include:

State of Texas Projects/Capitol District

- Capitol Complex - Projected Completion 2022
- State Building #1 1801 Congress Ave. - Projected Completion 2022
- State Building #2 1601 Congress Ave. - Projected Completion 2021

UT/Red River/Hospital District

- Red River Realignment - Projected Completion 2021
- Moody Arena - Projected Completion 2022
- Brackenridge Campus redevelopment -1400 Red River St. - Projected Completion 2022
- Hotel Mirabeau 1209 Red River St. - Projected Completion 2022
- 1313 Red River - Projected Completion 2021
- Symphony Square-1117Red River - Projected Completion 2023

Rainey Street District

- 44 East Ave. - Projected Completion 2022
- 48 East Ave. - Projected Completion 2021
- 70 East Ave. - Projected Completion 2023
- 84 East -84 East Ave. - Projected Completion 2023
- The Travis-80 Red River - Projected Completion 2023

Downtown Core

- 215 Brazos St. - Projected Completion 2022
- River South 421 S 1st St. - Projected Completion 2021
- Block 185 601 W 2nd St. - Projected Completion 2022
- Block 36 702 E 3rd St. - Projected Completion 2021
- Hanover Republic Square 301-305 W 5th St. - Projected Completion 2022
- 5th & Brazos Hotel 501 Brazos St. - Projected Completion 2021
- 6X Guadalupe St. 400 W 6th St. - Projected Completion 2022
- Whole Food Office Complex 835 W 5th St. - Projected Completion 2023
- 1205 Nueces at Capitol West - Projected Completion 2021
- Hyatt Centric Hotel 721 Congress Ave. - Projected Completion 2021
- Alexan Capitol 700 E 11th St. - Projected Completion 2021
- 1204 San Antonio St.-Mixed Use - Projected Completion 2021
- 14th and Guadalupe - Projected Completion 2023
- 700 E. 11th St. -Alexan Capitol - Projected Completion 2021
- The Huston 705 E 12th St. - Projected Completion 2021
- 410 Uptown 410 W 18th St. - Projected Completion 2021
- 210 South Lamar The Loren - Projected Completion 2022
- Travis County Courthouse 1700 Guadalupe - Project Completion 2022
- The Linden Condos-313 W. 17th St. - Projected Completion 2023

Corridor Projects

- Corridor Project-Barton Springs Rd.-South 1st Intersection Safety Improvements - Projected Completion Winter 2022
- Zilker Park Multimodal Access Improvements - Projected Completion Winter 2022

Project Connect

Additionally, Project Connect expects to start construction in 2024 with utility relocation work likely starting prior to then. This construction will affect special events in downtown. ACE will work with event planners to incorporate Project Connect construction into their event planning activities.

In these unprecedented times, we realize the need to be flexible and responsive not only to the health of our citizens and visitors but to the economic health of the community. Exemptions for smaller events as allowed by applicable safety guidelines may be granted based on review by the ATD Director and ACE Program Manager. First Amendment/free speech events will not be affected and will still require review by ACE staff so that we may make the appropriate safety preparations. Events outside the downtown core will also continue to be permitted as long as the Austin Center for Events has adequate staffing to facilitate, and all safety precautions are met.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bill Manno, Austin Center for Events Corporate Special Events Program Manager (william.manno@austintexas.gov, (512) 974-2110).

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