



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director, Austin Transportation Department
Howard Lazarus, P.E., Director, Public Works Department

DATE: January 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Right of Way Activity Moratorium – March 6 -17, 2014

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that a moratorium is being issued for permitted activities that seek to occupy sidewalks or lanes of traffic downtown from March 6 through March 17, 2014 during the SXSW Special Event. The primary area of influence affected by this moratorium will be bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to Oltorf St. and MoPac to Chicon St., known as the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPCZ). There could be secondary areas, along corridors with hotels and high activity centers that will be closely monitored to determine if the moratorium area of influence needs to be extended.

This activity moratorium will make available much needed lanes of traffic to accommodate out-of-town guests and provide contractors an opportunity to focus on cleaning up their work sites. City operations divisions will also spend time cleaning and preparing the downtown area for the crowds coming to Austin.

Like last year, a review process will be implemented for Capital Improvement Projects in the DAPCZ area to determine if they may be exempt from the activity moratorium. Exemptions may be allowed based on review by Director of Public Works Howard Lazarus and Director of Transportation Robert Spillar.

If you need any additional information, please contact Jason Redfern or Frances Hargrove in the Austin Transportation Department for assistance, or Carolyn Perez in the Public Works Department.