Whose ROW is it Anyway?

Tips and tricks for determining the right of way.

Austin-area right of way (ROW) is not always owned and/or controlled by the City. Other ROW owners/controllers include the State, counties, private entities, and various other infrastructure stakeholders.

State ROW

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is a commonly encountered ROW owner/controller. Highways, freeways, ranch-farm-to-market roads, and a number of other arterial roadways fall under TxDOT authority.

Right of Way Management Reference List

The Austin Transportation Department, Right of Way Management Division has produced a reference list of TxDOT roadways. This list is for informational purposes and no warranty is made regarding specific accuracy or completeness. To determine with certainty whether or not a roadway falls under the purview of TxDOT, contact their office at http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/austin.html.

Sidewalk Construction

Sidewalk construction that abuts a TxDOT roadway should be coordinated through the City of Austin’s Right of Way Management Division.

County ROW

Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties are also commonly encountered ROW owners/controllers. Roadways ranging in nature from residential to arterial to freeway may fall under county authority.

COA GIS Property Profile  http://www.austintexas.gov/gis/propertyprofile/

The City of Austin Property Profile Map may be used for an approximation of ROW ownership/control.
Welcome to the City of Austin Property Profile web map application. The Property Profile provides a simple way to answer questions about specified properties and development regulations within the City. With Property Profile you can search for information, view aerial images including street views, create custom maps, download data, and run a report detailing information about a specified property.

We encourage users to access the help documents and videos under the "Help" tab for tips on how to navigate through the application. Please note, the "X" button on the top right of every side panel will close the current panel and bring up the previous panel. Once a panel is closed you cannot return to it.

If you have comments or questions, please contact the City of Austin Property Profile Help Desk at 512-990-4762 or email at propertyprofile@AustinTexas.gov.

Click on "Address Search".

Type in the applicable address then select "Next".

Click on "Show list of layers". The layers appear after you perform a valid search or other task that returns results.
Private ROW

Occasionally, private entities serve as ROW owners/controllers. Roadways ranging in nature from residential to arterial may fall under private authority.

Street Signage
Privately-held roadways may have street signage that differs from the standard.
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A list of layers will appear in the right hand toolbar. Select the "Street Centerline" layer and deselect the "Addresses" layer.

Select the "Identify & Query" tab. Then click on "Point".

Click on the zoom in (+) button to ensure accuracy in point placement THEN, click on the red street centerline in front of the address point. NOTE: This will remove the highlighted address point. A list of "Identify Results" will appear in the right hand toolbar.
Other Infrastructure Stakeholders

A multitude of right of way stakeholders are represented within the Austin Area. These include but are not limited to:

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Austin Parks and Recreation
- Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Texas Facilities Commission
- Texas Railroad Commission
- Texas State Preservation Board
- University of Texas at Austin

Street information will appear in the right hand toolbar. Scroll down to view the “Road Classification”. If the classification states “Private Road”, then the roadway is the jurisdiction of a private entity.