



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director, Austin Transportation Department

Howard Lazarus, P.E., Director, Public Works Department

DATE: January 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Right of Way Activity Moratorium – March 9-22, 2015

During specific times of the year the City of Austin issues activity moratoriums for right of way projects to ensure that sidewalks and traffic/bicycle lanes can accommodate our residents in addition to the large influx of out-of-town guests trying to navigate the City. This provides contractors and City operational divisions opportunities to focus on cleaning up their work sites and minimizing their footprint to avoid traffic disruptions.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that, as we have done previously, a moratorium is being issued for permitted activities that seek to occupy sidewalks or lanes of traffic downtown from March 9 through March 22, 2015 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 Expy. 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.

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 total moratorium or stop work, based on review by the Director of Public Works and the Director of Transportation.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact Rob Spillar, Director, Austin Transportation Department at 512-974-2488, or Howard Lazarus, Director, Public Works Department at 512-974-7190.