





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Denise Lucas, Director, Development Services Department   
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**THROUGH:** Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager, Economic Opportunity & Affordability  
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**DATE:** January 4, 2023

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

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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 2023. The moratorium was initiated on November 25, 2014, given the challenges to maintain mobility with recurring events and considerable construction in downtown. These challenges remain today. In addition, this area continues to experience tremendous growth in both residential and workforce populations.

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. Several major public utility projects and private development projects are underway with more scheduled in the future. Some examples include:

### **Projects Under Construction**

- **Projected completion 2022**
  - Hotel Mirabeau - 1209 Red River St.
  - State Office Building # 1
  - State Office Building # 2
  - Texas Bankers Association Office Development
  - Town Lake Lofts
- **Projected completion 2023**
  - 70 East Ave.
  - 84 East - 84 East Ave.
  - Cambria Hotel - Summer

- Citizen M Hotel
- Horizon Bank Office Tower
- Sixth & Guadalupe - Spring
- Symphony Square - 1117 Red River
- The Linden
- The Waller
- **Projected completion 2024**
  - Hanover @ 3rd & Brazos
- **Projected completion 2025**
  - 97 Red River
- **Projected completion TBD**
  - Travis County Civil & Family Courthouse

### **Projects Planned or Proposed**

- **Projected completion 2023**
  - Waterloo Park Tower
- **Projected completion 2024**
  - Shoal Cycle
  - The Modern Austin Residences
- **Projected completion 2025**
  - 80 Rainey
  - 80 Red River Phase I & II
  - Annie B
  - Perennial
  - River Street Residences
  - The Republic
  - Zilker Point
- **Projected completion 2026**
  - 98 Red River
  - Block 16 - Spring
  - Health South Redevelopment
- **Projected completion TBD**
  - 15th St Office Building
  - 307 E 2nd
  - 701 W 6th
  - Austin American Statesman Site

### **Corridor Projects**

- **Project Completion Winter 2022**
  - Corridor Project-Barton Springs Rd.-South 1<sup>st</sup> Intersection Safety Improvements
  - Zilker Park Multimodal Access Improvements

### **Project Connect and I-35**

Additionally, Project Connect expects to start construction in 2024 with utility relocation work likely starting prior to then and I-35 anticipates starting in 2024/2025. These construction projects will affect special events in downtown. ACE and ATD will work with event planners to incorporate Project Connect and I-35 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](mailto:william.manno@austintexas.gov), (512) 974-2110).

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