

# Special Events Newsletter



March 2020

## Events

### Texas Independence Day Parade

**Saturday, Mar. 7**

The parade begins at 9:30 AM at the Ann Richards Bridge. The parade proceeds up Congress Ave. to the State Capitol and disbands at 11th St.

- Bridge closure is 7:00 AM - 11:45 AM.
- Congress Ave. closure is 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Alternative Routes:

- North /South - 1st St. Bridge, Lamar Blvd., I35, MoPac
- East/West - Riverside/Barton Springs Rd., 15th St.

### SXSW Conference & Festivals

**Friday, Mar. 13 - Sunday, Mar. 22**

The City of Austin has provided an event webpage with updated information on SXSW and spring festivals which contains road closure times and locations, as well as other transportation information, safety tips, and specific event details.

- CapMetro has updated SXSW routes and convenient service via the Metro Rapid Lines.
- Trinity St. from 12th St. to 15th St. is Capitol Bus parking until 4:00 PM daily, and will be designated as SXSW permit parking after 4:00 PM, March 16-22.
- Metered parking on 4th St. from Lavaca St. to Guadalupe St. will be designated as a drop-off/pick-up area for transportation network companies (TNCs)/rideshares.
- Due to increased downtown traffic on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th, Garage N (300 San Antonio St.) may open to the public at approximately 2:00 PM. Advance notice will be provided to State agencies in the WPH Building when parking begins to be sold to the public.
- Parking attendants may be present at some State parking facilities in the afternoons monitoring entrances before 5:00 PM, so the public does not park in State employee parking.

## Helpful Links

[ABC Kite Fest](#)

[Austin Events / What to do in Austin](#)

[Capitol Complex Parking Map](#)

[Capitol Complex \(Construction\) Project Website](#)

[CapMetro Closure Updates](#)

[CapMetro Service Changes](#)

[Downtown State Parking Map](#)

[Republic Square Park](#)

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## State Employee Parking

State employees are permitted one FREE after-hours parking permit on a first come, first serve basis for events.

State employees are required to stop and show the parking attendant a State of Texas employee ID for a FREE parking permit in the State Garages and Lots. DPS issued parking stickers on vehicles are not sufficient for free entry.

## Wayfinding

**Wayfinding and Sidewalk Maps:** The wayfinding signs in the Capitol Complex have been updated with scannable QR codes to assist with making the [Safe Sidewalk Routes Map](#) and directional information for travel easier around the Complex. (Pedestrians may need to walk around some buildings.)

**UT Men’s Basketball Home Games**

**March 3 (Tuesday)**

Texas vs. Oklahoma @ 8:00 PM

**March 7 (Saturday)**

Texas vs. Oklahoma State @ 3:00 PM

**STATE GARAGE G CLOSED for Home Games:**

Closed State Garage G is temporarily leased to UT for all Men’s basketball home games for Alumni Parking by Permit Only.

**EMPLOYEE PERSONAL VEHICLES:**

Remove ALL State employee personal vehicles from Garage G by 6:00 PM weekdays before a UT Men’s Basketball Home Game.

**STATE-OWNED FLEET VEHICLES:**

Remove ALL State vehicles from **Lot 12 and CSB Back Loading Docks** on Friday night by 6:00 PM so the lots are cleared for each **Saturday** UT Men’s Basketball Home Games.

**UT Women’s Basketball Home Games**

**March 8 (Sunday)**

Texas vs. Oklahoma State @ 11:30 AM

**Capitol Complex Project**

**General Construction News:**

- 18<sup>th</sup> St. between Brazos St. and San Jacinto Blvd. will remain closed through March as the installation of new storm water lines continues.
- Construction of the 1801 Building is now finishing the third underground level.
- Construction of the first underground level of the 1601 Building will begin in March. A construction crane for that project will be installed soon.
- The ERS continues work on their new building at the corner of MLK Blvd. and San Jacinto Blvd. The west lane of San Jacinto Blvd. between MLK Blvd. and 18<sup>th</sup> St. will remain closed and intermittent lane closures are possible during construction. (This is not a TFC managed project.)
- Road work on Trinity St. continues between 13<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> St. Expect lane closures, changes to traffic patterns, and possible weekend detours. (This is not a TFC managed project.)

More information is available at:

[www.TexasCapitolComplex.org](http://www.TexasCapitolComplex.org)

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**Travis County Mobile Voting**

**Tuesday, March 3 - Residents of Travis County may vote at the following building lobbies:**

- Sam Houston Building, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Brown-Heatly Building, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM



**Texas Facilities Commission**

Commercial Parking and Special Events

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