

Transportation and Public Works Department

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

FILM CONSIDERATIONS



TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC WORKS

The list of film activities below represents the most common permits issued and is not comprehensive. For any questions, please email TransportationSpecialEvent@austintexas.gov or call 512-974-6501.

COMMERCIAL FILMING

Deadline – 3 Business Days with completed requirements

Right of Way Closures – Filming activity closing, blocking, or impeding any portion of the right of way, such as sidewalks, parking lanes, streets, or alleys.

- Traffic control plan (TCP) is required
 - If an engineered TCP will be used, follow the [TCP Submittal Instructions](#)
- Letter of Intent from a Barricade Company is required.
- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are required.

Intermittent Traffic Control (ITC) - Traffic controlled by law enforcement.

- The law enforcement official must not hold any one direction of any mode of travel for more than a 5-minute interval.
- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are required.
- The map needs to reflect where the officers will be stationed.

Parkland Activity - Filming within City of Austin parks.

- Transportation and Public Works, Office of Special Events does not permit filming within City of Austin parks.
- A map of the City of Austin parks can be viewed [here](#).
- A permit from the [Parks and Recreation Department](#) may be necessary.

Drones - Filming performed using drone equipment.

- Transportation and Public Works, Office of Special Events does not permit drone filming.
- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Signoff from Austin Bergstrom International Airport may be necessary.

STUDENT FILMING

Deadline – 2 Business Days with completed requirements

Filming activity by a student in connection with a school's filming curriculum.

- Certificate of Insurance is required; however, the school's insurance policy will be acceptable.
- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are required.

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MOBILE FILMING

Deadline – 3 Business Days with completed requirements

B-Roll - Highly mobile filming activity.

- Crew and equipment cannot remain stationary for more than 15 minutes at a time.
- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are not required.
- The map only needs to include four location points: the northernmost, southernmost, easternmost, and westernmost areas for the proposed filming route. Please refer to the [B-Roll sample map](#) linked.

Mobile Bubble - Filming from a vehicle, typically with other vehicles leading or following the active vehicle. No right of way closures will occur.

- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are not required.
- The map needs to reflect the route that the vehicle(s) will travel.

Police Escort - Filming from a vehicle with law enforcement officials leading or following the active vehicle. No right of way, such as sidewalks, parking lanes, streets, or alley closures, will occur.

- Approval from the Austin Police Department is required.
- Notification and Signoff Forms are not required.
- The map must reflect the route the vehicle(s) will travel.