

# Austin Street Guide



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Here's a guide to help you manipulate some of our most heavily used and name-changing streets plus a few other Austin street facts.

## Austin loves its Trees

Most of the numbered streets downtown bore tree names until the late 1880s. They included:

Second Street — Live Oak  
Third Street — Cypress  
Fourth Street — Cedar  
Fifth Street — Pine  
Sixth Street — Pecan  
Seventh Street — Bois de Arc  
Eighth Street — Hickory  
Ninth Street — Ash  
10th Street — Mulberry  
11th Street — Mesquite  
12th Street — Rose  
13th Street — Peach  
14th Street — Walnut  
16th Street — Cherry  
17th Street — Linden  
18th Street — Chestnut  
19th Street — Magnolia

## Name Changers

Loop 1	MoPac Boulevard
E. & W. First Street	Cesar Chavez Street
Enfield Road	15th Street
Windsor Road	24th Street
Dean Keeton Street	26th Street
19th Street	Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
FM 1325	Louis Henna Blvd, Burnet Road, MoPac Blvd.
Loop 360	Capital of Texas Highway
RM 620	Marshall Ford Road
U.S. 183	Bell Blvd, Research Blvd, Anderson Ln, Ed Bluestein, Old Bastrop Hwy.
RM 2222	Bull Creek Rd, Northland Dr, Koenig Ln, Allendale Rd
RM 2244	Bee Cave Road
Texas 71	Ben White Boulevard, U.S. 290
Loop 111	Airport Boulevard

## Interesting River Fact:

With the exception of Congress Avenue, streets running north and south through downtown mirror the order in which rivers flow throughout the state. From east to west, the streets (and the rivers) are: Sabine, Red River, Neches, Trinity, San Jacinto, Brazos, Colorado, Lavaca, Guadalupe, San Antonio, Nueces and Rio Grande.

## **Forget the traffic rules you learned elsewhere. Austin has its own set of traffic rules...**

1. All directions start with 'Go down Mopac...'cause you don't want to get on I-35.
2. Burnet Road, Braker Lane, and Lamar Blvd. have no beginning and no end.
3. It is impossible to go around a block and wind up on the same street that you started on. The Chamber of Commerce calls this a scenic drive.
4. The 8:00am rush hour is from 6:30am to 9:30am. The 5:00pm rush hour is from 3:30pm to 7:15pm. Friday's rush hour starts on Thursday morning.
5. If you actually stop at a yellow light, then you cannot be from Austin. You may only apply your brakes when the end of a yellow light and the beginning of the red light create a burnt-orange hue. This is Longhorn Country, after all.
6. Just remember that Mopac is Loop 1; Capital of Texas Hwy is 360; and U.S.183 is Research Blvd., Anderson Lane, Ed Bluestein Blvd. and Old Bastrop Hwy; 2222 is Northland Dr. or Allendale Rd. or Koenig Lane.
7. If moisture is determined to be rain, all traffic must immediately come to a screeching halt.
8. DO NOT attempt to access any road during an apocalyptic event like snow or SXSW (South by Southwest Music Convention) or the ACL Fest or any one of the myriad running marathons held in Austin each year. Construction on I-35 AND U.S. 183 is a way of life.
9. Manchaca is pronounced MAN-chack. Also, the city of Manchaca (MANchack) is in Hays & Travis Counties and there is also a very long street in Austin named Manchaca (MANchack)!
10. The city of Manor and Manor Rd. are pronounced 'MAY-ner'.
11. Please don't pronounce the 'E' at the end of Guadalupe. It's Gwada-LOOP and we like it!
12. Burnet Road is pronounced BURN-it, not Bur-NET.
13. Koenig Lane is pronounced KAE-nig not KOE-nig.
14. The old airport (Robert Mueller) is pronounced Robert Miller and is on Airport Boulevard. The new airport(Austin-Bergstrom) is no where near Airport Boulevard. It's in the city of Del Valle pronounced Dell Valley.

**Now you won't have to wonder why there are so many bumper stickers that say 'Keep Austin Weird'!**