

**Street Use Staff Commission’s Policies for Events in the Downtown Zone  
Adopted per MGO 10.056(6)(a) on (insert date)**

*2019 event season will be a transition year and the Commission may allow returning events to adjust to these new requirements in the DZ. Events must be in full compliance for the 2020 event season.*

**“Downtown Zone” (DZ) definition:** the area bounded by and including the following streets: North Blair Street where it terminates at James Madison Park, South Blair Street, John Nolen Drive, North Shore Drive, Proudfit Street, Regent Street, and Park Street from Regent to where it terminates at Lake Mendota. The DZ does not include the portions of streets forming the Capitol Square, the 100 blocks of each street intersecting with the Capitol Square, or the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard – see map below.

- 1) Restrictions on closing “arterial” or “collector” streets in the Downtown Zone.  
Arterial/collector streets are identified on this interactive map:  
<https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5607ea75ce8647ea9f1fa01dec3e5aec>
  - Weekdays: Monday-Friday – No closure of arterial/collector streets
  - Weekends:
    - Saturday – run/walk/parade events must start by 8:00am
    - Sunday – run/walk/parade events must start by 9:00am
  - Exceptions to Saturday/Sunday start times:
    1. Events that obey traffic signals and have the capacity to control participants to safely allow traffic to cross on arterials/collectors
    2. City-sponsored events

*Notes: “closure” of an arterial or collector means a full closure where all lanes of traffic are closed. This does not include a parking lane closure or single lane closure where traffic is still permitted to move in both directions.*

Any request to use the roadway of State Street is considered a full closure because State Street does not have the option for a partial lane closure. (But see exception 1., above, for events that use the roadway of State St. but obey traffic signals & allow traffic to flow on arterials/collectors.)

“Closure” also includes a cross street being closed to traffic (example: application for State Street that would require closing Gorham where it crosses State St. without allowing traffic to cross.)

Marches/events that stay on sidewalks and obey all traffic signals are not considered a “closure.”
- 2) No part of the 200 thru 600 blocks of State Street (W Dayton Street to N Lake Street) may be closed at any time on **weekdays**. Closures of any of these blocks of State Street will be considered on weekends only.
  - Marches/events that stay on sidewalks and obey traffic signals are not considered a “closure” and not subject to this rule.
- 3) Any permit to close any portion of State Street shall NOT include the closing of the cross streets of Gorham Street, Johnson Street and Dayton-Fairchild Streets unless:
  - The closure complies with these rules for the Downtown Zone including the rules for collectors and arterials in paragraph 1)
  - The event organizer agrees to a traffic management plan that meets the requirements of MGO 10.056(6)(o)3.b.
- 4) No run/walk/parade events during Student Move-in dates = August 12 – Labor Day.
- 5) No full closure of John Nolen Drive, per MGO 10.056(6)(o)4. except City sponsored events.

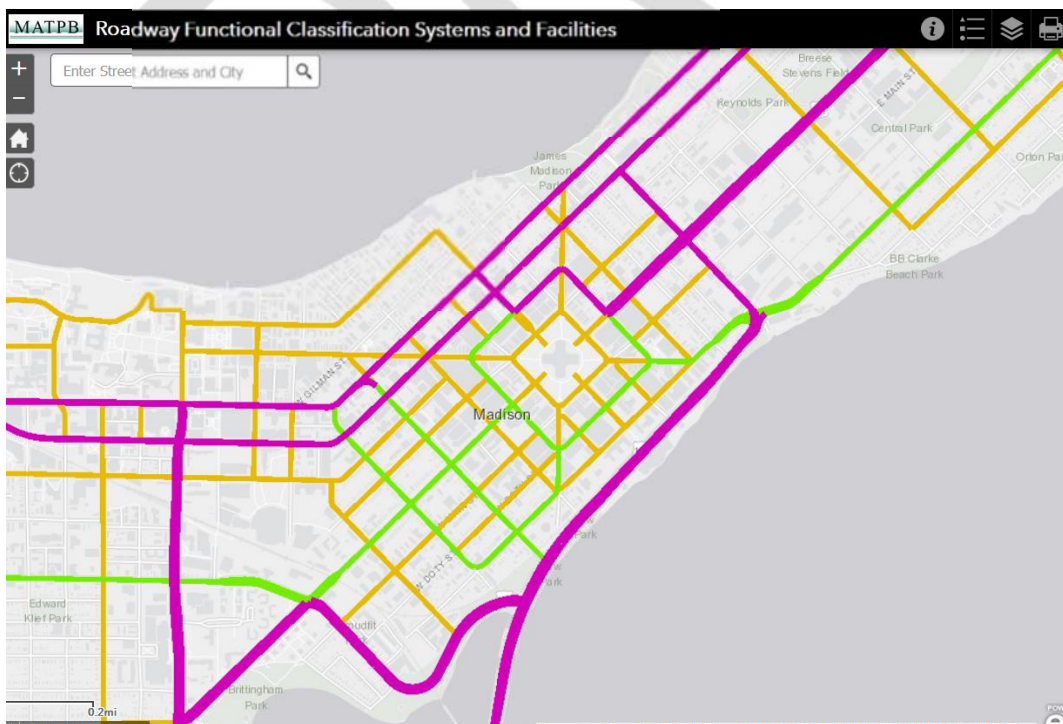
## Map of Downtown Zone (DZ):

Red = DZ

Green = excluded zone, not DZ



Sample view of Functional Classification Map to identify arterial & collector streets:  
(See full interactive map linked above for all street classifications in the DZ)



Pink = Arterial  
Green = Arterial  
Yellow = Collector  
No label = local