

ECLIPSE PARTNERS

City and County Services: *city services will play critical roles in both publicizing the eclipse events and preparing for the influx of visitors*

- Animal Control
- Chamber of Commerce
- City Council
- City Hall/Office of the Mayor
- Commissioners Court
- Parks and Recreation

Commerce: *the anticipated increase in visitors to the hill country can mean a higher than average volume of local business patronage. Expect a shortage of fuel and groceries and increased usage of ATMs. Eclipses are unique events and can confuse wild and domesticated animals when nearing the period of totality (during first and second contact), at totality, and following totality (during third to fourth contact).*

- Animal Kennels/Animal Shelters
- Banks/Credit Unions
- Business Associations
- Gas Stations/Automobile Repair
- Grocery Stores/Convenience Stores
- Local Retailers/Chain Businesses
- Parking Facilities

Education: *education facilities are encouraged to educate their students and patrons on eclipses and safe solar viewing. Due to the 2024 eclipse occurring on a Monday and in the early afternoon, school districts may want to consider an alternative schedule to alleviate strain on bus schedules and regional traffic.*

- Independent School Districts
- Institution of Higher Learning
- Libraries

Emergency Management: *the anticipated increase in visitors to the hill country can mean a higher than average volume of incidents. Some entities may just need a heads up to the upcoming events; the involvement of others will be heavier during the days before, during, and after the eclipses.*

- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Office of Emergency Management/Emergency Management Services
- Police Department

Hospitality/Recreation: *expect booking of most lodging accommodations to begin soon if not already in progress. Activities and entertainment following the eclipses will help to ease traffic flow and stagger departures from the area. Food and beverage businesses may consider limited menus during the eclipse events to accommodate increased patronage.*

- Community Centers
- Hotels/Motels
- Restaurants/Bars/Cafés/Caterers
- RV Parks/Camp Facilities
- State Parks
- Entertainment
- Vacation Rentals/Air B&Bs

Media: *due to the nature of these two events, getting the word out means relying heavily on local and regional media. Leading up to the eclipses, keep in communication with your news outlets, informing them of scheduled festivals, activities, road route changes/detours, and general education about these two events.*

- Magazines
- News Stations
- Newspapers
- Radio Stations

Residents: *residents may not be aware of these two eclipse events and how drastically they will impact where they live. Use your city and county services, local media, and educational facilities to inform them accordingly. Private landowners may open their space to visitors as camping and lodging grounds or as eclipse viewing areas. This may be a challenge for traffic flow and waste management.*

- Private Land Owners/Residents
- Retirement Facilities/Senior Centers

Transportation: *not all visitors to the hill country will be driving to their eclipse viewing destinations. Some will come to the region via plane, train, and bus, putting a possible strain on vehicle rental facilities, transportation services, and rideshares. Traffic during these event times may lead to delays of busses, trains, and other vehicles that adhere to specific routes and timetables.*

- Airports
- Buses
- Train Stations
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Vehicle Rentals/Transportation Services

Utilities: *expect the anticipated volume of visitors to strain the electrical grid, water use, and waste services. Consider adding extra water stations and portable restrooms at event sites.*

- Electrical Cooperatives
- Waste Management
- Water Districts