



## Transportation Data Collection Schedule

The purpose of the transportation data collection calendar is to help ensure that field data is collected that reflects typical travel conditions in a study area, or at a specific location(s)/intersection(s) being considered for traffic, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle analyses.

Field counts (i.e., vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit) taken during periods of the year within which volumes or patterns are unusually low or high do not provide representative transportation data.

Time periods during which transportation data should not be collected include:

- Mondays and Fridays;
- Official City Holidays (e.g., Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, etc.);
- Major religious and cultural holidays (see calendar for details);
- Fourth week of December to New Year's Day;
- Last week of June through first week of September, except if the proposed action involves recreational uses and/or the study area/intersection(s)/location(s) is located in a summer recreational area (e.g., amusement park, marina, beach or other similar facility), then summer counts are also needed in addition to the regular counts. In addition, land uses such as shopping centers, sports arenas (including baseball and football stadiums), entertainment arenas, movie theaters, and other similar event facilities would require Friday and/or weekend counts in addition to the typical weekday counts;
- One week in February when schools are not in session for winter break;
- School recesses, including spring break; and
- United Nations Week (if data needs to be collected within the area of influence surrounding the UN facility in Manhattan).

Data should not be collected during construction activity or during special events, such as street fairs, parades, or other events that impact vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit data in the study area. It is crucial to consult with NYC DOT's Special Events Division, Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC), and the Borough Commissioner's Offices to confirm any scheduled upcoming street closures due to localized special events or construction activities.

Data also should not be collected on days when inclement weather (i.e., rain, snow) influences road user travel patterns. For example, counts on snow days, or on days for which snow has been predicted (even if it does not materialize), should be avoided.

In some instances, data may be collected and used to make year-to-year comparisons for time periods that are not considered “typical.” In these cases, the same month(s) or week(s) should be compared from one year to the next. These comparisons can yield meaningful information about how a change affected traffic conditions in a given period, but should not be used to establish baseline or typical conditions.

This data collection calendar does not necessarily apply to various NYC DOT operational studies such as intersection control studies and those done to determine curb regulations. It is recommended that NYC DOT’s Traffic Engineering and Planning unit be consulted before collecting any transportation data during the above referenced embargo periods.

Please note that this calendar will be revised once more updated information is available for school year 2026-2027 and the United Nations General Assembly.