

# ROYAL HIGHNESS



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I am wild about woodlands and intentionally take Austin's Southwest Parkway corridor because I immensely enjoy the approximately 9-mile drive that gives me an impression during specific stretches that there is nothing but me, blue sky, and the open road.

As the sun rose on Sunday morning, I was out the door and rolling down that highway. My eyes gazing east, I shifted into fifth gear and suddenly hit the brakes and made a hard right.

Can you hear the screech of my BFGoodrich tires?!

In my line of sight, a breathtaking sunrise came up over downtown Austin and urged me to loop to the top of a nearby parking structure to take in the beauty from the highest place I could find.

As I hopped out of my truck to get visually closer, I claimed the sunrise as *mine*. After all, it was early Sunday morning on a national holiday weekend, which meant all was quiet on the SW Parkway.

It was just me, the majestic one, and a dazzling moment that left me feeling that I, alone, was chosen to be a part of the sun's larger conversation with Travis County.

Sigh.

Until we meet again, find moments of unexpected joy in nature and one another. ❤️

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