

TO: Mayor and Council Members

**CC:** Spencer Cronk, City Manager

Gina Fiandaca, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Robert Spillar, P.E., Director,

**Austin Transportation Department** 

**DATE:** May 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Notice of Mobility Impacts on Barton Springs Road and South 1st

Street

This memorandum is to inform you about the impact on mobility at the intersection of Barton Springs Road and South 1<sup>st</sup> Street due to construction. The southern-most, eastbound lane of Barton Springs Road between South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and West Riverside Drive will be closed for a

period of approximately three months due to private construction at 401 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. On South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the two western-most southbound lanes would also be closed for the same duration. A map of the closures is attached. The proposed start date is May 18, 2019.

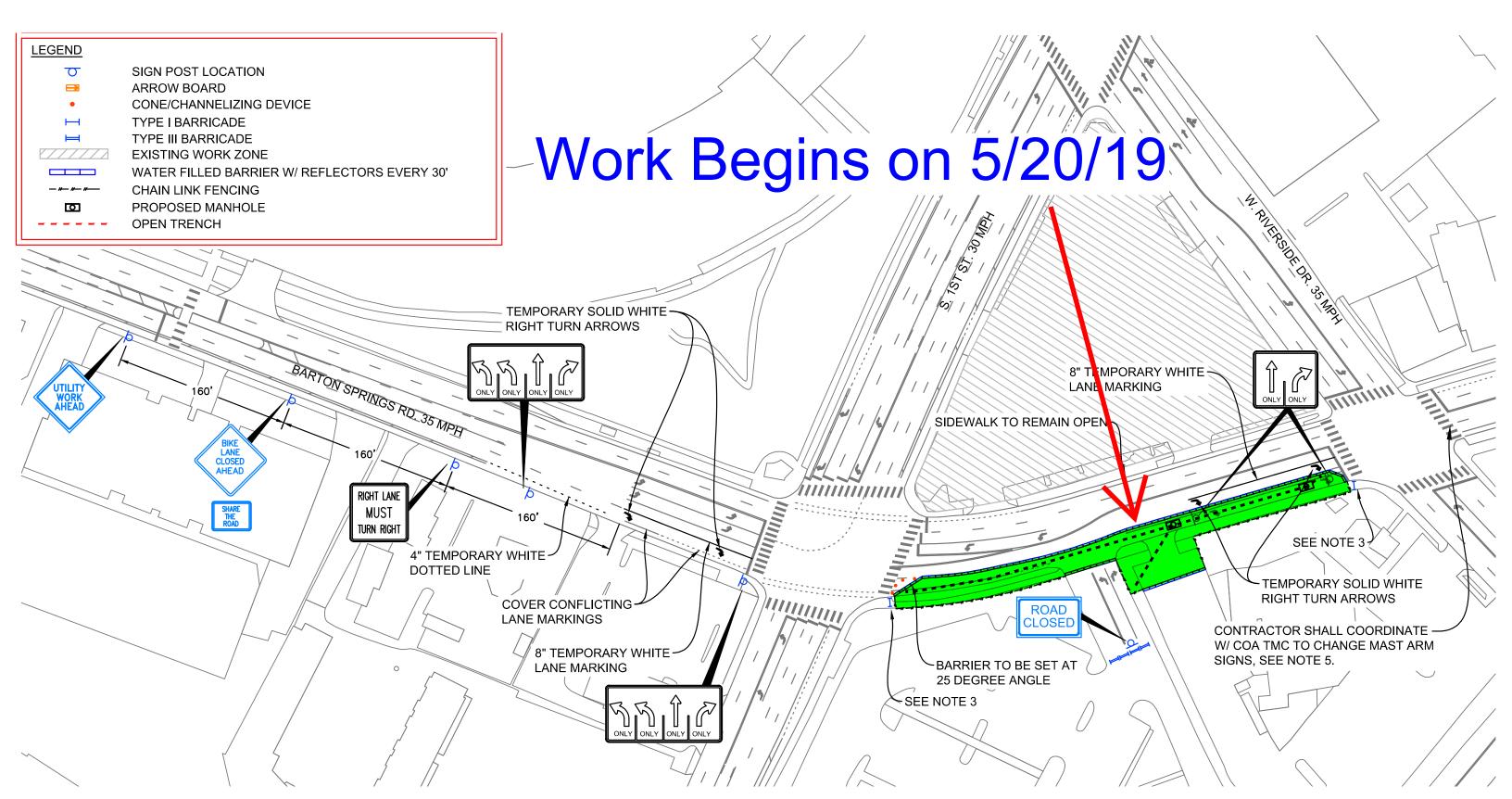
The closure on Barton Springs Road will include the sidewalks, the bicycle lanes, and one of the One Texas Center (OTC) driveways. Signs will be provided for appropriate bicycle and pedestrian detours as well as directing OTC traffic to other driveways. In addition to the long-term, 24-hour closures, there will be various intermittent daily lane closures during off peak hours at the intersection of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Barton Springs Road and the intersection of Barton Springs Road and Riverside Drive.

As always, we encourage people traveling through the area to use caution, be patient, and obey all posted warning signs, especially while traveling through a construction zone.

## **Background**

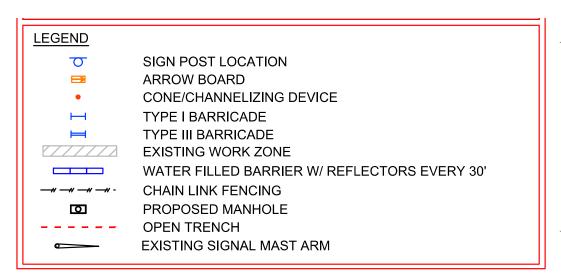
The redevelopment of 401 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street needs to begin the first phase of their required utility mitigation, which includes burying Austin Energy lines beneath the pavement on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Barton Springs Road (adjacent to OTC). The lines run from midblock on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street across the Barton Springs Road intersection, up Barton Springs Road, and across the Riverside Drive intersection. Although the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has worked with the contractor to mitigate the disruptions, the lane closures required for the utility work will have a significant impact on the transportation network due to the location of the site.

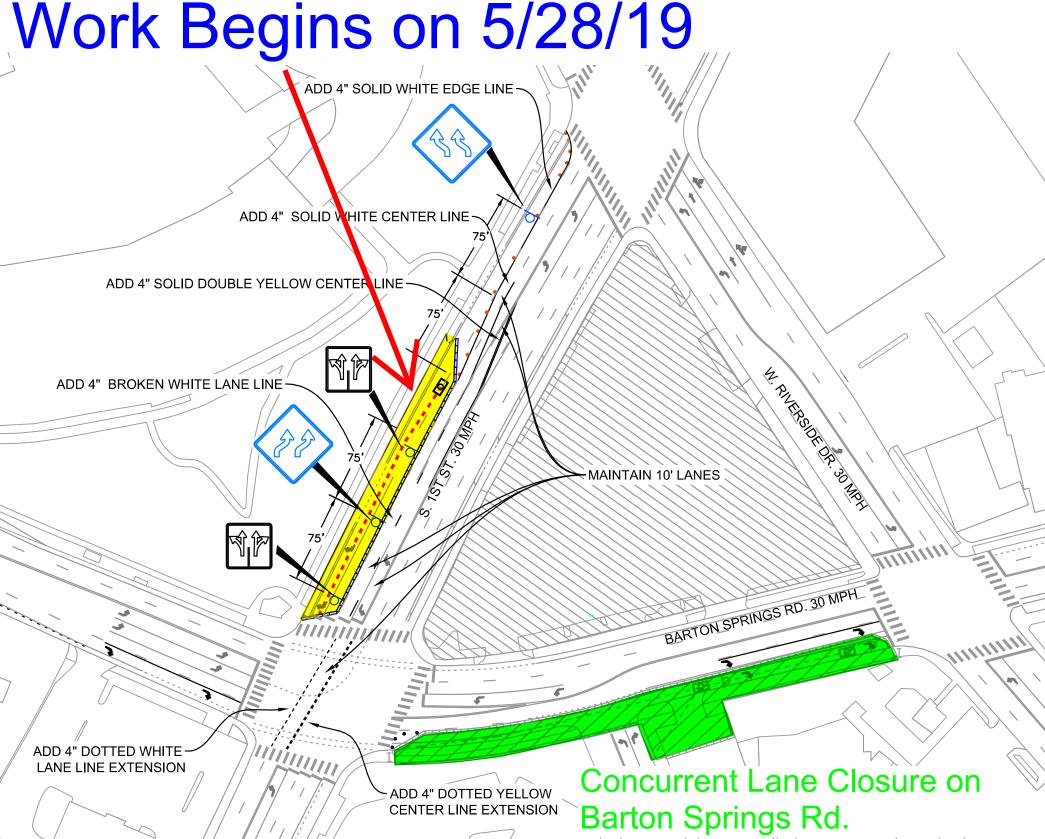
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 974-2488.

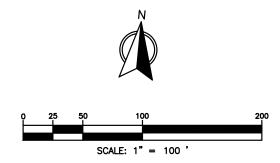


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