



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Richard Mendoza, Public Works Director

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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DATE: October 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Five New High Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report

The following outlines our status and progress on the five new high-priority Fire/EMS stations since the [August 1, 2019 update](#).

Per City Council resolution no. 20180524-035 plan to construct and staff five permanent Fire/EMS stations over a six-year timeline in the areas of greatest need as identified in the updated 2017 Austin Fire Department/Austin Fire Association Fire Station Risk and Service Delivery Analysis Report. Furthermore, permanent stations in the top two areas of greatest need are to begin within 12 and 24 months respectively with the first one opening in 24 months. I am pleased to report that we remain on schedule for the initial two stations located in Del Valle/Moore's Crossing and Travis Country. The following outlines our progress thus far.

Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Station:

- Planning/Design – The F2 site plan approval as well as the Travis County permitting has been secured. This milestone was the final hurdle to obtaining our building permit allowing for vertical construction. Expect the building permit approval within 7 days.
- Construction – We are currently under construction with two building pads. Parking and paving areas are also under construction.
- Communications – Project information can be accessed on the website: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.
- Utilities – Electrical service design has been approved by Austin Energy. Contracts for gas service have been received.
- Permitting – F2 site development and Travis Co. permit approved. Building permit to follow.
- Project Risks –

- Costs: This risk has been mitigated and budget and funding plans have been adjusted to updated cost estimates.
- Utilities: Timelines to provide utility services continue to be closely monitored.
- Drainage: low risk for this site.
- Environmental: low risk for this site.
- Transportation: Code requirement to extend Stoney Meadow Drive through the site could impact project costs and/or schedule. Low risk, project is proceeding as planned.
- Community/Neighborhood Impacts: Traffic egress/ingress, unknown conditions. Low risk, community has been engaged.

Travis Country Station: Planned construction start, June 2020

- Real Estate – Negotiations are underway for site acquisition. Right of entry and work authorization has been obtained to allow site access to begin design.
- Planning/Design – Survey, geotechnical soil borings, and design and construction can begin on the site. Consultant work plan under review.
- Communications – Website is live: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>. Public meeting conducted September 19, 2019.
- Remaining Project Risks –
 - Environmental Real Estate: costs, schedule if condemnation pursued
 - Utilities, Permitting, Drainage, Community/Neighborhood Impacts, Traffic egress/ingress: unknown conditions.

Loop 360/Davenport Station:

- Real Estate –Property search within the response zone has been narrowed to a single possibility. Discussions are being led by Real Estate and Fire/EMS personnel and an announcement is imminent.
- Planning/Design – No activity pending site selection.
- Communications – Site announcement being prepared in coordination with property owner pending successful discussions.
- Risks –
 - Real Estate: high risk due to real estate availability, costs, and environmental/topography (prevalent karst features, terrain in the area and site development code requirements).
 - Utilities: will require an Austin Water service extension request.
 - Permitting, Drainage, Community/Neighborhood Impacts: traffic ingress/egress

Goodnight Ranch Station:

- Real Estate – Site has been dedicated for Fire/EMS use by adjoining developer. Site will require platting by the developer. No change from prior update.
- Planning/Design – Meeting with developer to discuss options and risk related to road and utility construction as well as timelines. Preliminary site planning.
- Communications – Project website is live: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>
- Remaining Project Risks –
 - Site development requirements related to utilities, drainage, transportation (developer will be required to construct road) and permitting.

Canyon Creek/620 Station:

- Real Estate – Site has been secured by Austin Police Department (APD).
- Planning/Design – Site feasibility study is underway. Preliminary findings indicate multi-level structures for building and parking to meet impervious cover requirements.
- Communications – Project website is live <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com/>.
- Remaining Project Risks –
 - Site development requirements related to utilities, drainage, transportation, and permitting. Service extension request (SER) will be required well in advance of planned construction start.

Next Steps:

- October 2019 – Del Valle station F2 site and Building permits.
- October 31 – Council RCA for Travis County site acquisition

Attachments: Map of Recommended Fire Station Locations
Proposed Milestone Schedule

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