



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Richard Mendoza, Public Works Director

**CC:** Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
Assistant City Managers  
Chief Joel Baker, Austin Fire

**DATE:** December 10, 2019

**SUBJECT: Five New High Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – Dec. 2019**

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The following outlines our status and progress on the five new high-priority Fire/EMS stations since the [October 8, 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. We remain on schedule for the initial two stations located in Del Valle/Moore's Crossing and Travis Country and we are continuing work to secure locations for the additional three sites. The Dispatch Equity and Optimization Study, which will inform the location and rollout of the additional three sites and any future sites, has developed a process for engaging a consultant to assist in the study. More information will be provided as it becomes available. The following outlines our progress to date, and additional information can be found online at <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.

### **Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Station:**

- The project remains on scheduled for completion in June 2020.
- Planning/Design – All permit and design approvals have been completed.
- Construction – Building pads have all been completed. The contractor, JE Dunn, is completing the slab on grade preparation and concrete pours are scheduled for the next several weeks. Installation of utilities, parking areas and other paved areas is also underway.
- Utilities – Electrical service design has been approved by Austin Energy. Electrical utility pole locations have been determined. Contracts for gas service have been received.
- Permitting – complete.

- Project Risks –
  - Utilities: Timelines to provide utility services continue to be closely monitored.
  - 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.

**Travis Country Station:** Scheduled construction start, June 2020

- Real Estate – Possession and use of the site has been secured. Real Estate continues to work with the property owner on finalizing terms of the purchase agreement.
- Planning/Design – Design work has begun. Initial permitting plan reviews estimated to begin February 2020. Design team is currently working with DSD staff for site plan review.
- Remaining Project Risks –
  - Access drive easement – discussions with adjoining property regarding maintenance responsibility.
  - Station naming – discussion with property owner on station naming ongoing.
  - Construction conditions

**Loop 360/Davenport Station:**

- Real Estate – Discussions with potential property owner are ongoing.
- Planning/Design – On hold pending site selection.
- Communications – Site announcement being prepared in coordination with property owner pending successful discussions, no change.
- 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 still needs 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 – A potential site has been secured by Austin Police Department (APD).
- Planning/Design – Site feasibility study has been completed and alternatives being evaluated to meet impervious cover requirements. May require variance from these requirements to be constructible.
- Communications – Project website is live <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com/>.

- Remaining Project Risks –
  - Site development requirements related to impervious cover, utilities, drainage, transportation, and permitting. Service extension request (SER) will be required well in advance of planned construction start.

**Next Steps:**

- December 2019 – Contract amendment to begin Travis Country station design.
- February 2020 – Travis Country plans to permitting.
- Spring 2020 – Follow up meeting with Travis Country stakeholders.
- Continued bi-weekly executive steering group review meetings.