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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Richard Mendoza, Director, Public Works Department
Date: January 11, 2021
Subject: **Five Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – January 2021**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on progress responsive to Council Resolution No. 20180524-035, which directed the City Manager to develop a 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.

The last update on this effort was in [November 2020](#). Since then, the Del Valle/Moore's Crossing station project punch list items have been completed and we are four months into the warranty period. The second station located near Travis Country has begun vertical steel construction; and preliminary engineering and planning is nearing completion for the third station, Loop 360/Davenport. Additionally, the Travis Country Station real estate transaction has closed.

As you know, COVID-19 has had a great impact on our budget and fiscal outlook. We believe we will still be able to deliver the remaining three stations within the original six-year timeline and are working in partnership with the City's Budget Office as well as the Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services on next steps for delivery given the current financial constraints. Further, we anticipate presenting more detail to Council regarding these discussions in the next few months.

The following outlines our progress to date, and additional information can be found online at <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.

Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Station

- Project is complete, remaining punch list items complete. Five and one-half months into warranty period

Travis Country Station

- Construction is on schedule. Vertical steel is underway, and the easement access road is complete. Site utility work and detention pond construction is continuing.
- Construction contractor has implemented full COVID-19 safety measures for all personnel to include temperature screening, face coverings, social distancing for work teams, sanitization areas, and personnel tracking. Zero COVID-19 positive tests have been reported.
- Office of Real Estate (ORES) has closed on the property and identified a utility easement needed for the site and the acquisition process is underway. ORES is leading discussions with adjoining businesses regarding marquee signage.

Loop 360/Davenport Station

- City Council approved mid-year budget amendment for \$2.0 million in December 2020 for final design slated to begin January 2021 with a planned construction start October 2021 pending a positive financial outlook. Contract amendment with JE Dunn also approved.
- Preliminary engineering and surveying work completed.
- ORES is preparing to initiate lease negotiations with the property owner upon completion of the preliminary engineering and site plan. The project team has high confidence in the viability of this site.

Goodnight Ranch Station

- A site has been dedicated for Fire/EMS use by an adjoining developer and the developer plans to construct the access road summer 2022.
- The project remains on schedule and preliminary engineering is anticipated to begin October 2021 following allocation of funding. Future funding for design and construction will also be required.

Canyon Creek/620 Station

- A site feasibility study is in final draft and has confirmed site viability for joint use among AFD, EMS, and APD. The site will require a service extension request for utilities.
- The project remains on schedule. Funding for preliminary engineering, design and construction for the Fire/EMS station will be required in the future.
- APD facility design is slated to begin March 2021 to make it eligible for future construction grant funding.
- APD executive representative has joined our bi-weekly steering group project meetings.

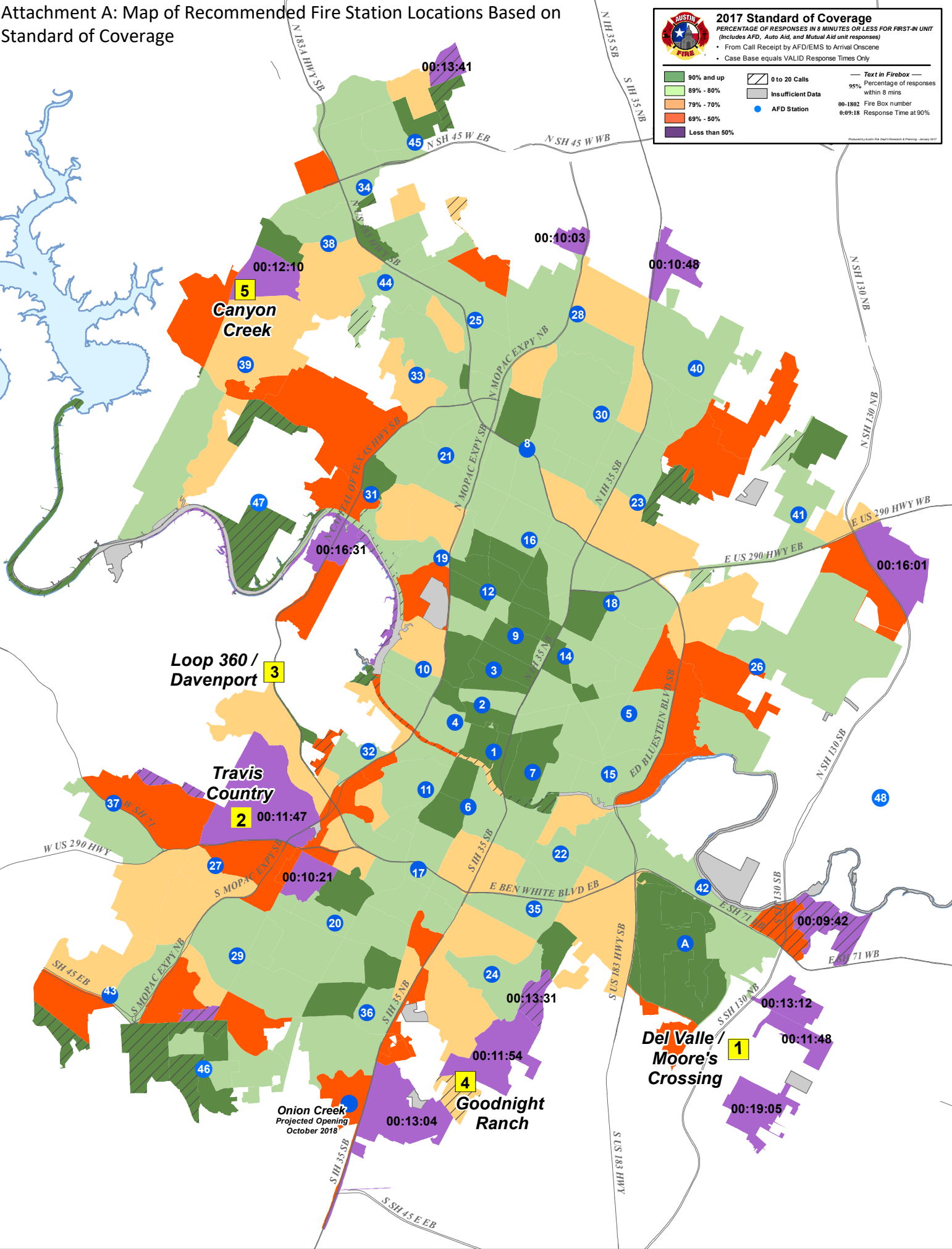
Next Steps

The final design for Loop 360/Davenport will begin January 2021. Project update to the Travis Country and Loop 360/Davenport neighborhoods. RCA for AFD Loop 360/Davenport design in January/February 2021. We will work with you regarding next steps on the remaining three stations.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Richard Mendoza, at Richard.Mendoza@austintexas.gov.

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Attachment A: Map of Recommended Fire Station Locations Based on Standard of Coverage



NEW AFD/EMS STATIONS D-B SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

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