



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Richard Mendoza, Director, Public Works Department
Date: April 5, 2021
Subject: **Five Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – April 2021**

The Purpose of the 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 Risk and Service Delivery Analysis Report.

The last update on this effort was in January 2021. Since then, the Del Valle/Moore's Crossing station project is eight months into its warranty period, construction is continuing with a slight weather delay on the Travis Country station, and final design has started on the third station, Loop 360/Davenport.

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. At present, Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County EMS finance staff are developing their FY2022 capital budgets as part of the annual budgeting process to be presented to Council.

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. Eight months into warranty period (Extends through July 2021).

Travis Country Station

- JE Dunn, the design/builder, will be requesting weather days due to the February winter storm. The project completion day will remain on schedule in June 2021. Building construction is approximately 50% complete and access easement road is complete.
- Construction contractor has implemented full COVID-19 safety measures for all personnel to include temperature screening, face coverings, social distancing for work teams, sanitization, and personnel tracking. Zero Covid-19 positive tests and zero accidents/injuries on job-site.
- Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) leading negotiations with adjoining businesses on access easement agreement.

Loop 360/Davenport Station

- Preliminary engineering and surveying work complete and final design is underway with a planned construction start October 2021 pending a positive financial outlook.
- ORES has obtained property owner sign off on site layout enabling application for the site development permit.

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 final design and construction will also be required.

Canyon Creek/620 Station

- Site was previously secured by APD.
- A site feasibility study has confirmed viability for joint use among AFD, EMS, and APD. The site will require a service extension request for utilities.
- Design for the APD facility scheduled to start in April/May 2021.

Next Steps

Loop 360/Davenport Station site plan development permit application scheduled for April 2021. The request for Council Action for design services contract was approved by Council on March 25. Neighborhood project update meetings for the Travis Country and Loop 360/Davenport will be scheduled. 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 Richardv.Mendoza@austintexas.gov.

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