



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Richard Mendoza, Public Works Director

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Assistant City Managers

DATE: February 25, 2019

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

City Council resolution 20180524-035 directed City staff to construct five new permanent Fire/EMS stations 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 first two stations, Del Valle/Moore's Crossing and Travis Country, are to be completed within 24 and 36 months respectively. The remaining stations are scheduled to be completed one every 12 months thereafter. The following outlines our status and progress since the January 15, 2019 update:

Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Station: planned construction start, June 2019

- Real Estate – Site on Elroy Rd. across from Popham Elementary School has been secured.
- Planning/Design – Design/Builder (D/B) on board and preparing 30 percent site plan documents for Development Services review.
- Communications – Project website is live: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.
- Utilities – Austin Water (AW) and Austin Energy (AE) utility representatives have been engaged for utility connection planning and scheduling. Austin Water has determined that water/waste water (W/WW) utility connections are available and a Service Extension Request will **not** be required, saving time on overall schedule. However, the W/WW service lines will have to cross the Austin Energy utility easement and AE is evaluating.
- Permitting – Development Services Department (DSD) has been engaged for permit timelines necessary to meet the June 2019 planned construction start date. Weekly permitting design review meetings are being conducted with the D/B and the March 6, 2019 initial submittal date is on schedule. DSD to contact Travis County for their permitting requirements.

- Project Risks – Utilities, ability to cross AE easement with W/WW service lines. Permitting, D/B questions and answers need to be fully resolved to meet aggressive March 6, 2019 submittal date. Austin Energy timeline to provide electrical service, medium risk. Travis County Permitting, medium risk. 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. Community/Neighborhood Impacts, Traffic egress/ingress, unknown conditions.

Travis Country Station: Planned construction start, June 2020

- Real Estate – Staff has identified a preferred site in the Industrial Oaks Blvd. area and engaged the property owner. Negotiations with the property owner for acquisition are ongoing. Team is evaluating site alternatives that may reduce risk of having to go to condemnation, which would impact overall schedule. Right of Entry being obtained to gather impervious cover data needed to evaluate viability of site alternatives. Target date, June 30, 2019.
- Planning/Design – Impervious cover survey work planned, Design work to commence once site is secured.
- Communications – Website is live: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>. No additional public meetings planned at this time.
- Remaining Project Risks – Environmental Real Estate (costs, schedule if condemnation pursued), sensitive environmental area, insufficient existing impervious cover to accommodate station improvements. Utilities, Permitting, Drainage, Community/Neighborhood Impacts, Traffic egress/ingress, unknown conditions.

Loop 360/Davenport Station:

- Real Estate – Office of Real Estate Services conducting property search with the response zone, expects number of listings to increase in the Spring.
- Planning/Design – no activity pending site selection.
- Communications – Public Townhall meeting conducted by Fire/EMS on January 16, 2019 at Bridge Point Elementary School attended by Councilmember Alter and members of her staff, City personnel from AFD, EMS, City Manager's office, Public Works, TxDOT, Capital Contracting, and SMBR. Website is live: <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.
- Remaining Project Risks - Real Estate, high risk due to real estate availability and costs, environmental/topography, high risk due to prevalent karst features and terrain in the area, Site development code requirements. Utilities, will require an Austin Water service extension request. Permitting, Drainage, Community/Neighborhood Impacts, Traffic egress/ingress

Goodnight Ranch Station:

- Real Estate – Site has been dedicated for Fire/EMS use by adjoining developer. Survey site visit has been completed.
- Planning/Design – Survey work in progress. Environmental Phase I is approved.
- 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), project team and APD are coordinating a feasibility study for developing co-locating facilities.
- Planning/Design – D/B to submit fee proposal for feasibility study in coordination with APD.
- Communications – Project website is live <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>.
- Remaining Project Risks – Site development requirements related to utilities, drainage, transportation, and permitting.

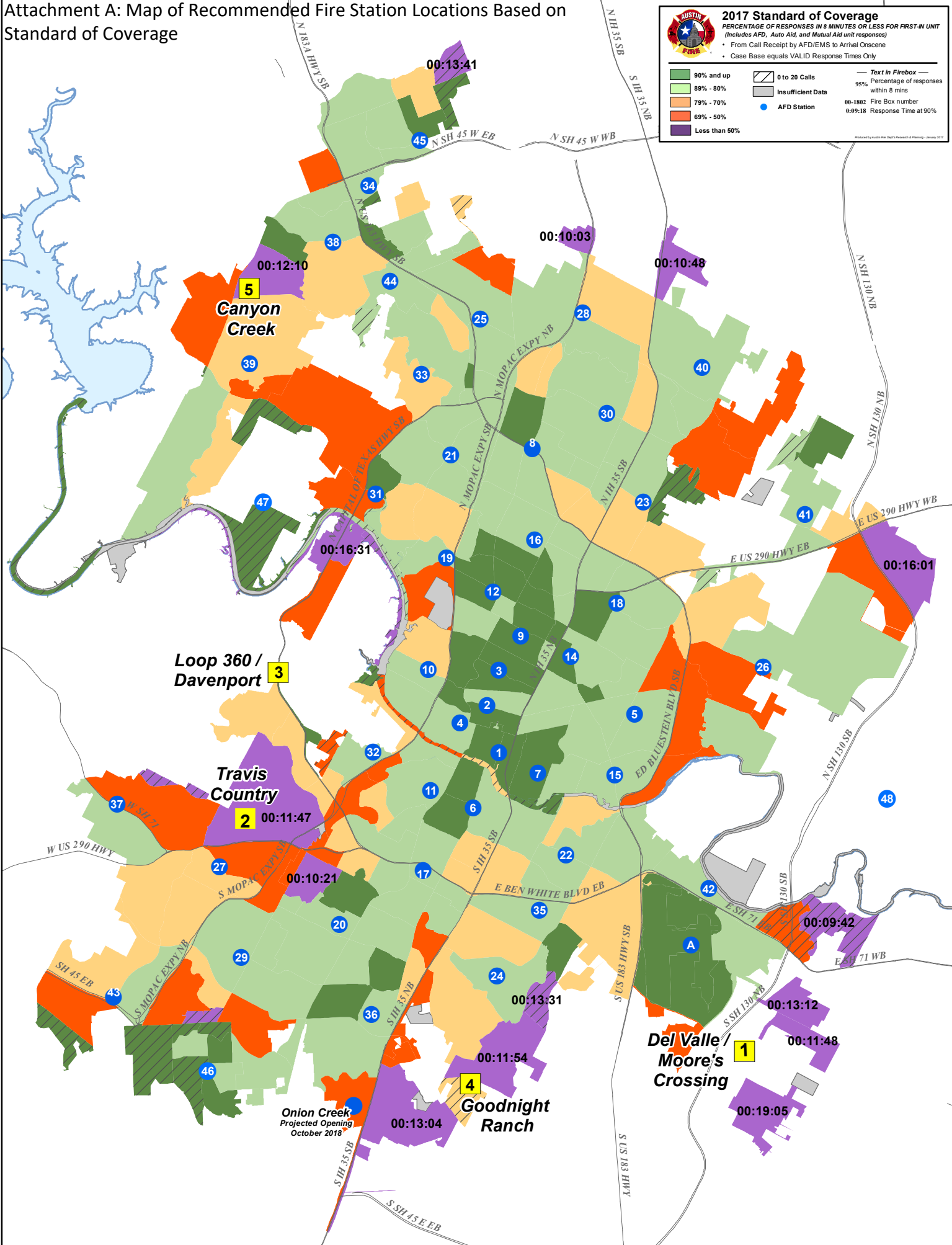
In summary, while all Fire/EMS station timelines remain on schedule, property acquisition, utilities, and permitting present significant project risk requiring focused attention to ensure program success.

Next Steps:

- March 6, 2019: Design/Build consultant site development plan submittal.
- March 15, 2019: DeValle/Moore's crossing Austin Energy Easement MOU.
- March 15, 2019: Travis Country site impervious cover survey.
- June 28, 2019: DeValle/Moore's crossing groundbreaking.

Attachments: Map of Recommended Fire Station Locations
Proposed Milestone Schedule

Attachment A: Map of Standard of Coverage



COA - Five Fire/EMS Stations - Proposed Milestone Schedule

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1. City Council approvals for Alternative Delivery Method, D-B Selection and Construction Cost Limitation approval. Use of Rotation List for DCM
 2. Assumes accelerated site development permit, reviews and building permit
 3. Assumes site is already purchased