



## M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Mayor and Council Members  
**From:** Richard Mendoza, Director, Public Works Department  
**Date:** July 13, 2021  
**Subject:** **Five Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – June 2021**

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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 April 2021. Since then, the Del Valle/Moore's Crossing station project is eleven months into its warranty period, construction is rapidly nearing completion for the Travis Country station, and final design is progressing 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.

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

### **Travis Country Station**

- JE Dunn, the design/builder, requested weather days due to the February winter storm. Substantial completion was accomplished and the Certificate of Occupancy was issued on July 8, 2021. Contractor is progressing towards final completion and move-in for Fire and EMS.
- Construction contractor is continuing 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) continuing negotiations with adjoining businesses on access easement agreement.

**Loop 360/Davenport Station**

- Project is in design development and has been submitted for site plan permit review by the city and the county. Planned construction start remains October 2021 pending a positive financial outlook.
- Due to challenges with site topography and utilities we are estimating a 15-month construction timeline for this station.
- ORES has coordinated with Law and have received the lease agreement draft to forward to the property owner.
- The City has met with concerned citizens and St. Stephens concerning the effect of the new Fire/EMS Station upon the adjacent properties. Another public outreach meeting is being scheduled for early August.

**Goodnight Ranch Station**

- A site has been dedicated for Fire/EMS use by an adjoining developer and the conveyance of the property is underway. Environmental Survey Assessment (ESA) report has been received.
- ORES is working on obtaining release from all Condition Covenant and Restriction from the developer.
- 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 will be shared by Austin PD.
- APD facility design has started.
- Water service extension request will be required.

**Next Steps**

Grand opening for Travis Country station to be scheduled in coordination with stakeholder groups. Neighborhood project update meeting for Loop 360/Davenport will be scheduled to be coordinated with property owner and major stakeholders. 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](mailto:Richardv.Mendoza@austintexas.gov).

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