



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Richard Mendoza, Director, Public Works Department *Richard Mendoza*

Date: December 30, 2021

Subject: Five Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – December 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 October 2021. Since then, the Travis Country station project has entered the warranty period and issues are being addressed, and a public pre-construction meeting was held for the Loop 360/Davenport station followed by construction start.

As you know, COVID-19, as well as the 3.5 percent property tax cap, have had a great impact on our budget and fiscal outlook. Specific to the budget for the one-time capital construction costs, we can still deliver the remaining three stations within the original six-year timeline through the issuance of Certificates of Obligations. However, the ability to fund the ongoing operations of the remaining stations presents a challenge and are working in partnership with the Financial Services Department, the Austin Fire Department, and the Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department on next steps for delivery given the projected budget 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, no further updates.

Travis Country Station

- Construction is complete and the station is operational and in the warranty phase. Project team is working with the contractor to address remaining open warranty issues.
- Grand opening video of the new facility has been completed.

Loop 360/Davenport Station

- Public pre-construction meeting conducted virtually on November 18
- Site plan permit received and notice to proceed issued to contractor for December 6, 2021 construction start. Estimated completion date has been

moved back two months to March 2023 primarily to accommodate the pre-construction community meeting.

Goodnight Ranch Station

- Design work has started and is expected to progress quickly.
- The project remains on schedule with expected construction to begin in June 2023 pending a positive financial forecast to fund ongoing operation expenses.

Canyon Creek/620 Station

- Site will be shared by Austin PD.
- APD facility design is in progress, AFD/EMS station design planned to start June 2023.
- Water service extension request will be required. Preparations being made to annex the site into the city to enable Austin Water services.

Next Steps

- Annexation for Canyon Creek is expected to go to City Council early 2022.
- We will work with you regarding next steps on funding authorization for the final two stations.

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

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