



Five Year Service Plan for the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District (PID) October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2024

INTRODUCTION

In 2004, property owners on East Sixth Street petitioned the City Council to establish the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District (PID). Owners incorporated as the non-profit 501(c)(6) organization and contracted with the City of Austin to manage the PID. In January 2008, the association began doing business as the Sixth Street Austin Association (6IXTH).

In 2019, about 55 percent of property owners representing 80 percent of the property valuation signed petitions to reauthorize the PID.

During the five-year plan (October 2019 – September 2024), sixth will continue with its work guided by the mission to make the East Sixth Street National Register Historic District a source of pride to the Austin community by:

- Advocating for the preservation and enhancement of the district's unique historic character;
- Creating a vibrant mixed-use district so that locals and visitors alike will utilize its diverse offerings; and
- Making Sixth Street an important economic and cultural asset to the community for today and future generations.

The mission is executed in four major program areas:

- Infrastructure and Physical Environment (Clean, Historic, Systems);
- Public Safety;
- Membership/Communications;
- Marketing/Fundraising/Economic Development.

Please see Table for expected projections.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS

The revenue projection is based upon \$0.19 per \$100 valuation, with each individual property valuation capped at \$500,000; thus raising approximately \$100,000. The City of Austin contribution is assumed to remain the same at \$35,000 contingent upon City Council approval. This brings the total budget to approximately \$140,000 each year.

EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS (Programs)

Allocation of expense programs are projected to remain roughly the same for the five-year plan, although

some fluctuation will occur year to year. The program areas are aligned with the recommendations of the 2009 Responsible Hospitality Institute's Report and Action Plan (Plan) developed with the community's participation in the Hospitality Zone Assessment, as well as direct communication with the property owners, but it is recognized that the recommendations in the Plan must be updated during the five year period from 2019-2024 to incorporate current trends to allow 6ixth to continue with its work guided by the mission to make the East Sixth Street National Register Historic District a source of pride to the Austin community.

Infrastructure and Physical Environment (Focus on Historic, Clean and Systems) – 40%

Continue to coordinate strategies, plans and partnerships for physical improvements in the district such as signage, sidewalks, gateways, etc. 6ixth will continue to lead the broad-based community committees on Infrastructure and Systems of Order in the E. Sixth Street District established through the Responsible Hospitality Institute consulting process, which will also be reevaluated in the Plan update. The focus will include efforts to:

- Clean the built environment (public and private space)
- Clean and repair building facades, windows, etc.
- Emphasize the historic appearance and value of buildings
- Advocate for regularly cleaned sidewalks
- Encourage higher standards of private signage and ATM placement
- Promote incentives, such as a façade loan program, to encourage participation and to raise standards
- Continue to work with city to develop understanding building codes
- Improve systems of order to unify the district
- Public area lighting (tree lighting)
- Signage and Banners
- Gateways
- Transportation systems (taxis, valets)
- Vendors
- Public Restrooms
- Continue to advocate for longer-term improvements
- Develop a specific consensus plan and identify funding for Sixth Street street-scape that respects the historic nature of the district, including vehicle lanes and flow; sidewalk width and material; and street parking in keeping with historic characteristics of the district.
- To keep historic characteristics in the implementation phase of the Downtown Austin Plan
- Integrate the Sixth Street District vision into the Waller Creek District Designs as well as the Red River Cultural District Designs
- Coordinate with City on infrastructure upgrades, such as utility lines and alleys

Public Safety – 20%

Continue to work directly with the City to identify and express the issues and barriers facing Sixth Street. 6ixth will also work directly with the DAA, the APD and others to address the issues of public safety, order and evening management of the street. 6ixth will continue to lead the broad-based community committee on Public Safety in the E. Sixth Street District. The focus will include efforts to:

- Expand safety partnerships in the public and private sectors
- Continue addressing homeless services and related safety issues and effect of 6th St. Historic District
- Reduce panhandling and other quality of life issues affecting the district
- Reduce the negative impacts of barricading and street closures
- Advocate for a neighborhood watch program that can work in concert with community policing patrols and circulation
- Raise the bar on standards to reduce risks and encourage responsible operations within the

Communications/Membership – 20%

Continuously improve communications methods for effective interaction with members and stakeholders, including the following methods:

- Quarterly e-mail newsletters
- Increased communications between Board members throughout the month via email
- Special Topic Meetings
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Ongoing outreach to owners & operators
- Website updates
- A robust database
- Membership program expansion for non-property owners with an interest in the district

Marketing/Fundraising/Economic Development – 10%

Promote the economic health of the district and the association through strategic partnerships, marketing and public relations, and events and other fundraising opportunities.

- Continue to collaborate with the Downtown Austin Alliance, City of Austin, Old Pecan Street Association, Texas Bar and Nightclub Association and individual property owners to implement a retail strategy for E. 6th Street
- Promote the district as a whole, and with events, to bring a diverse crowd to 6th Street, and leverage the historic nature of the district
- Share information and tools with property and business owners to help diversify the district mix
- Encourage business-to-business mentorships
- Host forums for business success, education and self-enforcing standards
- Promote existing resources and incentives for business success
- Serve as an ombudsman for businesses and property owners within the district
- Pursue financial sustainability to increase resources and effectiveness
- Help add value to current events within the district
- Develop and maintain current partnerships with other organization and businesses for promotional and funding opportunities
- Improve the district's common area management, such as sidewalk vendors, parking and valet parking options

Administration – 10%

Program expenses include overhead charges allocated in proportion to staff time.

SUMMARY

The East Sixth Street Public Improvement District is a professionally managed area of downtown Austin that continues to face a myriad of challenges that are common in many similar entertainment districts. The area is well branded, even internationally. With the focused efforts proposed in this service plan E. Sixth Street will continue progress toward realizing the vision of a vibrant, mixed-use historic district offering live music and entertainment that is a source of cultural and economic pride for Austinites.

The Association is currently professionally managed by:

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East 6th Public Improvement District
2019 Assessment Plan

Table 1: Revenue Projections			Projected growth based on 2.8% historically			
Source	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Notes
Assessed Value	\$54,575,471	\$56,103,584	\$57,674,485	\$59,289,370	\$60,949,472	
Assessment Rate	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	0.19/100	2.80%
Total Assessments	\$103,693	\$106,597	\$109,582	\$112,650	\$115,804	
Collection Rate	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	2.80%
PID Assessment Revenue	\$93,324	\$95,937	\$98,623	\$101,385	\$104,224	
City contribution	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$35,000	
Collected minus Appropriated						
Earned Interest	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
City reserve						
Total PID revenue	\$129,824	\$132,437	\$135,123	\$137,885	\$140,724	
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
Total Revenue	129,824	132,437	135,123	\$ 137,885	140,724	

Table 2: Expenditure Projections						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Notes
Public Safety	\$ 25,965	\$ 26,487	\$ 25,996	\$ 34,471	\$ 28,145	
Infrastructure and Physical Environment	\$ 25,965	\$ 26,487	\$ 25,996	\$ 34,471	\$ 28,145	
Marketing, Fundraising and Economic Development	\$ 25,965	\$ 26,487	\$ 25,996	\$ 34,471	\$ 28,145	
Administration, Communications & Membership	\$ 51,930	\$ 52,975	\$ 25,996	\$ 34,471	\$ 56,289	
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
Total Expenditures	129,824	132,437	103,984	\$ 137,885	140,724	

* 2018 Assessments, Service Plan and Budget for Council Adoption based on TCAD certified roll

