



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Richard Mendoza, Director, Public Works Department
Date: June 1, 2020
Subject: **Five Priority Fire/EMS Stations Progress Report – June 2020**

The following outlines our status and progress on the five new high-priority Fire/EMS stations since the December 10, 2019 update.

City Council Resolution No. [20180524-035](#) 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 Station Risk and Service Delivery Analysis Report. We remain on schedule, with plans to break ground on a new station each year.

We broke ground on the Del Valle/Moore's Crossing station in 2019 and anticipate beginning construction of the Travis Country station in June 2020. We have initiated preliminary engineering on a potential site for the third station slated to start construction in June 2021. The fourth and fifth stations are planned to break ground in June of 2022 and 2023 respectively.

The following outlines our progress to date, and additional information can be found online at <https://atxpublicsafetyprojects.com>

Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Station

- The project remains on schedule for completion in June 2020.
- All planning/design tasks are completed, and construction is moving rapidly.
- The Public Information Team is working with stakeholders to potentially have a grand-opening ceremony upon completion of construction. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, the team is being creative about how to celebrate this important milestone, while also maintaining social distancing standards. Therefore, the event may be a combination of limited in-person participation alongside a virtual event.

Travis Country Station

- The project remains on schedule with construction anticipated to begin in June 2020.
- City Council will consider Recommendations for Council Action related to the purchase of a site for this station at its June 4, 2020, City Council Meeting (Items 41, 42 and 43).
- Site permits from the City of Austin, Texas Commission for Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Transportation are required and are expected to be issued in early June. Additionally, a final geotechnical report is in progress.
- An update on the project was provided to the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods at its virtual meeting on May 20.

- The Public Information Team is working with stakeholders on a groundbreaking event to kick-off construction. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, the team is being creative about how to celebrate this important milestone, while also maintaining social distancing standards. Therefore, the event may be a combination of limited in-person participation alongside a virtual event.

Loop 360/Davenport Station

- The project remains on schedule for the construction start, June 2021, though it is highly contingent on real estate acquisition and the availability of funding given the current COVID-19 pandemic's impact on City of Austin funding.
- Potential site evaluation will begin once preliminary study is complete, which is anticipated in the next approximately 90 days. As part of this process, a survey, and geotechnical and environmental studies are being completed.
- The most significant risk to delivery of this project is land acquisition, given the high cost of real estate and low availability in this area. The topography and environmental features are an additional factor making the land acquisition more challenging. Finally, the site chosen will likely require an Austin Water service extension request.

Goodnight Ranch Station

- The project remains on schedule for construction start in June 2022.
- A site has been dedicated for Fire/EMS use by an adjoining developer and the developer plans to construct the access road this summer.
- Funding to construct the station will be required in the future.

Canyon Creek/620 Station

- The project remains on schedule for construction start in June 2023.
- A site feasibility study is in final draft and being reviewed for impervious cover requirements along with stakeholders. The site will require a service extension request for utilities.
- Funding to construct the station will be required in the future.

Next Steps

On June 4, 2020, the City Council is scheduled to consider actions for the Travis Country property acquisition and budget amendment for additional purchase costs (Items [41](#), [42](#) and [43](#)). During June 2020, staff looks forward to the substantial completion for Del Valle/Moore's Crossing station, the groundbreaking for Travis Country station, and the start of the preliminary study for Loop 360/Davenport station.

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