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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Eddie Garcia, Assistant City Manager *E. G.*

**FROM:** Chief Lisa Davis, Austin Police Department *LD*

**DATE:** February 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Data for Sixth Street Safety Plan

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the Sixth Street Safety Plan implemented by the Austin Police Department (APD) in December 2024. As part of this plan, APD initially opened Sixth Street to vehicular traffic on Thursday and Sunday evenings. Following the initial launch, the traffic management plan was adjusted to include opening the street to vehicular traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Due to recent media interest in the newly implemented traffic management plan, APD has completed a preliminary assessment of police data. Preliminary data demonstrates several positive effects, including reductions in number of arrests, use of force incidents, and officer injuries in the Sixth Street area.

The table below compares the same period in 2024 and 2025 for the Number of Use of Force Reports and Number of Arrests. The chart displays information for Sixth Street and the George Sector, which is a geographical area inclusive of Sixth Street. It also includes Citywide totals for comparison.

	Jan. 1, 2024 through Feb. 11, 2024						Jan. 1 2025 through Feb 11, 2025					
	Sixth	George	Citywide	George on Sixth	Citywide in George	Citywide on Sixth	Sixth	George	Citywide	George on Sixth	Citywide in George	Citywide on Sixth
Use of Force Reports (No Officer Injury)	163	207	637	78.74%	32.50%	25.59%	84	130	645	64.62%	20.16%	13.02%
Use of Force Reports (Officer Injury)	14	15	43	93.33%	34.88%	32.56%	4	9	43	44.44%	20.93%	9.30%
Use of Force Totals ***	177	222	680	79.73%	32.65%	26.03%	88	139	688	63.31%	20.20%	12.79%
Number of Arrests Totals	171	305	2,166	56.07%	14.08%	7.89%	113	246	2,187	45.93%	11.25%	5.17%

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- The data provided are for informational use only and may differ from official APD crime data.
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\*\*\*A response to resistance report is measured as a single subject officer interaction on a single case. A subject resistance may result in multiple types of force applied by an officer or multiple officers. Accordingly, the number of individuals for which force is used can be reflected in multiple use of force.

Preliminary analysis about crime, arrests, and use of force incidents that occurred on Friday and Saturday nights between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for the period of January 1 through February 11 this year compared to last year show decreases in arrests, use of force, and officer injuries. Arrests in George Sector are down 5%. When focusing on Sixth Street only arrests are down 11% compared to last year. Alternatively, the citywide arrest rate increased by 3%. Also of note is that crimes against persons on Sixth Street dropped by 21% and the number of simple assaults dropped by 33%.

Overall, regardless of the time of day and day of the week, use of force is down 50% on Sixth Street, and individuals who had force used against them is down 57%. Anecdotally, APD officers have noted a decrease in fights in the entertainment district.

In addition to the traffic management plan, the following variables could also be contributing to the positive preliminary results:

- Increased officer visibility
- Enhanced traffic enforcement
- Strategic reduction in the density of Sixth Street
- Increased education and outreach to bar management and staff, in partnership with the Development Services Department (DSD)
- Changes in APD Downtown Services Sector leadership
- Enhanced enforcement of chronic nuisance issues

APD is encouraged by the initial results and will continue to assess the performance of the Sixth Street Safety Plan through ongoing data analysis. APD is committed to monitoring data and adjusting the plan as necessary to enhance results and contribute to continued positive outcomes for the community and our police officers and all public safety first responders.

Should you have any questions about the Sixth Street Safety Plan, please contact Chief Lisa Davis by phone at 512-974-5030 or via email at [Lisa.Davis@austintexas.gov](mailto:Lisa.Davis@austintexas.gov)

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