



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Mike Rogers, Assistant City Manager *MR*

FROM: Richard Mendoza, P.E., Director, Transportation and Public Works *RM*

DATE: August 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Sixth Street Safety Plan barricade replacement

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the interim street design elements as part of the Sixth Street Safety Plan. This project continues to evolve from its initial implementation in December 2024 to meet the needs of stakeholders, improve safety of those working in and visiting the area, and maintaining vehicular traffic access through the area.

In January 2025, Austin Transportation and Public Works, in partnership with Austin Police, installed rubberized curbs and fencing on both sides of East Sixth Street in the 300, 400 and 500 blocks. The fencing was replaced with water-filled barricades in May 2025 while a long-term interim solution was identified. After meeting with internal and external stakeholders, the water-filled barricades will be replaced with concrete barricades the week of August 11, 2025. Upon installation, the Downtown Austin Alliance plans a barricade “beautification” project to enhance the visual experience and aesthetics of the concrete barricades through graphic design and painting.

Stakeholder meetings related to this project and future improvements for this area remain ongoing. City staff met with business and property owners in early June to discuss both the interim elements that will be installed later this month and long-term design changes intended for the future.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Martin, Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works, at Anna.Martin@austintexas.gov or 512-974-7105.

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