



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Mike Rogers, Assistant City Manager *MR*

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

DATE: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT: **Update on 6th Street Preliminary Engineering Study Progress and Austin Core Transportation Plan**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on several items related to 6th Street, including the status of the 6th Street Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and analysis of converting 6th Street to a two-way street between Brazos Street and IH-35, as well as the anticipated timeline for the Austin Core Transportation (ACT) Plan adoption.

6th Street Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

The PER is currently underway for 6th Street between Congress Avenue and IH-35. The engineering consultant is collecting data about existing conditions through topographic surveys and subsurface utility exploration. Staff expects to receive the results of this work in late July 2025. Concurrently, staff is also compiling other existing information and future infrastructure needs from various City departments — including but not limited to Austin Water, Austin Energy, the Office of Arts, Culture & Music, and the Austin Police Department—to help inform the PER process.

The first coordination meeting with City departments took place in late May, followed by an initial meeting with stakeholders (business and property owners) in early June to introduce the study. By late August, staff anticipates presenting several design options and gathering input through a series of engagements, including meetings with internal stakeholders, external stakeholders and a virtual open house.

The City's goal is to identify a final recommended improvement by late October that is influenced by public and stakeholder input as well as various needs from City departments. A completed report is expected December 2025.

Converting 6th Street to a two-way street

An analysis of a two-way conversion option on 6th Street between Brazos Street and IH-35 will be completed as part of the PER process. Staff anticipates sharing the analysis with all stakeholders when it becomes available, approximately late August 2025.

Austin Core Transportation (ACT) Plan Adoption

ACT Plan Adoption, originally scheduled for City Council consideration in June 2025, has been delayed temporarily to include the 6th Street recommendation in the plan, as opposed to various suggested options for consideration. The 6th Street Preliminary Engineering Study will be completed by early 2026, and staff will be able to offer a professional recommendation for 6th Street that considers available data and stakeholder feedback. The 6th Street recommendation will inform and be included in the final version of the ACT Plan. Staff intends to request City Council Consideration of the ACT Plan in Spring 2026.

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