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Happy Holidays!!



High-priority intersections see significant crash reductions after safety improvements



Clockwise, from top left: Completed safety improvements at Cameron Road and US-183 Service Road; Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and I-35 Frontage Road; Lamar Boulevard and Rundberg Lane; and Lamar Boulevard and Parmer Lane.

Early data show a significant decrease in crashes at four intersections that received safety improvements in 2016 and 2017. The Austin Transportation Department delivered these projects in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation.

- **I-35 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard – 61 percent crash reduction**
 - Completed October 2016. Added a southbound through lane, a right-turn island, raised and continental crosswalks and a right-turn channelized island/pedestrian refuge island.
- **US 183 and Cameron Road – 57 percent crash reduction**
 - Completed November 2016. Added a right-turn channelized island/pedestrian refuge island, high-visibility continental crosswalks and an advanced warning flasher on the eastbound frontage road.
- **Lamar Boulevard, between Rutland Drive and Rundberg Lane – 22 percent crash reduction**
 - Completed June 2017. Added a raised median along Lamar Boulevard, high-visibility crosswalks, reconstructed pedestrian ramps, and a pedestrian hybrid beacon.
- **Lamar Boulevard and Parmer Lane – 43 percent crash reduction**
 - Completed July 2017. Added a right-turn island, high-visibility crosswalks, a new traffic signal and a pedestrian hybrid beacon.

These statistics have been annualized based on data available to date. City staff will continue to monitor crash data on a yearly basis to analyze the effectiveness of these safety improvements.

The Austin City Council allocated one-time funding to address needed safety improvements at five dangerous intersections as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget process. In addition to the four intersections already completed (above), improvements at Slaughter Lane at Manchaca Road are currently under construction, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation. Source: City of Austin Transportation Mobility Department Dec 2017

OUTREACH & RECRUITING

AUSTIN AREA BLACK CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM

The Austin Area Black Contractors Association, (ABCA) is currently recruiting African American Contractors who are City of Austin Certified Minority Construction Contractors in need of services and assistance to help grow their businesses in the construction industry. The following is a list of services and assistance are offered to the user at no cost:

Construction Management and Administration

- Provide a plans room to view & check-out plans & specs
- Assist with reading & interpreting plans & specs
- Advise on Cost Estimating Techniques
- Advise on bid packaging requirements & documents
- Disseminate Bid Tabulations



Business Law and Contracts

- Review & advise on contracts & agreements
- Advise on filing liens, bond claims & change orders

Marketing

- Develop Company Profile Resumes
- Assist with networking, pre bid conferences & referrals
- Provide guidelines for user friendly marketing plans
- Publish and disseminate weekly, Bid Briefs announcing upcoming construction bid opportunities

Provide Interactive Group and On-line Training

Provide One-On-One Technical Assistance

DUE TO LIMITED FUNDS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS; AND ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. If you have any questions regarding the program's services and enrollment process, please contact:

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The Austin Area Black Contractors Association
IS REACHING OUT TO ALL

African American Construction Contractors located in the five county areas of Travis, Hays, Williamson, Bastrop and Caldwell

Upcoming Contracting Opportunity Austin Plans New Sports and Entertainment District

Denmark-based design firm Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) has revealed its plans for East Austin District, a sports and entertainment complex in Texas that will feature a 15,000-seat arena and 40,000-seat outdoor stadium, according to Designboom. The new district could replace the existing Travis County Exposition Center, according to the **Austin American-Statesman**, with office, medical and retail space, a convention center and open public areas, in addition to the new arena and multi-purpose stadium. Developers said the complex would host trade shows, concerts, festivals and other sporting events.

Some Travis County officials have expressed interest in pursuing the project as a public-private partnership, with the city of Austin and the county retaining their interest in the land and developers privately financing construction and management. Officials said if work begins on the project in 2018, it could be finished in 2021.

East Austin District represents the latest in a string of new sports venues that are incorporating mixed-use space into their designs. One of the biggest such projects is a new stadium complex which will house the Los Angeles Rams and Chargers beginning in the 2020-2021 NFL season. With the HKS-designed, **\$2.6 billion stadium** as its anchor, the **298-acre LA Stadium & Entertainment District at Hollywood Park** will also feature a conference center, nearly 900,000 square feet of retail space, 780,000 square feet of office space, a 6,000-seat performing arts facility, hotel rooms, 25 acres of public recreation space and 2,500 residences.

Also in Texas, the Texas Rangers have started construction on the club's new **\$1.1 billion ballpark** in Arlington. The stadium project includes the adjacent **Texas Live!** entertainment complex, which will offer up convention space, a hotel and 200,000 square feet of retail and entertainment venues. When the new field opens, Texas Live! patrons will be able to catch a glimpse of the Rangers' games.

The Golden State Warriors are also building a mixed-use development around their new **\$1 billion Chase Center** basketball arena in San Francisco's Mission Bay district.

In addition to the arena, the project, which has been designed to **meet LEED Gold** requirements, will include almost 600,000 square feet of office and research space, more than five acres of public plaza and green space and 100,000 square feet of retail.

Source: **Construction Dive**, Dec 7, 2017

UPCOMING CITY OF AUSTIN 2016 MOBILITY BOND CORRIDOR PROGRAM

PROJECTS

- Intersection Improvements
- Sidewalks & Curb Ramps
- Bicycle Facilities
- Utility Issues
- Transit Improvements



CONSTRUCTION SCOPES OF WORK

- Concrete
- Reinforcing Steel
- Underground Utilities and Drainage
- Asphalt Paving
- Manholes
- Street Lighting
- Hauling
- Landscaping

For more information regarding MBE/WBE participation contact:

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**From: ABCA
To: All**

Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy, Forgiveness
- To an opponent, Tolerance
- To a friend, Your Heart
- To a customer, Service
- To all, Charity
- To every child, a Good Example
- To yourself, Respect



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