
Welcome!

Downtown Safety Forum

Thursday, January 16, 2025



**DOWN
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ALLIANCE**

- Announcements
- APD Briefing – Lt. Christopher Juusola
 - APD/DTAC staffing levels
 - Downtown Crime Statistics
 - E 6th Street Traffic Management Pilot
- Homelessness Update – Bill Brice:
 - HEART Austin program
- Downtown Dashboard – Brandon Fahy
 - Cleaning
 - Hospitality
 - Safety
 - APD Overtime Patrol
 - Family Reunification Program
- Upcoming Events and Conventions – Bill Brice
- Open Q&A

Today's Agenda

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*The Downtown Austin
Alliance welcomes new CEO*
Davon Barbour

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An aerial night view of a city, likely Austin, Texas, featuring a modern park with a large, illuminated, circular structure. The background shows city buildings and streets with lights. The text 'Issues over Lunch' is overlaid in large white letters.

Issues *over* Lunch

**Our Future 35:
Vision to Reality**

2/4 • 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Austin Marriott Downtown

Tickets Available Now

2025 POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

Count with us!

The Point in Time (PIT) Count is a one-night survey of people experiencing homelessness in Austin and Travis County. Conducted every other January, the PIT Count is an opportunity to share space and time with our unhoused neighbors and provides our system valuable insights into the population we serve.

Join us the night of January 25, 2025!
Register at: [Austinecho.org/pitcount](https://austinecho.org/pitcount)





Downtown Area Command Updates

**Downtown Austin Alliance
January Safety Forum
January 16, 2025**

**Lieutenant Christopher Juusola
Christopher.Juusola@AustinTexas.gov**



Topics

- Staffing Update
- DTAC Crime Stats
- Updates
 - E 6th Street
- Questions



APD Staffing (1/6/2025)

APD Sworn Staffing Allocation Report

Count of Operational Vacancy	Count of HR Vacancy	Count of PPO Officers	Count of Patrol Officer Vacancy
332	328	54	233

Total Number of Sworn
1,488

Operational Vacancy – vacant position plus long term leave or special assignments. HR Vacancy – vacant position

APD Staffing



2024 Sworn Separation Report

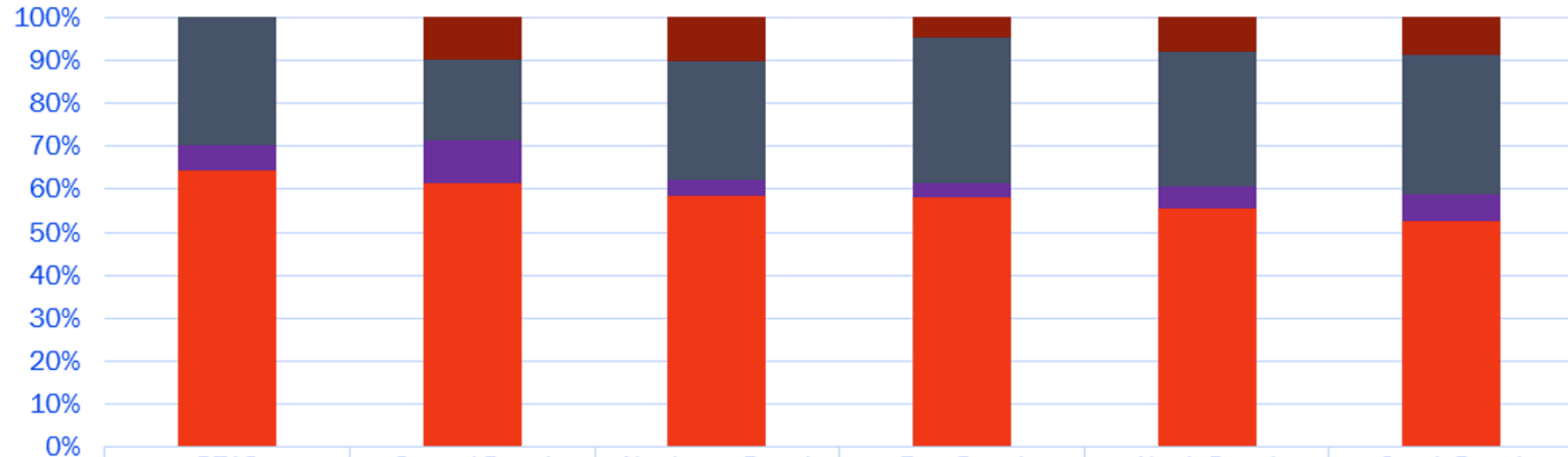
Month	Retirements	Resignations	Terminations	Deaths	Total
January	6	1			7
February	0	0			0
March	0	0			0
April	0	0			0
May	1	0			1
June	0	0			0
July	0	0			0
August	0	0			0
September	0	0			0
October	0	0			0
November	0	0			0
December	0	0			0
Annual Total	7	1	0	0	8

2024 Total	2023 Total	2022 Total
9	15	18
12	19	5
15	44	14
11	24	12
7	9	23
10	6	16
5	11	17
7	8	8
1	6	11
9	4	9
5	12	6
7	3	9
98	161	148

APD Staffing



Patrol Officer Staffing, Leave and Vacancy Rates by Command



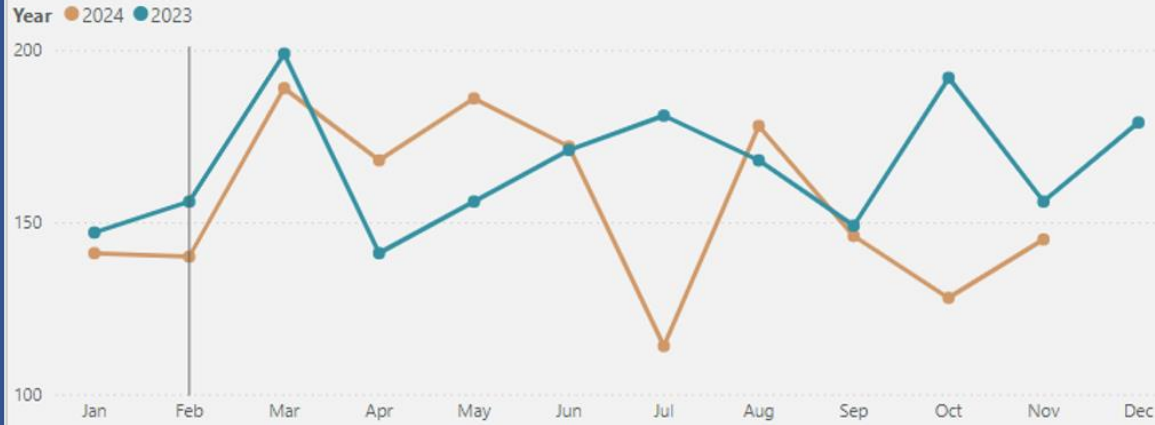
	DTAC	Central Patrol	Northeast Patrol	East Patrol	North Patrol	South Patrol
■ PPO Rate Patrol Officers	.%	10.%	10.19%	4.67%	8.13%	8.94%
■ Vacancy Rate Patrol Officers	29.81%	18.57%	27.78%	34.%	31.25%	32.4%
■ Leave Rate Patrol Officers	5.77%	10.%	3.7%	3.33%	5.%	6.15%
■ Staffing Rate Patrol Officers	64.42%	61.43%	58.33%	58.%	55.63%	52.51%

■ Staffing Rate Patrol Officers
 ■ Leave Rate Patrol Officers
 ■ Vacancy Rate Patrol Officers
 ■ PPO Rate Patrol Officers

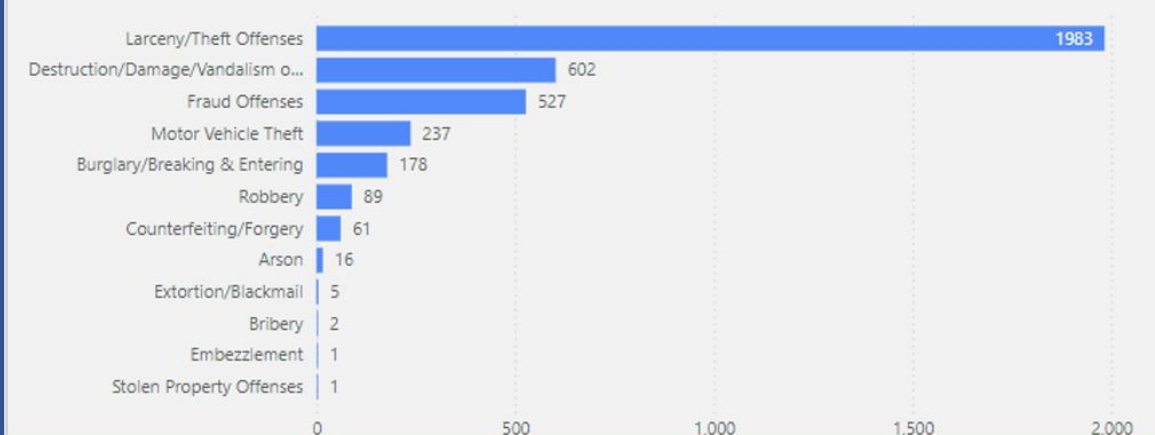


DTAC Property Crime

Crimes by Month & Year



Crimes by NIBRS Group

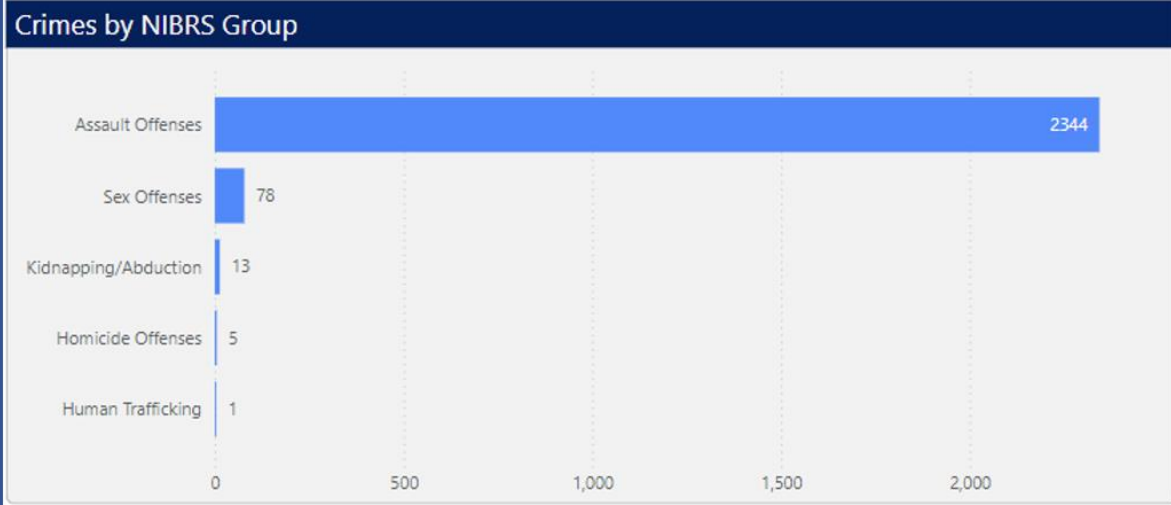


NIBRS Crimes

Description	2024	2023
120 Robbery	44	45
200 Arson	6	10
210 Extortion / Blackmail	4	1
220 Burglary / Breaking & Entering	60	118
23A Theft: Pocket Picking	207	186
23B Theft: Purse Snatching	2	
23C Theft: Shoplifting	21	28
23D Theft: from Building	4	7
23E Theft: Coin Op Machine		1
23F Theft: from Motor Vehicle (BOV)	189	246
23G Theft: Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	25	31
23H Theft: All Other Larceny	498	538
240 Motor Vehicle Theft	103	134
250 Counterfeiting / Forgery	16	45
26A Fraud: False Pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	87	79
26B Fraud: Credit Card / ATM Fraud	110	168
26C Fraud: Impersonation	24	59
270 Embezzlement		1
280 Stolen Property	1	
290 Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	305	297
510 Bribery	1	1



DTAC Violent Crime



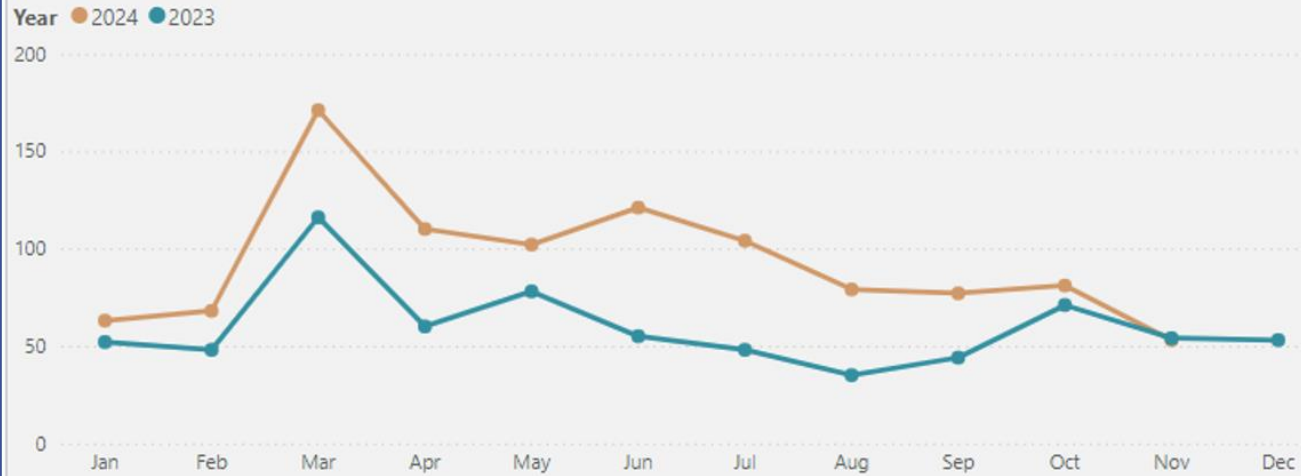
NIBRS Crimes

Description	2024	2023
09A Homicide: Murder and Non- Negligent Manslaughter	2	2
09B Homicide: Negligent Manslaughter	1	
100 Kidnapping / Abduction	5	8
11A Rape	11	19
11B Sodomy	4	2
11C Sexual Assault with an Object	6	3
11D Fondling	17	16
13A Aggravated Assault	99	141
13B Simple Assault	891	828
13C Intimidation	205	180
64A Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts		1



DTAC Crimes Against Society

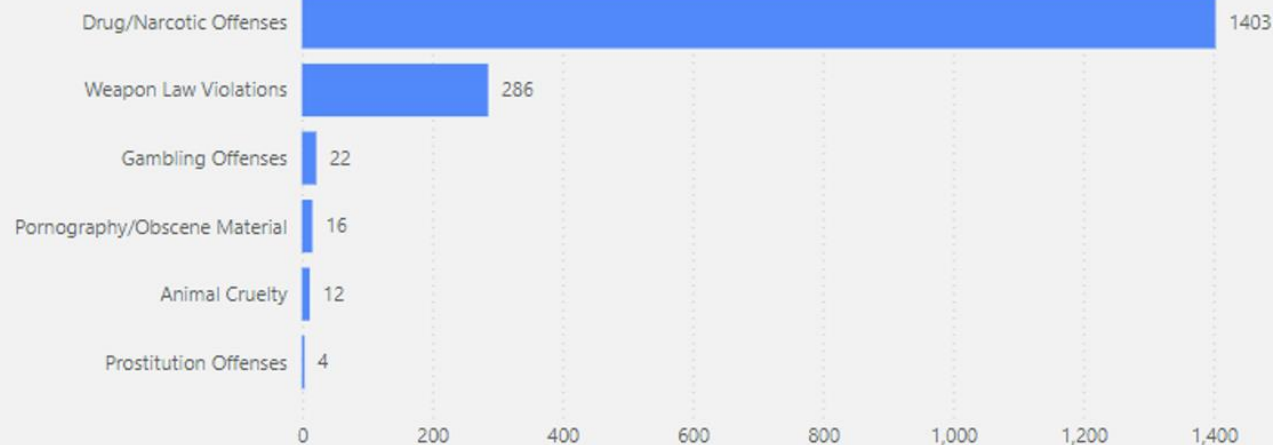
Crimes by Month & Year



NIBRS Crimes

Description	2024	2023
35A Drug / Narcotic Violations	510	397
35B Drug Equipment Violations	342	154
370 Pornography / Obscene Material	10	6
39A Gambling: Betting / Wagering	13	8
39C Gambling: Equipment Violations	1	
40A Prostitution	1	2
40C Purchasing Prostitution		1
520 Weapon Law Violations	145	141
720 Animal Cruelty	7	5

Crimes by NIBRS Group



E 6th St Project Overview

Traffic Plan

- West Bound Traffic Only
- No North/South Traffic
- Widened “Sidewalks”
- Devices to Keep Pedestrians Out of Roadway
- Devices to Keep Vehicles Out of Pedestrian Areas
- Increased Traffic Enforcement

Stakeholder Mindset

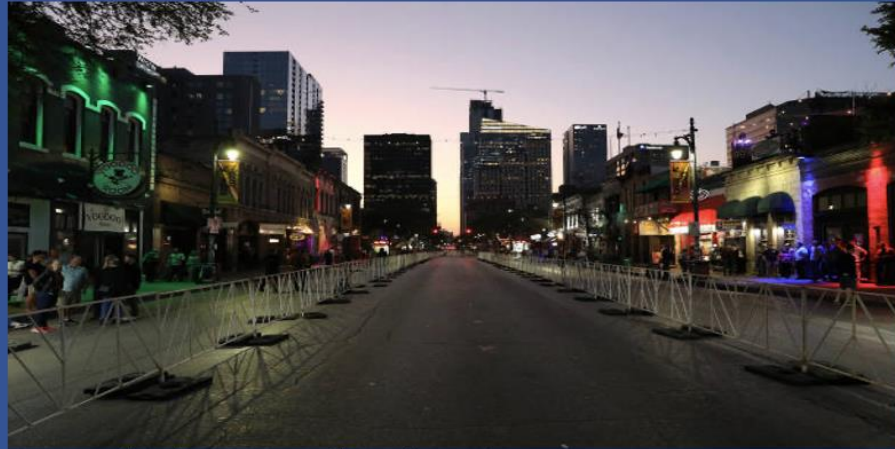
- Regular Stakeholder Meetings
- Advocate for Economic Development
- Advocate for Safer Environment
- Advocate for Better Business Practices

Data Capture

- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Response to Resistance Incidents
- Collisions
- Sales Data (Alcohol)

“Devices”

- Fences- Keeps Pedestrians Out of Roadway

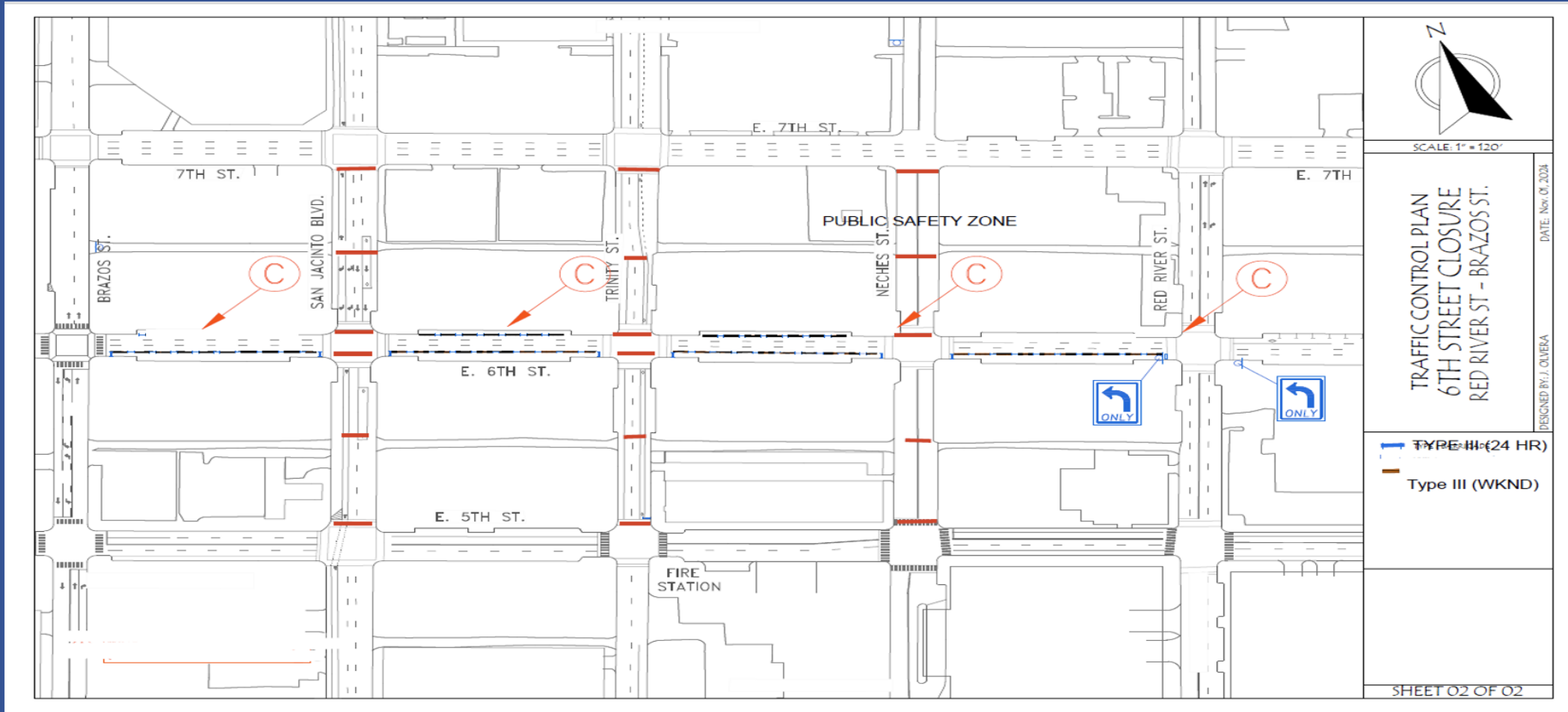


- Engineered Curbs- Keeps Vehicles Out of Pedestrian Areas



Traffic Plan

- South Side= Blocked, 1 lane + Parking Lane
- North Side= Blocked, Parking Lane Only





Upcoming Projects (Stay Tuned)

- Spring Festival Season
- Increased DTAC Police Staffing
- Changes to DTAC Patrol Area

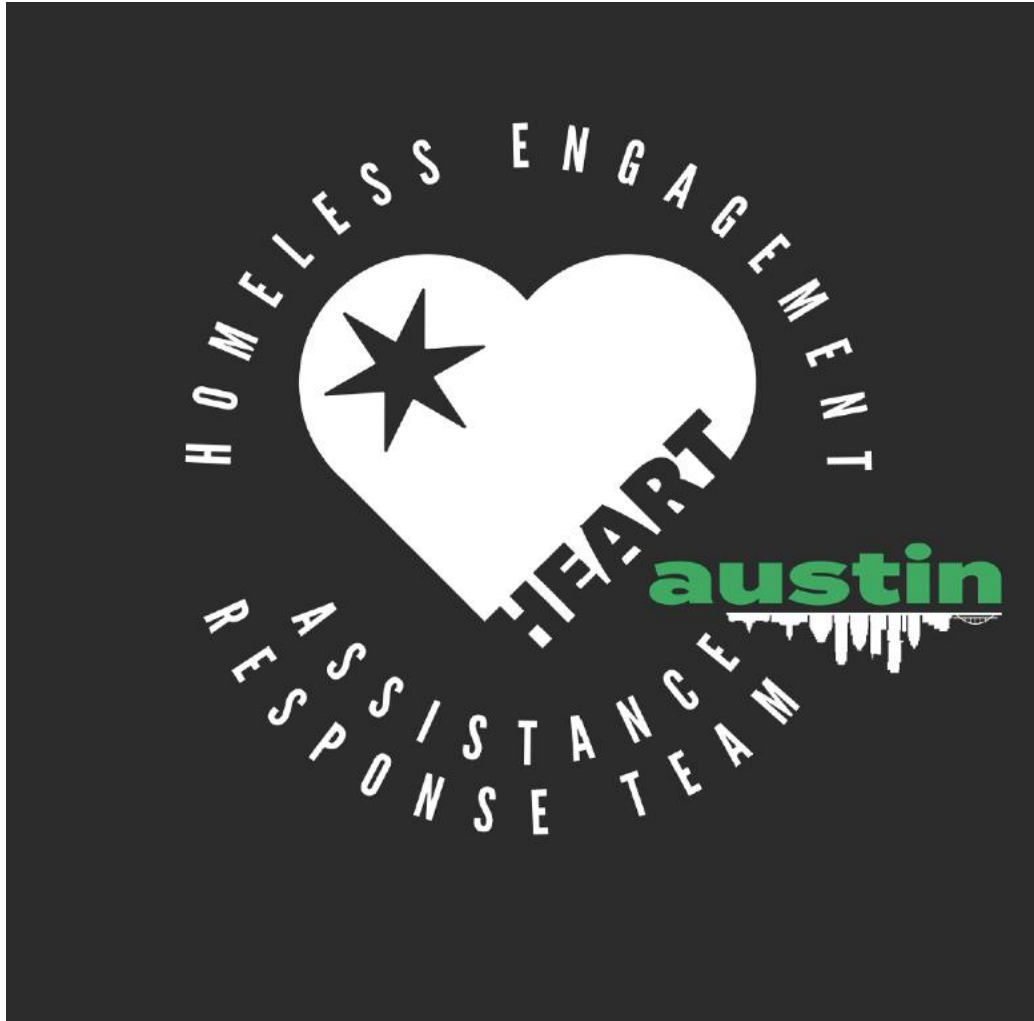


Questions?

- Mark Clemens, DTAC Commander
 - Mark.Clemens@AustinTexas.gov

- Christopher Juusola, DTAC Operations Lieutenant
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Homelessness Engagement Assistance Response Team



PILOT

Funded and implemented by Downtown Alliance - February 1 through July 31, 2024

Pilot extended through September 30, 2024

NEXT STEPS

Funding approved in City FY 25 budget

Advancing to year-round program with expanded downtown geographic area

Working with HSO to develop scope

Anticipated launch – February 2025



Downtown Dashboard

Downtown Ambassador Service Request

Our ambassadors are stewards for downtown and resources for locals and visitors

Downtown Ambassadors Service Requests

[Downtownaustin.com/service-request](https://downtownaustin.com/service-request)

Upcoming Conventions & Events – January/February

January

January 17-19 - Austin Junior Volleyball Lone Star Classic (14,000)

January 19 – Austin International Half Marathon (5,000)

January 20 – MLK Day Festival and March from – Capitol to Huston-Tillotson University

January 25-29 - Texas Association of School Administrators conference (7,000)

February

February 1-5 - Texas Computer Education Association conference (7,800)

February 8-10 - Austin Junior Volleyball ATX Showcase (6,500)

February 10-12 - RTI at Work Institutes (1,200)

February 13-16 - Austin RV Expo (9,000)

February 16 – Austin Marathon throughout Downtown Austin (19,000)

February 19-21 – National ESEA Conference (2,500)

February 19-20 – Empower Brands Annual Meeting (1,500)

February 20-21 – San Antonio Spurs I-35 Series @ Moody Center

February 23-27 – TASBO Engage Conference @ Austin Convention Center (4,500)

February 28-March 2 – NASCAR Race at COTA

Upcoming Conventions & Events - March

March

March 7-8 – Sips & Sounds Festival @ Auditorium Shores

March 7-15 – SXSW @ Austin Convention Center and throughout Austin (201,000)

March 14-29 – Rodeo Austin @ Travis County Expo Center

March 20-24 – The Aesthetic Meeting @ Austin Convention Center (4,000)

March 22 – Bloody Mary Festival at Fair Market

March 26-29 – Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays – University of Texas

March 28 – 30 – MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas



New Austin Visitor Center – Coming Soon!

The Historic Phillips Building -
103 E 5th Street

Opens February 13, 2025



Open Q&A

Upcoming Events & Forums:

Issues Over Lunch

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Marriott Convention Center

Spring Festival Season Forum

Thursday, February 20, 2025
8:30-9:30 a.m. (via Zoom)