



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Deputy City Manager *YPR*

DATE: March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Update on Reimagining Public Safety Mid-Year Recommendations

This memorandum provides a timeline update on Reimagining Public Safety mid-year amendments. On August 12, 2020, Austin City Council passed [Ordinance 20200812-001](#) including direction to the City Manager to return to Council by March 2021 with mid-year recommendations on potential budget amendments and reallocations of current police functions in the Reimagine Safety and Decouple Funds.

At the February 10th City-Community Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce Meeting, the Taskforce Members asked the City to explore a later meeting date to report back to Council to allow more time for community engagement. In response to the Taskforce's request, coupled with the recent historic storm and its impact on our community, the City's Reimagining Public Safety Core Leadership Team and City-Community Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce plan to bring forward mid-year updates and recommendations to Council on April 20, 2021. The updated April timeline on mid-year recommendations to Council will help provide the Taskforce and community members with additional time to consolidate their input.

The City's Reimagining Public Safety Core Leadership Team continues to thoroughly evaluate the public safety functions within the Reimagine Safety and Decouple Funds. In February, staff shared with Council the first [Reimagining Public Safety Quarterly Progress Report](#), which contains significant milestones of the reform initiatives from spring 2020 through January 2021.

Ongoing efforts on the progress to reimagine public safety in Austin can be found on our website at www.austintexas.gov/publicsafety.

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