**Historic Resource Survey of Downtown Austin**

Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What are the boundaries of the survey?**

A: The survey area is roughly bounded by Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the north, I-35 on the east, Lady Bird Lake on the south, and MoPac on the west. [See the map](Map%20of%20survey%20area.jpg).

**Q: What is the goal of the survey?**

A: The project will document local architecture, history, and culture to promote heritage tourism. It also will identify properties that could be eligible for local designation—as City of Austin landmarks and historic districts—or listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Q: Does the survey include zoning changes?**

A: No.The survey will not include designation of City of Austin landmarks or historic districts, or nomination of individual properties or districts to the National Register. However, information from the survey could help property owners interested in designating historic landmarks and districts.

**Q: Will surveyors come onto my property?**

A: No. Surveyors will take notes and digital photographs from the public right-of-way.

**Q: Will the City survey other areas in the future for potential historic resources?**

A: Yes, but that work is dependent upon obtaining budget allocations, which are approved by the City Council. Areas for future survey have not yet been determined.

**Q: Where can I learn more about City of Austin historic landmark and historic district designation?**

A: The Historic Preservation Office website includes information about [historic landmarks and historic districts](https://www.austintexas.gov/page/what-we-preserve), as well as a map of historic properties in Austin.

**Q: Where can I learn more about National Register listing?**

A: Find general information about the [National Register of Historic Places](https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/national-register-historic-places) on the Texas Historical Commission’s website. The [Historic Preservation Office website](https://www.austintexas.gov/page/what-we-preserve) includes National Register districts in Austin.

**Q: Will the City conduct public meetings about the survey?**

A: The City and HHM hosted an in-person meeting on December 18, 2023 at the Carver Branch Library ([meeting presentation here](http://www.austintexas.gov/page/current-projects-preservation-office)). Future meetings will be posted on the project website and sent to interested organizations and community members. Email [preservation@austintexas.gov](mailto:preservation@austintexas.gov) if you would like to receive future announcements.

**Q: Who is the contractor for this project?**

A: Austin-based historic preservation planning and management firm HHM & Associates, Inc. (HHM). Emily Payne is leading the project for HHM. Contact her at [epayne@hhminc.com](mailto:epayne@hhminc.com) or (512) 478-8014.

**Q: Who is the City’s point of contact for this project?**

A: The Historic Preservation Office in the City’s Planning Department is leading the project. Contact staff at [preservation@austintexas.gov](mailto:preservation@austintexas.gov) or (512) 974-2727.