

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****June 2, 2026**

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS EXPANDED AREAS

The purpose of this informal report is to provide an update on the Project Safe Neighborhoods project (PSN) and the addition of a second designated area encompassing parts of Central and South Division.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federally funded initiative that provides grant funding to local law enforcement and non-profit organizations for enhanced enforcement and community intervention programs. Led locally by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas, the goal of PSN is to create safer neighborhoods and to reduce gun and gang violence by using a collaborative, intelligence-led, problem-solving approach to crime prevention.

Each year, the Project Safe Neighborhoods committee evaluates violent crime data, including but not limited to, calls for service and data from the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). In 2025, the PSN committee evaluated the previous year's violent crime and NIBIN data, as a result of this evaluation, the committee chose to maintain the East Division PSN area and designate an additional PSN area in Central and South Division along the I-35 corridor (see attached PSN map). The additional PSN area allows the committee to allocate resources to a greater area of the city in an intelligent, data-driven manner.

For 2026, the United States Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) formed a PSN task force incorporating resources and representation from the US Attorney's Office, the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), The United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), The Texas Department of Public Safety, FWPD, and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. This task force meets weekly to discuss reactive and proactive investigations related to violent crimes in the PSN areas, evaluates available resources, and determines the best course of action for each investigation.

In addition to enforcement and investigative efforts, community-based prevention strategies remain a critical component of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. One Safe Place serves as both the fiscal agent and a key community partner for the PSN project, supporting coordination of resources and implementation of violence prevention programming. As part of these efforts, a beautification project at the MLK Community Center was completed in September 2025, enhancing the physical environment to deter crime and promote positive community engagement through principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Building on this work, partners are currently developing the *Roots of Hope* project, a collaborative initiative to create a reading trail and community garden in the Historic Southside neighborhood. This project is expected to be completed in fall 2026 and is designed to further reduce crime opportunities, increase neighborhood visibility, and foster community pride.

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Also, part of the PSN, the US Attorney's Office conducts a reentry program for convicted felons that is focused on reducing recidivism. Members of law enforcement and non-profit community programs emphasize the consequences of reoffending and provide education on programs that are available to help those offenders become successful and productive members of society.

Additional questions or information requests should be directed to Deputy Chief Mark Barthen at 817-392-4121 or Mark.Barthen@FortWorthTexas.gov.

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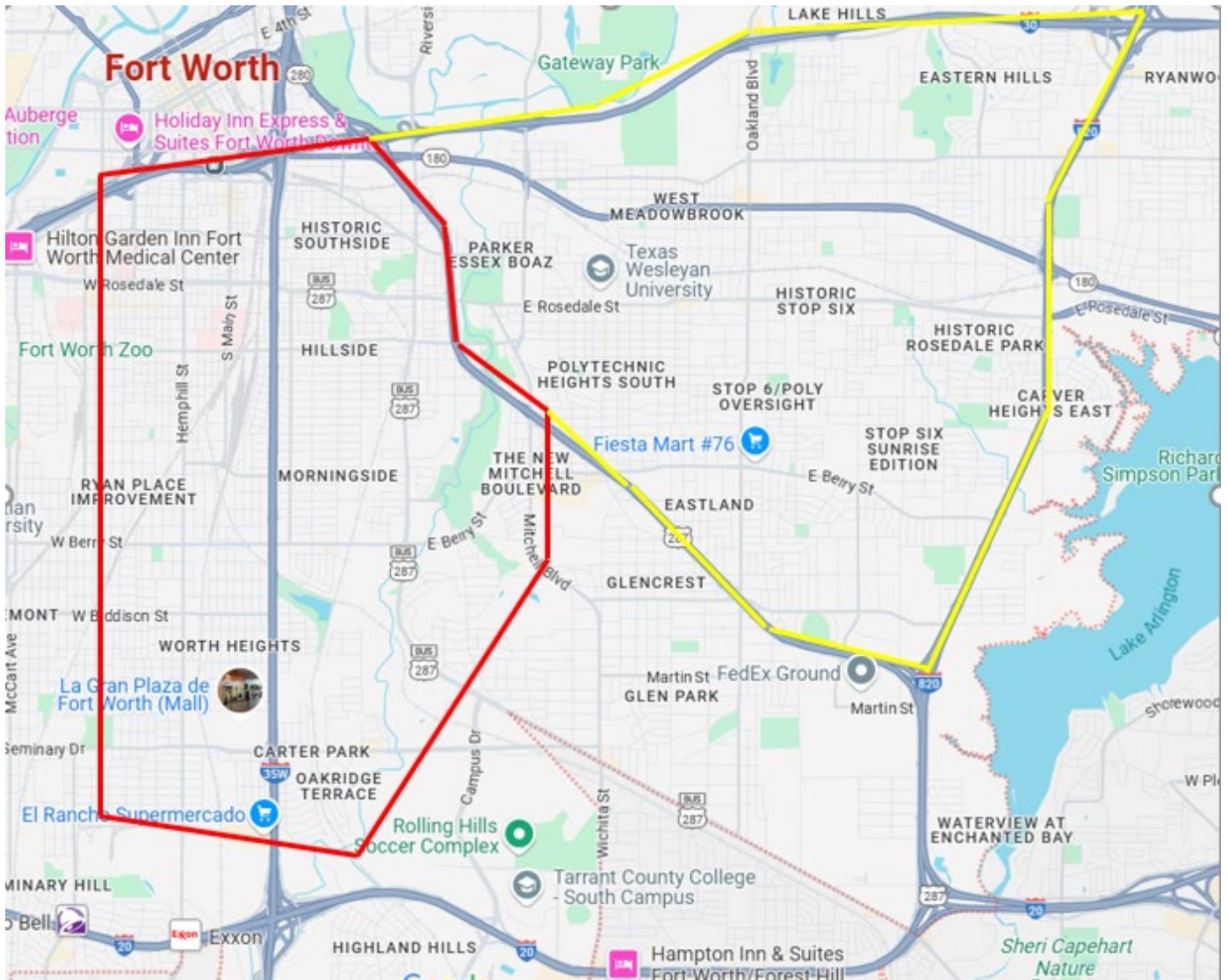


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Yellow – existing East Division PSN area
Red – newly created South/Central PSN area