

EXHIBIT A**MLS Timeline**

- July 30, 2013: Anthony Precourt purchases Columbus Crew.¹
 - Reported four years later that his purchase agreement included an option to relocate to Austin.²
- November 2, 2015: Judge Wolff and County Manager David Smith meet with MLS President Mark Abbott. Discussion topics included:
 - County's negotiation to purchase Toyota Field, which was contingent upon a reasonable belief that San Antonio had a fair chance of obtaining a franchise. Abbott encouraged Bexar County to move toward an MLS application.
 - Expansion capacity and location of Toyota Field and demographics of San Antonio
 - Spurs Sports and Entertainment potential purchase of the San Antonio Scorpions
 - Potential MLS expansion process
 - Abbott stated that if there was an MLS expansion into Texas, there would not be a franchise located in both Austin and San Antonio.
 - Abbott listed factors that MLS would likely consider during the expansion process, including: 1) television market; 2) demonstrated support for soccer; 3) strength of ownership group; and, 4) a soccer-specific stadium plan.
- November 4, 2015: Bexar County, City of San Antonio, and SS&E announce agreement to purchase Toyota Field³
- November 10, 2015: Bexar County Commissioner Court approve preliminary agreement to purchase Toyota Field⁴
- December 21, 2015: Bexar County Commissioners Court formally approves Toyota Field purchase agreement⁵

¹ Adam Jardy, "Soccer: Crew under new ownership", The Columbus Dispatch, July 30, 2013, <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/sports/2013/07/30/1-crew-announcement.html>

² Laura Newpoff, "MLS, Crew SC have been working on Austin relocation plan for months," Columbus Business First, October 18, 2017, <https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2017/10/18/mls-crew-sc-have-been-working-on-austin-relocation.html>

³ Kyle McCarthy, "San Antonio targets MLS team after Toyota Field deal," Fox Sports, November 4, 2015, <https://www.foxsports.com/soccer/inside-mls/story/mls-expansion-san-antonio-spurs-san-antonio-bexar-county-purchase-toyota-field-110415>

⁴ Bexar County Commissioners Court, Press Release, "Court approves preliminary agreement to purchase soccer stadium," November 10, 2015, <https://www.bexar.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2713>

⁵ Bexar County Commissioners Court, Special Commissioners Court, December 21, 2015, <https://bexarcountytx.swagit.com/play/12212015-518>

- December 22, 2015: Bexar County, City of San Antonio, and Spurs Sports & Entertainment reach lease agreement.⁶
 - 20-year lease
 - SS&E will pay \$3 million upfront with a \$100,000 annual rent
 - SS&E has contractual obligation to pursue MLS franchise. If SS&E fails to obtain a franchise by the sixth year of the contract, SS&E will owe Bexar County and the City of San Antonio reimbursement payments totaling \$5 million.
- August 23, 2016: Columbus Crew owner Anthony Precourt publicly announces commitment to staying in Columbus⁷
- October 30, 2016: Precourt publicly renews commitment to Columbus⁸
- November 17, 2016: Wolff and Smith meet for the second time with MLS President Abbott
 - Bexar County provided an update on the stadium purchase, ownership group, and stadium expansion plan.
 - Bexar County requested clarity on the MLS expansion process and timeline. Abbott indicated the expansion process could be announced as soon as December 2016.
- December 15, 2016- MLS announces expansion process. Commissioner Don Garber appoints Columbus Crew owner Anthony Precourt to the expansion committee.⁹
 - "The league acknowledged ownership groups from 10 markets have publicly expressed interest in securing an MLS expansion team: Charlotte, Cincinnati, Detroit, Nashville, Raleigh/Durham, Sacramento, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Diego and Tampa/St. Petersburg. Interested expansion owners must submit applications by Jan. 31, 2017. After review, a series of in-person meetings will take place during the first and second quarters of 2017."
- December 22, 2016- MLS contracts Barrett Sports Group, LLC to survey demand for MLS in Austin¹⁰

⁶ The Associated Press, "San Antonio seeks MLS team to play at Toyota Field," USA Today, December 22, 2015, www.usatoday.com/story/sports/soccer/2015/12/22/san-antonio-seeks-mls-team-to-play-at-toyota-field/77764824/; San Antonio Spurs, "Spurs Sports & Entertainment Reaches Agreement with Bexar County and City of San Antonio to Play Soccer at Toyota Field in 2016," NBA, December 22, 2015, <http://www.nba.com/spurs/spurs-sports-entertainment-reaches-agreement-bexar-county-and-city-san-antonio-play-soccer-toyota/>

⁷ Sam Fahmi, "Podcast—Anthony Precourt In The House," Massive Report Podcast, August 23, 2016, <https://www.massivereport.com/2016/8/23/12620428/podcast-anthony-precourt-in-the-house>

⁸ Adam Jardy, "Soccer Crew: Precourt talks stadium as MLS teams build theirs," The Columbus Dispatch, October 30, 2016, www.dispatch.com/content/stories/sports/2016/10/30/crew-sc-precourt-talks-stadium-as-mls-teams-build-theirs.html

⁹ Ben Couch, "MLS announces expansion process and timeline," MLSsoccer, December 15, 2016, <https://www.mlssoccer.com/post/2016/12/15/mls-announces-expansion-process-and-timeline>

- January 11, 2017: Bexar County and City of San Antonio submit letters of support for SS&E expansion application
- January 31, 2017: SS&E submits official MLS expansion application¹¹
- February 2, 2017: Anthony Precourt shares thoughts on exciting MLS expansion process¹²
 - "These 12 expansion applications come from all over the United States, and it is exciting to see several markets close to Columbus in the applicant pool, including Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Our Crew SC supporters have a chance to see some healthy new regional rivalries develop within MLS in the coming years."
- May 10, 2017: Bobby Perez, MLS officials Mark Abbott, Charles Altchek, Chief of Staff T.J Mayes, Judge Wolff and County Manager David Smith meeting in San Antonio.
 - The discussion focused on MLS expansion prospects. Bexar County officials were cautiously optimistic after the meeting. The prospect of relocation to Austin by any existing MLS franchise was never disclosed or discussed.
- July 5, 2017: Spurs officials reveal architectural plans for Toyota Field expansion to San Antonio Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Wolff as well as city and county officials.
 - The stadium expansion architectural plans were discussed. Cost of parking issues, and potential election dates were considered. Mayor Nirenberg and County Judge Nelson Wolff suggested a May 2018 election day. Rick Pych indicated that a May 2017 election would be too early. The architectural plans were picked up by the SS&E officials and were asked to keep plans and cost confidential.
 - SS&E officials agreed to set up meeting between Mayor Nirenberg and County Judge Wolff and MLS Commissioner Garber.
- July 23, 2017: Lobbyist representing professional soccer reportedly initiates contact with Austin City Council¹³

¹⁰ Will Anderson, "MLS in Austin? League gauging interest, but other cities lead expansion list," Austin Business Journal, December 22, 2016, <https://www.bizjournals.com/austin/news/2016/12/22/mls-in-austin-league-gauging-interest-but-other.html>

¹¹ San Antonio Spurs, Facebook Post, January 31, 2017, <https://www.facebook.com/Spurs/photos/a.151685001980.123354.25781101980/10154228590096981/?type=3>

¹² Adam Geigerman, "Anthony Precourt shares thoughts on exciting MLS expansion process," Columbus Crew SC, February 2, 2017, <https://www.columbuscrewsc.com/post/2017/02/02/anthony-precourt-shares-thoughts-exciting-mls-expansion-process>

¹³ Kevin Lyttle, "Lobbyist initiated MLS to Austin talk with city in late July," The Statesman, November 15, 2017, <http://www.statesman.com/sports/soccer/lobbyist-initiated-mls-austin-talk-with-city-late-july/eqP633onRe3TZN2m9vv6ZJ/>

- August 15, 2017: MLS lobbyists file paperwork with the City of Austin¹⁴
- August 16, 2017: MLS files trademark applications for "Austin FC" and "Austin Athletic"¹⁵
- September 26, 2017 posed meeting in New York with Commissioner Garber with Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Wolff is canceled (SSE official Bobby Perez informed Judge Wolff and Mayor Nirenberg of the cancellation)
- October 16, 2017: Grant Wahl breaks the story of Crew move to Austin. The text of the Tweet: "Columbus Crew owner Anthony Precourt is set to move team to Austin, Texas, in 2019 if downtown stadium can't happen in Columbus. Story soon."¹⁶
- October 17, 2017: Precourt Sports Ventures issues press release about the possible relocation, wherein Commissioner Don Garber voices his support for the move¹⁷
- October 17, 2017: Precourt holds a media conference call¹⁸
 - Precourt: "Well we are initiating a process: a concurrent path of exploring our options in Columbus in a new facility and possibly relocating to Austin, Texas."
- October 17, 2017: Precourt Sports Venture hired an Austin, TX-based public relations firm.
- October 17, 2017: Precourt indicates he began eyeing an Austin relocation in early 2016
 - "Precourt said that it was around this time that he started looking into other markets and settled on Austin, a city for which he has "a long-standing affinity."
- October 19, 2017: Bexar County officials learn that Precourt has been removed from MLS expansion committee.¹⁹

¹⁴ City of Austin, City Clerk, Lobbyist Detail, Lobbyist: DeYoung, Eric H., http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/lobbyist/detail_lobbyists.cfm?registrant_id=RG0018; City of Austin, City Clerk, Lobbyist Detail, Lobbyist: Robinson, Kelan, http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/lobbyist/detail_lobbyists.cfm?registrant_id=RG0065; City of Austin, City Clerk, Lobbyist Detail, Lobbyist: Morrow, Amanda L., http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/lobbyist/detail_lobbyists.cfm?registrant_id=RG0057; City of Austin, City Clerk, Lobbyist Detail, Lobbyist: Neslund, Melissa M., http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/lobbyist/detail_lobbyists.cfm?registrant_id=RG0061

¹⁵ U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS), Word Mark: Austin Athletic, Serial # 87571518, <http://tess2.uspto.gov/>; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS), Word Mark: Austin FC, Serial # 87571505, <http://tess2.uspto.gov/>

¹⁶ Grant Wahl, Twitter Post, October 16, 2017, 7:51PM, <https://twitter.com/GrantWahl/status/920119976488570881>

¹⁷ Crew SC Communications, "Statement from Precourt Sports Ventures," Columbus Crew SC, October 17, 2017, <https://www.columbuscrewsc.com/post/2017/10/17/statement-precourt-sports-ventures>

¹⁸ Crew SC Communications, "Transcript-Anthony Precourt & Dave Greeley's media conference call," Columbus Crew SC, October 17, 2017, <https://www.columbuscrewsc.com/post/2017/10/17/transcript-anthony-precourt-dave-greeleys-media-conference-call>

- October 25, 2017: Brian Dunseth says that Precourt started working on Austin move in 2014²⁰
 - Former Crew player Brian Dunseth said during an October 2017 airing of his Sirius show 'Counter Attack' that PSV started working on the move to Austin at this time."
- October 27, 2017: Judge Wolff sends letter to MLS Commissioner Don Garber
- October 30, 2017: MLS statement on Judge Wolff's 10/27/17 letter²¹
- November 9, 2017: Austin City Council adopts resolution directing City Manager to identify City-owned sites that might be appropriate for a soccer stadium.²²
- November 17, 2017: MLS Attorney responds to Judge Wolff's 10/27/17 letter. Judge Wolff was surprised to learn that San Antonio application was deferred to the second phase of expansion with the agreement of the Spurs.
- November 29, 2017: MLS Announces Four Finalists for Two Expansion Teams (Detroit, Cincinnati, Sacramento, Nashville)²³
- November 29, 2017: Judge Wolff press release statement²⁴
- November 29, 2017: SS&E press release statement²⁵
- November 30, 2017: Mikal Watts, representing Judge Wolff, sends letter in response to MLS's 11/17/17 letter.

¹⁹ Ian Thomas, Twitter Post, October 19, 2017, 1:50PM,
<https://twitter.com/byIanThomas/status/921116475116654592>

²⁰ Justin McIntosh, "News: Anthony Precourt's Game of Deception," Columbus Alive, October 25, 2017,
<http://www.columbusalive.com/entertainment/20171025/news-anthony-precourts-game-of-deception>

²¹ Grant Wahl, Twitter Post, October 30, 2017, 1:51PM,
<https://twitter.com/GrantWahl/status/925102771300429824>

²² Jack Craver, "Council welcomes idea of Major League Soccer," Austin Monitor, November 9, 2017,
<https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2017/11/council-welcomes-idea-major-league-soccer-austin/>

²³ Simon Borg, "Four finalist cities named for next two MLS expansion teams," MLSsoccer, November 29, 2017, <https://www.mlssoccer.com/post/2017/11/29/four-finalist-cities-named-next-two-mls-expansion-teams>

²⁴ Judge Nelson Wolff, Twitter Post, November 29, 2017, 10:15AM,
https://twitter.com/Judge_wolff/status/935935331790213120

²⁵ San Antonio FC, Twitter Post, November 29, 2017, 1:17PM,
<https://twitter.com/SanAntonioFC/status/935981156629143553>