

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Transportation and Public Works

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REQUEST: Have the four new FTEs in the FY23 Budget for Living Streets, including neighborhood block parties, and other special events been hired? Are additional financial resources needed to implement the Play Streets and Resident-Led Healthy Streets programs per Resolution No. 20211021-027, or is the barrier non-financial?

RESPONSE:

In FY 2022-23, the Transportation and Public Works' (TPW) Smart Mobility Office hired two full-time positions to plan and implement the Living Streets program. Staff is currently finalizing a Living Streets work plan with a consultant team, slated to be finished this fiscal year. The TPW FY 2023-24 operating budget includes funds sufficient to launch the program. With these requested funds, there are no barriers to do so. Currently, three pilots for Living Streets, (2 for Healthy Streets and 1 for Play Streets) are planned for the fall of FY 2023-24. In addition, the Transportation and Public Works' and the Austin Center for Events hired staff to support the Neighborhood Block Parties program which is fully operational. The total number of FTEs dedicated to Living Streets is 2 FTEs.