

Austin Water Utility



**Capital Improvement
Projects for New Treatment
Plants, Capital Expansions,
and Growth-related Projects
Located in the Drinking
Water Protection Zone
Overview**

July 2, 2013

Outline

- Background about previous policy
- New Financial Policy No. 8
- Summary of identified projects
- Summary of how projects address capacity needs

Background on Previous Policy

- Previous Financial Policy was not consistent with State Law
- Directed by Office of the City Auditor (OCA) in coordination with City Attorney to develop proposal for revising Financial Policy
 - OCA recommended Commercial Paper use
 - Adjust voter authorized bond requirements to comply with state law
 - Consistent with other Utility financial policy

Background on Previous Policy, Continued

- Presented proposed revisions to both WWWW Commission and Audit and Finance Committee
 - Discussed Commission and citizen opportunities for review and it would fit into budget process
 - Both recommended approval
- Presented proposed revisions to City Council
 - Approved in January 2013

New Financial Policy No. 8

- Capital improvement projects for new water and wastewater treatment plants, capital expansions, and growth-related projects that are located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ) will be identified and submitted, as part of the annual budget process, to the following Boards and Commissions: Water and Wastewater Commission, Resource Management Commission, Environmental Board, Planning Commission, and the Zoning and Platting Commission.
- These Boards and Commissions will review growth-related DWPZ capital projects spending plans, obtain Board and Commission and citizen input, review consistency with Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, review effect on growth within the DWPZ, and make recommendations on project approval for inclusion in Austin Water Utility's 5-year capital spending plans.

DWPZ Projects in Proposed FY 2014-18 Capital Spending Plan

The following Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects are located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ) , and is a capital expansion for existing and/or agreed upon future customers. These projects are not considered growth-related projects as it is not necessitated by or attributable to growth. Additional capacity may be provided by these projects as noted below:

- It is inherent to the project, adding infrastructure per design standards for existing customers for reliability and/or to allow maintenance of facilities adds capacity to the system
- The existing system does not have adequate capacity to safely serve existing and/or agreed upon future customers so, non-growth additional capacity is needed
- Projects in Planning:
 - Highland Park Improvements \$2.0 M
 - Loop 360 Westlake to Waymaker \$1.6 M
 - Thousand Oaks Interceptor \$0.5 M
 - \$4.1 M**

**Funding amounts shown for FY14-18 5-year total only*

DWPZ Projects in Proposed FY 2014-18 Capital Spending Plan

The following Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for new water and wastewater treatment plants, capital expansions, and growth-related projects are located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ):

- Projects in Construction Phase via Council Approval:
 - Water Treatment Plant No. 4 \$56.2 M
 - Jollyville Transmission Main \$27.0 M
 - Ridgeview Subdivision \$ 0.2 M
 - NWC Pump Station \$ 3.9 M
 - \$87.3 M

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Capital Improvement Program

- AWU's proposed FY 2014-18 spending plan is \$985.7M
- The total of the projects listed above in the DWPZ represent 9.3% of the total proposed spending plan
- Projects are meeting current capacity needs

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