




Memorandum

To: Boards and Commissions

From: Greg Meszaros, Director, Austin Water 

Date: May 8, 2015

Subject: Board and Commission and Citizen Review of new Growth-related Capital Improvement Projects in Drinking Water Protection Zone

The Austin City Council approved an amendment to Austin Water Utility's (AWU) Financial Policy No. 8 to provide for enhanced Board and Commission and citizen reviews of AWU's new growth-related capital improvement projects (CIP) located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ). This new ordinance (No. 20130117-017) took effect on January 28, 2013 and as part of the 2015 annual budget process, AWU is presenting the new growth-related projects to Boards and Commissions as set forth in the ordinance.

The revised 2013 Financial Policy No. 8 reads as follows:

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.

This summer, AWU representatives will be making a brief presentation to the Commissions on the CIP projects located in the DWPZ related to the financial policy.

Attachments: Presentation
Project Summary
Project Detail with Map

