

Capital Metro ¼-Cent Funding Staff Recommendation Summary

As directed by Council Resolution 20150618-093, staff from both the Austin Transportation Department and the Public Works Department crafted a staff recommendation of use of \$21.8M in projects and programs for Capital Metro ¼-Cent funding.

The staff recommendation includes three categories of improvements:

1. System Improvements

Includes projects and programs that improve City networks and fall into the following subcategories:

- Citywide: includes the Travel Demand Management Program and improvements to the Advanced Transportation Management System and Signals Program.
- Deferred ¼-Cent Projects: includes two urban trail improvements, intended to improve access to transit.
- All Ages & Abilities Network: includes improvements to the Active Transportation Program (bicycle facilities) and urban Trails. While these improvements may be located in specific districts, they improve the Citywide on-street and off-street bicycle network.
- Corridor Study Area Near-Term Improvements: includes short-Term improvements identified in completed Corridor Improvement Programs. These programs have been completed for five major arterials in the City's jurisdiction.

2. Council Member Top Priorities

Includes projects identified by Council offices as priority improvements to their respective districts. Each project meets the criteria outlined in both the Interlocal Agreement and Council Resolution as "low-cost/high impact." Some Council Member Top Priorities are consistent with the school and transit project groupings' criteria identified by staff, and some fall outside these project groupings.

3. Grouped Mobility Projects Around Schools and Transit

Includes projects of grouped mobility improvements located within 0.25 miles of a school and a transit stop. Groupings are made up of individual projects that when implemented together are considered low-cost/high-impact transformational improvements.

In developing the staff recommendation, staff first selected some System Improvements and then distributed the remaining available funding to Grouped Mobility Projects Around Schools and Transit that were sensitive to district needs. As staff met with the Mayor, Council Members, and respective Policy Aides and staff, Council Member Top Priorities that met the criteria outlined in both the Interlocal Agreement and Council Resolution and that were "low-cost/high impact" projects were incorporated into the staff recommendation, and Comprehensive Mobility Project Groupings were detracted from the staff recommendation that were specific to the requesting Council District.

The following tables summarize the full staff recommendation by: the three categories; distribution by mobility programs; and distribution by Council Districts.

Staff Recommendation Summary		
System Improvements	\$ 6,769,000	31%
Council Member Priorities	\$ 6,100,200	28%
Outside Project Groupings	\$ 3,683,000	17%
Inside Project Groupings	\$ 2,417,200	11%
Grouped Mobility Projects Around Schools and Transit	\$ 8,866,000	41%
Staff Recommendation Total	\$ 21,735,200	99.7%
Total Available	\$ 21,800,000	
	\$ 64,800	remaining

Staff Recommendation Summary - Mobility Program Distribution		
Mobility Program	Cost	% of Total
Active Transportation Program	\$ 1,678,120	8%
Advanced Transportation Management System	\$ 2,704,000	12%
Arterial Streets Geometric Improvements Program	\$ 1,650,000	8%
Capital Metro	\$ 200,000	1%
Local Area Traffic Management Program	\$ 154,200	1%
Sidewalk Program	\$ 7,483,880	34%
Signals Program	\$ 3,490,000	16%
Travel Demand Management Program	\$ 1,000,000	5%
Urban Trails Program	\$ 3,375,000	16%
Grand Total	\$ 21,735,200	100%

Staff Recommendation Summary - Council District Distribution		
Council District	Cost	% of Total
1	\$ 3,264,507	15%
2	\$ 1,445,880	7%
3	\$ 2,987,480	14%
4	\$ 1,306,580	6%
5	\$ 1,479,500	7%
6	\$ 1,734,800	8%
7	\$ 1,533,500	7%
8	\$ 1,835,240	8%
9	\$ 1,939,880	9%
10	\$ 1,313,333	6%
Two or More Districts	\$ 2,894,500	13%
Grand Total	\$ 21,735,200	100%