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Public Toilets

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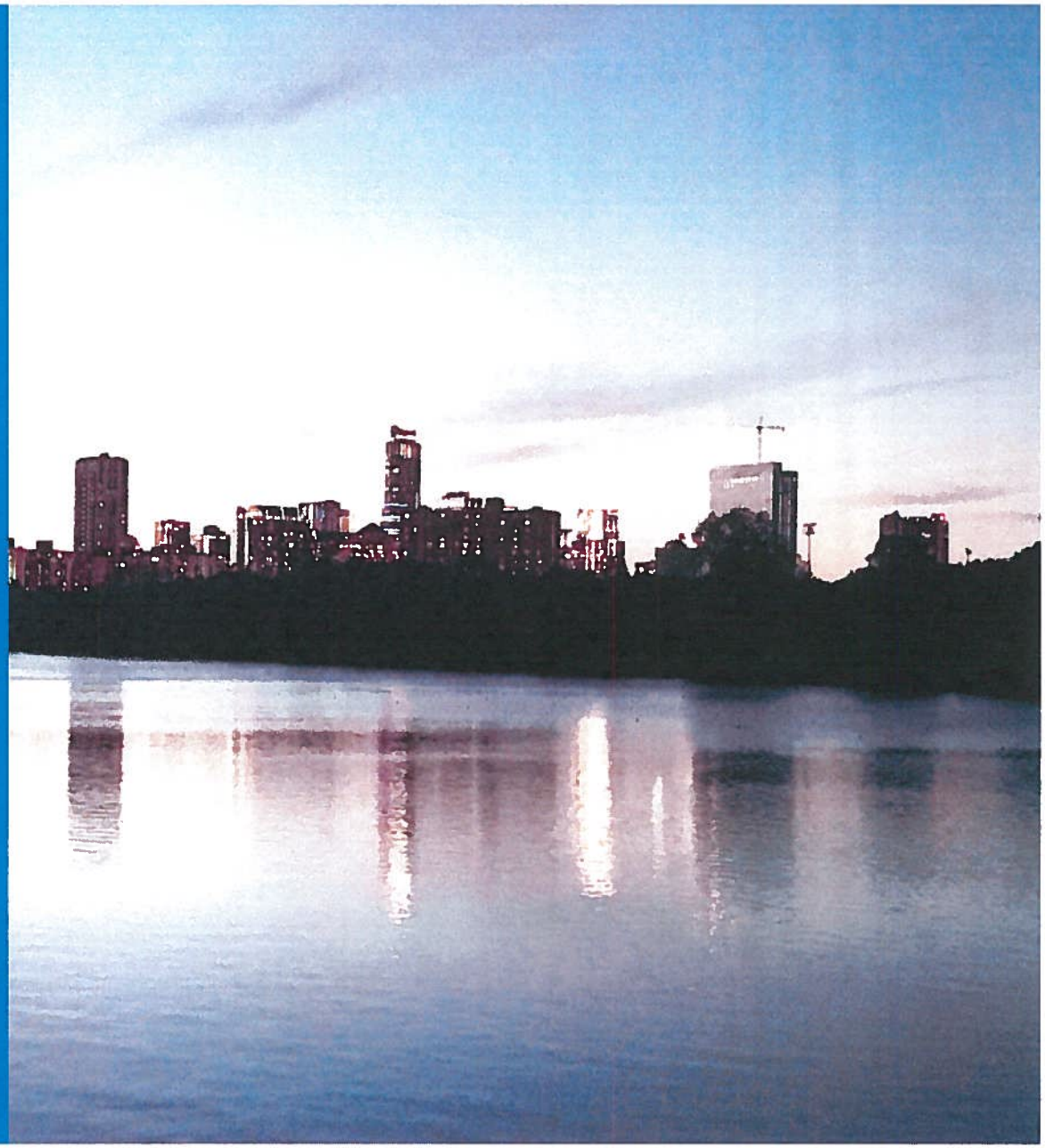


OVERVIEW

- Background
- Research
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Pilot Program
- Ideal Locations
- Success Measures

BACKGROUND Resolution 20160128-067

- Public Toilets provide a benefit to families with young children, seniors, bikers, runners, homeless individuals and late night crowds

- Outdoor toilets is a voluntary bacteria reduction measure in Austin's Implementation Plan for the reduction of Total Maximum Daily Load of bacteria in Austin watersheds

- Make recommendations about:
  - Options
  - Locations
  - Funding

- Safe, durable, free public toilets available to the public 24 hours per day

- Compile information about existing publicly accessible toilets located on City property in the downtown area

BACKGROUND Resolution 20160623-079

- Take steps to procure two wheelchair accessible public toilet facilities
- Continue discussions with downtown stakeholders to determine the most promising location for a permanent public toilet facility
- Initiate the procurement of a public toilet facility such as the Portland Loo for permanent installation downtown and return to City Council for approval of the purchase
- Work with City Hall Building Services to make changes necessary for City Hall's outdoor restroom to be open extended hours.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- March 7, 2016
- April 12, 2016
- April 13, 2017

RESEARCH

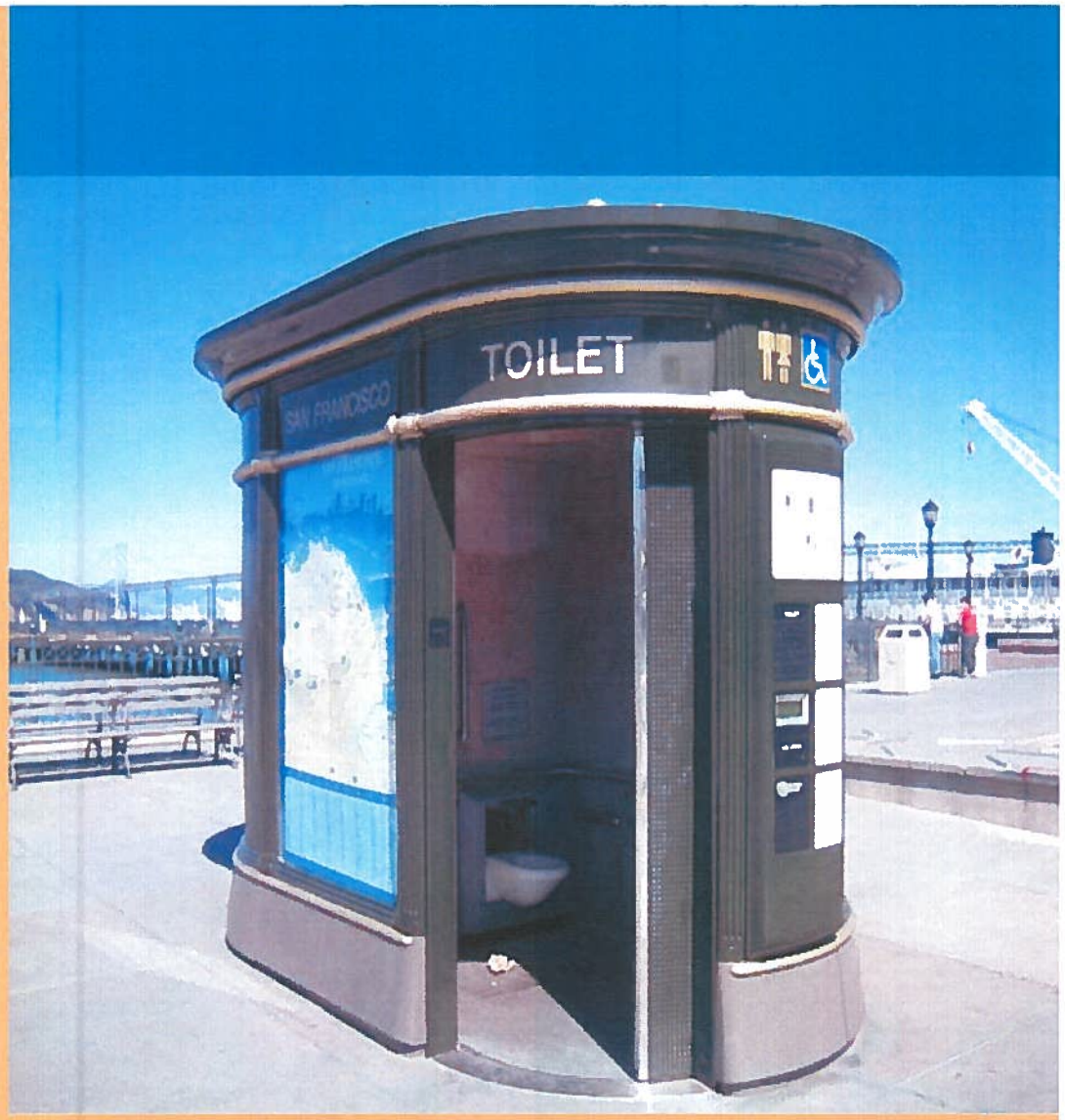
- Portland Loo Unit
- Self Cleaning Unit
- Comfort Station Unit
- Standard Portable Toilet Unit
- Skid Unit
- Pilot Program

Portland Loo

- San Antonio, Texas
- Portland, Oregon
- Galveston, Texas
- El Paso, Texas

Self Cleaning Unit

- San Francisco, California
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Seattle, Washington



Comfort Station

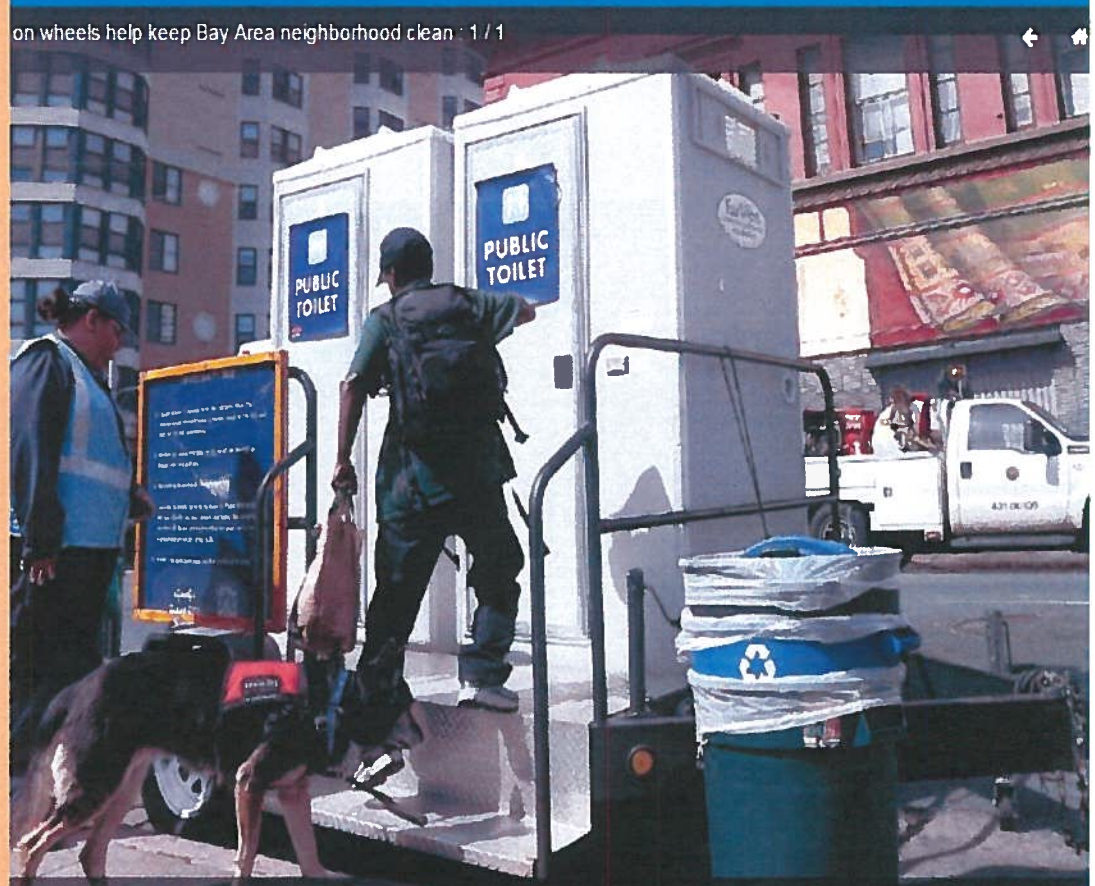
- Georgetown, Texas
- Houston, Texas

Std. Portable Toilet

- Construction Sites

Pit Stop Pilot Program

- San Francisco, California
- Denver, Colorado
- Miami, Florida



fendant Erica Corona, left, watches as Sabrina Hollier walks up a step to use a public toilet at the Tenderloin Pit Stop in San Francisco in March. Solar-powered flu wheels roll in four afternoons per week in the dense Tenderloin neighborhood.
Jeff Chiu / The Associated Press

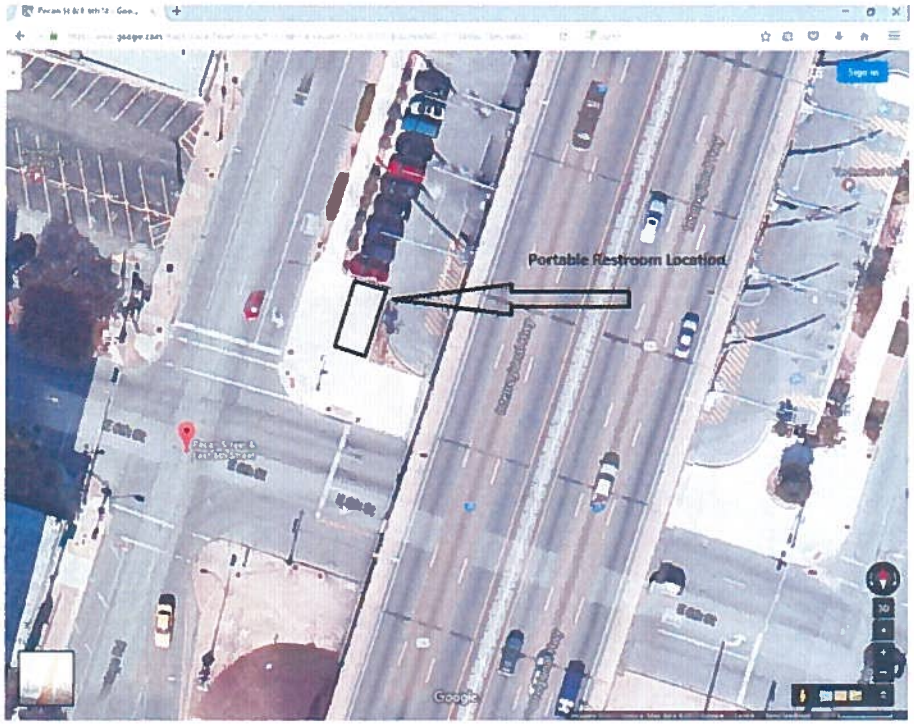
PILOT PROGRAM

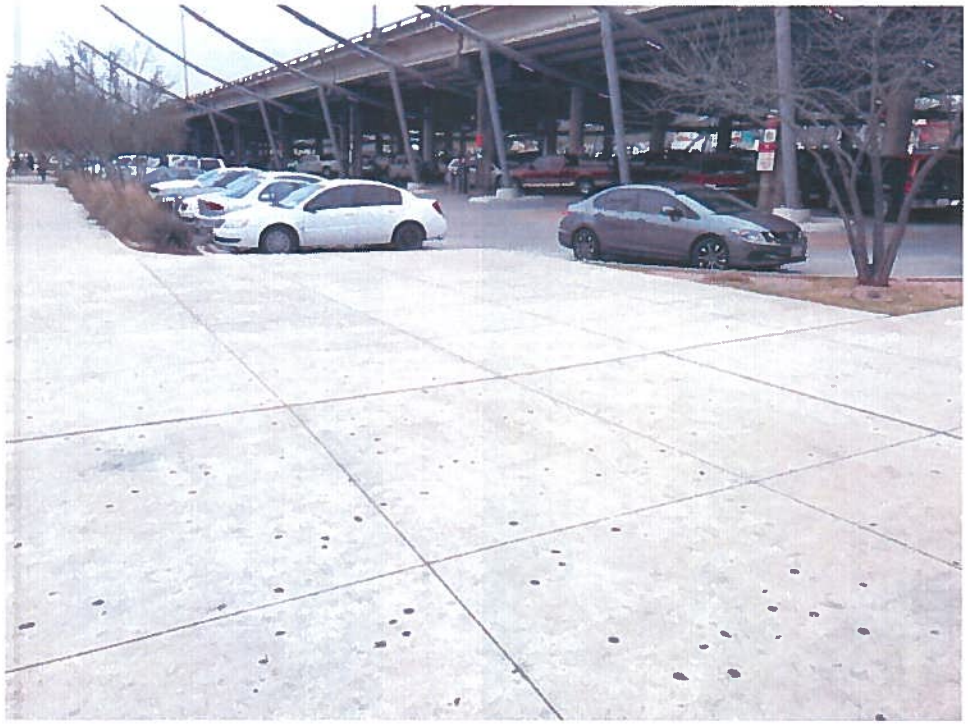
- ADA compliant unit
- On site approx. one month
- 24 hour access
- Visible to HALO cameras
- Heavy pedestrian traffic
- Attendant on site
- Unit serviced 2 times per week
- Data collected
- In well lit area
- To determine a permanent location

IDEAL LOCATIONS

- East 6th Street and IH-35 Service Road
- East 6th Street and Brazos Street
- East 7th Street and Neches (near alley between 7th & 8th)
- East 6th and Trinity Street
- West 5th Street and Colorado Street

IDEAL LOCATIONS (continued)





East 6th Street and IH-35 Service Road

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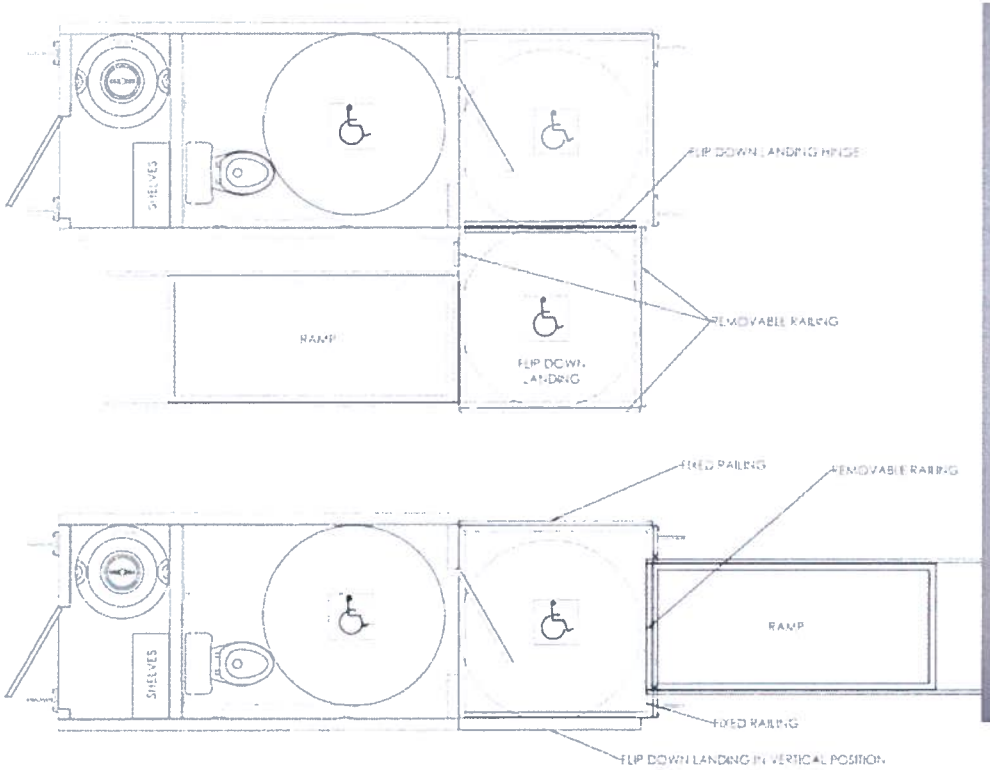
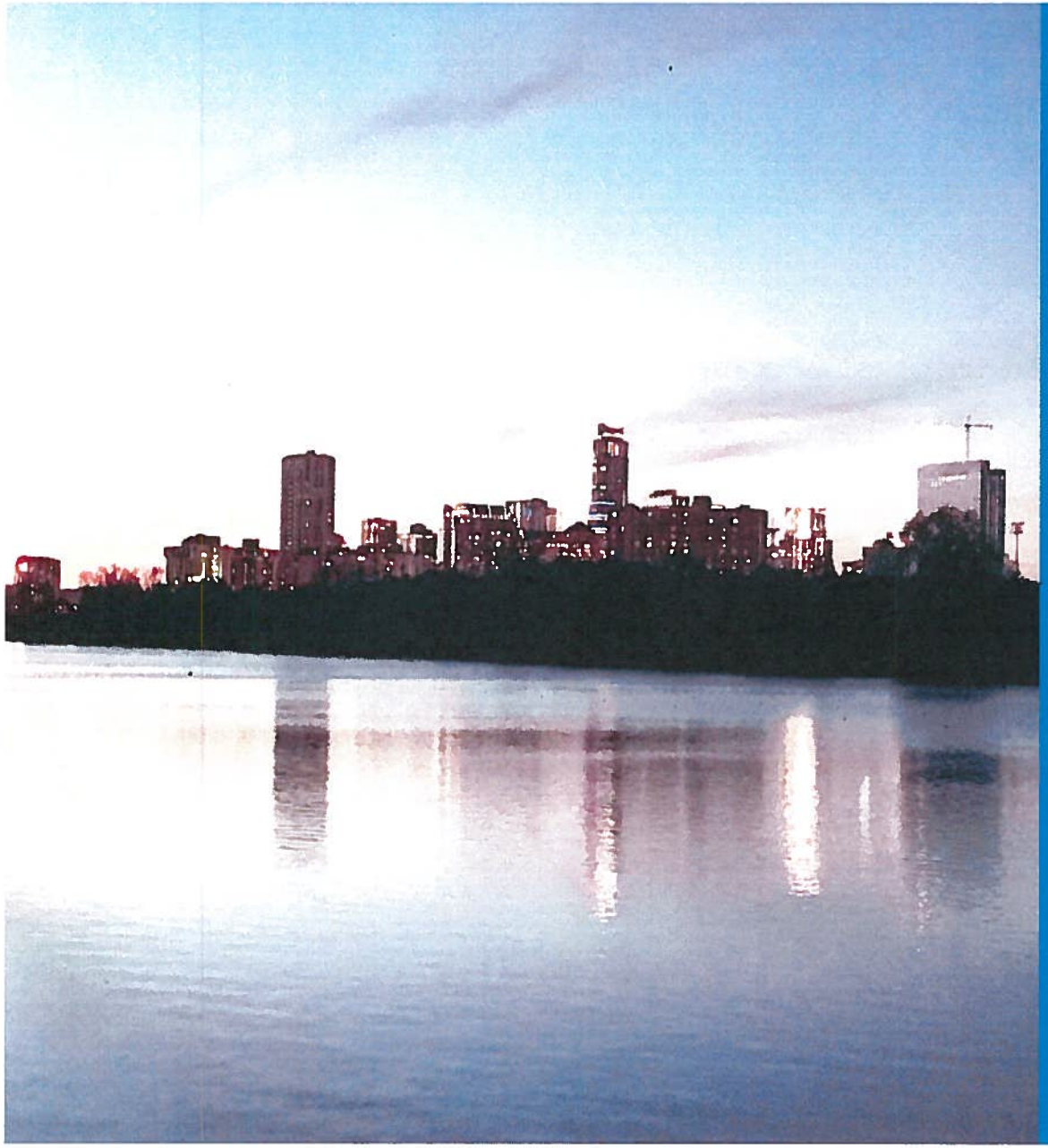


PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Pilot Program	Unit	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
E 6th and IH-35 Service Road						
No. of Users	Ea					
No. of Human Waste Locations Identified*	Ea					
No. of Unrinating in Public Incidents*	Ea					
E 6th and Brazos Street						
No. of Users	Ea					
No. of Human Waste Locations Identified*	Ea					
No. of Unrinating in Public Incidents*	Ea					
E 7th and Neches (alley between 7th and 8th Street)						
No. of Users	Ea					
No. of Human Waste Locations Identified*	Ea					
No. of Unrinating in Public Incidents*	Ea					

* Within a one block area of location identified



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