Dove Springs Public Health Facility

5811 Palo Blanco Lane

2018 Bond Project, Austin Public Health

Project Update - April 2023

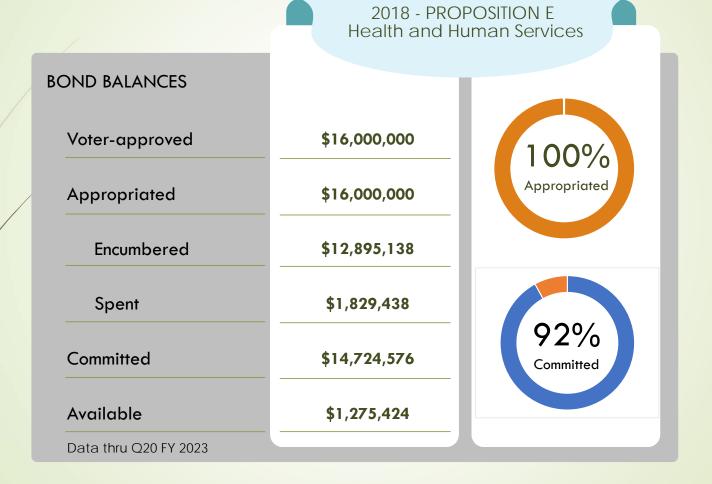
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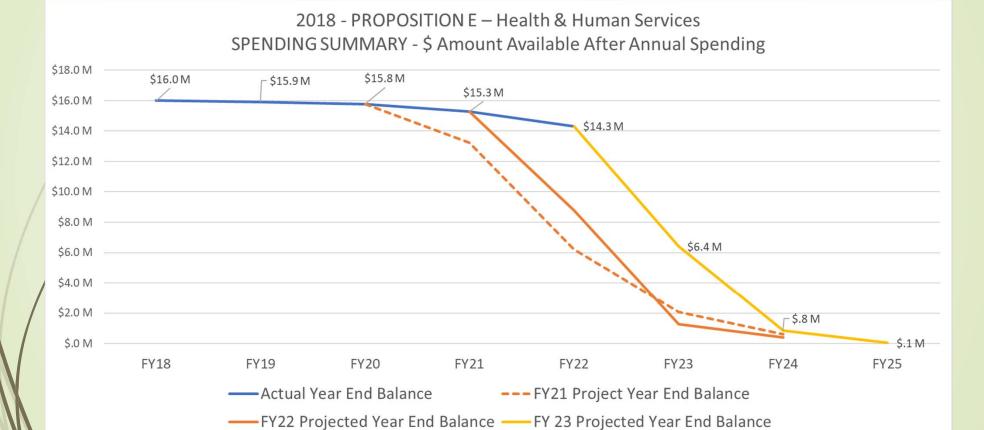
2018 BOND, PROPOSITION E Health & Human Services



The issuance of \$16,000,000 in tax supported general obligations bonds and notes for planning, constructing, reconstructing, improving, and equipping a neighborhood public health and human services facility in the Dove Springs area; and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.

- **Time Line** (as defined in Contract with the Voters): **8 years**
- Ballot language: http://www.austintexas.gov/election/byrecord.cfm?eid=205
- Contract with the Voters: http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=304077





Background

- Multiple flood events have highlighted the lack of public health, basic needs, preventive health care, and employment support services in this neighborhood
- Austin Public Health (APH) has provided limited services to residents working in partnership with the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center and the new facility will consolidate all public health services in one location
- This new facility was funded in the 2018 Bond Election to provide a fullservice Neighborhood Public Health Facility
- A Child Care Facility was added prior to the Bond Election
- The use of parkland adjoining the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center was approved by the Parks Board and City Council in September of 2019



Community Programs

- Full-Service Neighborhood Center
 - Basic Needs Services (Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, application assistance)
 - Public Health Nursing/Health Screening
 - Social Work Services
 - Seasonal services (Blue Santa, Thanksgiving Baskets)
- ► Women, Infants & Children Clinic (WIC) with counseling services
- Immunization Clinic
 - Shots for Tots
 - Big Shots
- ► High Quality Childcare Center to serve 75 children
- Multipurpose space and demonstration kitchen for nutrition classes
- Addition of lighting to the existing soccer fields for promotion of youth programs
- Construction of trails for connection of neighborhood to Dove Springs District Park trail system
- APH will manage the public health programs and solicit an operator to manage the high-quality childcare center

Community Involvement

- A Dove Springs Task Force (TF) was formed which represents various community groups and other community leaders in the Dove Springs area to assist with community communications (list on next slide)
- For Community feedback, we held 4 in-person meetings, 4 virtual meetings and 10 meetings with the Task Force
- We continue to engage with the TF on all aspects of the project including the Art in Public Places Program
- A survey was done to receive community input on schematic design to share all aspects of project including the site plan layout, pathways connecting the neighborhood, exterior renderings, and look and feel of the facility
 - The survey ran from December 15, 2020 to February 7, 2021
 - Public Information Office made extensive outreach efforts to promote the survey including post card mailing to 3,000 homes
- Project team presented at the Council Member Fuente's D-2 event November 2021 at the George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center
- Project team presented to the Southeast Contact Team multiple times in 2022
- Project team participated and provided updates at the George Morales Recreation Center dedication – July 2022
- Project team continues to engage with the community by sending monthly community and partner project construction updates

Task Force Members

- Frances Acuna GAVA, SE Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
- Anna DiCarlo Parks Board Member, District 2
- Russell Diggs George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center
- Barbara Garcia George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center
- Robert Kibbie Dove Springs Advisory Board
- Gloria Lugo Community Leader
- Alberto Mejia Community Development Commission, District 2
- Irene Magna-Noverola Austin South-East Branch Library
- Monica Maldonado M.A.S. Cultura
- George Morales Dove Springs Advisory Board
- Mathew Worthington Early Childhood Council, District 2
- Raymond Young Dove Springs Advisory Board
- Ofelia Zapata AISD Trustee
- Ricardo Zavala Dove Springs Proud

What is Completed?

- Preliminary Planning Phase (Completed)
- Design Criteria Manual (Completed)
- Design-Builder Procurement Process (Completed)
- Schematic Design & Estimate (Completed)
- Full Design and Estimate (Completed)
- Design-Builder's Proposal for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) (Completed)
- Ground-Breaking Ceremony November of 2022 (Completed)
- Construction Completion estimated by Summer 2024

Ground Breaking Ceremony



Site Plan

Existing Electrical Duct Bank
New Electrical Duct Bank Routing

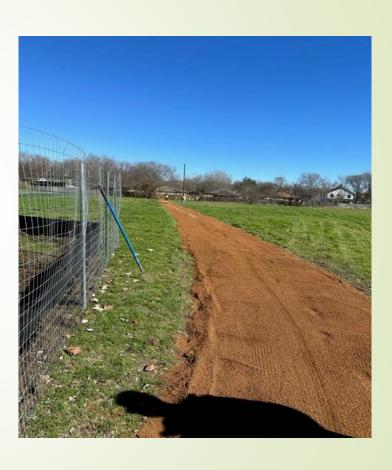


Construction Progress

- New trail has been constructed for the neighborhood to access the Recreation Center
- Limits of constructions are secured and fence illuminated
- Working with the George Morales Dove Springs Rec Center to coordinate PARD events
- First major task of the duct bank reroute is underway and on schedule through partnering with Austin Energy
- Foundation construction start contingent on the duct bank reroute completion by Austin Energy

Trail Pictures





Construction Site



Site Entry from Palo Blanco and Ainez



Outdoor Learning Environment



Outdoor Learning Environments

- Child Care Center will have three outdoor learning environments as shown on the site plan
- Each learning environment will have appropriate landscape elements per age group and a shade canopy
- APH's childcare consultant team is advising the SpawGlass team on all aspects of childcare center design including the outdoor learning environments

Main Building Entry



Thank you

Feedback and Questions?

Please send questions to:

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