BARTON SPRINGS RD. BRIDGE
Mobility Committee Meeting

May 11, 2023

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Nearly
100
years old
built in 1926

20,000
Vehicles per day

1946
Bridge Expansion

Key Entrance
to Zilker Park and for Major City Events

$36 million
Preliminary Funding Estimate (Construction + Soft Costs)

FUNDING SOURCE:
- Preliminary Design: 2012, 2018 and 2020 Bonds
- Design: 2020 Bonds
- Construction: TBD

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Goal During Construction

- ✓ Maintain all 4 lanes of traffic during construction
- ✓ Maintain the Azie Morton / Barton Springs intersection during construction

20,000
Vehicles per day on Barton Springs Road

- Important commuter route
- Key access to Zilker Park
- Access to many special events (Trail of Lights, Austin City Limits, Blues on the Green, Zilker Park)
- Access to Zilker and Barton Hills neighborhoods

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Coordination With Zilker Park Vision Plan

Team Coordination	✓ Project Managers for both projects attend meetings and provide updates to each other
Project Alignment	✓ Ensure preliminary bridge plans align with Zilker Park Vision Plan
Design Considerations	✓ Widen bike lanes and sidewalks on bridge ✓ Improve multi-modal connection into park
Public Input	✓ Completed public input (online and in person) for the initial recommendation

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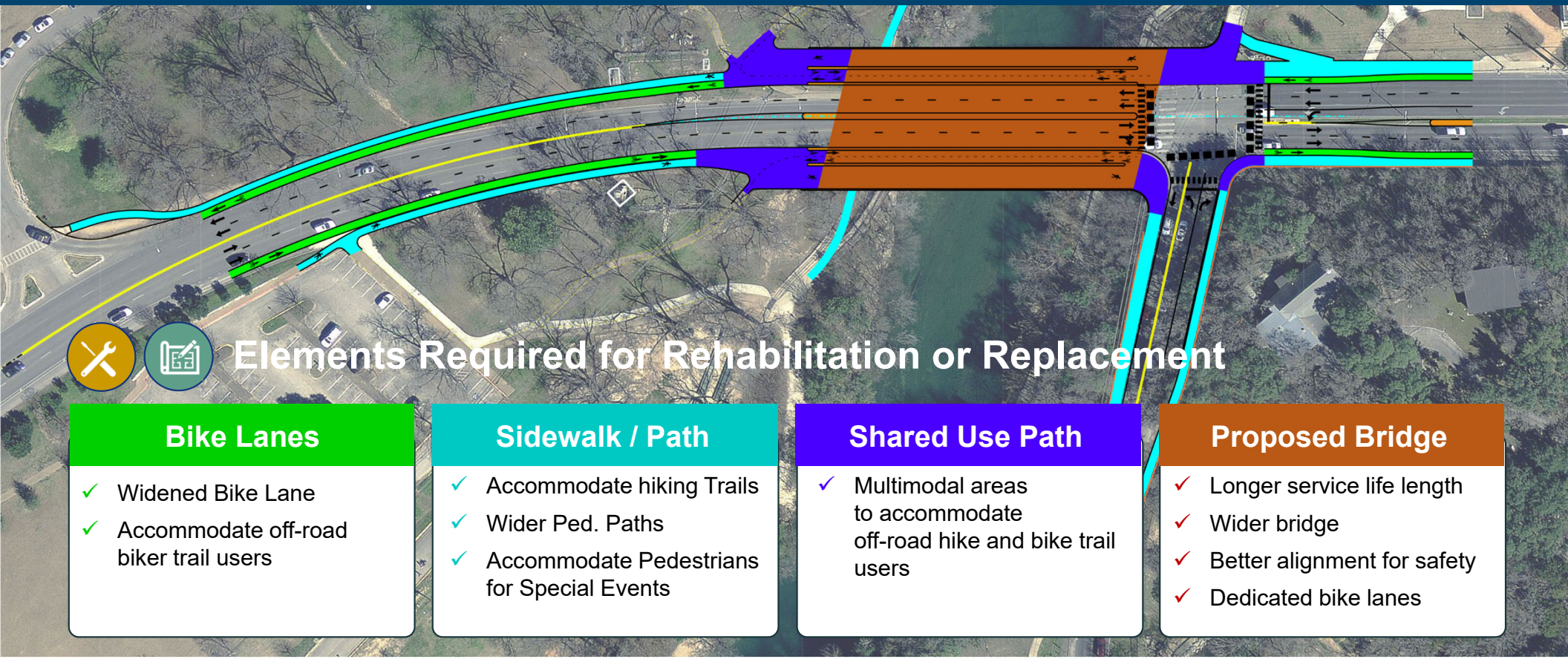

Elements Required for Rehabilitation or Replacement

Bike Lanes

- ✓ Widened Bike Lane
- ✓ Accommodate off-road biker trail users

Sidewalk / Path

- ✓ Accommodate hiking Trails
- ✓ Wider Ped. Paths
- ✓ Accommodate Pedestrians for Special Events

Shared Use Path

- ✓ Multimodal areas to accommodate off-road hike and bike trail users

Proposed Bridge

- ✓ Longer service life length
- ✓ Wider bridge
- ✓ Better alignment for safety
- ✓ Dedicated bike lanes

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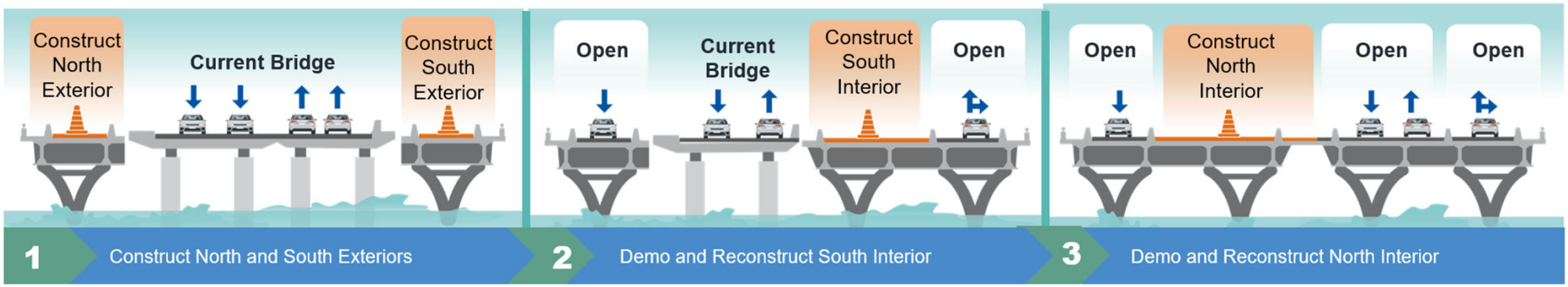
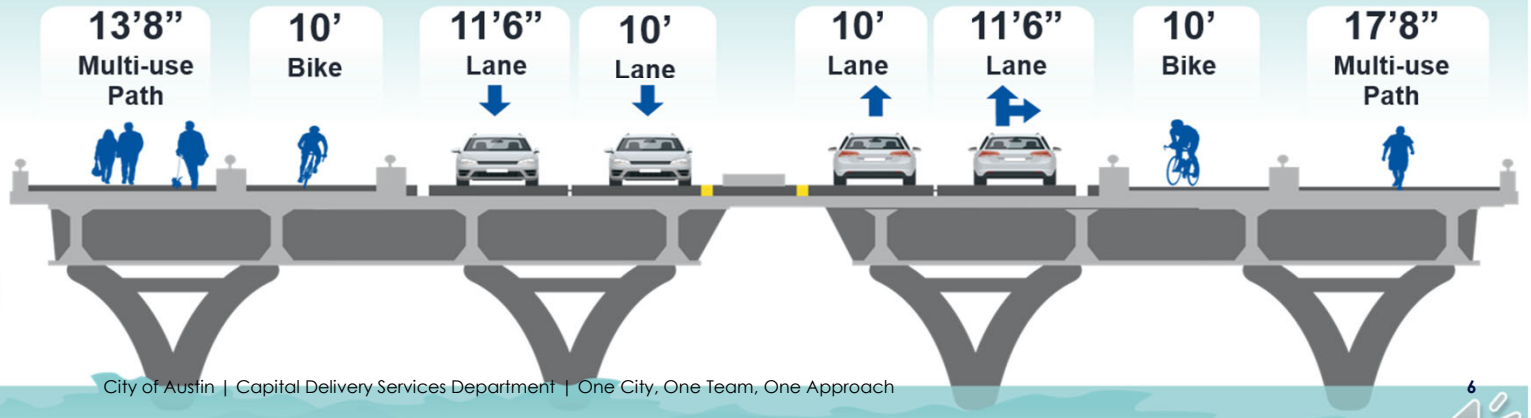
Bridge Construction Phasing: 4 lanes open through construction



Final Bridge



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PROJECT OPTIONS

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Rehabilitation Options

1. **PRESERVE** existing structure, consider separate bike/ped structure (minimal rework - light touch)

2. **REHABILITATE** and widen deck to include bike/ped

Replacement Options

RECONSTRUCT BRIDGE completely and widen deck to include bike/ped

1. **One-Span** option

2. **Two-Span** option

3. **Three-Span** option

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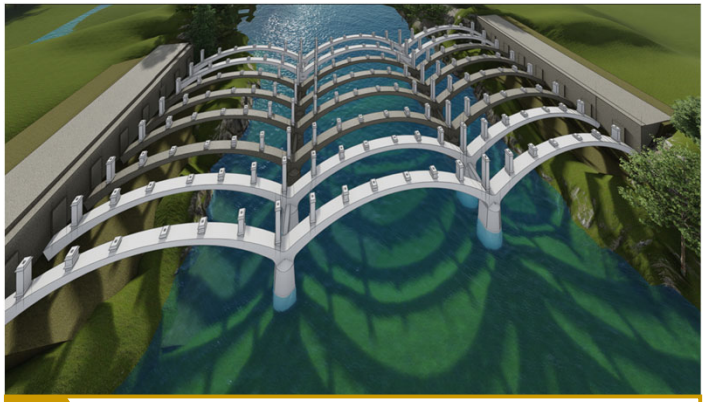
Bridge Structure Rehabilitation

1 Remove Existing Bridge Deck and Spandrel Columns

2 Remaining Portion of Existing Structure



3 New Components: Exterior Pairs of Arch Ribs, Spandrel Columns, Deck, and Abutment Extensions

Less than half of the original structure will remain

- ✓ Remaining historical structure will require refacing with new material surfaces
- ✓ View of historical structure will be mostly blocked by new structure
- ✓ Estimated cost of $19M

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Bridge Replacement Option Comparison

	1-Span	2-Span	3-Span
			
Structural Complexity	• Complex system	• Less complex • Uses conventional foundations	• Least Complex
Visual Openness	• Obstructed visuals • Views along center line maintained • Potential scour and bank/trail complexities	• More visually open than 1-span option • View along center of creek obstructed	• Most visually open • Clear views along center line of creek
Constructability	• Most complex to build • Requires temporary piers and falsework to make the arches	• Fewest number of foundations in water • Top of bridge requires specialty construction and falsework	• Specialty construction with fewest challenges
Initial Const. Cost (Bridge Only)	• $18.1M	• $13.6M	• $10.2M

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Rendering of Initial Recommended Bridge Replacement Option

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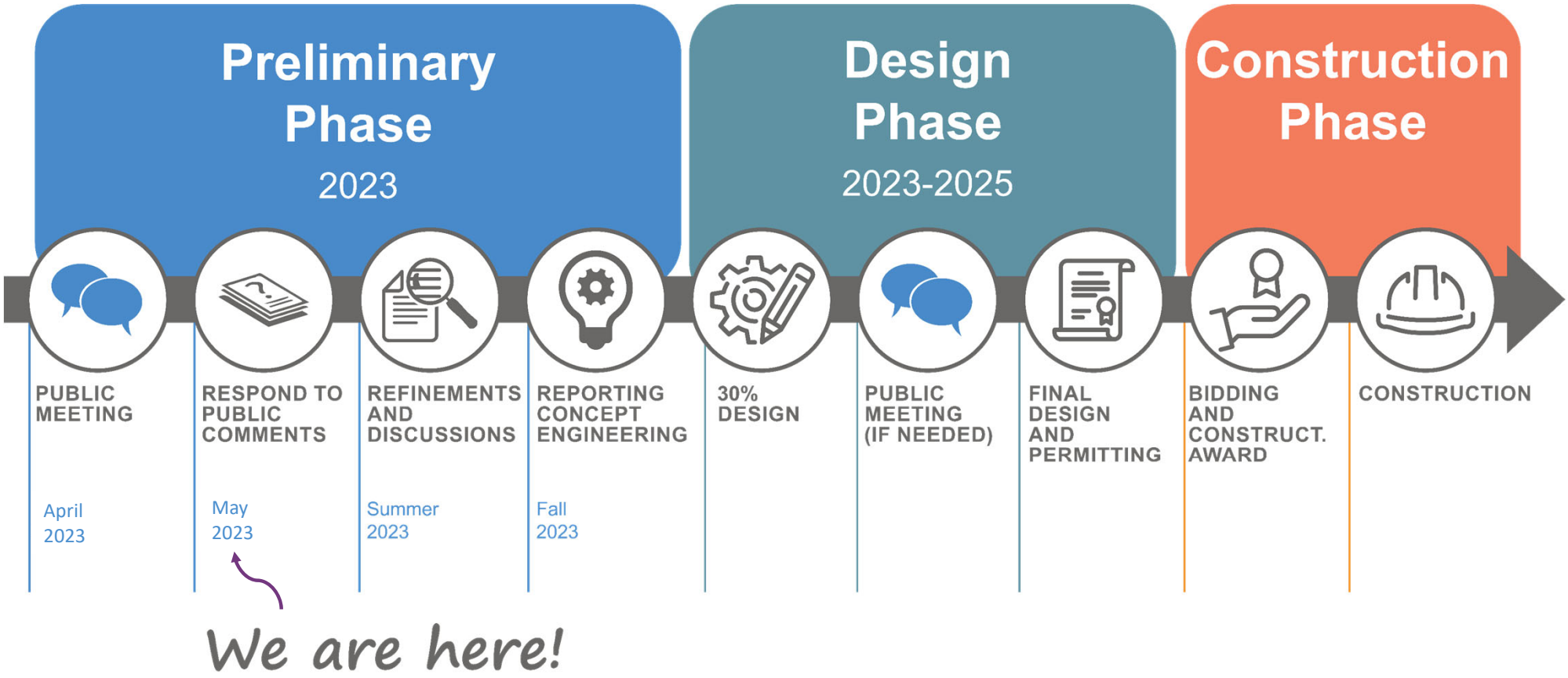

QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

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