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Questions and Answers Report



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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Items #2 and 3:

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- 25-8-323 Temporary Storage Areas; Topsoil Protection
- 25-8 Article 12 Barton Springs Zone Requirements
- 25-8 Article 13 Save Our Springs Initiative
- 6-5-51 Discharges into Storm Sewers or Watercourses

As well as:

- Environmental Criteria Manual
- Drainage Criteria Manual
- Utilities Criteria Manual

3. *In the past 3 years, how many Service Extension Requests in the DWPZ have been requested? How many were denied by Council?*

In the past 3 years, 9 SERs were presented to City Council due to their location within the DWPZ and outside the City's full-purpose jurisdiction. All of these SERs were approved by Council.

Item #7: Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance by Southeast Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 1 of up to \$5,855,000 of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023.
COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *What is the status of the approximately \$1.5 million unissued bonds for the Parks and Recreational proposition and approximately \$7.5 million unissued for the Roads proposition?*

The Southeast Travis County No. 1 Municipal Utility District bonds are the sole obligation of the District, until such time that the City annexes the District. The District is required to obtain City approval for bond sales pursuant to the Consent Agreement in place, however City is not provided status updates on authorized but unissued bonds for the District and this information is not a requirement of the Consent Agreement. This is the third bond sale that the District has requested City approval on, all bond sales have been for the Water, Wastewater, and Drainage proposition to date.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *In the back up I see the funding is coming from the operating budget-are these funds in any way related to the ARPA funding that was designated to support child care in response to the pandemic? Also, is this funding to be reflected in next year's budget? Lastly, the purpose of this item is to provide stipends for essential childcare workers, is that correct?*

Yes, this funding is related to the ARPA funding in the sense that we are amending the ARPA agreement with Workforce Solutions Capital Area to add \$1 million from Economic Development Department's 2022-23 operating budget to provide premium pay stipends to additional essential childcare workers. Funding for this initiative comes from the Economic Development Department's general operating budget and reflects a one-time injection of funds to an industry whose labor force has not yet recovered from the pandemic. Funding for wage stipends for early childcare workers is not reflected in next year's fiscal budget.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

- 1. Please provide a summary of our EDD and APH workforce development related childcare investments for the last three fiscal years, including this fiscal year. Please include their contract length, anticipated contract expiration date and funding source. This question is meant to be limited to childcare investments associated with job training programs, not all childcare related contracts.*

The current contract (MA 5500 NA220000074):

- Terms: 3/25/22 to 3/24/25
- Total Authority: \$3,264,881.00

This contract is with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board to provide early childhood and family support services funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (APRA)

Contract (MA 5500 NA220000102):

- Terms: April 20, 2022 to September 30, 2023
- Total Authority: \$157,000.00

This contract is with Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC) to provide support to early childhood educators to continue in and complete their course of study; to incentivize their employers to support the recipients in furthering their education through the program; to retain qualified teachers in the childcare workforce; and to help establish a fairly compensated and stable workforce.

Item #17: Authorize an amendment to a contract for architectural and engineering services for the Airport Principal Architect/Engineer with HNTB Corporation, to increase the amount by \$27,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$52,000,000. [Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 1.32% MBE and 7.90% WBE].

COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN ALTER'S OFFICE

- 1. Please provide a high-level break down of costs and timelines associated with this contract for Architectural and Engineering services.*

This contract is comprised of numerous phases. Phases 1-5 were executed under the existing contract authorization amount. This request seeks an increase in authorization for phases 6-8. See chart below for breakdown of existing and future work.

Airport Principal Architect Engineer			
Phase	Obligated from existing \$25 Million Contract Authorization	Future work from this \$27 Million Contract Authorization Request	Description
1	\$5,083,383	\$0	Mobilization; Design Standards Outline; Digital Governance; Concourse B Facility Requirements, Horizontal and Vertical Control
2	\$3,723,792	\$0	Program-wide Cost Estimating; Utility Area Plan; Digital Governance, Customer Experience Strategy; Concession Strategy; Structural Evaluations
3	\$2,363,552	\$0	Reality Capture / LiDAR modeling; Space Planning; Passenger Simulation; Airport Layout Plan
4	\$2,449,941	\$2,500,000	A&E Feasibility and Modeling Studies (treated as on-call for small quick studies)
5	\$8,640,776	\$0	Program Definition Document (PDD) for New Concourse B; BJT Renovation and New A/D Hall Facility Requirements ; Central Utility Plant coordination; Temp. CUP; Concourse Tunnel Interface
6	\$0	\$6,500,000	Program Definition Document (PDD) New Tunnel, Station Platforms and Associated Infrastructure, CUP Design Criteria Manual, Utilidor under/thru BJT
7	\$0	\$14,600,000	Program Definition Document (PDD) Barbara Jordan Terminal Renovation, BJT Tunnel Interface, Arrival/Departures Hall, Landside/Curbside Study; FIS Expansion
8	\$0	\$3,400,000	Development of Airport standards, Wayfinding Campus Plan; Landscape Campus Plan; Digital guidelines; Concession Plan
Future			Location Studies to include Air Traffic Control Tower, Ramp Control, Lighting Vault, Owner reviews for design and construction
Total	\$22,261,444	\$27,000,000	\$49,261,444

As this contract proceeds into the subsequent Construction phases, staff will return to Council for additional expenditure authority.

Item #19: Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts for engineering services for the Southwest Parkway Transmission Main and Elevated Reservoir and the South I-35 Elevated Reservoir projects with Freese and Nichols, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., or other qualified respondents, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000, divided between the contractors. [Note: These contracts will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.00% MBE and 4.00% WBE participation].
MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *Will the proposed Southwest Parkway Transmission Main and Elevated Reservoir resolve the water pressure issues that resulted in District 8 residents being the first to lose water service and the last to be restored in Winter Storm Uri in 2021?*
The added reservoir will not completely eliminate water pressure issues in emergency situations, but the additional capacity will maintain pressures for longer allowing more time to resolve underlying issues. The transmission main portion of the project is intended to add redundancy to the system in the area which should reduce the likelihood of extended outages.
2. *What is the proposed location for this new elevated reservoir?*
The Southwest Parkway Elevated Reservoir is intended for the north side of Southwest Parkway between Travis Cook Rd. and Amarra Dr. See attached map.
3. *What is the status of the elevated reservoir planned for Lost Creek?*

The reservoir at Lost Creek also known as Marshall Tract Elevated Reservoir is a developer run project and is currently at 60% design. The Developer's latest schedule indicates bidding for construction will start in Quarter 1 of Fiscal Year 2024. Construction could last for approximately three years.

Item #20: Authorize execution of a contract for the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 project with Weston Solutions, Inc., for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 4.70% MBE and 0.00% WBE participation].

COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *There currently are billions of federal grant opportunities and incentives to build out our EV infrastructure and electrify our fleet. What are the opportunities for which the City is eligible, has already accessed or is applying for, and plans to do so in the future?*

Austin Energy and Fleet Mobility Services are focused on a larger battery electric vehicle charging infrastructure framework, leveraging the 2021 Federal Infrastructure Bill. This framework is part of the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, which is valued at \$408 million. The plan involves installing DC Fast charging stations at intervals of 50 miles along Electric Alternative Fuel Corridors in the state. The state is expected to receive approximately \$87 million each fiscal year from 2023 through 2026 to fund this plan. The City of Austin is reviewing and waiting on the additional release of information from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding the grant application process for these funds.

Fleet Mobility Services is exploring opportunities resulting from the Inflation Reduction Act. This act allows for a federal tax credit up to \$7,500 for battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and is in effect from January 2023 to December 2032. In 2024, the dealers can apply the credit at time of sale rather than a tax credit which would be preferred.

Fleet Mobility Services is actively involved in managing various grant funds today aimed at promoting alternative fuel, zero-emission vehicles, and related infrastructure. Here is a breakdown of the grants and initiatives:

VW Grant: Fleet Mobility Services is collaborating with TCEQ on \$1.7 million in grants for the Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation grant program. The purpose of this grant is to mitigate the environmental impact caused by Volkswagen's violation of emissions standards. The City has leveraged this grant to replace older diesel trucks with newer cleaner diesel burning trucks where battery electric vehicles are not available at this time.

2021 SECO Grants: Fleet Mobility Services has received approval of grants worth \$45,000 from the State Energy Conservation Office for the build-out of charging stations. These grants aimed to support the deployment of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (BEVs) in Austin.

2023 TCEQ GAFF grant valued up to \$2,063,000 for light to medium duty Battery Electric and CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicles not offered as a part of the VW grant. This grant application is pending TCEQ review.

2. *And what does staff need to be able to leverage those opportunities?*

Once the framework and strategy for the larger charging infrastructure buildout is better understood, City departments will need support engaging with private sector strategic partners, political stakeholders, and community partners to effectively communicate the benefits of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure projects, address concerns, and build support for these initiatives among key stakeholders.

Fleet Mobility Services, Austin Energy, Capital Delivery Services, and the Office of Sustainability are committed to promoting zero-emission vehicles and establishing the necessary infrastructure to support their adoption. Departments are working together to discuss opportunities for shared resources to possibly leverage additional grant writing subcontract opportunities to streamline efforts and avoid duplication of work, ultimately maximizing the impact of these initiatives.

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1. *How many electric vehicle charging stations are expected to be installed with this contract?*

The Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ contract aims to install approximately 120-150 level 2 charging ports across 10 locations. The specific number of ports and the cost per port may vary depending on factors such as the proximity of the charging station infrastructure to the building's power source, as well as the condition and capacity of the electrical interface.

2. *Where will the charging stations be installed? Will Dick Nichols Park and/or the Hampton Branch Library be included? If locations are not yet determined, what factors will be considered in prioritization? Will neighborhood support be considered?*

As of now, the charging stations for the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ project will be installed based on the domicile location and expansion of the City's battery electric vehicle fleet. See image below for current build-out locations. Dick Nichols Park and/or the Hampton Branch Library are not domicile locations for the City's battery electric fleet therefore these locations are not included in the current build-out list. However, it is possible that these locations, along with others, may be considered for future expansion of the charging infrastructure network throughout the city as a part of a larger build-out strategy.

Address	Department	Location Description	Type Lot
4411 Meinardus Drive - A	Public Works	Public Works	Surface Lot
404 Ralph Ablenedo (APD South substation)	DSD	APD South Substation	Surface Lot
400 Ralph Ablenedo (AFD)	DSD	AFD	Surface Lot
AFD - 2011 51st St	AFD	Austin Fire Department	Surface Lot
2525 S. Lakeshore Dr.	PARC	Parks And Recreation CMC	Surface Lot
3616 S. 1st Street	AWU	Austin Water Utility South Yard	Surface Lot
901 Koenig Ln.	AWU	Austin Water Utility North Yard	Surface Lot
8700 State Hwy 71	AFD	Austin Fire Station #37	Surface Lot
7701 River Place	AFD	Austin Fire Station #39	Surface Lot
9421 Spectrum Drive	AFD	Austin Fire Station #45	Surface Lot

3. *Will the public be allowed to charge their personal electric vehicles at these stations at times when they are not in use by City Fleet vehicles, and/or on certain days of the week or times of day?*

If a charging station is located where the public and City Fleet vehicles share parking locations, and if managed shared use is feasible and allowed, then the public may be able to charge their personal electric vehicles at those stations when they are not in use by the City Fleet. However, it's important to note that the primary objective of the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ is to meet the operational requirements of the City's battery electric vehicle fleet. So, the availability of charging stations for public use may be limited based on the operational needs of the City Fleet.

Item #22: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for license plate reader camera systems and services with Insight Public Sector, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,090,000. [Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this procurement, there were no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

COUNCIL MEMBER VELA'S OFFICE

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1. *What are the recommendations from the Office of Police Oversight on automated license plate reader policy?*

The Office of Police Oversight collaborated with Austin Police Department and where appropriate, the suggestions and recommendations from OPO were incorporated into the policy which has been approved by the City Manager's Office.

2. *Do the general orders wrt ALPRs comply with the OPO's recommendations?*

The Office of Police Oversight and Austin Police Department worked together on the general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *Is this contract in any way related to the department's recent contract with Axon Fleet cameras?*

No, the two contracts are not connected and are independent from each other. The Axon Fleet 3 contract which was approved by Council on April 20, 2023, is for the dashcam upgrade which is needed to replace outdated dashcams in our patrol vehicles, while Item 22 is for permanently located Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras. While the two contracts are independent from each other, they are capable of working together.

One of the optional features included with the Axon Fleet 3 upgrade is the ability to use the updated dashcams as an LPR system that can integrate LPR data with third party contractors in one storage location. Therefore, if desired, the LPR capability in the Axon Fleet 3 system could feed data into the same system as the Flock ALPR data feeds into. This optional joint-functionality would allow investigators to have access to more license plates.

2. *Will the Axon Fleet ALPR abilities be turned on during the one-year pilot?*

Although we have the ability to use LPR with these Fleet 3 cameras at no additional cost, they will not be installed all at once. So there will only be a few used during the initial pilot period, and more added over time.

3. *How many cameras are covered under this contract? How many ALPR cameras are already part of the system?*

Item 22 (Insight Public Sector/Flock) allows the immediate deployment of 40 permanently located cameras. There are currently no ALPR cameras in Austin.

Item #23: Authorize execution of three contracts for homeless encampment cleanup services with P Squared Services LLC, Enterprise Professional Services, Inc. d/b/a EPSI, and I.C.C.S. LLC d/b/a ICCS Academy, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, divided among the contractors. [Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, one of the recommended contractors identified subcontracting opportunities].

COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Will this contract be used to assist with work on parkland, including, but not limited to, parkland that includes creeks such as our greenbelt trails?*

Yes, the Parks and Recreation Department will be able to utilize this contract to assist with work on parkland including creek and greenbelt areas.

2. *Please provide a summary of the current need for this type of work within parkland (as well as land managed by other departments that this contract will address) and for any needs not being met by this contract.*

ARR and PARD are partnering on these efforts with ARR providing \$1.2M for clean-ups on parkland on this contract. This contract will have vendors work to clean-up encampments that are evicted, vacant, occupied and closed from HEAL efforts on parkland. As of December 2022, there were more than 321 encampments on parkland ranging from small vacant encampments to large encampments. An update to this number is expected at the end of May. The revised data will be used to direct contractor work. There is a high rate of return on closed or previously cleaned encampments, with most being reoccupied within a few weeks. This means that an area will need to be cleaned multiple times in a single year. PARD will work to find staff within the department to manage this available funding and direct contractors.

3. *Please share any available information on how the clean-up needs on land (including parkland) that is not being served by this contract will be addressed and their funding source.*

PARD accesses a current contract with The Other Ones Foundation that includes working to remove encampment debris from parkland and Watershed land. Funding for that contract includes ARPA funding, Watershed funding and PARD funding.

Item #24: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Sanders\Wingo for marketing and communications services for specific displacement prevention programs for an 11-month term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$265,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide more detailed information as to which displacement prevention programs this contract seeks to support, as well as the scope of this contract.*

The Housing Department's Displacement Prevention Office seeks assistance to expand the conversation around displacement prevention for the Austin community, housing advocates, and City leaders. The Sanders\Wingo contract will help us to better communicate with the public, with the specific goals of:

- Understanding who is at risk of displacement in Austin
- Communicating what it means for someone to be displaced
- Connecting community stabilization with broader cultural preservation
- Understanding the range of the Displacement Prevention Office's work, and how its services differ from other City services like homelessness prevention
- Explaining how Community-Initiated Solutions grants fit into Project Connect

The contract will also help us with marketing and communications around specific Displacement Prevention Office programs to households vulnerable to displacement, including: Community-Initiated Solutions (e.g., a communications kit usable across awardees), the Displacement Prevention Navigator pilot program, other Displacement Prevention programs, and community engagement initiatives.

Item #29: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Raising Austin d/b/a Together4Children to provide workforce development training for childcare workers, in an amount not to exceed \$351,270 for a 16-month term beginning June 1, 2023.
COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide a summary of our EDD and APH workforce development related childcare investments for the last three fiscal years, including this fiscal year. Please include their contract length, anticipated contract expiration date and funding source. This question is meant to be limited to childcare investments associated with job training programs, not all childcare related contracts.*

Please see the attached.

Item #35: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to the agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care, for the provision of permanent supportive housing services, to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2024, and add funds in an amount not to exceed \$460,568, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,012,618.
COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *I am reaching out to ask if you may be able to provide a brief overview of [Item 35](#) on the May 18th city council agenda? If possible, may you share which PSH units are involved in this contract?*
This action is to authorize an extension option and add additional funds to the contract with Integral Care. Through this agreement, we contract ATCIC to provide PSH services to at least 48 clients experiencing chronic homelessness. This contract is for the accompanying services, not the units themselves. The services follow clients to different locations as needed.

Item #39: Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to fund projects to fill in small- to medium-sized sidewalk, bikeway, and shared-used path gaps, remove Americans with Disability Act barriers, and make Safe Routes to School improvements on and near TxDOT right-of-way.
COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *The item seeks approval of a grant application for TxDOT 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to fund projects to fill in small- to medium-sized sidewalk, bikeway, and shared-used path gaps, remove Americans with Disability Act barriers, and make Safe Routes to School improvements on and near TxDOT right-of-way. May you share which projects have been identified to receive these grant funds and whether any are located in District 2?*

Specific projects have not been identified at this time due to the fluid nature of the types of projects and available funding sources. The prospective projects proposed are focused on closing gaps in sidewalks, share use paths, and bikeways, as well as removing ADA barriers along TxDOT right of way. A map that was submitted as part of Round 1 of

these grant funds provides a general overview of the projects being considered in the grant application. The map is available here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1hJCJRELMx fdSlcmaA-WjYoHqC2VlyLI&ll=30.33540634249625%2C-97.735810149999999&z=12>

2. *If the projects have yet to been identified, what will the process look like to identify and prioritize projects?*

Projects will be selected from among absent or functionally deficient sidewalks along TxDOT Right of Ways using the equity-based prioritization model from the City of Austin Sidewalk Plan/ADA Transition Plan. Projects will also be screened for constructability constraints to ensure selected projects can be constructed within timeframe required by grant.

The equity-based prioritization model uses a number of factors to guide City of Austin sidewalk investments, including median income, public health data, population density, 3-1-1 requests, pedestrian injuries and fatality data, as well as proximity to:

- existing and planned transit stops;
- schools;
- senior centers;
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- other pedestrian attractors.

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MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *The posting language and draft resolution for this item indicate an intent to seek TASA funding for sidewalks, bikeways, SUPs, ADA barrier elimination, and SRTS projects. The Q&A responses to CM Fuentes (the map and the prioritization answer), however, appear to reference only sidewalk/ADA projects. Can you please clarify whether the City is seeking to fund SUPs and bikeways with this grant application?*

The City is primarily seeking to fund sidewalks and shared use paths (SUPs) with the proposed Safer Pathways Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant application. The grant application language also includes bikeways and Safe Routes to Schools to provide the flexibility to add additional multi-modal facilities if the opportunity becomes available, and where overlapping plans exist. An [initial map](#) of proposed projects was submitted as part of a Round 1 application.

2. *Is SH 45 considered TxDOT ROW? Please provide a map of all TxDOT ROW in the City limits.*

SH 45 is considered TxDOT ROW. TxDOT Roads and Jurisdiction can be found in the [ASMP Street Network Map](#) by turning off the non-TxDOT layers. Staff is able to help locate more detailed maps of TxDOT ROW for specific road sections upon request.

3. *When will projects be selected, and will the ATX Walk Bike Roll plans inform project selection?*

Final selection of projects will take place after grant award and a construction feasibility analysis. The date for final project selection would be 6 months after receiving an

award. The current estimated date for awards to be granted is October 2023. The prioritization models in the ATX Walk Bike Roll plans will be used in conjunction with the construction feasibility analysis to select projects.

Item #59: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the School District Land Development Standards Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District related to site development standards associated with telecommunication towers.

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *Is the City working on a new comprehensive ILA with AISD that will be coming to Council separately? If so, when is that anticipated to be on Council's agenda?*

City staff are actively negotiating a comprehensive revision to the AISD ILA and working interdepartmentally to evaluate AISD's proposed changes. While firm dates for Planning Commission and Council have not yet been established, staff will present the agreement for Council approval in advance of the September 2024 expiration of the current ILA.



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- 25-8-323 Temporary Storage Areas; Topsoil Protection
- 25-8 Article 12 Barton Springs Zone Requirements
- 25-8 Article 13 Save Our Springs Initiative
- 6-5-51 Discharges into Storm Sewers or Watercourses

As well as:

- Environmental Criteria Manual
- Drainage Criteria Manual
- Utilities Criteria Manual

3. *In the past 3 years, how many Service Extension Requests in the DWPZ have been requested? How many were denied by Council?*

In the past 3 years, 9 SERs were presented to City Council due to their location within the DWPZ and outside the City's full-purpose jurisdiction. All of these SERs were approved by Council.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #7

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance by Southeast Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 1 of up to \$5,855,000 of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *What is the status of the approximately \$1.5 million unissued bonds for the Parks and Recreational proposition and approximately \$7.5 million unissued for the Roads proposition?*

The Southeast Travis County No. 1 Municipal Utility District bonds are the sole obligation of the District, until such time that the City annexes the District. The District is required to obtain City approval for bond sales pursuant to the Consent Agreement in place, however City is not provided status updates on authorized but unissued bonds for the District and this information is not a requirement of the Consent Agreement. This is the third bond sale that the District has requested City approval on, all bond sales have been for the Water, Wastewater, and Drainage proposition to date.



Council Question and Answer

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Item #13

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

13. Authorize an amendment to a contract for early childhood and family support services with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board, to increase the amount by \$1,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,264,881. [Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide a summary of our EDD and APH workforce development related childcare investments for the last three fiscal years, including this fiscal year. Please include their contract length, anticipated contract expiration date and funding source. This question is meant to be limited to childcare investments associated with job training programs, not all childcare related contracts.*

The current contract (MA 5500 NA220000074):

- Terms: 3/25/22 to 3/24/25
- Total Authority: \$3,264,881.00

This contract is with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board to provide early childhood and family support services funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (APRA)

Contract (MA 5500 NA220000102):

- Terms: April 20, 2022 to September 30, 2023
- Total Authority: \$157,000.00

This contract is with Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC) to provide support to early childhood educators to continue in and complete their course of study; to incentivize their employers to support the recipients in furthering their education through the program; to retain qualified teachers in the childcare workforce; and to help establish a fairly compensated and stable workforce.



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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *In the back up I see the funding is coming from the operating budget-are these funds in any way related to the ARPA funding that was designated to support child care in response to the pandemic? Also, is this funding to be reflected in next year's budget? Lastly, the purpose of this item is to provide stipends for essential childcare workers, is that correct?*

Yes, this funding is related to the ARPA funding in the sense that we are amending the ARPA agreement with Workforce Solutions Capital Area to add \$1 million from Economic Development Department's 2022-23 operating budget to provide premium pay stipends to additional essential childcare workers. Funding for this initiative comes from the Economic Development Department's general operating budget and reflects a one-time injection of funds to an industry whose labor force has not yet recovered from the pandemic. Funding for wage stipends for early childcare workers is not reflected in next year's fiscal budget.



Council Question and Answer

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Item #17

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize an amendment to a contract for architectural and engineering services for the Airport Principal Architect/Engineer with HNTB Corporation, to increase the amount by \$27,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$52,000,000. [Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 1.32% MBE and 7.90% WBE].

COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide a high-level break down of costs and timelines associated with this contract for Architectural and Engineering services.*

This contract is comprised of numerous phases. Phases 1-5 were executed under the existing contract authorization amount. This request seeks an increase in authorization for phases 6-8. See chart below for breakdown of existing and future work.

Airport Principal Architect Engineer			
Phase	Obligated from existing \$25 Million Contract Authorization	Future work from this \$27 Million Contract Authorization Request	Description
1	\$5,083,383	\$0	Mobilization; Design Standards Outline; Digital Governance; Concourse B Facility Requirements, Horizontal and Vertical Control
2	\$3,723,792	\$0	Program-wide Cost Estimating; Utility Area Plan; Digital Governance, Customer Experience Strategy; Concession Strategy; Structural Evaluations
3	\$2,363,552	\$0	Reality Capture / LiDAR modeling; Space Planning; Passenger Simulation; Airport Layout Plan
4	\$2,449,941	\$2,500,000	A&E Feasibility and Modeling Studies (treated as on-call for small quick studies)
5	\$8,640,776	\$0	Program Definition Document (PDD) for New Concourse B; BJT Renovation and New A/D Hall Facility Requirements ; Central Utility Plant coordination; Temp. CUP; Concourse Tunnel Interface
6	\$0	\$6,500,000	Program Definition Document (PDD) New Tunnel, Station Platforms and Associated Infrastructure, CUP Design Criteria Manual, Utilidor under/thru BJT
7	\$0	\$14,600,000	Program Definition Document (PDD) Barbara Jordan Terminal Renovation, BJT Tunnel Interface, Arrival/Departures Hall, Landside/Curbside Study; FIS Expansion
8	\$0	\$3,400,000	Development of Airport standards, Wayfinding Campus Plan; Landscape Campus Plan; Digital guidelines; Concession Plan
Future			Location Studies to include Air Traffic Control Tower, Ramp Control, Lighting Vault, Owner reviews for design and construction
Total	\$22,261,444	\$27,000,000	\$49,261,444

As this contract proceeds into the subsequent Construction phases, staff will return to Council for additional expenditure authority.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #19

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts for engineering services for the Southwest Parkway Transmission Main and Elevated Reservoir and the South I-35 Elevated Reservoir projects with Freese and Nichols, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., or other qualified respondents, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000, divided between the contractors. [Note: These contracts will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.00% MBE and 4.00% WBE participation].

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *Will the proposed Southwest Parkway Transmission Main and Elevated Reservoir resolve the water pressure issues that resulted in District 8 residents being the first to lose water service and the last to be restored in Winter Storm Uri in 2021?*

The added reservoir will not completely eliminate water pressure issues in emergency situations, but the additional capacity will maintain pressures for longer allowing more time to resolve underlying issues. The transmission main portion of the project is intended to add redundancy to the system in the area which should reduce the likelihood of extended outages.

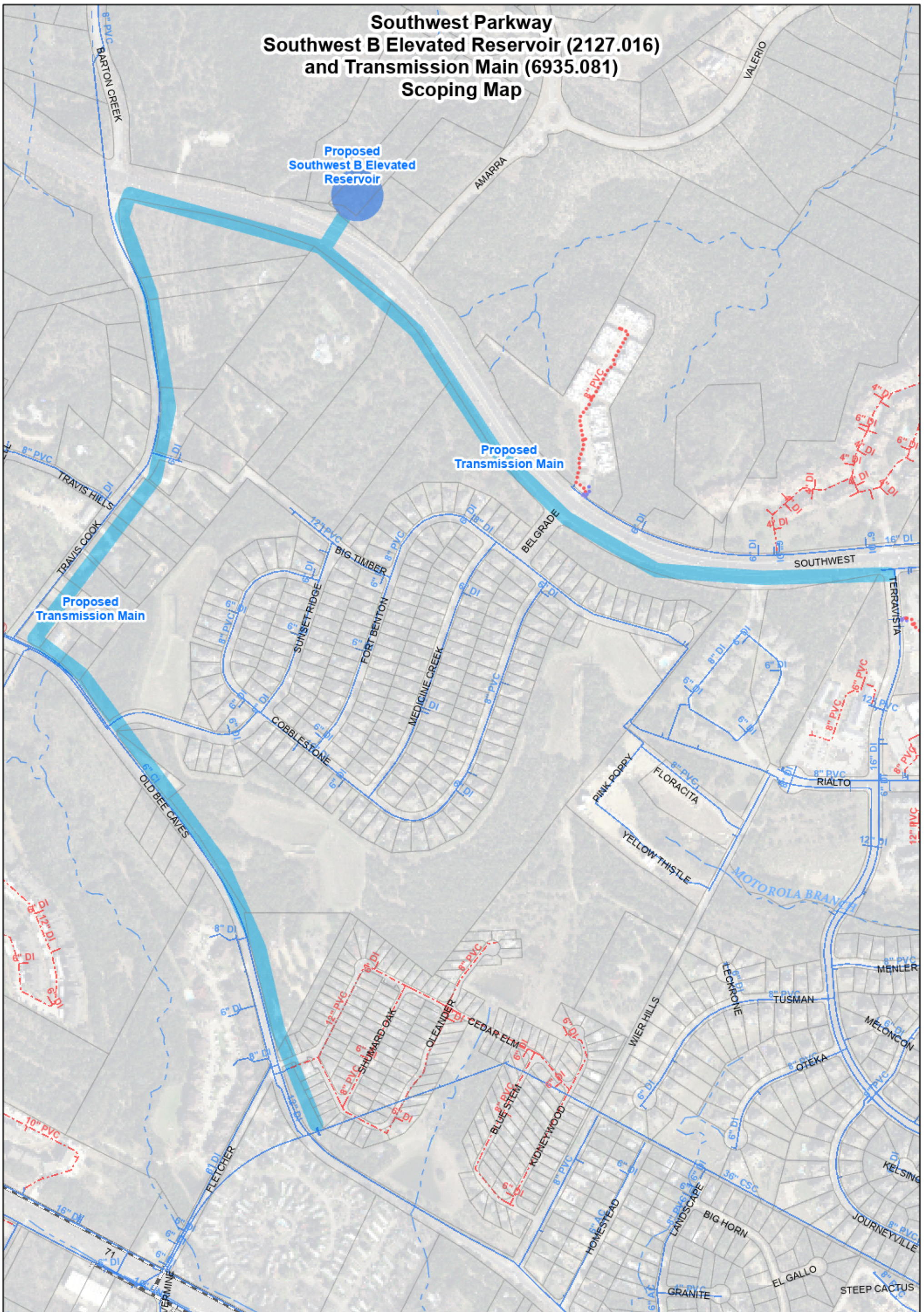
2. *What is the proposed location for this new elevated reservoir?*

The Southwest Parkway Elevated Reservoir is intended for the north side of Southwest Parkway between Travis Cook Rd. and Amarra Dr. See attached map.

3. *What is the status of the elevated reservoir planned for Lost Creek?*

The reservoir at Lost Creek also known as Marshall Tract Elevated Reservoir is a developer run project and is currently at 60% design. The Developer's latest schedule indicates bidding for construction will start in Quarter 1 of Fiscal Year 2024. Construction could last for approximately three years.

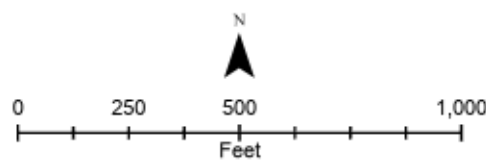
**Southwest Parkway
Southwest B Elevated Reservoir (2127.016)
and Transmission Main (6935.081)
Scoping Map**



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REVISION NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	yr.mo.da	Initial Scope
2	yr.mo.da	Request for Qualifications



Legend:

- Proposed Southwest B Elevated Reservoir
 Proposed Transmission Main



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Item #20

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May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize execution of a contract for the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 project with Weston Solutions, Inc., for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 4.70% MBE and 0.00% WBE participation].

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. How many electric vehicle charging stations are expected to be installed with this contract?

The Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ contract aims to install approximately 120-150 level 2 charging ports across 10 locations. The specific number of ports and the cost per port may vary depending on factors such as the proximity of the charging station infrastructure to the building's power source, as well as the condition and capacity of the electrical interface.

2. Where will the charging stations be installed? Will Dick Nichols Park and/or the Hampton Branch Library be included? If locations are not yet determined, what factors will be considered in prioritization? Will neighborhood support be considered?

As of now, the charging stations for the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ project will be installed based on the domicile location and expansion of the City's battery electric vehicle fleet. See image below for current build-out locations. Dick Nichols Park and/or the Hampton Branch Library are not domicile locations for the City's battery electric fleet therefore these locations are not included in the current build-out list. However, it is possible that these locations, along with others, may be considered for future expansion of the charging infrastructure network throughout the city as a part of a larger build-out strategy.

Address	Department	Location Description	Type Lot
4411 Meinardus Drive - A	Public Works	Public Works	Surface Lot
404 Ralph Ablenedo (APD South substation)	DSD	APD South Substation	Surface Lot
400 Ralph Ablenedo (AFD)	DSD	AFD	Surface Lot
AFD - 2011 51st St	AFD	Austin Fire Department	Surface Lot
2525 S. Lakeshore Dr.	PARD	Parks And Recreation CMC	Surface Lot
3616 S. 1st Street	AWU	Austin Water Utility South Yard	Surface Lot
901 Koenig Ln.	AWU	Austin Water Utility North Yard	Surface Lot
8700 State Hwy 71	AFD	Austin Fire Station #37	Surface Lot
7701 River Place	AFD	Austin Fire Station #39	Surface Lot
9421 Spectrum Drive	AFD	Austin Fire Station #45	Surface Lot

3. Will the public be allowed to charge their personal electric vehicles at these stations at times when they are not in use by City Fleet vehicles, and/or on certain days of the week or times of day?

If a charging station is located where the public and City Fleet vehicles share parking locations, and if managed shared use is feasible and allowed, then the public may be able to charge their personal electric vehicles at those stations when they are not in use by the City Fleet. However, it's important to note that the primary objective of the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 IDIQ is to meet the

operational requirements of the City's battery electric vehicle fleet. So, the availability of charging stations for public use may be limited based on the operational needs of the City Fleet.



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COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *There currently are billions of federal grant opportunities and incentives to build out our EV infrastructure and electrify our fleet. What are the opportunities for which the City is eligible, has already accessed or is applying for, and plans to do so in the future?*

Austin Energy and Fleet Mobility Services are focused on a larger battery electric vehicle charging infrastructure framework, leveraging the 2021 Federal Infrastructure Bill. This framework is part of the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, which is valued at \$408 million. The plan involves installing DC Fast charging stations at intervals of 50 miles along Electric Alternative Fuel Corridors in the state. The state is expected to receive approximately \$87 million each fiscal year from 2023 through 2026 to fund this plan. The City of Austin is reviewing and waiting on the additional release of information from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding the grant application process for these funds.

Fleet Mobility Services is exploring opportunities resulting from the Inflation Reduction Act. This act allows for a federal tax credit up to \$7,500 for battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and is in effect from January 2023 to December 2032. In 2024, the dealers can apply the credit at time of sale rather than a tax credit which would be preferred.

Fleet Mobility Services is actively involved in managing various grant funds today aimed at promoting alternative fuel, zero-emission vehicles, and related infrastructure. Here is a breakdown of the grants and initiatives:

VW Grant: Fleet Mobility Services is collaborating with TCEQ on \$1.7 million in grants for the Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation grant program. The purpose of this grant is to mitigate the environmental impact caused by Volkswagen's violation of emissions standards. The City has leveraged this grant to replace older diesel trucks with newer cleaner diesel burning trucks where battery electric vehicles are not available at this time.

2021 SECO Grants: Fleet Mobility Services has received approval of grants worth \$45,000 from the State Energy Conservation Office for the build-out of charging stations. These grants aimed to support the deployment of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (BEVs) in Austin.

2023 TCEQ GAFF grant valued up to \$2,063,000 for light to medium duty Battery Electric and CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicles not offered as a part of the VW grant. This grant application is pending TCEQ review.

2. *And what does staff need to be able to leverage those opportunities?*

Once the framework and strategy for the larger charging infrastructure buildout is better understood, City departments will need support engaging with private sector strategic partners, political stakeholders, and community partners to effectively communicate the benefits of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure projects, address concerns, and build support for these initiatives among key stakeholders.

Fleet Mobility Services, Austin Energy, Capital Delivery Services, and the Office of Sustainability are committed to promoting zero-emission vehicles and establishing the necessary infrastructure to support their adoption. Departments are working together to discuss opportunities for shared resources to possibly leverage additional grant writing subcontract opportunities to streamline efforts and avoid duplication of work, ultimately maximizing the impact of these initiatives.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #22

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for license plate reader camera systems and services with Insight Public Sector, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,090,000. [Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this procurement, there were no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *Is this contract in any way related to the department's recent contract with Axon Fleet cameras?*

No, the two contracts are not connected and are independent from each other. The Axon Fleet 3 contract which was approved by Council on April 20, 2023, is for the dashcam upgrade which is needed to replace outdated dashcams in our patrol vehicles, while Item 22 is for permanently located Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras. While the two contracts are independent from each other, they are capable of working together.

One of the optional features included with the Axon Fleet 3 upgrade is the ability to use the updated dashcams as an LPR system that can integrate LPR data with third party contractors in one storage location. Therefore, if desired, the LPR capability in the Axon Fleet 3 system could feed data into the same system as the Flock ALPR data feeds into. This optional joint-functionality would allow investigators to have access to more license plates.

2. *Will the Axon Fleet ALPR abilities be turned on during the one-year pilot?*

Although we have the ability to use LPR with these Fleet 3 cameras at no additional cost, they will not be installed all at once. So there will only be a few used during the initial pilot period, and more added over time.

3. *How many cameras are covered under this contract? How many ALPR cameras are already part of the system?*

Item 22 (Insight Public Sector/Flock) allows the immediate deployment of 40 permanently located cameras. There are currently no ALPR cameras in Austin.



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COUNCIL MEMBER VELA'S OFFICE

1. *What are the recommendations from the Office of Police Oversight on automated license plate reader policy?*
The Office of Police Oversight collaborated with Austin Police Department and where appropriate, the suggestions and recommendations from OPO were incorporated into the policy which has been approved by the City Manager's Office.
2. *Do the general orders wrt ALPRs comply with the OPO's recommendations?*
The Office of Police Oversight and Austin Police Department worked together on the general orders.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #23

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize execution of three contracts for homeless encampment cleanup services with P Squared Services LLC, Enterprise Professional Services, Inc. d/b/a EPSI, and I.C.C.S. LLC d/b/a ICCS Academy, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, divided among the contractors. [Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, one of the recommended contractors identified subcontracting opportunities].

COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Will this contract be used to assist with work on parkland, including, but not limited to, parkland that includes creeks such as our greenbelt trails?*

Yes, the Parks and Recreation Department will be able to utilize this contract to assist with work on parkland including creek and greenbelt areas.

2. *Please provide a summary of the current need for this type of work within parkland (as well as land managed by other departments that this contract will address) and for any needs not being met by this contract.*

ARR and PARD are partnering on these efforts with ARR providing \$1.2M for clean-ups on parkland on this contract. This contract will have vendors work to clean-up encampments that are evicted, vacant, occupied and closed from HEAL efforts on parkland. As of December 2022, there were more than 321 encampments on parkland ranging from small vacant encampments to large encampments. An update to this number is expected at the end of May. The revised data will be used to direct contractor work. There is a high rate of return on closed or previously cleaned encampments, with most being reoccupied within a few weeks. This means that an area will need to be cleaned multiple times in a single year.

PARD will work to find staff within the department to manage this available funding and direct contractors.

3. *Please share any available information on how the clean-up needs on land (including parkland) that is not being served by this contract will be addressed and their funding source.*

PARD accesses a current contract with The Other Ones Foundation that includes working to remove encampment debris from parkland and Watershed land. Funding for that contract includes ARPA funding, Watershed funding and PARD funding.



Council Question and Answer

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Item #24

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Sanders\Wingo for marketing and communications services for specific displacement prevention programs for an 11-month term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$265,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide more detailed information as to which displacement prevention programs this contract seeks to support, as well as the scope of this contract.*

The Housing Department's Displacement Prevention Office seeks assistance to expand the conversation around displacement prevention for the Austin community, housing advocates, and City leaders. The Sanders\Wingo contract will help us to better communicate with the public, with the specific goals of:

- Understanding who is at risk of displacement in Austin
- Communicating what it means for someone to be displaced
- Connecting community stabilization with broader cultural preservation
- Understanding the range of the Displacement Prevention Office's work, and how its services differ from other City services like homelessness prevention
- Explaining how Community-Initiated Solutions grants fit into Project Connect

The contract will also help us with marketing and communications around specific Displacement Prevention Office programs to households vulnerable to displacement, including: Community-Initiated Solutions (e.g., a communications kit usable across awardees), the Displacement Prevention Navigator pilot program, other Displacement Prevention programs, and community engagement initiatives.



Council Question and Answer

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Item #29

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Raising Austin d/b/a Together4Children to provide workforce development training for childcare workers, in an amount not to exceed \$351,270 for a 16-month term beginning June 1, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALISON ALTER'S OFFICE

1. *Please provide a summary of our EDD and APH workforce development related childcare investments for the last three fiscal years, including this fiscal year. Please include their contract length, anticipated contract expiration date and funding source. This question is meant to be limited to childcare investments associated with job training programs, not all childcare related contracts.*

Please see the attached.

Table 1. Current FY23 Child Care Workforce Development Contracts to date.

Program	Funding	Department Lead	Source	Contract Length	Goals
Workforce Solutions Capital Area – ARPA Workforce – Child Care Services	\$3,264,881*	APH	ARPA	36 months thru 12/31/2024	245 child care staff served annually with 75% of staff who receive a premium pay stipend remaining in the early childhood field
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children – T.E.A.C.H.	\$157,000	APH	ARPA	36 months thru 12/31/2024	22 child care staff served annually with 82% of child development scholarship recipients receiving City of Austin wraparound incentives remaining in the higher education program
Workforce Solutions Capital Area – QC3	\$931,842*	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/2023 with one 6 month renewal option thru 3/30/24 Exempt from Competition	150 child care staff served annually with 95% percent of individuals who receive a wage supplement remaining in the early childhood field
Austin Community College – Teacher TRAC	\$51,128	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/2023 with one 6 month renewal option thru 3/30/24 Will be competed Fall 2023	180 child care staff served annually in college-level courses in Child Development with 86 percent of individuals completing an educational program and demonstrating improved knowledge
TOTAL ARPA TOTAL General TOTAL	\$3,421,881 + \$982,970 \$4,404,851				

*A portion of these contract amounts relate to workforce development funding by providing wage stipends to child care staff

Table 2. Proposed FY23 Fund Allocations.

Program	Funding	Department Lead	Source	Contract Length	Goals
Together for Children – Texas Child Care Leadership Academy	\$351,270	APH	EDD General	16 months thru 9/30/2024	Training for facility directors, assistant directors, and staff interested in leadership roles to develop leadership pipeline for childcare sector and improve center quality and stability. 60 clients served with professionalization and facility improvement stipend included. May 18, 2023 Council Agenda.
Workforce Solutions Capital Area – Jeannette Watson program	\$1,000,000	APH	EDD General	19 months thru 12/31/2024	Contract amendment. Approximately 200 additional clients served. Wage stipends for qualified childcare staff, up to \$2500/year to improve staff retention and care quality. May 18, 2023 Council Agenda.
TOTAL FY23 GF from EDD	\$1,351,270				

Table 3. Child Care Workforce Development Contracts for FY22.

Program	Funding	Department Lead	Source	Contract Length	Goals
Workforce Solutions Capital Area – QC3	\$931,842*	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/22	150 child care staff served annually with 95% percent of individuals who receive a wage supplement remaining in the early childhood field
Austin Community College – Teacher TRAC	\$51,128	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/22	180 child care staff served annually in college-level courses in Child Development with 86 percent of individuals completing an educational program and demonstrating improved knowledge
TOTAL General	\$982,970				

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Table 4. Child Care Workforce Development Contracts for FY21.

Program	Funding	Department Lead	Source	Contract Length	Goals
Workforce Solutions Capital Area – QC3	\$931,842*	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/21	150 child care staff served annually with 95% percent of individuals who receive a wage supplement remaining in the early childhood field
Austin Community College – Teacher TRAC	\$51,128	APH	APH General	12 months thru 9/30/21	180 child care staff served annually in college-level courses in Child Development with 86 percent of individuals completing an educational program and demonstrating improved knowledge
TOTAL General	\$982,970				

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Council Question and Answer

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Item #35

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to the agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care, for the provision of permanent supportive housing services, to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2024, and add funds in an amount not to exceed \$460,568, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,012,618.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1. *I am reaching out to ask if you may be able to provide a brief overview of [Item 35](#) on the May 18th city council agenda? If possible, may you share which PSH units are involved in this contract?*

This action is to authorize an extension option and add additional funds to the contract with Integral Care. Through this agreement, we contract ATCIC to provide PSH services to at least 48 clients experiencing chronic homelessness. This contract is for the accompanying services, not the units themselves. The services follow clients to different locations as needed.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #39

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to fund projects to fill in small- to medium-sized sidewalk, bikeway, and shared-used path gaps, remove Americans with Disability Act barriers, and make Safe Routes to School improvements on and near TxDOT right-of-way.

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *The posting language and draft resolution for this item indicate an intent to seek TASA funding for sidewalks, bikeways, SUPs, ADA barrier elimination, and SRTS projects. The Q&A responses to CM Fuentes (the map and the prioritization answer), however, appear to reference only sidewalk/ADA projects. Can you please clarify whether the City is seeking to fund SUPs and bikeways with this grant application?*

The City is primarily seeking to fund sidewalks and shared use paths (SUPs) with the proposed Safer Pathways Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant application. The grant application language also includes bikeways and Safe Routes to Schools to provide the flexibility to add additional multi-modal facilities if the opportunity becomes available, and where overlapping plans exist. An [initial map](#) of proposed projects was submitted as part of a Round 1 application.

2. *Is SH 45 considered TxDOT ROW? Please provide a map of all TxDOT ROW in the City limits.*

SH 45 is considered TxDOT ROW. TxDOT Roads and Jurisdiction can be found in the [ASMP Street Network Map](#) by turning off the non-TxDOT layers. Staff is able to help locate more detailed maps of TxDOT ROW for specific road sections upon request.

3. *When will projects be selected, and will the ATX Walk Bike Roll plans inform project selection?*

Final selection of projects will take place after grant award and a construction feasibility analysis. The date for final project selection would be 6 months after receiving an award. The current estimated date for awards to be granted is October 2023. The prioritization models in the ATX Walk Bike Roll plans will be used in conjunction with the construction feasibility analysis to select projects.



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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

- The item seeks approval of a grant application for TxDOT 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to fund projects to fill in small- to medium-sized sidewalk, bikeway, and shared-used path gaps, remove Americans with Disability Act barriers, and make Safe Routes to School improvements on and near TxDOT right-of-way. May you share which projects have been identified to receive these grant funds and whether any are located in District 2?*

Specific projects have not been identified at this time due to the fluid nature of the types of projects and available funding sources. The prospective projects proposed are focused on closing gaps in sidewalks, share use paths, and bikeways, as well as removing ADA barriers along TxDOT right of way. A map that was submitted as part of Round 1 of these grant funds provides a general overview of the projects being considered in the grant application. The map is available here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1hJCJRELMx fdSlcmaA-WjYoHqC2VlyLI&ll=30.33540634249625%2C-97.73581014999999&z=12>

- If the projects have yet to been identified, what will the process look like to identify and prioritize projects?*

Projects will be selected from among absent or functionally deficient sidewalks along TXDOT Right of Ways using the equity-based prioritization model from the City of Austin Sidewalk Plan/ADA Transition Plan. Projects will also be screened for constructability constraints to ensure selected projects can be constructed within timeframe required by grant.

The equity-based prioritization model uses a number of factors to guide City of Austin sidewalk investments, including median income, public health data, population density, 3-1-1 requests, pedestrian injuries and fatality data, as well as proximity to:

- existing and planned transit stops;
- schools;
- senior centers;
- parks; and
- other pedestrian attractors.



Council Question and Answer

Related To

Item #59

Meeting Date

May 18, 2023

Additional Answer Information

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the School District Land Development Standards Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District related to site development standards associated with telecommunication towers.

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLIS'S OFFICE

1. *Is the City working on a new comprehensive ILA with AISD that will be coming to Council separately? If so, when is that anticipated to be on Council's agenda?*

City staff are actively negotiating a comprehensive revision to the AISD ILA and working interdepartmentally to evaluate AISD's proposed changes. While firm dates for Planning Commission and Council have not yet been established, staff will present the agreement for Council approval in advance of the September 2024 expiration of the current ILA.