Discussion on a Potential 2026 Bond Program

Capital Delivery Services | August 4, 2026

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Timeline

- On **May 19, 2026,** staff provided the following recommendations:
  - To hold a 2028 Bond Election and,
  - To consider interim funding as part of the FY2027 Budget Process for several bond proposition categories.
- On **May 28, 2026,** through Resolution No. 20260528-097, City Council directed staff to provide supplemental information on proposed bond project proposals.
- On **July 17, 2026,** staff responded to Resolution No. 20260528-097 by submitting a Memo to the Mayor and Council (MMAC) with supplemental information on proposed bond project proposals.
- On **July 28, 2026,** staff received guidance through the Council Message Board to prepare a bond package for discussion at the August 4, 2026, Budget Council meeting with the following considerations:
  - To base a bond package with the $390 Million scenario outlined on the July 17, 2026, MMAC for the potential 2026 Bond Program,
  - Include Parks and Recreation and Libraries propositions,
  - Reduce funding for the Parkland Acquisition category,
  - Remove the Homeless Resource Center and Shelter project, and
  - Active Transportation and Animal Services investments to be consider through other sources.

Potential 2026 Bond Program ($280 Million)

Propositions	Projects/Programs	Recommended Funding ($280M)
Parks and Recreation ($260M)	Buildings	65.5
	Parkland Improvements	65
	Infrastructure	29.5
	Aquatics	65
	Acquisition	35
Libraries ($20M)	Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library Renovation & Expansion	20

Parks and Recreation Proposition Breakout

Proposition	Potential Prioritized 2026 Bond Program Projects	Programs	Recommended Funding for Prioritized Projects ($177.8M)	Recommended Funding Programs ($82.2M)
Parks and Recreation ($260M)	Gus Garcia Recreation Center Senior Wing Addition (D4), Doris Miller Auditorium renovation (D1), and Mayfield Park Facility Rehabilitation and Security Enhancements (D10).	Buildings	43.5	22
	Jamestown Neighborhood Park (D4), Bolm District Park (D3), Walter E. Long Metro Park (D1), Lantana Neighborhood Park (D8), Community Gardens (Citywide), Old Lampasas Pocket Park (D6), Cooper Neighborhood Park (D5), Wooldridge Square (D9), Onion Creek Metro Park Soccer Fields (D2), Guitar Land Improvements (D2), Grand Meadow Phase II (D2), Commons Ford Park Improvements and Security Enhancements (D10).	Parkland Improvements	56	9
	Williamson Creek Trail (D2), Evergreen Cemetery (D1), Onion Creek all abilities playground (D2), Brentwood Neighborhood Park restroom and playscape replacement (D7), Riata Neighborhood Park playscape replacement (D6), Springwoods Park Improvements (D6), St. Edwards Greenbelt Trail & Park Improvements (D6), Zilker Metro Park Improvements (D8), Commons Ford shoreline improvements (D10) Circle C Metro Park DOLA (D8), and Mt. Bonnell Improvements and Security Enhancements (D10), Electrification Infrastructure (Citywide).	Infrastructure	18.3	11.2
	Garrison Municipal Pool (D5), Big Stacy Neighborhood Pool (D9), Walnut Creek Municipal Pool (D7), and Civitan Neighborhood Pool (D3).	Aquatics	50	15
	Infill parks in park-deficient areas, greenbelts and greenways for increased trail connectivity, and destination (Citywide) and land for a new recreation center (D6).	Acquisition	10	25

Tax Impact

- For every $100 million in debt issued, the current estimated annual tax impact to a typical homeowner (non-senior homestead) would be $14.10. Therefore, a $280 million bond program would have an annual tax impact of $39.48.

Next Steps

- **August 6, 2026 –** City Council to consider the approval of an ordinance ordering a General Obligation Bond Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Questions?

Appendix

Appendix 1- Supplemental Information

- Potential 2026 Bond Program
  - Sub Quorum: $390M Alternative Scenario – *Refer to pg. 7-8 of MMAC issued on July 17, 2026*
- Due Diligence on the following Cultural Arts Proposals and BEATF Recommended Projects:
  - Mexic-Arte Museum – *Refer to pg. 10-12 of MMAC dated issued on July 17, 2026*
  - Umlauf Sculpture Garden – *Refer to pg. 12-14*
  - Austin Film Society (Austin Studios) – *Refer to pg. 14-16*
  - Austin Theatre Alliance (Paramount and State Theatres) – *Refer to pg. 16-18*
  - *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Refer to pg. 19-22*
  - *Colony Park Public Health Center and Branch Library – Refer to pg. 22*
  - *George Washington Carver Museum – Refer to pg. 23-24*
- Austin Core Transportation Plan – *Refer to pg. 25-27*
- Homeless Resource Center and Shelter Campus – *Refer to pg. 28-31*
- Interim Funding Strategies – *Refer to pg. 4-6; 32*

Response to Resolution 20260528-097

Categories	Projects/Programs	Recommended Funding ($390M)
Transportation ($92M)	Bikeways	12
	Sidewalks	30
	Urban Trails	10
	Austin Core Transportation Plan; or Austin Core Transportation Plan + Tillery Bridge	12 10 + 2
	Neighborhood Partnering	1
	Safety Improvements *Safe Routes to Schools ($8M), Vision Zero ($16M), Transit Enhancements ($3M)*	27
Parks and Recreation ($250M)	Building Renovation & Replacements	65
	Infrastructure & Improvements	70
	Aquatics	65
	Acquisition	50
Community Facilities ($48M)	Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library Renovation & Expansion	20
	Animal Service Center Campus Improvements	3
	Homeless Resource Center & Shelter	25