




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: TC Broadnax, City Manager

FROM: Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager 

DATE: January 9, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 Bond Program Update

The following is a comprehensive update on the 2026 Bond development process.

Background

On July 18 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 20240718-093 directing the City Manager to bring two items to City Council: 1) a comprehensive bond package that funds and addresses climate, infrastructure, and any other public improvements for the purpose of conducting an election no later than November 2026, and 2) a comprehensive climate implementation program of which one component is a climate bond proposition contained in the comprehensive bond package.

On August 29, 2024, City Council approved Resolution 20240829-138 which established the Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF). The BEATF shall consider projects identified through the public process; projects that are within the scope of a needs assessment and funding priorities recommended by City staff; and projects aligned with recommendations from the adopted plans and reports listed in the Resolution.

The BEATF was additionally directed to present to City Council periodic status reports including a report no later than July 1, 2025, that consists of projects to be included in a comprehensive bond package that the Task Force is prepared to recommend to the City Council for evaluation and direction.

Integrated Bond Program Development Process

At an April 2024 City Council Work Session briefing, staff presented data showing the backlog of existing voter authorized bond funds that have not yet been implemented (about \$1.7 billion at that time). We shared that the Capital Delivery Services (CDS) Department was formed to reset our bond development and implementation program with a focus on delivering projects within a predictable six-year cycle consistent with the City Council-adopted financial policy.

During that presentation, staff shared an analysis of the implementation delays within our current bond delivery system. Primarily, the most impactful delay stems from minimal scoping and coordination

efforts prior to voter approval that have been typical in some of our previous bond programs. For example, under previous programs, potential bond projects have been identified and ultimately included in a bond proposition without substantive scoping. Subsequently, only after voters approved the projects, the scope as well as cost estimates of the projects had to be completed, and then, potential coordination opportunities with other capital projects would be identified. This effort typically took approximately 12 – 18 months to complete. It was common that after scoping and cost estimates were determined, projects would then have to be revised (typically reduced in scope) to fit within the voter-approved funding. That took additional time and resulted in a final project that was less than envisioned during the bond development and public engagement process. All the post-election scoping, cost estimating, coordination, and project scaling takes time, resulting in projects not even entering the final design phase until many months, and sometimes years, after voter approval.

With this in mind, and with the goal of developing and implementing the next bond program more efficiently, the CDS team created a revised, integrated bond process to ensure projects will be “ready to go” upon voter approval. The new process has many improvements embedded in the day-to-day program, but primarily the shift to scope, coordinate, and estimate costs prior to taking a proposition to the voters is the key to timely implementation. This work takes time –about 12 months for project development, three to six months for project selection, and then three months for delivery preparation. With this time devoted up front, staff is better equipped to deliver the projects within six years after voter approval. This process shift will be critical in achieving a timely implementation process.

Bond Election Advisory Task Force

During the first two BEATF meetings there was discussion by a few members to develop a 2025 bond program. As explained above, staff’s bond development process does not contemplate a path for an expedited 2025 bond program, nor does staff recommend such action for several reasons. An expedited process reduces the ability to complete a comprehensive and transparent bond process that considers priorities across departments and limits time for project development, objective project evaluation, and incorporation of public input into the final bond program recommendation. A 2025 timeline will impact timely project delivery due to the required 12-18 months of scoping and cost estimating that will occur AFTER the election as explained above. With that in mind, staff intends to proceed with the integrated bond program development process and develop a comprehensive bond program for a November 2026 election as outlined during the April 2024 City Council Work Session.

The City Council’s resolution directed the City Manager to develop a comprehensive climate implementation program and some members of the BEATF are recommending a bond program that could be considered in a 2025 bond election with focus on projects identified in the Environmental Investment Plan (EIP) as presented by the Office of Sustainability at the May 28, 2024, City Council Work Session. With that in mind, staff will be working to identify bond-fund eligible projects limited to the EIP that do not require substantial scoping or coordination with other departments or entities (such as land purchases) and would be less impacted by a substantially truncated development process. Therefore, we will work with the BEATF to develop a list of potential projects from the EIP for your consideration. These potential projects will be included in the status report to City Council in June or July of 2025.

Bond Program Timing Concerns

Any funds dedicated to an accelerated 2025 bond program would reduce available funding for the comprehensive 2026 bond. City Council will also not be able to consider those 2025 initiatives alongside all other prioritized projects and/or programs resulting from the completed 2026 bond prioritization of the over \$10 billion of needs identified across the city. Just by the timing, any projects brought forward

in 2025 will take precedent over the remaining needs. Deciding in 2025 without the full understanding and scope of the need across all departments may hinder the City Council's ability to address other needs within a comprehensive 2026 program. Also, if bond programs are brought to the voters in both 2025 and 2026, it could be possible that one or both elections would not be supported due to "voter fatigue". Finally, funds that the City Council dedicates for the I-35 Cap and Stitch project will also impact future bond programs.

Work to Date

In July 2024, CDS created two integrated bond development teams to: 1) establish the framework for the 2026 bond program, and 2) develop the City's capital improvements needs assessment.

1) Establishing the Framework

Since July 2024, CDS facilitated 11 meetings with the City departments eligible for the use of General Obligation bonds to develop the framework (guiding principles, technical criteria, and scoring matrix) that departments will use to score their projects. The Guiding Principles came from the City Council adopted FY25 Citywide Strategic Plan, and bond program-specific definitions were created. (See attachment #1.) The departments then created their preliminary technical criteria and scoring matrix with a scoring scale of 100 points for named projects. Many departmental programs will continue to use technical criteria outlined in City Council-adopted plans. (See attachment #2.)

2) Developing the Needs Assessment

In parallel with establishing the framework, CDS facilitated 11 meetings to discuss and develop the City's capital improvement needs assessment. The Needs Assessment currently represents all preliminary Asset Owner department CIP needs, with over \$10 billion identified across the city which is far beyond what the staff could deliver within a 6-year timeline.

Many of the departments developed their needs list without identifying a funding source and projects on their list may not be eligible for General Obligation (GO) bond funding. CDS will begin the process to confirm GO bonding eligibility. After that threshold question is answered, staff will develop the scope, schedule, and budget estimates for the remaining programs and projects.

Some members of the BEATF have asked staff for the full needs list. Since City Council historically charged these citizen BOND task force to focus on programs and projects eligible for GO bonds, staff will supply the screened list to the task force once completing the vetting process. This will be necessary to avoid creating confusion by showing projects to the community that are not eligible for GO bond funding. Staff intends to focus on programs and projects that can feasibly continue through the prioritization process. Of course, we can supply the entire list at some point when we can make it clear which projects will proceed forward in our GO bond development process and which programs/projects would need a different funding source. This approach will keep us focused on the task at hand which is developing a GO Bond program.

Next Steps

Over the next 16 months, CDS will work with the departments to facilitate the 2026 Integrated Bond Program development process with the BEATF. (See attachment #3 which includes the schedule with high level milestones.)

In July 2025, staff will present the preliminary ranked needs assessment that will NOT include refined project scoping and cost estimating since that work will not have been initiated at that time. However,

as stated above, staff will also provide projects from the Environmental Investment Plan (EIP) eligible for GO bond funding. These EIP projects will only have limited scopes and cost estimates.

Beginning in July 2025, staff will then partner with the BEATF to tackle the heavy lifting: identify, study, engage with the public, and prioritize projects. The prioritized projects will then go through a thorough scoping and cost estimation. This work, as explained above, shifts the effort to scope, coordinate, and estimate costs prior to taking a proposition to the voters and is the key to timely implementation.

Public Input

We are in the process of developing the public engagement process. We will work with the BEATF to seek their input and their direction on how they want to engage the public. Throughout this process there will be many touch points for the public to engage and to provide input. For example, if the Mayor or City Council offices receive or have any public input regarding priority projects to be considered as part of the next bond program, they may submit that information to Barbara Shack, with the Capital Delivery Services Department at barbara.shack@austintexas.gov. These projects will be sent to the appropriate Asset Owner Departments and will be incorporated into the project review and evaluation framework established by staff and the BEATF.

All meeting materials, to include future agendas for the BEATF, can be found on the [2026 BEATF website](#).

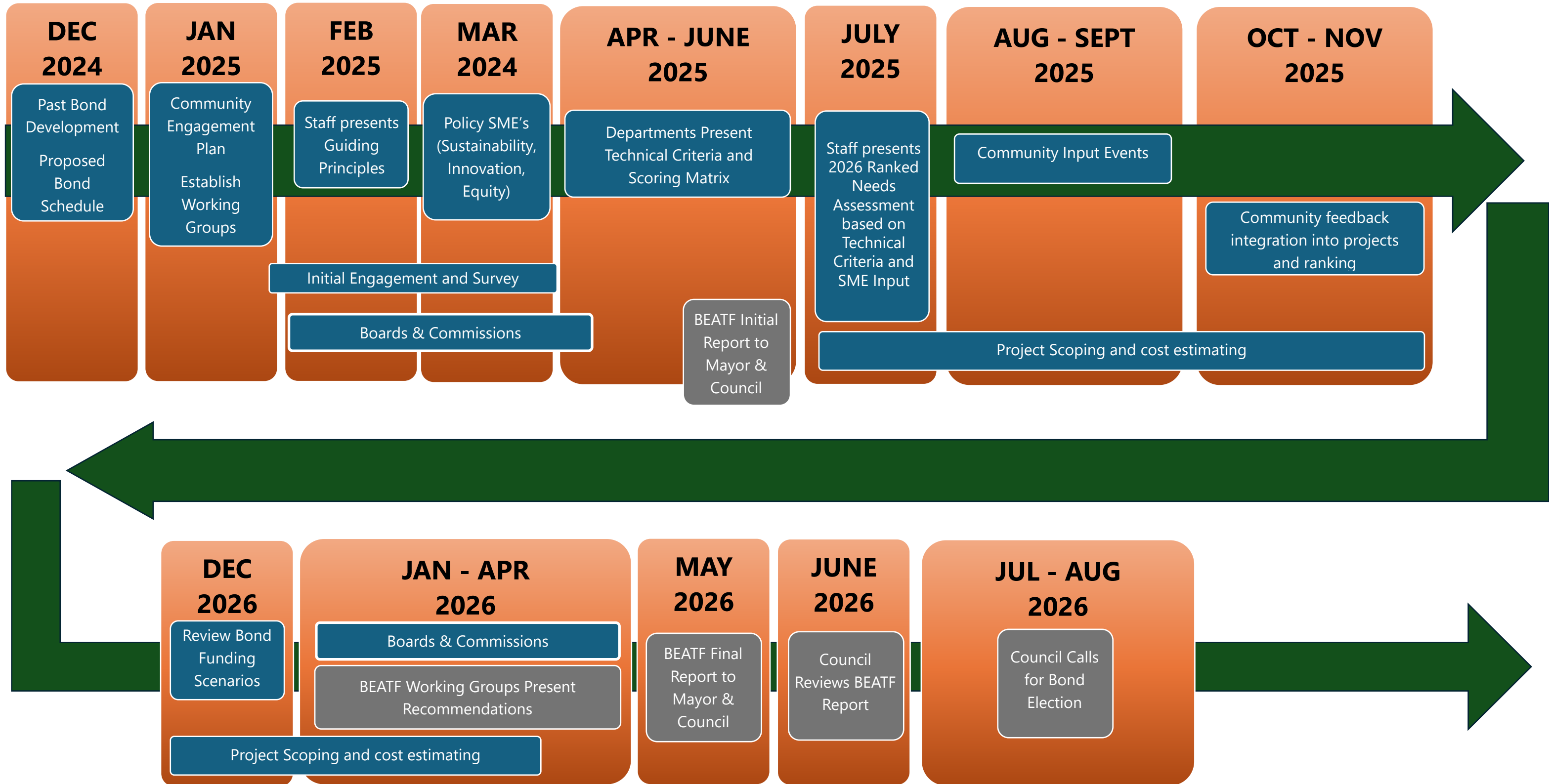
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Bond Election Advisory Task Force 2026 Bond Schedule



CAPITAL DELIVERY SERVICES



Attachment 1: Bond Program Guiding Principles and Definitions

Equity

- Bond programs and projects improve quality of life outcomes for all residents, eliminate racial disparities, and mitigate unintended consequences in plans and implementation.

Affordability

- Programs and projects that improve the quality of life for community members while minimizing financial burdens.

Innovation

- Innovative bond projects work to deeply understand the challenges and needs of users and create new evidence-based solutions to solve them.

Sustainability & Resiliency

- Sustainability: Programs and projects include efforts to achieve net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.
- Resilience: Actions that increase our ability to prepare for, withstand, and recover from shocks and stressors related to climate change.

Proactive Prevention

- Programs and projects improve the condition and/or function of existing assets and facilities, address a network or system service gap, and/or improve any of the social determinants of public safety and health domains.

Community Trust & Relationships

- Intentionally incorporating engagement into programs and projects creates opportunities to increase trust with the community, provide transparency, and deliver on community expectations.

Attachment 2: Asset Owner Proposed Technical Criteria



Animal Services Office

Project and Technical Criteria	Guiding Principles							Total Score
	Equity	Affordability	Innovation	Sustainability and Resiliency	Proactive Prevention	Customer Trust and Relationships		
	<i>Maximum Available Points</i>							
(Project Name)	10	15	10	5	30	30	100	
Enhanced services for residents								
Improvement to ASO operations								
Promotes safety and wellbeing to humans								
Promotes enhanced animal welfare								
Total Maximum Available Points								



Austin Fire Department

Guiding Principle	Application to AFD Facility Improvements			Application to New Stations		
Equity	Ensuring all existing facilities and resources meet health and safety standards for the firefighters who work from these facilities 24/7 and visitors to these public facilities.			Ensuring residents within Austin Fire Department's Service Area receive equitable response, accounting for existing inequities in social vulnerability or risks.		
20 maximum available points	20 pts Facility will have full array of improvements, closing critical gaps in conditions.	10 pts Facility will have some health or safety improvements, but with limited impact.	0 pts Facility will meet the same health and safety standards, with no improvements.	20 pts Provides new service capability for an area with high Social Vulnerability.	10 pts Provides new service capability to an area with low Social Vulnerability.	0 pts Does not improve service capability.
Affordability	Revitalizing existing facilities to maximize cost efficiency and extend lifespan.			Utilizing land or space already available to the City of Austin to construct a fire station.		
10 maximum available points	10 pts Revitalizes facility to extend lifespan and avoids new build.	5 pts Revitalizes existing facility with to extend lifespan.	0 pts Requires new facility or resources.	10 pts City-owned or leased space could be utilized.	5 pts Land or space identified, not secured.	0 pts No space identified.



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Innovation	Providing new opportunities for department or public to utilize existing facilities.			Providing new services to the community.		
10 maximum available points	10 pts Facility is expanded to provide new, innovative services to department personnel or community.	5 pts Facility is expanded to provide improved, but not new, services to department personnel or community.	0 pts Facility will provide same level of service.	10 pts Facility provides new, innovative services to department personnel or community.	5 pts Facility provides improved, but not new, services to department personnel or community.	0 pts Facility provides same level of service.
Sustainability	Leveraging existing facilities and resources to extend lifespan of historic infrastructure with conscious design and improved technologies that minimize environmental impact, such as seeking LEED Silver Designations, EV charging stations, noise reduction installations, and environmentally sensitive landscapes.			Constructing new facilities with conscious design and improved technologies to minimize environmental impact, such as seeking LEED Silver Designations, EV charging stations, noise reduction installations, and environmentally sensitive landscapes.		
5 maximum available points	5 pts Facility will seek highest environmental standards.	3 pts Facility improves standards, but not highest standards.	0 pts Facility will provide no environmental improvements.	5 pts Facility will seek highest environmental standards.	3 pts Facility will achieve some standards above minimum.	0 pts Facility will not meet high environmental standards.



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Resiliency	Serving the public with resiliency hubs available to be utilized in preparation of, during, and after events related to climate change.			Serving the public with resiliency hubs available to be utilized in preparation of, during, and after events related to climate change.		
5 maximum available points	5 pts Facility significantly increases community resiliency (serves as a resiliency hub, trains for preparedness, or expands communications).	3 pts Facility increases community resiliency through support efforts to prepare for and/or respond to climate change related incidents.	0 pts Facility does not support resiliency.	5 pt Facility significantly increases community resiliency (serves as a resiliency hub, trains for preparedness, or expands communications).	3 pts Facility increases community resiliency through support efforts to prepare for and/or respond to climate change related incidents.	0 pts Facility does not support resiliency.
Proactive Prevention	Correcting longstanding issues to ensure continued use of existing City of Austin resources, facilities, and infrastructure.			Ensuring capacity to provide emergency response to areas with current or anticipated deficiencies due to demand or strain on existing resources.		
20 maximum available points	20 pts Corrects existing issue.	10 pts Corrects foreseen issue, such as approaching end of life.	0 pts Facility does not have any known or foreseen issues or deficiencies to correct.	20 pts Area has high population density and anticipated high population growth.	15 pts Area has high population density or anticipated high population growth.	0 pts Area has low population density and minimal anticipated population growth.
Customer Trust & Relationships	Ensuring residents within Austin Fire Department's Service Area receive timely response with fully capable resources to mitigate emergent and non-emergent requests for service.			Ensuring residents within Austin Fire Department's Service Area receive timely emergency response.		
30 maximum available points	30 pts Project provides improved response times or service delivery to residents.	20 pts Project ensures continued service delivery to residents.	0 pts Project does not impact service delivery to residents.	30 pts Area experiences high incident volume and low response time compliance.	20 pts Area experiences high incident volume or low response time compliance.	0 pts Area experiences low incident volume and high response time compliance.



Austin Police Department

Guiding Principle	Technical Criteria	Maximum Available Points
Equity	The project will enhance community engagement and increase opportunities for participation in safety activities at the neighborhood level.	5
Equity	The project will improve the ability of the department to provide equitable services.	5
Equity	The project promotes transparency through stakeholder engagement and the accessibility of information.	5
Equity	The project has assessed potential environmental and climate impacts and provides assurances of no to little negative impact.	5
Subtotal		20
Affordability	Project will increase opportunities for adult learning and workforce collaboration.	4
Affordability	Project optimizes internal processes and protocols.	3
Affordability	Project included a cost benefit analysis that demonstrates fiscal responsibility.	3
Affordability	Project design considers and reduces public safety department (joint use) burdens (financial, resource allocations, time, calls for service, etc.).	5
Subtotal		15
Innovation	Project will better position APD to implement place-based initiatives that through data collection inform decision making.	5
Innovation	Project provides creative and meaningful uses of space that will promote learning and assist with workforce retention.	5
Innovation	Project will incorporate stakeholder feedback through various methodology.	5
Subtotal		15



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Sustainability & Resiliency	The project has assessed potential environmental and climate impacts and has incorporated energy efficient strategies.	5
Sustainability & Resiliency	The project maximizes the use of department resources and assets.	5
Sustainability & Resiliency	Project will enhance safety through building and property design elements.	5
	Subtotal	15
Proactive Prevention	Project will create new learning spaces and options for safety personnel.	5
Proactive Prevention	Project location will enhance community participation in proactive crime prevention. The location will also allow for a higher level of undedicated sworn on duty time.	5
Proactive Prevention	Project will allow for increased collaboration with neighborhood organizations and community members.	5
	Subtotal	15
Community Trust & Relationships	Project launch and implementation includes stakeholder participation.	5
Community Trust & Relationships	Project includes elements of design that foster collaborative learning and conversation.	5
Community Trust & Relationships	Project increases available useable space for safety personnel.	5
Community Trust & Relationships	Project removes geographic barriers and promotes interaction with the community.	5
	Subtotal	20
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS		100

Austin Public Health

COA Guiding Principles	Alignment with COA Adopted Plans	APH Technical Criteria	APH Technical Criteria Subcategories	Maximum Available Points
Equity	Austin Climate Equity Plan, Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint	Inclusive Facility Design	Ensure all new public health facilities are designed to be accessible and welcoming to all community members, including marginalized and underserved populations.	10
			Utilize demographic and epidemiological data to identify facility locations and incorporate features that address specific public health and accessibility needs.	5
			Integrate universal design principles, such as barrier-free access, clear signage, and adaptable spaces, to accommodate individuals with disabilities and diverse cultural backgrounds.	5
Affordability	Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan	Cost-effective Construction and Operations	Develop public health facilities that maximize cost efficiency by employing strategic site selection, cost-effective construction practices, and sustainable materials.	4
			Optimize facility operations by integrating energy-saving technologies and minimizing long-term maintenance costs through durable and resilient building designs.	4
			Leverage existing APH staff and properties.	8
Innovation	Austin-Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Innovative Facility Solutions	Incorporate innovative design features and the latest technologies into public health facilities to enhance service delivery and adaptability.	3
			Ensure facilities are flexible and scalable to accommodate evolving public health needs, and new treatment modalities.	4
			Leverage collaboration with other City departments and non-profit partners to maximize service delivery.	3

Austin Public Health

Sustainability and Resiliency	Environmental Investment Plan, Water Forward, Heat Resilience Playbook, Watershed Protection Strategic Plan	Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure	Implement sustainable building practices, such as energy-efficient systems, waste reduction, and water conservation, to minimize the environmental impact of public health facilities.	4
			Design facilities to be resilient against climate-related risks and natural disasters, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery during emergencies.	6
Proactive Prevention	Austin-Travis County Food Plan, Parks and Recreation Department's Long-Range Plan and Land Management Plan	Preventive Health-Centric Facility Planning	Select facilities with designated areas for essential public health services, including immunization clinic, refugee clinic, diagnostic screening rooms, health promotion and education spaces, and consultation rooms for early intervention and community outreach.	8
			Incorporate multi-use spaces that support collaborative public health initiatives and programs aimed at prevention and wellness.	8
			Include outdoor spaces and walking paths that promote physical activity and wellness for both staff and community members.	4
Community Trust and Relationships	Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Collaborative Travis County-City of Austin Initiatives	Community-Centered Facility Development	Engage with community members, leaders, and stakeholders throughout the planning and construction phases to build trust and ensure the facilities meet local needs.	8
			Maintain transparency in the decision-making process and provide culturally appropriate and accessible environments that promote public confidence and use.	6
			Develop partnerships with local organizations and service providers to offer complementary services and create a comprehensive health hub.	6
Total Maximum Available Points				100

Guiding Principle	Description	Criteria	Maximum Available Points	Scale Factor
Equity & Community Impact	Evaluates how the project will introduce new services or close service gaps, particularly focusing on underserved populations and addressing community needs.	<p>Score 1: No new services are introduced, and no service gaps are closed.</p> <p>Score 2: The project introduces minimal new services or closes service gaps, but with limited impact on addressing the needs of the underserved community.</p> <p>Score 3: The project introduces a moderate range of new services or closes some service gaps, meeting some needs of the community but lacking a comprehensive strategy to support underserved populations.</p> <p>Score 4: The project introduces a strong range of new services or closes significant service gaps, designed to meet the specific needs of underserved populations, enhancing access and community well-being.</p> <p>Score 5: The project introduces a comprehensive array of new services or fully closes critical service gaps, specifically tailored to address the diverse needs of underserved and marginalized populations, ensuring significant positive community impact.</p>	5	4
Public Health Outcomes	The project’s impact on promoting public health by offering health-focused services, spaces that promote well-being, and services addressing physical and mental health needs of library users, especially vulnerable populations.	<p>Score 1: No health-focused services or spaces are introduced.</p> <p>Score 2: Introduces minimal health-related services or spaces, with limited potential to address health needs.</p> <p>Score 3: Offers some health services or spaces that moderately support physical and mental health for some populations.</p> <p>Score 4: Provides a strong range of health services and spaces that significantly promote well-being and address both physical and mental health needs, especially for vulnerable populations.</p>	5	4



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		Score 5: Comprehensive project with a robust array of services and spaces that specifically target and improve physical and mental health outcomes for vulnerable and underserved populations.		
Resiliency & Sustainability	The project’s ability to enhance library system resilience to environmental changes (e.g., energy efficiency, climate readiness) and sustainable design features.	<p>Score 1: No sustainability or resiliency measures.</p> <p>Score 2: Minimal focus on sustainability, with few or no resiliency measures.</p> <p>Score 3: Moderate sustainability measures, including energy efficiency or climate adaptation features.</p> <p>Score 4: Strong sustainability and resiliency, with innovative climate readiness features.</p> <p>Score 5: Comprehensive resiliency and sustainability plan, including net-zero energy buildings or other advanced features.</p>	5	3
Connectivity & Accessibility	Evaluates how the project’s new services or closure of service gaps improve access to library resources, including digital and physical infrastructure for underserved populations.	<p>Score 1: No new services or service gap closures focused on improving access to resources or connectivity.</p> <p>Score 2: The project introduces minimal improvements to services or access, with limited impact on connectivity for underserved populations.</p> <p>Score 3: The project introduces moderate improvements in services or closes service gaps to improve access to resources, but the reach is limited for underserved populations.</p> <p>Score 4: The project introduces strong improvements to services or closes significant service gaps, directly improving access to physical and digital resources for underserved populations.</p> <p>Score 5: The project introduces innovative services or closes critical service gaps, comprehensively improving access to physical and digital resources, with a focus on removing barriers for underserved populations.</p>	5	2



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<p>Community & Stakeholder Engagement</p>	<p>Degree of demonstrated community support through outreach, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with community needs and aspirations. Projects with active participation from historically underserved communities score higher.</p>	<p>Score 1: No community or stakeholder engagement. Score 2: Minimal engagement with limited outreach. Score 3: Moderate engagement, with some outreach but lacking in-depth involvement from underserved communities. Score 4: Strong engagement, with active participation from stakeholders, particularly underserved communities. Score 5: Exceptional community engagement, with ongoing, inclusive participation from diverse stakeholders, including underserved communities.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Economic & Social Vitality</p>	<p>Degree of demonstrated community support through outreach, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with community needs and aspirations. Projects with active participation from historically underserved communities score higher.</p>	<p>Score 1: No community or stakeholder engagement efforts made. Score 2: Minimal engagement with limited outreach efforts. Stakeholder involvement is sporadic or absent. Score 3: Moderate engagement with some outreach, but underserved communities are not fully involved or included. Score 4: Strong engagement with active participation from stakeholders, including outreach to underserved communities. Some commitments for future involvement. Score 5: Exceptional and ongoing engagement with full, inclusive participation from diverse stakeholders and underserved communities. Clear commitment to long-term collaboration.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Project Feasibility & Readiness</p>	<p>Evaluation of the project’s timeline, design status, and readiness for implementation, ensuring innovative and cost-efficient management strategies.</p>	<p>Score 1: No timeline or design work completed. Project lacks any detailed plans or necessary approvals. Score 2: Preliminary plans exist, but key components like funding, design work, or approvals are missing.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>1</p>

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		<p>Score 3: Timeline is established with some design work in progress. Key approvals or funding may still be pending.</p> <p>Score 4: Detailed design and planning are nearly complete, with most approvals in place. Funding is secured or nearly secured.</p> <p>Score 5: Fully designed, with all approvals and funding in place. Clear, well-defined timeline for immediate implementation.</p>		
Funding Commitment & Leverage	Financial readiness, including secured funding commitments and leveraging external sources such as grants and partnerships.	<p>Score 1: No funding sources identified or committed.</p> <p>Score 2: Minimal funding commitments, or reliance on a single funding source.</p> <p>Score 3: Moderate funding commitments and some external leverage.</p> <p>Score 4: Strong funding commitments with effective leverage of external partnerships and grants.</p> <p>Score 5: All necessary funding secured, with maximized external partnerships and financial leverage.</p>	5	1
COA Adopted Plan Alignment	How well the project aligns with existing or in-progress City of Austin adopted plans, promoting innovation and sustainable infrastructure investment.	<p>Score 1: No alignment with adopted COA plans.</p> <p>Score 2: Minimal alignment with adopted COA plans, loosely fitting broader goals.</p> <p>Score 3: Moderate alignment with adopted COA plans, supporting broader infrastructure or development goals.</p> <p>Score 4: Strong alignment, contributing to long-term goals and sustainable infrastructure.</p> <p>Score 5: Project is a key component of adopted COA plan goals, advancing innovative and sustainable infrastructure.</p>	5	1



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Safety & Security	Emphasis on incorporating technology and infrastructure improvements to ensure safe spaces for staff and patrons.	Score 1: No focus on safety or security. Score 2: Minimal safety and security improvements. Score 3: Moderate focus on safety and security, with plans for upgrades benefiting patrons and staff. Score 4: Strong safety and security features, with significant improvements for staff and patron well-being. Score 5: Comprehensive safety and security plan, ensuring state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure improvements for staff and patrons.	5	1
Total Maximum Available Points				100



Austin-Travis County EMS

The ATC-EMS Department created technical criteria for both scoring projects and deploying resources and assets. The first table below is the project scoring criteria.

Guiding Principle	Project Scoring Criteria	Maximum Available Points
Equity/Inclusive Facility design	<p>Compliance with ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards or newer). Design features that benefit people of all ages and abilities (e.g., lever door handles, adjustable-height workstations).</p> <p>Entrances and exits easily accessible to all, including those with mobility aids.</p> <p>Gender-neutral restrooms / Locker rooms/ shower facilities available.</p> <p>Consideration of sensory sensitivities (lighting, acoustics).</p> <p>Supports a mother-friendly workplace with intentional design compliant with Departmental & City policy related to MWF and Federal Law.</p> <p>Welcoming and inclusive design elements that reflect the diversity of the community.</p> <p>Utilization of demographic data.</p> <p>Equity assessment.</p> <p>Community Health needs assessment.</p> <p>Frequency of resource reallocation.</p> <p>Predictive Analysis.</p> <p>Impact on Unit Hour Utilization.</p> <p>Space allocation based on projected usage patterns and future growth to include estimated population growth rate.</p> <p>Post-occupancy evaluation to assess the effectiveness of design choices and inform future projects.</p> <p>Incorporation of cultural elements and considerations into the design aesthetic.</p>	<p>20</p>



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<p>Innovation</p>	<p>Life-cycle cost analysis to evaluate long-term costs of materials and systems.</p> <p>Efficient space planning to minimize unused or underutilized areas to enhance logistical support.</p> <p>High-performance building envelope with optimal insulation and air sealing.</p> <p>Energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems.</p> <p>Use of renewable energy sources (solar panels, geothermal) where feasible.</p> <p>Selection of durable, low-maintenance materials and finishes.</p> <p>Repurposing or renovating existing buildings, land or spaces where feasible.</p> <p>Incorporation of cutting-edge design concepts and technologies.</p> <p>Integration of smart building technologies for energy management, security, and occupant comfort.</p> <p>Exploration of new construction materials and methods.</p> <p>Movable walls and partitions to allow for easy reconfiguration of spaces.</p> <p>Modular furniture and equipment for adaptability.</p> <p>Design for future expansion or changes in use or change in asset placement.</p> <p>Consideration of technological advancements and their impact on future space needs.</p> <p>Joint planning and programming with other departments or agencies to identify shared needs and opportunities for collaboration including Co-location of services or programs to improve efficiency and accessibility.</p> <p>Partnerships with non-profit organizations to provide additional services or resources.</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Sustainable & Resilient Infrastructure</p>	<p>LEED certification or equivalent green building rating system.</p> <p>Water conservation measures (low-flow fixtures).</p> <p>Implementation of sustainable landscaping practices.</p> <p>Design for resilience to natural disasters and climate change impacts like flooding, wildfires, and ice events.</p>	<p>20</p>



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	<p>Consideration of drought and other climate change impacts.</p> <p>Emergency preparedness planning, including distribution of assets and resources, and backup power systems.</p> <p>Selection of materials and systems resistant to mold, mildew, and pests.</p> <p>Flex-use spaces capable of housing additional personnel during emergency operations to ensure COG and/or reduce safety hazards to personnel.</p> <p>Incorporation of solar panels or other renewable energy systems where feasible.</p> <p>Net-zero energy or carbon neutrality goals.</p> <p>On-site energy storage or participation in demand response programs.</p>	
<p>Preventive Health-Centric Facility Planning</p>	<p>Adequate space and facilities for providing core public health services (immunizations, screenings, health education).</p> <p>Design for infection control and prevention.</p> <p>Flexible spaces that can accommodate a variety of health promotion and wellness activities.</p> <p>Fitness rooms or exercise areas.</p> <p>Group meeting spaces for support groups and classes.</p> <p>Facilities to assist with rehab and injury prevention.</p> <p>Safe and accessible outdoor spaces for physical activity and recreation.</p> <p>Walking paths or trails connected to the surrounding community.</p> <p>Landscaping that promotes physical activity and mental well-being.</p> <p>Shaded areas and seating for rest and relaxation.</p>	<p>20</p>



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Community-Centered Facility Development	Public meetings and open houses to gather input from the community.	20
	Online surveys and feedback mechanisms.	
	Outreach to underserved and marginalized populations.	
	Incorporation of community feedback into the design and planning process.	
	Clear communication of project goals, timelines, and budget.	
Total Maximum Available Points		100

ATC-EMS also developed a scoring system to evaluate resources and assets within the EMS Stations:

Guiding Principle	Description	Criteria	Maximum Available Points	Scale Factor
Patient Equity and Impact on System Response	Evaluates how the placement of the resource will close service gaps, particularly focusing on underserved populations and addressing community needs and expectations.	<p>Score 1: No new services are introduced, and no service gaps are closed. Metrics like response times decline, and there is no improvement to the benefit of the community.</p> <p>Score 2: The asset or resource placement introduces minimal new services or closes service gaps, but with limited impact on addressing the needs and expectations of the community. Minimal metric improvement.</p> <p>Score 3: The asset or resource placement introduces a moderate range of new services or closes some service gaps, meeting some needs of the community but lacking a comprehensive strategy to support underserved populations.</p>	5	6



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		<p>Score 4: The asset or resource placement introduces a strong range of new services or closes significant service gaps, designed to meet the specific needs of the community. Metrics like response times improve and the community has a definitive benefit.</p> <p>Score 5: The asset placement introduces a comprehensive array of new services or fully closes critical service gaps, specifically tailored to address the diverse needs of the population, ensuring significant positive community impact and improvement in metrics.</p>		
Infrastructure	<p>Evaluates the space, infrastructure, and technology needs of the resource. Considerations like back-up power, water, bedrooms, office space, and apparatus security.</p>	<p>Score 1: does not meet the minimum requirements of the resource.</p> <p>Score 2: Addresses a minimum of one of the needs required for the asset placement.</p> <p>Score 3: The asset would be able to operate successfully under normal circumstances, but with limited security, or limited access to technology.</p> <p>Score 4: The asset would be mostly supported, and successful in all but the most extreme situations. Technology, security and infrastructure meet an acceptable standard.</p> <p>Score 5: The asset has all aspects of security, technology, infrastructure, and space to operate even in the most extreme situations. The facilitation is ideal.</p>	5	4



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<p style="text-align: center;">Alignment with Strategic Goal and Adopted City Plans</p>	<p>Evaluates how the placement of the resource further the goals of the department as identified in strategic plans (Austin Travis County EMS Strategic Plan 2024; Austin Strategic Mobility Plan; Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint; Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan; Austin-Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; Parks and Recreation Department’s Long-Range Plan and Land Management Plan).</p>	<p>Score 1: No new services are introduced, and no service gaps are closed. The placement does not support any goals in the strategic plan and adopted COA Plans.</p> <p>Score 2: The project placement introduces minimal new services or closes service gaps, but with limited impact on furthering the goals of the strategic plan and adopted COA Plans.</p> <p>Score 3: The project placement introduces a moderate range of new services or closes some service gaps, addressing the strategic plan in a general way and furthers at least one goal of the strategic plan, and adopted COA Plans.</p> <p>Score 4: The project placement introduces a strong range of new services or closes significant service gaps, addresses two or more specific aspects that further the goals of the strategic plan and adopted COA Plans.</p> <p>Score 5: The project placement introduces a comprehensive array of new services or fully closes critical service gaps, specifically tailored to address multiple aspects that further the goals of the strategic plan and adopted COA Plans.</p>	5	4
<p style="text-align: center;">Employee Equity and Impact on Employee Morale</p>	<p>Evaluates how the placement of the resource will improve the equity and morale of</p>	<p>Score 1: No new services are introduced, and no gaps in employee equity or morale are closed. Employee equity and morale would be impacted negatively.</p> <p>Score 2: The project introduces minimal new services or closes minimal gaps in employee equity or morale.</p>	5	6



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	<p>the employees in the department.</p>	<p>Negative impact on employee equity and morale would be minimal.</p> <p>Score 3: The project introduces a moderate positive impact in employee equity and/ or morale.</p> <p>Score 4: The project introduces a strong positive impact on either employee equity or morale, but not both.</p> <p>Score 5: The project introduces a strong positive impact on both employee morale and employee equity.</p>		
Total Maximum Available Points:				100

Financial Services Department

The Financial Services Department is requesting funding for both ongoing programs that support in coordination with Rally Austin as well as civic/cultural center improvements.

The programs in coordination with Rally Austin support creative spaces. These programs have existing technical criteria that address all the bond Guiding Principles. Extensive community engagement informed the criteria for all programs. This engagement included input from the Urban Renewal Board, Arts & Music Commissions, the Cultural Trust Advisory Committee, the Rally Austin Board of Directors, and others.

The figure below demonstrates how the Rally Austin programs align with bond Guiding Principles.

Rally Austin’s Mission and Programs Alignment

Equity	Embedded in our mission: Rally Austin is committed to closing the racial wealth gap by centering historically marginalized communities in our work, holding our collaborators and ourselves accountable to build an equitable and inclusive Austin.
Affordability	Our work program is focused on affordability for creative spaces and commercial spaces for small businesses, mitigating Real Estate market pressures, and complements the Housing Department with distinguished affordable housing products.
Innovation	Rally Austin excels at innovation, tackling some of the more complex challenges such as running new programs or launching projects that have been delayed for years due to complex site conditions and Real Estate market challenges.
Sustainable/Resilient	Rally Austin excels at innovation, tackling some of the more complex challenges such as running new programs or launching projects that have been delayed for years due to complex site conditions and Real Estate market challenges.
Proactive Prevention	Rally Austin’s solutions are focused on economic mobility, sustainability and resilience for our community members and organizations that are most at risk. We aim to provide not just immediate solutions, but lasting transformative impact.
Community Trust and Relationships	Integrated into our name/brand and spirit of implementation, we align ourselves with our stakeholders to develop authentic and long-lasting relationships with the communities to serve both the immediate project and as a longer-term ally.



Housing Department

The Housing Department is requesting funding for ongoing programs that advance the goals in the [Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint](#), which was adopted in April 2017. Each of these programs are application-based with existing technical criteria. The goals address all bond Guiding Principles, see figure below.

Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 25% of new income-restricted affordable housing should be in high opportunity areas
Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preserve 10,000 affordable housing units over 10 years
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 30% of new housing should be a range of housing types from small-lot single-family to eight-plexes to help address Austin's need for multi-generational housing
Sustainable/Resilient	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 75% of new housing units should be within 1/2 mile of Imagine Austin Centers and Corridors
Proactive Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 10% of rental housing units that are affordable to households earning at or below 30% MFI• At least 25% of ownership housing units that are affordable to households earning at or below 120% MFI
Community Trust and Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Produce 100 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units each year



Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department has existing technical criteria for ongoing programs, to include [Parkland Dedication Acquisition](#), [Aquatic Vision Plan](#), Recreation and Senior Center Gap Analysis, Shade Structures, and [Security Lighting](#). All programs and projects are supported by the [Our Parks Our Future: Austin Parks & Recreation Long Range Plan](#), adopted by Council on November 14, 2019. This plan supports all bond Guiding Principles and development of the plan included extensive community engagement. PARD also has [vision plans for specific parks and facilities](#), all of which required extensive community engagement. New criteria were drafted for programs and projects that do not have existing criteria and scoring matrices:

Guiding Principle	Criteria	Maximum Available Points
Social Equity <i>30 maximum available points</i>	Location with higher percentage Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). <i>GIS metric</i>	6
	Location with higher crude prevalence of negative health outcomes such as asthma, obesity, physical inactivity, and diabetes. <i>GIS metric</i>	6
	Location with higher percentage of population ages 18 or below. <i>GIS metric</i>	5
	Project or location serves historical cultural significance for a marginalized community. <i>(0 = no, 3 = Project or Location serves historical cultural for a marginalized community, 5 = both project and location both serve historical cultural for a marginalized community)</i>	5
	Location within area with high forecasted population growth. <i>GIS metric</i>	4
	Location with population below 40% median household income. <i>GIS metric</i>	4



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<p>Proactive Reinvestment</p> <p>25 maximum available points</p>	<p>Preventative maintenance project extends the useful life of an existing asset.</p> <p><i>(1 point = 1-5 year extension, 2-3 points = 6-10 year extension, 4-5 points = 11-20 + year extension, 6-7 points = 20+ years)</i></p>	7
	<p>Upgrading existing facilities or providing new facility to address a network or system service gap (includes full replacement of critical condition buildings needing demolition).</p> <p><i>(0 = no, 3 = maybe, 6 = yes)</i></p>	6
	<p>Project responds to legal / regulatory mandates, including significant safety concerns.</p> <p><i>(0 = no, 1-3 = somewhat, 4-6 = definitely)</i></p>	6
	<p>Project improves function of existing asset through accessibility, adaptable use, inclusion, or social determinants of public safety or health domains at existing facilities.</p> <p><i>(meets 1 area = 1 point, 2 areas = 2 points, etc.)</i></p>	6
<p>Sustainability & Resiliency</p> <p>20 maximum available points</p>	<p>Project serves as an adaptive space as part of a resilient network.</p> <p><i>(4 points = in current identified network, 3 points = in potential network, 2 points = tangential contribution to current identified network, 1 point = tangential contribution to potential network)</i></p>	4
	<p>Investment reduces current and/or future financial burdens through sustainability, efficiency, reduced maintenance.</p> <p><i>(0 = no, 2 - maybe, 4 = yes)</i></p>	4
	<p>Project is compatible for the land because it incorporates green infrastructure contribute to urban resilience by managing stormwater, reducing flooding, wildfires and extreme weather events.</p> <p><i>0 = incompatible project type; 1= neutral project for location; 2= potential for improvements; 3= project would improve conditions at the location</i></p>	3
	<p>Project improves metric for percentage of residents who have access new or developed parks and open spaces (live within one-quarter mile in urban core and within half-mile outside of urban core).</p>	3



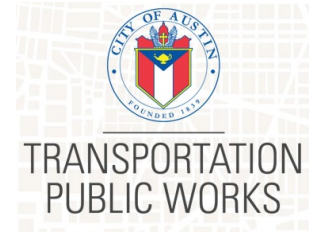
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	<i>(0 = no, 1 = adds significant amenity asset to already existing park, 2 = development creates access even if park is already there, 3 = yes)</i>	
	Project and/or facility / location included in 2018 bond. Projects recently improved would have to meet more recent building and energy codes, including the green building policy. <i>(0 = yes, 3 = no) - this is project type specific</i>	3
	Location identified as high heat island effect. <i>GIS metric</i>	3
Leveraging Funds and Partnership <i>15 maximum available points</i>	Project has existing funding and prior design development but remains incomplete due to funding. <i>(significant funding + design = 5 points, design only = 3 points, vision / concept plan only = 1 point)</i>	5
	Project will generate revenue for the city. <i>(revenue covers 100% operating expense = 3 points, revenue covers partial operating expense = 2 points)</i>	3
	Project supports other city department initiatives and funding. <i>(3 points = other department project alignment with other department funding, 2 points = other department project + vision plan alignment, 1 point = other department vision plan alignment)</i>	3
	Project aligns with grant, rebate, or donation opportunities. <i>(0 = no, 1 point = maybe, 2 points = yes)</i>	2
	PARD partnership project with existing vision or expansion plan and committed funding opportunities. <i>(0 = no, 2 points = yes)</i>	2
Strategic Direction	Project has existing participatory involvement from the community. <i>(0 = no, 1 = partial, 2 = yes)</i>	2
	Project aligns with PARD's Long Range Plan or another existing approved PARD Vision / Expansion Plan.	2



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<i>10 maximum available points</i>	<i>(0 = no, 2 points = yes)</i>	
	Trust in Public Land Healthy Park Score. <i>(0-20% = 0 point, 20-50% = 1 point, 51 - 100% = 2 points)</i>	2
	Facility has not received significant funding in the past 10 years. <i>(0 points for significant funding, 2 point for some funding based on value of asset, 4 points for little to none based on value of asset) - this is broad park location, not project specific</i>	4
Total Maximum Available Points:		100



Transportation and Public Works

The Transportation and Public Works Department developed the following technical criteria for named capital renewal projects for street improvements, corridor improvements, and bridge improvements. Programs the department manages have existing criteria from Council-approved plans. For example, the [Austin Bicycle Plan](#), the [Urban Trails Plan](#), and [Sidewalks, Crossings, and Shared Streets Plan](#) were adopted by City Council on November 30, 2023 with a focus on providing multi-modal options that incorporate all bond Guiding Principles. These criteria are also supported by the [Austin Strategic Mobility Plan \(ASMP\)](#), adopted by Council in April 2019. The ASMP is a comprehensive, multimodal transportation plan that directly supports all bond Guiding Principles. Extensive community engagement from 2016-2019 was a key part to developing the ASMP and included a Multimodal Community Advisory Committee.

Guiding Principle	Ratio	Weight	Points
Equity	26%	3.00	26.09
<i>Equity Analysis Zones</i>	25%	1.00	6.52
<i>Title VI Transit Routes</i>	25%	1.00	6.52
<i>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)</i>	25%	1.00	6.52
<i>Health and Safety CDC PLACES composite dataset</i>	25%	1.00	6.52
Affordability	17%	2.00	17.39
<i>Bike Facility Improvement</i>	25%	1.00	4.35
<i>Existing Transit Service</i>	25%	1.00	4.35
<i>Sidewalk Priority</i>	25%	1.00	4.35
<i>Growth Concept</i>	25%	1.00	4.35
Sustainability & Resilience	17%	2.00	17.39
<i>VMT impact</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Transit Priority Network</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Bike Facility Improvement</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Street Level</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Green Infrastructure</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
Proactive Prevention	17%	2.00	17.39
<i>Vision Zero ranking list</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>High Injury Network</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Safe Routes to School</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Capital Renewal</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
<i>Risk Management</i>	20%	1.00	3.48
Community Trust & Relationships	17%	2.00	17.39
<i>Surrounding Land Use Density</i>	50%	1.00	8.70
<i>Public Participation</i>	50%	1.00	8.70



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Innovation	4%	0.50	4.35
<i>Smart Technology (ITS)</i>	25%	1.00	1.09
<i>Innovative Partnerships</i>	25%	1.00	1.09
<i>Project Readiness</i>	25%	1.00	1.09
<i>Project Leverage</i>	25%	1.00	1.09
Maximum Total Points =			100.00



Watershed Protection Department

The Watershed Protection Department developed the following technical criteria for named capital renewal projects for local flood risk reduction improvements, creek flood reduction improvements, erosion control and stream restoration improvements, and water quality improvements. Programs the department manages directly support the goals outlined in the [Watershed Protection Strategic Plan](#), approved by Council 2001 and last updated in August 2016. The department is currently updating its strategic plan. This initiative is called [Rain to River: A Strategic Plan to Protect Austin’s Creeks and Communities](#). Rain to River directly supports all bond Guiding Principles and includes extensive community engagement which began in April 2022 and is ongoing.

Guiding Principle	No.	Question/Evaluation	Source	Score Range	Maximum Available Score
Equity <i>30 maximum available points</i>	N/A	<p>Overall intent: Prioritize project or programs that advance watershed-related outcomes for historically marginalized community members and areas at greatest risk of environmental and community health hazards. Consider and mitigate limitations of broad geographic data inputs.</p> <p>See sub-criteria below.</p>			
	1	<p>Demographic Data: Project or program is located in a census tract designated to have higher "social vulnerability" as measured by the CDC's SVI.</p> <p>Overall Theme score: <i>0 - 0.25 = no points</i> <i>0.25 - 0.5 = 2 pt</i> <i>0.5 - 0.75 = 4 pt</i> <i>0.75 - 0.9 = 6 pt</i> <i>0.9 - 1 = 8 pt</i></p>	GIS Analysis	0 - 8	8
	2	<p>Displacement Risk Data: Project is located in an area designated to be vulnerable to or experiencing active displacement (but not chronic or historic), according to the UT Uprooted Data: <i>Vulnerable = 4</i> <i>Active Displacement Risk = 2</i> <i>All other attributes = 0</i></p>	GIS Analysis	0 - 4	4

	3	<p>Environmental Justice Data: Project is located in an area with high environmental justice hazard risk. Data based on a principal component analysis incorporating following variables: particulate matter, proximity to superfund sites, air toxicity.</p> <p><i>0 - 0.25 = no points</i> <i>0.25 - 0.5 = 2 points</i> <i>0.5 - 0.75 = 4 points</i> <i>0.75 - 0.9 = 6 points</i> <i>0.9 - 1 = 8 points</i></p>	GIS Analysis	0 - 8	8
	4	<p>Community Health Outcome Data: Project is located in an area with worse community health outcomes. Data based on a principal component analysis incorporating following variables: mental health being not good for >14 days among adults > 18 years, Physical health being not good > 14 days among adults > 18 years, those diagnosed with diabetes > 18 years.</p> <p><i>0 - 0.25 = no points</i> <i>0.25 - 0.5 = 2 points</i> <i>0.5 - 0.75 = 4 points</i> <i>0.75 - 0.9 = 6 points</i> <i>0.9 - 1 = 8 points</i></p>	GIS Analysis	0 - 8	8
	5	<p>Demographic Data - Race, Ethnicity, and Language Status: Project is located in an area with high "social vulnerability index" as measured by the CDC's SVI Race/Language Theme 3 score:</p> <p><i>> = .75 = 2 points</i> <i>All other scores = no points</i></p>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 2	2
Sustainability <i>14 maximum available points</i>	6	<p>Climate goals: Project or program enhances citywide community health by working towards water quality and other citywide climate goals (ex: carbon sequestration, reduced greenhouse gases, sustainable material sourcing).</p> <p><i>1 goal = 2 points</i> <i>2 goals = 4 points</i> <i>3 goals or more = 8 points</i> <i>extra +2 points if working to achieve a high sustainability rating from an accredited program (ex: SITES, Envision)</i></p>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 10	10

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	7	Access to healthy environment: Project or program directly enables community access to a healthier environment (contributes to accessible shade, natural spaces). <i>Single contribution = +2 points</i> <i>Two or more contributions = +4 points</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 4	4
Resiliency <i>14 maximum available points</i>	8	Recovery: Project or program reduces estimated disaster risk by addressing known flooding, erosion, or water pollution. <i>Strategic Plan Top 20 Rank = 8 points</i> <i>Any problem area identified = 4 points</i> <i>No score = 0 points</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 8	8
	9	Adaptation: Project or program enhances disaster preparedness, response, or recovery capacity for community members. Consider number of households/businesses/critical facilities/cultural features that may be impacted. <i>If yes = 4 points</i> <i>If two or more of these (preparedness, response, recovery) = 6 points</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 6	6
Community Trust and Relationships <i>16 maximum available points</i>	10	Strategic plan implementation: Project or program implements recommendations from approved or ongoing plans. <i>WPD Strategic Plan = 4</i> <i>+4 for other aligning plans</i> <i>No plan = 0</i> <i>- 2 if in conflict with plans</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	-2 - 4	4
	11	Community engagement: Project or program is informed by an intentional, equitable, and inclusive community engagement strategies. Either tied to a plan informing the project or the project itself. <i>No type of public input = -2</i> <i>Public meeting(s) held = +2</i> <i>Additional efforts made to expand input opportunities, decision - making, engagement methods = +4</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	-2 - 4	4

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	12	Low risk schedule: Project or program has low risk schedule impacts for FY27-32 completion timeframe. <i>Construction ready or Design completed by FY27 = +4</i> <i>PER completed by FY27 = +2</i> <i>Project likely to encounter delays due to complexity = -2</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	-2 - 4	4
	13	Implementation status: Project will be completed <u>or</u> can be phased for quicker implementation/progress so that initial phases (with benefits) completed by FY30 . <i>If yes = +2</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 / 2	2
	14	Community partnerships: Project or program incorporates ongoing community partnerships. <i>If yes = +2</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 / 2	2
Proactive Prevention <i>12 maximum available points</i>	15	Proactive solution: Projects or program preserves or protects healthy watershed function before remediation needed. <i>Land preservation = +8</i> <i>Erosion = +8</i> <i>Land with restoration = +4</i> <i>Preventative (pre-failure) repair, replacement, or upgrade = +8</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 - 8	8
	16	Requirements: Project or program needed due to legal mandate or other requirements. <i>If yes = +2</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	0 / 2	2
	17	Asset Management: Project or program addresses a high-risk asset management need. <i>High or very high risk score = +2</i> <i>Medium score = 0</i> <i>Low score = -2</i>	Project Sponsor Assessment	-2 - 2	2



<p>Innovation</p> <p><i>4 maximum available points</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Innovation: Project or program is a new program or solution type or partners with other organizations to achieve collective benefits in a creative, collaborative way. Consider innovative community engagement process, project delivery, novel data use. Consider innovations risks (project failure, planting failures, maintenance issues) and mitigation strategies. <i>Innovative and no risks = +4, Innovative possible risks = +2, Innovative with risks but mitigation measures = +4.</i></p>	<p>Project Sponsor Assessment</p>	<p>0 - 4</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Affordability</p> <p><i>10 maximum available points</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>Reduces routine costs: Project or program directly reduces routine costs to residents (ex: utility bill, insurance premium). <i>If yes = +2</i></p>	<p>Project Sponsor Assessment</p>	<p>0 / 2</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>20</p>	<p>Reduces recovery costs: Project or program reduces costs of potential disaster recovery to communities with higher barriers to recovery. <i>If yes = +2</i></p>	<p>Project Sponsor Assessment</p>	<p>0 / 2</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>21</p>	<p>Leverages other funds: Project or program leverages other non-WPD funding sources. <i>None = 0 COA partner = +2 non-COA = +4</i></p>	<p>Project Sponsor Assessment</p>	<p>0 - 4</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>22</p>	<p>Dig once opportunity: Project has other City initiatives incorporated for dig-once opportunities and savings for joint endeavors. <i>If yes = +2</i></p>	<p>Project Sponsor Assessment</p>	<p>0 / 2</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Total Maximum Available Points</p>					<p>100</p>