# Bond Programs Report



Submitted to the Bond Oversight Committee on November 7, 2014









#### **About**

The Bond Programs Report provides the public with project updates and spending details on the City's voter-approved general obligation bond programs. The report is produced by the Capital Planning Office with assistance from participating Capital Improvement Program departments. The report is presented to the Bond Oversight Committee. This report includes data through the fourth fiscal quarter, which ended Sept. 30, 2014.

The Bond Oversight Committee is a citizen board composed of seven members who are appointed by City Council. The committee ensures efficiency, equity, timeliness and accountability in the implementation of the 2013, 2012, 2010 and 2006 bond programs. The committee is also responsible for reviewing the annual bond appropriation and sale schedule. For more information about the Bond Oversight Committee, visit www.austintexas.gov/bondoversight.

## Have you seen CIVIC?

CIVIC (Capital Improvements Visualization, Information and Communication) is an online portal that the City launched in November 2013. The site features an interactive map where the public can get information about a variety of projects affecting such things as roads, water systems or parks.

CIVIC includes the location, where applicable, and information about projects funded by the 2012, 2010, 2006 and earlier bond programs. In later phases, the site's functionality will be expanded to include additional data and project locations. While City staff continues to improve CIVIC, the public is encouraged to provide feedback by clicking on the feedback button on the CIVIC homepage. CIVIC can be accessed at www.austintexas.gov/CIVIC.

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## **Key Terms**

**Allocated:** The amount of funds designated by the City of Austin Budget Office to be spent per reporting category or proposition. Allocated funds are tied to bond sales, which must be performed in \$5,000 increments.

**Appropriated:** City Council authorizes the appropriation of funds, which gives staff the legal authority to expend the funds for a specific purpose. City Council may approve multiple installments of funding throughout the project's phases.

**Available:** The amount of funds allocated minus the amount encumbered and expended.

**Encumbered:** Commitments made to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

**Expenditure:** Funds that have been paid for goods or services.

**Fiscal Year:** October 1 to September 30; FY 15 is Oct. 1, 2014 to Sept. 30, 2015.

- Q1 = First fiscal quarter; October—December
- Q2 = Second fiscal quarter; January—March
- Q3 = Third fiscal quarter; April—June
- Q4 = Fourth fiscal quarter; July—September

**Obligated:** The sum of funds encumbered and expended.

**Phase:** This refers to the project phase currently underway. The following phases are typical for projects included in this report:

- Preliminary Phase
- Design Phase
- Bid/Award/Execution Phase
- Construction Phase
- Post-construction Phase

**Substantial Completion:** A bond program is considered substantially complete when approximately 90% of voterapproved funds have been expended or the point at which program intent has been sufficiently fulfilled.

#### Questions?

For additional information, visit www.austintexas.gov/cip. Contact the Capital Planning Office at 512-974-3344. Inquiries may be emailed to capitalplanning@austintexas.gov.

#### Summary of Bond Programs spending through FY 14 Q4

Bond Programs	Voter Approved	Obligated*	% Obligated	Expended	% Expended
2013 Bond Program	\$65,000,000	\$ 9,209,682	14%	\$8,062,955	12%
2012 Bond Program	\$306,648,000	\$73,115,158	24%	\$55,277,428	18%
2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000	\$86,229,314	96%	\$80,068,228	89%
2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000	\$537,885,409	95%	\$466,783,548	82%
TOTAL	\$1,029,048,000	\$706,439,564	69%	\$610,192,170	59%

<sup>\*</sup>Obligated funds are the sum of funds encumbered and expended.

2013 Affordable Housing Bond Program	\$65,000,000
Prop 1: Affordable Housing	\$65,000,000

2012 Bond Program	\$306,648,000
Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility	\$143,299,000
Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection	\$30,000,000
Prop 14: Parks and Recreation	\$77,680,000
Prop 16: Public Safety	\$31,079,000
Prop 17: Health and Human Services	\$11,148,000
Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities	\$13,442,000

2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000
Mobility Enhancements	\$23,680,000
Signals	\$4,200,000
Pedestrian/ADA/Bikeways	\$42,935,000
Street Reconstruction	\$19,185,000

2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000
Prop 1: Transportation	\$103,100,000
Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space	\$145,000,000
Prop 3: Parks	\$84,700,000
Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities	\$31,500,000
Prop 5: Affordable Housing	\$55,000,000
Prop 6: New Central Library	\$90,000,000
Prop 7: Public Safety Facilities	\$58,100,000

## **Summary Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2013 Bond Program made significant progress, reaching 12%, or \$8 million, expended-to-date. The six-year program is expected to reach substantial completion by the end of FY 19.
- ⇒ The 2012 Bond Program is tracking just below anticipated levels, with 18%, or \$55.2 million, expended-to-date. Expenditures are anticipated to ramp up in coming years to meet the City's goal of substantial completion by the end of FY 18.
- ⇒ The 2010 Mobility Bond Program exceeded this year's spending goal, with expenditures-to-date reaching 89%, or \$80 million. The program is anticipated to be substantially complete in early 2015, ahead of the FY 16 goal.
- ⇒ The 2006 Bond Program is tracking close to anticipated levels, with 82%, or \$466.7 million expended-to-date. Program expenditures are anticipated to ramp up, particularly with progress on the New Central Library, to meet the City's goal of substantial completion by the end of FY 16.



On Nov. 5, 2013, Austin voters approved a \$65 million bond proposition to fund affordable housing.

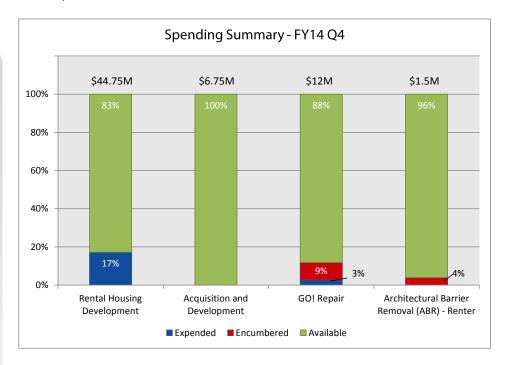
#### **Budget Summary**

Category	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Expended	% Expended
Rental Housing Development	\$44,750,000	\$7,725,000	17%	\$7,725,000	17%
Acquisition and Development	\$6,750,000	\$-	0%	\$-	0%
GO! Repair	\$12,000,000	\$1,424,682	12%	\$337,955	3%
Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) — Renter	\$1,500,000	\$60,000	4%	\$-	0%
Prop 1: Affordable Housing Bond Program	\$65,000,000	\$9,209,682	14%	\$8,062,955	12%

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#### **Program Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2013 Bond Program is on track to be substantially complete by the end of FY 19.
- Although funding appropriations were nearly double the expenditures for FY 14, the City made significant strides in less than 6 months of implementing the program.
  - 13%, or \$5.7 million, of the Rental Housing Development category was expended in the fourth quarter alone.
  - 7%, or \$814,000, of the GO! Repair category was encumbered in Q4, and the City expects to expend same amount at the start of FY 15.
  - Similarly, 4%, or \$60,000, of the ABR category was encumbered in Q4, and funds will begin to be expended in Q1 FY 15.



## Did you know?

In March of 2014, Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a formal solicitation — or Request for Proposals — for the creation of 50 units of Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) using 2013 Affordable Housing Bond Program funds. Housing First PSH units ensure a low- to no-barrier approach to tenancy, allowing individuals access to housing quickly, regardless of potential housing barriers and then providing support services as needed.

Responses to the Request for Proposals were due October 23, 2014. Historically, the City has invested in developer-driven projects, and this project is a departure from that model.



#### Rental Housing Development Assistance

#### **Live Oak Trails**

Phase: Preliminary

**Budget Estimate:** \$11.2 million **Bond Funding:** \$1.25 million

On Aug. 7, City Council authorized a \$1.25 million loan to Foundation Communities for the acquisition of property at 8500 Hwy. 71. Live Oak Trails will be composed of 60 affordable housing units with rent ranging from approximately \$500-\$590 monthly. Of the 60 units, three will be permanent supportive housing units. Foundation Communities will offer its Children's HOME Initiative, which provides intensive case management for families with children that are exiting homelessness. Other supportive services will include an after-school program, adult classes including English as a second language, money management, homebuyer education and computer training. Residents will also have access to Foundation Communities' programs for financial education, financial coaching, matched savings accounts, college savings and financial assistance, and free income tax return preparation. Foundation Communities received an allocation of tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, generating \$8.6 million of private equity for this project.

#### **Bluebonnet Studios**

Phase: Preliminary

**Budget Estimate:** \$11.5 million **Bond Funding:** \$2 million

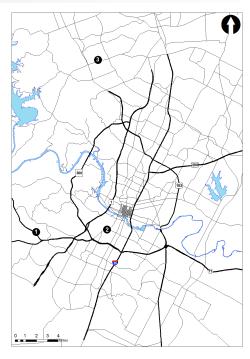
On Aug. 7, City Council authorized a \$2 million loan to Foundation Communities for the acquisition of property located at 2301 South Lamar Boulevard to build 120 single-occupancy units for individuals living at or below 30-50% of the median family income, which translates to an income of \$15,850-\$26,400 per year for an individual. The facility will house services for residents such as case management, mental health counseling, life skills training, budgeting and money management, advocacy for benefits or entitles, computer literacy, and vocational and supported employment services. Foundation Communities was awarded tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, generating \$8.6 million of equity for this project.

#### **Lakeline Station**

**Phase:** Preliminary

**Budget Estimate:** \$22.45 million **Bond Funding:** \$2.75 million

On Aug. 7, City Council authorized a \$2.75 million loan to Foundation Communities for the acquisition of Lakeline Station, formerly known as Rutledge Spur Apartments, located adjacent to the MetroRail Lakeline Station in far Northwest Austin. Foundation Communities will develop 150 affordable units with rents ranging from approximately \$590-\$765 monthly. Of those 150 affordable units, eight will be permanent supportive housing units. The facility will provide supportive services for residents including an after-school program and adult classes such as English as a second language, money management, homebuyer assistance and free income tax return preparation. The nonprofit organization received tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, generating \$14.4 million of equity for this project.



	Project	Units
1	Live Oak Trails	60
2	Bluebonnet Studios	120
3	Lakeline Station Apts.	150
	Total	330

Bond funding invested \$6 million and was able to leverage a total of \$31.6 million for these three projects.



On Nov. 6, 2012, Austin voters approved \$306.6 million in bond propositions to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

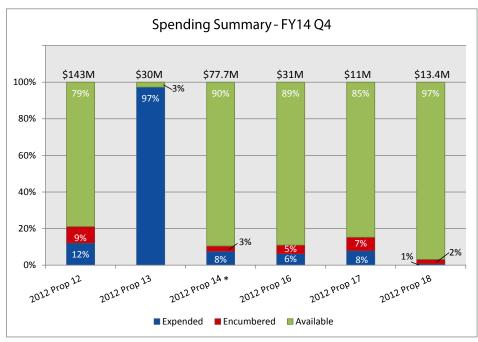
#### **Budget Summary**

Proposition	Allocated	Obligated**	% Obligated	Expended	% Expended
Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility	\$143,295,000*	\$30,282,117	21%	\$17,356,053	12%
Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection	\$30,000,000	\$29,194,248	97%	\$29,194,248	97%
Prop 14: Parks and Recreation	\$77,680,000	\$8,109,594	10%	\$5,828,516	8%
Prop 16: Public Safety	\$31,075,000*	\$3,409,197	11%	\$1,925,764	6%
Prop 17: Health and Human Services	\$11,145,000*	\$1,699,581	15%	\$875,511	8%
Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities	\$13,440,000*	\$420,421	3%	\$97,346	1%
2012 Bond Program	\$306,635,000*	\$73,115,158	24%	\$55,277,438	18%

<sup>\*</sup>Approval of each bond proposition gives the City the authority to sell bonds and spend funds up to the amount approved by voters. However, general obligation bonds must be sold in \$5,000 increments, necessitating the Budget Office to allocate Prop 12 funds in an amount \$4,000 less than voters approved; Prop 16 by \$4,000 less; Prop 17 by \$3,000 less; and Prop 18 by \$2,000 less.

## **Program Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2012 Bond Program overall is tracking just below anticipated levels except for Prop 13, which is substantially complete.
  - Props 12 and 14 are progressing with a 3%, or \$4,223,362, and 2%, or \$1,812,067, increase in expenditures in Q4, respectively.
  - The majority of projects funded by props 16, 17 and 18 are in the preliminary and design phases.
- ⇒ GO Bond Programs typically ramp up over the first 2-3 years of implementation due to projects transitioning from preliminary to design and construction phases.

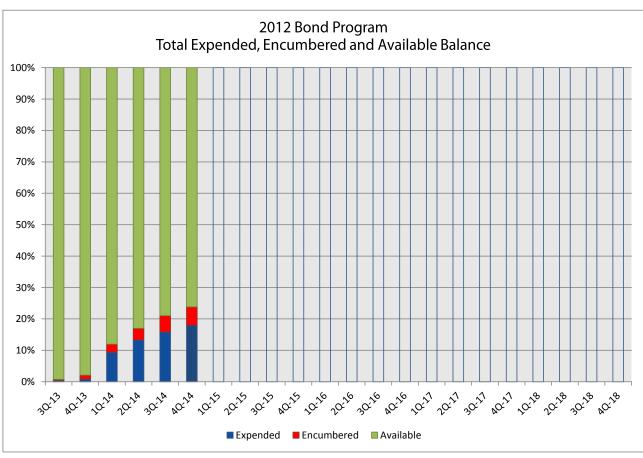


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The chart below shows spending over time for the 2012 Bond Program. Dollar amounts expended, encumbered and available are captured on a quarterly basis from inception of the bond program and will continue through the program's completion.



## **Chart Highlights**

- ⇒ Spending continues to steadily increase with an additional 2% expended this quarter.
- ⇒ The 2012 Bond Program started off slow in FY 13, with only \$2.6 million in expenditures, but increased significantly in FY 14, with \$53 million in expenditures.
- ⇒ The City expended \$26 million in Q1 FY 14, representing the largest per-quarter increase of expenditures since the beginning of the program.



#### **Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility**

## Mopac Access and Corridor Improvements – Pressler Street

**Phase:** Preliminary

**Budget Estimate:** \$8 million **Bond Funding:** \$3 million

The project is intended to improve connectivity issues along the Mopac corridor, including extending Pressler Street south of Fifth Street, and creating a north-south connection between West Fifth Street and West Cesar Chavez Street. Improvements may include upgrading an existing Union Pacific Railroad crossing to accommodate public traffic, multi-modal connectivity to serve all roadway users, including improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and any other improvements to address traffic flow and safety. The City has hired a consulting firm to conduct a traffic study. The results are anticipated by the end of the year. City staff has continued community outreach, and expects to host an open house in November. The \$3 million in 2012 Bond Program funding is expected to take the project through the first phase of construction.

#### **Neighborhood Partnering Program**

Phase: N/A

**Budget Estimate:** N/A **Bond Funding:** \$1.2 million

The Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP), established in 2009 by the Public Works Department, allows citizens to partner with the City to propose small- to medium-scale capital improvement projects on City-owned property. Citizens propose projects and provide cost sharing in the form of either cash contributions, in-kind contributions or donated labor.

Thirteen projects have been awarded funding and are in the implementation phase. Of those 13 projects, nine projects are using 2012 Bond Program funding from Prop 12. Of the remaining projects, other sources are being used to fund two community gardens, a mosaic mural and a park improvement project.

	2012 Bond Projects	Other Funding Sources
Number of Projects	9	4
Community Contribution	\$211,000	\$188,000
City Contribution	\$472,000	\$224,000
<b>Total Value</b>	\$683,000	\$412,000

 Arroyo Seco Cycle Track: The project creates a separated bicycle track along both sides of the Arroyo Seco median from FM 2222 to Woodrow Avenue. The project will also

include seven areas with benches and mutt mitt stations with receptacles.

2. Davis Lane Trail
Segment: The
project provides
an urban trail
segment from
Davis Lane to
Sendera Mesa
Drive, and is part



A rendering of the Arroyo Seco Cycle Track as submitted in the community's application.

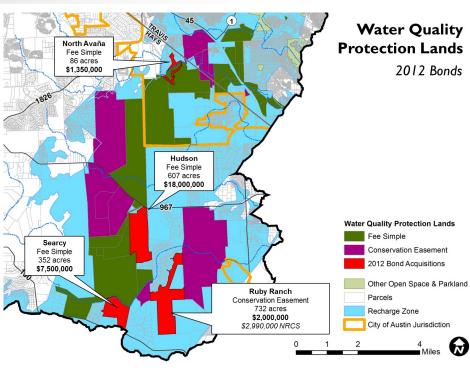
of the overall vision for the Violet Crown Trail.

- Davis Lane Intersection Improvement: The project provides an ADA-compliant pedestrian crossing island to cross Davis Lane at the Latta Lane intersection in order to provide better access to the proposed Davis Lane Trail Segment.
- 4. **Suburban Drive Sidewalks:** This project fills a sidewalk gap on the west side of Suburban Drive from Westmoreland Drive to the existing sidewalks by Battle Bend Park. This project was ranked as the No. 1 priority for the East Congress planning area by the South Congress Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team.
- 5. Tillery Street Sidewalk Installation: This project installs sidewalks along the west side of Tillery Street between Denver Avenue and East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. This project was ranked as the No. 1 priority for the MLK planning area by the E. MLK Neighborhood Plan Contact Team.
- 6. **Ridgelea Greenspace Beautification Project:** This project replaces swaths of asphalt with green spaces in the Ridgelea Neighborhood where intersections meet at acute angles.
- 7. Salina/E. 22nd Street Traffic Circle: This project will construct a traffic circle at the intersection of 22nd and Salina Streets. The project includes the installation of a concrete apron and a place for plantings as well as touching up the existing sunflower street art mural.
- South Fifth Street-Barton Skyway Sidewalk: This project will install a sidewalk on the west side of South Fifth Street from 2880 S. 5th Street to Barton Skyway and then along Barton Skyway from South Fifth Street to Garden Villa Lane.
- 9. **Treadwell Sidewalk Project:** This project will build a sidewalk on the south side of Treadwell Street from the alley adjacent to Lamar Union and Kinney Avenue.



#### Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection

Spending for this bond proposition is substantially complete. With the 2012 Bond Program funding, the City has acquired 1,777 acres for \$29.2 million. Benefits of the City's Water Quality Protection Program to the community and environment include protection of Barton Springs, public access opportunities, potential for increased adjacent property values, enhanced water quality and quantity, protection of future water supply, endangered species protection, among others.



## Prop 14: Parks and Recreation

#### **Republic Square Park**

Phase: Preliminary Budget Estimate: N/A Bond Funding: \$200,000

Enhancements to the historic Republic Square will be made in coordination with the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) under a newly crafted Parkland Improvement, Management and Operations Agreement. Based on the recently completed park master plan, Phase One improvements could include a multi-purpose central lawn area, plaza and courtyard spaces, seat walls, lighting and other landscape improvements. A key design element is a kiosk restaurant building and public restroom facility which will not be part of the proposed phase one improvements.

Bond funds will be matched by financial contributions through the fundraising efforts by APF in partnership with Downtown Austin Alliance. Additional funding will be provided by Parkland Dedication Funds resulting from downtown residential development.

Under the terms of the partnering agreement between the City and the foundation, APF will collaborate with the City on the final design as well as construction and will ultimately manage, maintain and program the renovated park.



Republic Square Park is home to the popular Sustainable Food Center farmers market on Saturdays.



#### Prop 14: Parks and Recreation (cont.)

#### **Parkland Acquisition Program**

Phase: N/A

**Budget Estimate:** N/A **Bond Funding:** \$6.7 million

Of the \$6.7 million intended for land acquisition in the 2012 Bond Program, \$2.7 million is anticipated to be expended on acquisitions in the Country Club Creek area, and \$4 million was set aside for citywide acquisition. The City has expended or obligated the entire \$4 million for citywide acquisition, buying 73.9 acres throughout Austin. The City leveraged Parkland Dedication (PLD) funds, with 60 cents of PLD funds for every bond dollar going toward parkland acquisition.

Completed and Council-Approved Acquisitions				
Location Acres Cost				
Slaughter Lane—Onion Creek (SE Austin)	27.1	\$900,000		
Slaughter Creek Greenbelt (South Austin)	6.4	\$1.25M		
Patton Lane (SE Austin)	2	\$400,000		
Powell Lane (North Austin)	5	\$800,000		
Wunneburger Park (SE Austin)	23.4	\$885,000		
Old Spicewood Springs Road (Pending)	10	\$2.5M		
Total to date	73.9	\$6.73M		

#### Prop 16: Public Safety

#### **EMS Vehicle Bay Expansions**

Phase: Design

**Budget Estimate:** \$3.7 million **Bond Funding:** \$3.8 million

This project includes planning, design and construction of larger vehicle bays to accommodate ambulance trucks at EMS Station No. 2 (6601 Manchaca Road), No. 8 (5211 Balcones Drive) and No. 11 (5401 McCarty Lane). The project also includes a new HVAC system as needed for each bay.

A consultant has been selected. Construction is expected to begin in early 2017.



## Prop 17: Health and Human Services

## Montopolis and Far South Clinic Parking Lot Expansions

Phase: Design

**Budget Estimate:** \$905,500 **Bond Funding:** \$901,470

Design of parking lot expansions at the Montopolis and Far South WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Centers is almost complete, and the City anticipates construction to begin in the second quarter of FY 15. The City used in-house design services to expedite the process for this small-scale project.

The Far South Center houses WIC and immunization services. The center has 14 employees and 21 parking spaces and there is not enough room for clients to park. Located on a busy street, both clients and staff are forced to park along the street thus posing a safety risk.

The Montopolis WIC Center has 13 spaces with eight employees. The City's long-term plans include relocating the WIC center to a

larger facility. The current space would be repurposed for use by the WIC administrative staff currently located in a leased space. This movement will free up WIC grant funds currently spent on the lease to be used for direct WIC services.

In April, the City's Art in Public Places Program issued a Request for Qualifications to select an artist or team to design and create artwork for the Far South WIC Center. The artist team of Amy Bunker, Travis Seeger and Foster Talge was selected.

The artists have been working with the project team to propose a design for an exterior artwork that is family friendly and considers the diverse community served by the center. Their preliminary design is underway, and the artists plan to present a final design by early 2015, with installation planned for later that fall



## Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities

#### **Austin Film Studios**

Phase: Preliminary

Budget Estimate: \$5.4 million Bond Funding: \$5.4 million

The expansion of Austin Studios is a partnership between the Austin Film Society (AFS) and the City. Solicitations for an Architect/Engineer and artist for the Austin Studios Expansion project are underway. The AFS project manager was chosen by competitive bid through the City's Purchasing Office. AFS will negotiate and execute contracts with its project manager, the architect/engineer team, and the contractor with review and approval by City staff. The AFS project manager will assist AFS with selection of the general contractor this winter with involvement of City staff.

Austin Studios is managed by AFS and is used for the production of films, television programs, commercials, multi-media productions, and other creative media. AFS's offices, screening room, and meeting rooms are located at Austin Studios, bringing over 4,500 visitors to the studio lot annually through exhibition, education, and artist services programming. The studio complex is located on City-owned land at Mueller and leased to AFS. In 2013, the City reconfigured the 20-acre site to



The 2012 Bond Program investment in Austin Studios will include renovations and improvements to the former National Guard Armory, pictured above.

include the former armory after the National Guard moved to new facilities near Bergstrom Airport.

The 2012 Bond Program investment in Austin Studios will focus on site improvements, such as drainage, security, and access, and the renovation of the former armory into a Creative Media Hub for film and creative media businesses, including anchor tenants, small converted into another stage for filming. business suites and AFS offices. The Hub will also include a shared lobby, a 70-80 seat screening room, multi-purpose conference and meeting rooms, a coworking center and artist incubator, a café, and break room/crew lounge.



The inside of the armory will likely be

## Did you know?

Select Austin Public Library renovation projects included in the 2012 Bond will include architectural modifications as well as furniture, fixtures and equipment replacements in accordance with the "bookstore model" for branch library service delivery. APL adopted the "bookstore model" building program for two recently constructed branch libraries and it has proven to be very popular with library customers. Among other features, the "bookstore model" is characterized by a technology-rich environment, a fresh collection and lively interiors.

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On Nov. 2, 2010, Austin voters approved a \$90 million bond proposition to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

#### **Budget Summary**

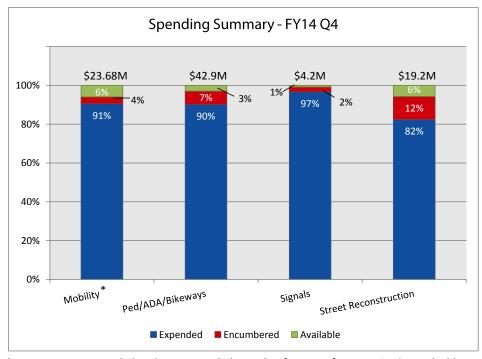
Category	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Expended	% Expended
Mobility Enhancements	\$23,680,000	\$22,284,912	94%	\$21,450,279	91%
Pedestrian/ADA/Bikeways	\$42,935,000	\$41,681,368	97%	\$38,730,969	90%
Signals	\$4,200,000	\$4,166,055	99%	\$4,063,368	97%
Street Reconstruction	\$19,185,000	\$18,096,978	94%	\$15,823,613	82%
2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000	\$86,229,314	96%	\$80,068,228	89%

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## **Program Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2010 Mobility Bond Program is just shy of substantial completion (90% expended), and is anticipated to reach this milestone in early 2015.
- ⇒ In Q4, the Mobility Enhancements and Pedestrian/ADA/Bikeways categories both increase expenditures by 3%, or \$672,000 and \$1,131,774, respectively.
- ⇒ Expenditures in the Street

  Reconstruction category increased
  by 4% or \$797,262.



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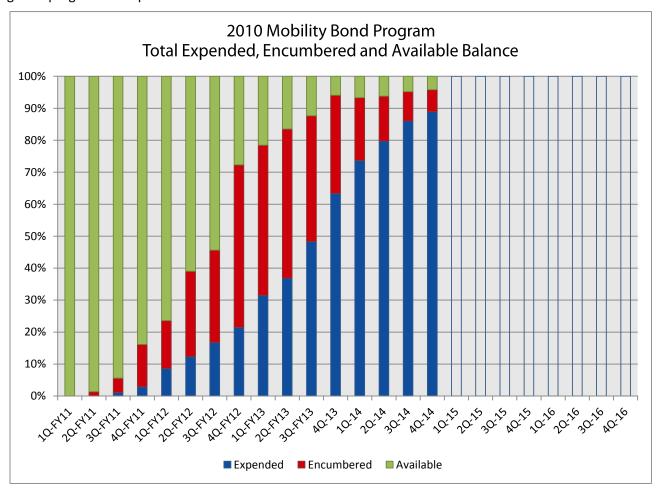




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The chart below shows spending over time for the 2010 Mobility Bond Program. Dollar amounts expended, encumbered and available are captured on a quarterly basis from inception of the bond program and will continue through the program's completion.



## **Chart Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2010 Bond Program is nearing substantial completion and therefore the rate of expenditures are starting to slow.
  - ♦ The City expended \$23 million in FY 14, \$14 million less than it did in FY 13.
- ⇒ The first quarter of each fiscal year consistently has the highest expenditures.
- ⇒ On average, 7% of the bond program, or \$6.5 million, has been expended each quarter.

#### 2010 Mobility Bond Program









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#### **Mobility Enhancements**

#### **Corridor Development Program**

Phase: Complete

**Budget Estimate:** \$1.9 million **Bond Funding:** \$1.9 million

The Austin Transportation Department working with consultants recently completed four corridor projects on the following roadways as part of the 2010 Mobility Bond Program: Airport Blvd (from Lamar to US 183), N. Lamar Blvd (from 183 to I-35), Burnet Rd (from Koenig to Mopac), FM 969/East MLK, Jr. Blvd (from US 183 to Webberville), and Riverside Dr (from I-35 to SH 71).

These corridor preliminary engineering projects involved analyzing the roadways to identify roadway needs and develop plans to make them accessible to all forms of transportation - personal vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians.

With the help of the public, these projects identified short-, medium-, and long-term solutions to improve safety;

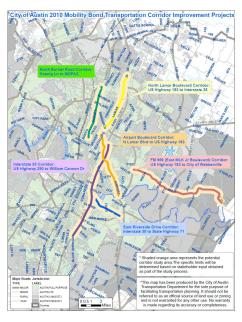


(Clockwise from top left) Street sections for Airport Blvd and FM 969, and a map of the Corridor Development Program projects funded by the 2010 Mobility Bond Program.

improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle mobility; and improve quality of life along these corridors.

Some of these recommendations received funding through the 2012 Bond Program, including \$15 million for corridor improvements for North Lamar Boulevard and Burnet Road, and \$1 million for Riverside Drive.





## Pedestrian/ADA/Bikeways

More than one-third of the 2010 Bond Program funds are dedicated to active transportation projects through the Sidewalk, Bicycle and Urban Trails Programs. In addition, funds for corridor and vehicular mobility projects include some spending on pedestrian and bicycle elements. Below are highlights of the infrastructure programs for Bike, Pedestrian and Trails:

- Annual construction of sidewalks has increased steadily from the 2005 volume of \$1 million per year to an average of \$8 million per year. The 2006, 2010 and 2012 bond programs combined allocated more than \$85 million to active transportation projects.
- Numerous City departments and third-party entities have provided funding to Public Works' Neighborhood Connectivity Division to perform sidewalk work including

Austin Energy, Parks and Recreation, Aviation, Convention Center, Capital Metro, Travis County and TxDOT as well as others.

Bike and trail projects are funded through voterapproved general obligation bond programs, grants and the Transportation User Fee. Many projects are completed through coordination with street maintenance for a low cost. Projects receiving grant funds are often "matched" locally with funds coming from bond programs.

## Spotlight: Leveraging Bond Funds









#### Importance of Leveraging Bond Funds

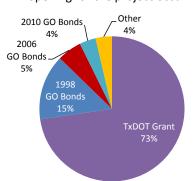
With increasing population growth and demand on City services, it is essential that the City continue to leverage bond funds to maximize the impact of capital projects for the community. This page highlights two recent projects that were made more successful through leveraging 2010 bond funds.



#### **Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail**

The Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail project consisted of the design and construction of a new trail on Walnut Creek Greenbelt from Govalle Park to the proposed Austin to Manor Trail. The trail is 7.3 miles in length and consists of a 10-foot-wide concrete trail with 2-foot-wide shoulders. Included in the project scope were five bridges, streambank stabilization, parking and other amenities. The trail is separated from motor traffic and lends itself to all ages and abilities of cyclists. It will serve as a transportation and recreation route connecting several major destinations including parks and recreation facilities.

2010 Bond funds, as well as funding from 2006 and 1998 bond programs, were leveraged with a **TxDOT grant of approximately \$8 million**. The project was delivered on time and on budget with final punch list items completed in September. The trail is available for use, and the grand opening for the project occurred on October 25.



## Total City Funding: \$3.0M 1998 GO Bond \$1.6M 2006 GO Bond: \$0.6M 2010 GO Bond: \$0.4M Other: \$0.4M

#### Funds Leveraged: \$8.0M TxDOT Grant: \$8.0M

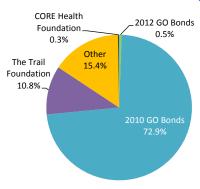
2010 Partnerships Projects	Partners
The Boardwalk Trail	The Trail Foundation, CORE Health Foundation
Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail	TXDOT
Y at Oak Hill	TxDOT
Violet Crown Trail	Hill Country Conservancy
IH 35 Corridor Development	TxDOT
Mopac Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge	TxDOT



#### The Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake

The grand opening ceremony for The Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake was held on June 7. This project completed the 10 mile loop around Lady Bird Lake, closing the southeastern gap of the hike and bike trail and connecting waterfront neighbors east and west of IH-35.

\$20.2 million from the 2010 Bond Program funded the majority of the project, which also received \$3 million from The Trail Foundation, and \$4.275 million from other sources. Additional funds from the 2012 Bond Program are being used for an ADA accessible fishing pier, for which CORE Health Foundation is donating \$75,000.



#### **Total City Funding: \$24.625M**

2010 GO Bond: \$20.2M 2012 GO Bond: \$0.15M Other: \$4.275M

#### Funds Leveraged: \$3.075M

The Trail \$3.0M Foundation:

CORE Health \$0.075M

Foundation:



On Nov. 7, 2006, Austin voters approved \$567.4 million in bond propositions to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

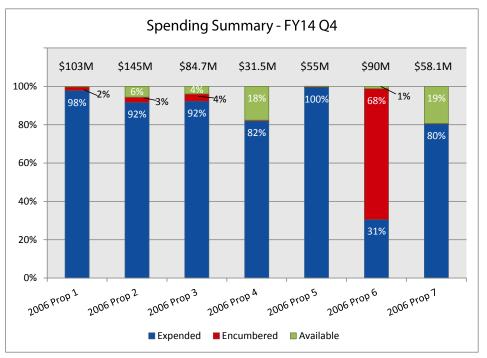
#### **Budget Summary**

	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Expended	% Expended
Prop 1: Transportation	\$103,100,000	\$102,879,000	100%	\$100,865,779	98%
Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space	\$145,000,000	\$136,870,840	94%	\$132,915,966	92%
Prop 3: Parks	\$84,700,000	\$81,364,011	96%	\$78,144,508	92%
Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities	\$31,500,000	\$25,947,660	82%	\$25,818,147	82%
Prop 5: Affordable Housing	\$55,000,000	\$54,965,516	100%	\$54,776,092	100%
Prop 6: New Central Library	\$90,000,000	\$88,977,461	99%	\$27,523,067	31%
Prop 7: Public Safety Facilities	\$58,100,000	\$46,880,920	81%	\$46,739,990	80%
2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000	\$537,885,409	95%	\$466,783,548	82%

<sup>\*</sup>Obligated funds are the sum of funds encumbered and expended.

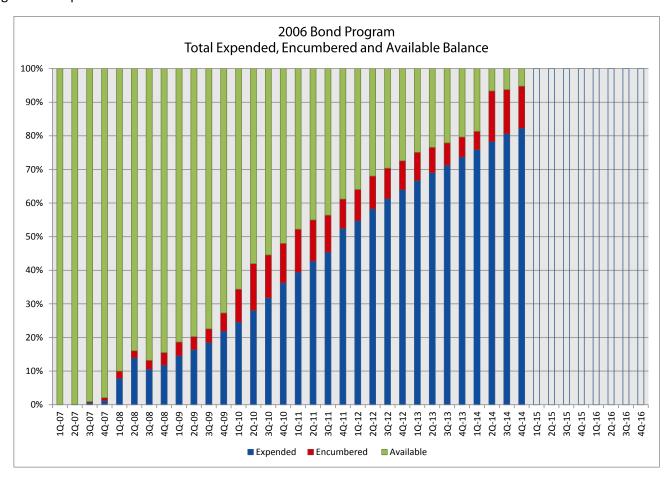
## **Program Highlights**

- ⇒ The 2006 Bond Program is on track to be substantially complete by the end of FY 16.
- ⇒ Four out of seven propositions are substantially complete. Those are Props 1, 2, 3 and 5.
- ⇒ Prop 4 is 82% expended:
  - ♦ The Mexic-Arte Museum project remains in the preliminary phase.
  - ♦ The Mexican American Cultural Center is using remaining funds for improvements to the site (page 18)
- ⇒ Prop 6 is anticipated to reach substantial completion in FY 16.
- ⇒ Prop 7 is 80% expended: The Municipal Court and Police Northeast Substation project remains on hold.



\*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number for ease of communication and add up to 100% when extended two decimal points.

The chart below shows spending over time for the 2006 Bond Program. Dollar amounts expended, encumbered and available are captured on a quarterly basis from inception of the bond program and will continue through the program's completion.



## **Chart Highlights**

- ⇒ Proposition 6: The New Central Library accounts for nearly all of the encumbered funds for the 2006 Bond Program. The New Central Library is under construction, and is tentatively scheduled for completion in FY 16. Read more about the project on page 19.
- ⇒ The bond program's peak expenditures occurred in FY 11, during which time \$91.6 million was expended. As the program nears substantial completion, fiscal year expenditures have slowed.
  - The City expended \$49 million of 2006 Bond Program funds in FY 14, which was \$6.4 million less that it expended in FY 13.
  - However, the City may see an increase in FY 15 due to construction expenditures associated with the New Central Library.



#### **Prop 1: Transportation**

Expenditures for this bond proposition are substantially complete. Progress continues on remaining projects, such as the reconstruction of 8th Street from Congress to West Avenue. The bulk of the work is complete and the contractor is addressing final items. Work included full-depth street reconstruction, replacement of utility infrastructure and Great Streets standards aiming to transform the public right-of-way into great public spaces. The City installed additional landscaping, pedestrian facilities, storm sewer upgrades, water and wastewater upgrades and new bus stops with canopies.

#### Prop 3: Parks

Expenditures for this bond proposition are substantially complete. The Parks and Recreation Department's capital spending in FY 14, which ended Sept. 30, 2014, was \$41 million – well above the \$25 million to \$30 million the department typically spends annually. Approximately 24% of the department's FY 14 expenditures came from the 2006 Bond Program due to the completion of many major projects funded by that program. These projects include Bartholomew Pool, Westenfield Pool, Southern Walnut Creek Trail (see page 15), Copperfield Neighborhood Park and Del Curto Neighborhood Park.

#### **Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities**

## **ESB-MACC Landscape Improvements**

Phase: Design

**Budget Estimate:** \$200,000 **Bond Funding:** \$200,000

Approximately \$200,000 of remaining funds allocated to building the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) are being used to fund the ESB-MACC Landscape Improvements. The 2006 Bond Program dedicated \$5 million to the ESB-MACC, which opened in 2007.

The project includes an update of the signage, a parking analysis with recommendations to alleviate congestion, potential parking lot improvements and shading to mitigate the direct sunlight on the plaza area.

The City is finalizing the design and is working on updating corrections to the



The City renamed the ESB-MACC after Emma S. Barrientos in 2010.

site plan. Construction could begin as early as next year.

The City plans on using the 2006 Bond Program funds for the ESB-MACC as stipulated in the bond language until those funds are exhausted, meeting bond requirements. Remaining funding of will go toward other minor projects such as the Wall of Excellence, theatre improvements and water proofing repairs.

## Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space

Expenditures for this bond proposition are substantially complete. Two million dollars of remaining 2006 Bond Program funding is being used to buy out houses in the Onion Creek area.

#### **Prop 5: Affordable Housing**

Expenditures for this bond proposition are substantially complete. The return on investment from the 2006 Bond Prop 5 includes 2,409 affordable units and nearly \$200 million in leveraged funds.



#### Prop 6: New Central Library

Phase: Construction

**Budget Estimate:** \$120 million **Bond Funding:** \$90 million

Construction of the New Central Library continues with the concrete structure now reaching the third level. Level 3 will include an atrium space for gathering and will open up to floors 4, 5 and 6 to provide an interactive communal space.

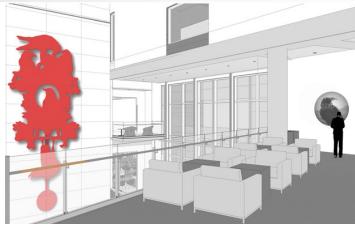
A portion of the bond funding for the New Central Library project, \$500,000 is dedicated to the Art in Public Places program. The program's goal for this project was to commission an artist to create a signature work for this central location. The New Central Library project is sponsoring a two-part artwork entitled *Birds* by Christian Moeller, a Germanborn artist and architect who was selected from a field of 231 national artists who submitted qualifications to

create a work inside the library.

For the library artwork, Moeller focused on black birds as his theme, inspired by their prevalence in literature and mythology, and by Austin's own resident grackle populations.

The first component of *Birds* is a large-scale, painted aluminum kinetic

sculpture in the library's atrium, which can be viewed from multiple levels. In addition, on the wall of the hallway of the fifth level will be a 4-foot diameter circular LED screen covered with



A rendering of "Birds," the cuckoo clock-inspired sculpture (left) and the computer animated black bird (right), by Christian Moeller.

translucent laminated glass. A computer animated black bird will be displayed on the screen. A computer program will drive the behavior and gestures of the bird programmed to move in response to the environment and passage of time.

#### Prop 7: Public Safety

## Public Safety Training Academy – Tenant Finish-Out Bldg. I

Phase: Bid

**Budget Estimate:** \$655,600 **Bond Funding:** \$400,000

This project is a continuation of the renovation and expansion of the Public Safety Training Facility at 4800 Shaw Lane in Southeast Austin, completed in 2011 with \$19.3 million in 2006 Bond Program funds.

The project will allow the APD Recruitment Unit to join the campus at the Public Safety Training Academy; making the campus a one-stop-shop for recruitment and training. This will increase inner-departmental operational efficiencies and reduce costs due to shared public safety infrastructure.

Additional upgrades include converting office space to accommodate 14 full-

time employees with new energy efficient HVAC and duct work; ceiling tile and lighting system; communications, data and security cabling; and male and female bathroom retrofits to meet Texas Accessibility and ADA standards.

The Tenant Finish-Out Project will pursue LEED CI Silver designation to meet the City's sustainability goals.

Plans and specifications are complete. The City anticipates construction to begin this fall.