

2018 Bond Program Development Update

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Presented to Bond Election Advisory Task Force

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Where We Started

August 2016	City Council established the 13-member Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF)
Late 2016 – Early 2017	City staff compiled a comprehensive bond program needs assessment totaling \$3.2 billion
December 2016	BEATF began monthly meetings
June 2017	City staff presented the City Council and the BEATF with a recommended bond program starting point of \$640 million



Staff Recommended Starting Point

Investment Area	\$640 million	
Reinvestment in Facilities and Assets	\$240 million	
Transportation Infrastructure	\$190 million	
Affordable Housing	\$85 million	
Stormwater	\$75 million	
Parks and Open Space	\$50 million	

BEATF Activities and Community Engagement



July/Aug/Sept Sept/Oct/Nov Nov/Dec

Committee/Sub-committee
Meetings and Briefings on Initial
Department Bond
Recommendation*

Citizen Engagement – i.e. Town Hall meetings, Open Houses, SpeakUp! Austin, surveys, etc.

Committee
Deliberation /
Recommendation

* Extended citizen communications at each meeting





2018 Bond Engagement: Efforts To Date

Bond Election Advisory Task Force Meetings

- Held 10 meetings and 52 working group meetings
 - All meetings noticed and open to the public
 - Totaling over 72 hours of public meeting time

Public Testimony

- The BEATF has received public testimony from 77 community members
- Sizeable contingents voicing support for
 - John Treviño Jr. Park
 - cultural centers (including: Asian American Resource Center, Carver Museum & Cultural Center, Mexican American Cultural Center)
 - Dougherty Arts Center
 - Austin History Center
 - pools (including repairs to neighborhood pools and a new Colony Park pool)
 - affordable housing





2018 Bond Engagement: December Town Halls











2018 Bond Engagement: Online

Online Bond Simulator



Community Survey

2018 Bond Task Force Public Input

The Bond Election Advisory Task Force, established by the Austin City Council in 2016, is seeking public input in advance of offering its recommendations to Council for a bond package to go to voters in 2018.

The Council specifically directed City staff and the Task Force to focus on funding efforts to address flooding, affordable housing, mobility, high-capacity transit, parks, libraries, and existing infrastructure. City departments identified more than \$3 billion in needs during the next five years. From that list, City staff developed a \$640 million bond package to serve as a starting point for the Task Force to consider.

While the Task Force develops its Council recommendations for the bond package, its 13 appointed members want to better understand what City infrastructure needs are most important to Austin residents.

BOND TASK FORCE SURVEY

CLOSED: This survey has concluded. Thank you for your participation. Results from this survey, as well as the bond simulator and town halls, will be compiled and presented to the Bond Election Advisory Task Force before the body submits its recommendations for a 2018 Bond Election to the Austin City Council. For more information, visit Austin Texas. Gov/2018Bond.

2018 Bond Task Force Public Input Survey

In 2016, the Austin City Council established the Bond Election Advisory Task Force (Resolution 20160811-031) to identify and prioritize projects for a bond package to go before the voters in 2018.

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In early 2018, the Task Force is scheduled to provide its recommendations regarding projects/programs to be included in

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2018 Bond Engagement - Highlights

58% support tax rate increase

more than 900 survey responses recorded online

283

participants in the in-person and online bond simulator exercises

\$691 Million

Average bond size from in-person and online bond simulator exercises

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Categories receiving support for increased funding:

- Reinvestment in Facilities & Assets
- Affordable Housing
- Stormwater
- Parkland & Open Space

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Category receiving support for decreased funding:

Transportation





Community Engagement – Looking Ahead

Full Task Force Meetings

- January 4th, 4pm-9pm, City Hall
- January 19th, TBD (pending Task Force action)

January Town Halls

- January 9th, 6:30pm-8pm, Little Walnut Creek Library, 835 W. Rundberg Lane
- January 11th, 6:30pm-8pm, Yarborough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive
- January 17th, 6:30pm-8pm, Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex, 1156 Hargrove St
- January 18th, 6:30pm-8pm, ACC South Campus, 1820 W Stassney Lane

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Bond Election Advisory Task Force – Looking Ahead

A recommendation from the BEATF to the City Council is anticipated by March 2018

Any questions about the bond development process can be directed to:

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Find 2018 Bond Program Development Information online

www.austintexas.gov/2018bond

