



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: June 8, 2018

SUBJECT: Item #17- June 14th, 2018 Council Agenda

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information/clarification on Item #17 – a Request for Council Action (RCA) on the June 14, 2018 City Council agenda related to a November 2018 General Obligation Bond election.

The posted action is requesting Council to approve a resolution acknowledging the City Manager's recommended bond package as the Council's starting point for the November 2018 General Obligation Bond Package, and directing the City Manager to bring back proposition language on August 9, 2018 based on the bond package as amended by City Council.

As a reminder, on May 21, 2018, City staff released an update report to the Council that details the City Manager's recommended bond package; it may be accessed [here](#), or at www.austintexas.gov/2018bond. The City Manager's bond package recommendation makes the following changes to the Bond Election Advisory Task Force's (BEATF) recommendation, which was presented to Council on [April 10, 2018](#):

- **Removal of \$31 million associated with three new fire stations:** City staff recommend issuing Certificates of Obligation (COs) to fund the construction of new fire stations.
- **A decrease of \$4 million associated with repair/replacement of bridges:** This adjustment is a result of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) decision not to provide matching funds for this effort in their latest round of funding for the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As a result, City staff recommend including \$50 million in the 2018 Bond Program to address the repair/replacement of one bridge (Red Bud Trail/Emmet Shelton Bridge) and will work to identify funding sources for the remaining bridge needs.

As an addendum to this report, the City Manager's updated recommended bond package realigns the funding associated with the Daugherty Arts Center (DAC) from the Libraries and Cultural Center proposition to the Parks and Recreation proposition. The DAC project, currently listed at \$25 million, was part of the Parks and Recreation Department's (PARC) original 2018 Bond proposal submitted at the onset of the bond development process. This project will replace the existing building at a new

location and provide expanded square footage and programmable space to meet the increased user demand. The services provided at the DAC are more closely aligned with the recreational programming function of PARD and less so with the activities and programming of cultural centers. For these reasons, the DAC project is now included in the general Parks proposition as a stand-alone project to better reflect the Department's baseline bond proposal and properly align with the internal classification of facilities.

A summary of the realigned propositions:

Proposition	Working Group	Staff Update	Staff Update 2
Affordable Housing	\$161.0 M	\$161.0 M	\$161.0 M
Transportation/Mobility	\$180.0 M	\$176.0 M	\$176.0 M
Parks and Recreation	\$142.0 M	\$142.0 M	\$167.0 M
Stormwater/Open Space	\$184.0 M	\$184.0 M	\$184.0 M
Libraries & Cultural Centers	\$99.0 M	\$99.0 M	\$74.0 M
Public Safety	\$69.0 M	\$38.0 M	\$38.0 M
Health and Human Services	\$16.0 M	\$16.0 M	\$16.0 M
TOTAL	\$851.0 M	\$816.0 M	\$816.0 M

In developing their recommendation, the BEATF, appointed by the City Council and Planning and Zoning and Platting Commissions, developed a comprehensive community engagement process, including eight interactive town halls and four listening sessions throughout the city, an online community survey, and an online bond simulator. Following direction from Resolution No. 20160811-031, which created the BEATF, all full task force meetings were televised and open to the public. The working groups were also open to the public, and staff posted backup material on the 2018 bond website for each of these meetings. All told, the Task Force met in full 13 times, and the working groups, combined, met 66 times, totaling nearly 140 hours of public meeting time. Approximately 150 citizens spoke at these meetings, while over 280 citizens participated in the in-person and online bond simulator exercises, and over 900 responses were recorded for the online survey.

While there was extensive community engagement during the BEATF process, as detailed above, staff is aware of the need for additional public comment opportunities between now and Council calling the election in August. The June 14th, 2018 agenda item #17 provides for public comment for those who sign up to speak under that item. Following discussion and public comment on June 14th, Council can consider postponing the item until the June 28th meeting to provide for further public comment before taking action.

Staff is available for any questions related to this item. You may contact Carla Steffen at Carla.steffen@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512-404-4014. Katy Zamesnik can be reached at katy.zamesnik@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512-974-2832. Additional bond questions should be submitted via the Bond Q&A website process and current Q&A are located at <http://www.austintexas.gov/budget/councilbondquestions/index.cfm>. Please submit all questions via email to Katy Zamesnik at katy.zamesnik@austintexas.gov as the first step in that process.

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