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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

8 DECEMBER 2020

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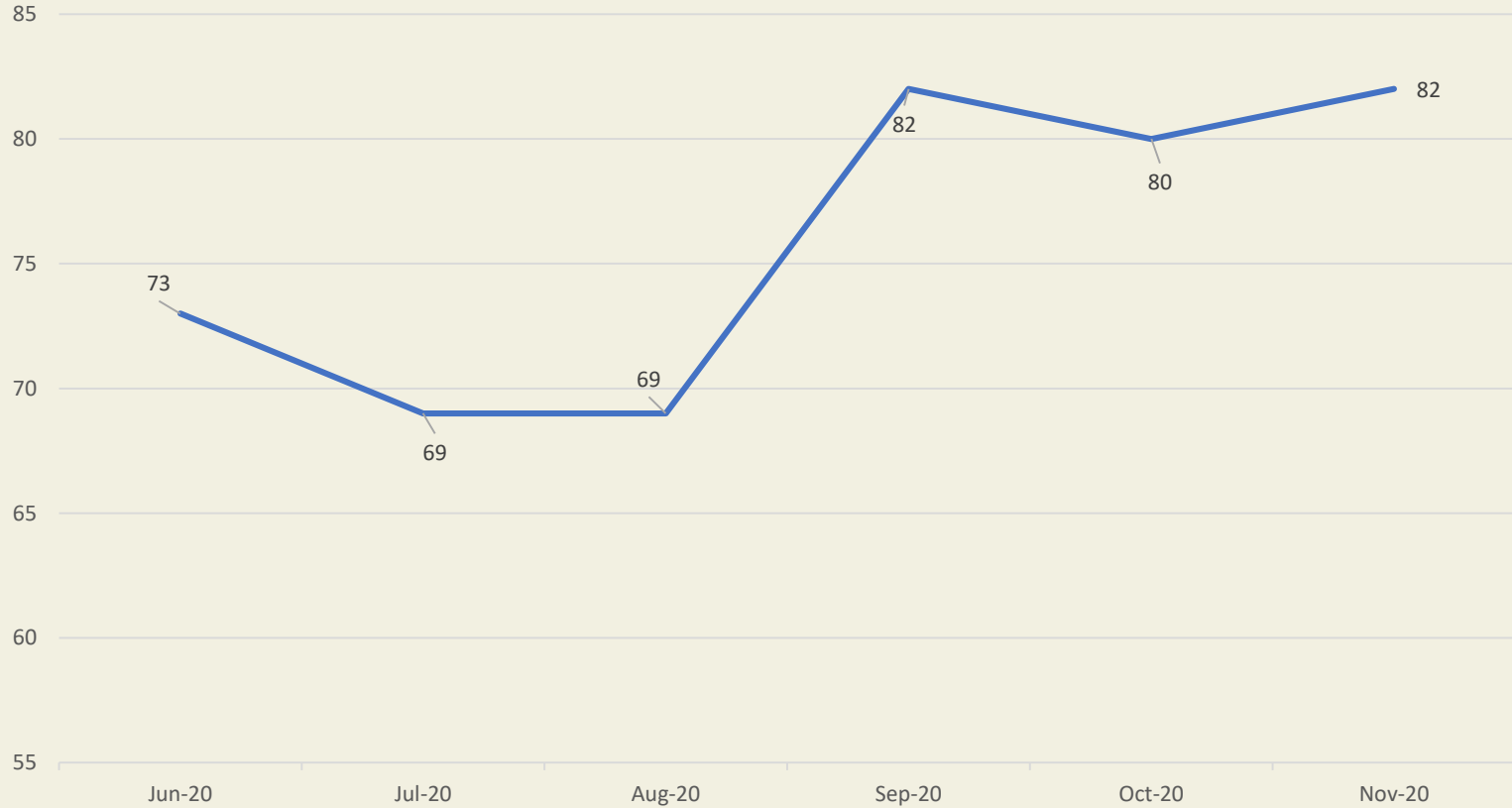


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ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BY MONTH

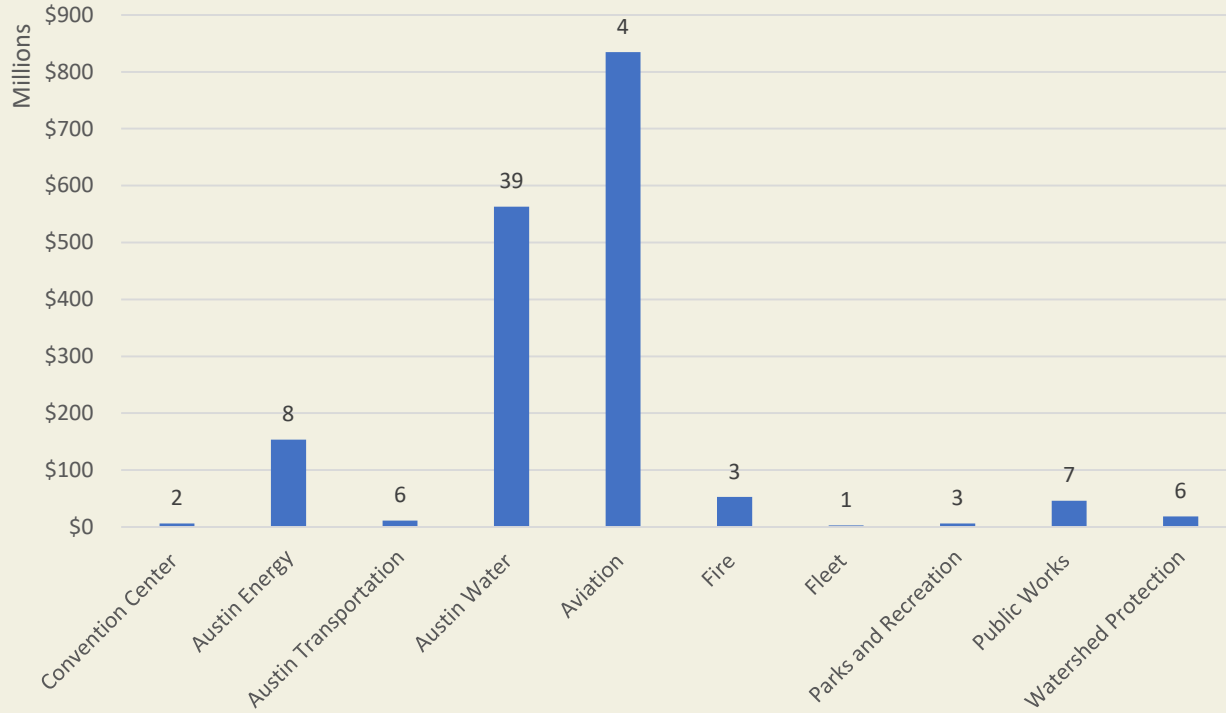


BREAKDOWN BY CLIENT

Total Projects: 82

Total Project Cost:
\$1.67 Billion

Active Construction Projects by Client and Project Cost



RESPONSE TO COVID CASES

Number of Confirmed Positive Cases on CIP Projects: 13 (Same as November)

Number of Projects with a Positive Case: 7 (Same as November)

Actions taken by CPD

- Assure ECC's have understanding of construction requirements in Stay Home Work Safe (SHWS) Order
- Distribute information required by SHWS Order
- Monitor contractor compliance with SHWS Order
- Confirm each project site has a designated Site Manager and COVID Safety Representative.
- Ensure all construction site postings have the most up to date information.
- Exposures and Positive cases are reported to HR SPOC and PW Safety. Based on the nature of the exposure or positive result, PWD has established guidelines that conform to CDC guidelines for necessary quarantine.
- Projects with positive cases had crews removed from the site. Depending on the location the project and extent of infection, project may be required to shut down and undergo a thorough disinfection before additional work and/or visits can be done.

REQUIRED POSTINGS

Public Works staff requires all contractors working on CIP projects to post Construction Jobsite Guidelines from APH and monitors compliance with recommendations

CONSTRUCTION JOBSITE GUIDELINES

Employees are required to:



Wash hands for 20 sec. or use hand sanitizer



Maintain 6-foot distance



Wear a fabric face covering and cover coughs and sneezes



Do not come to work if you're sick (fever, respiratory cough)



No hand shaking



Do not come to work if you've had contact in the past 14 days with someone with confirmed COVID-19 virus

The jobsite manager is required to:

- Check health of each worker coming onsite
- Send home anyone who shows signs of being sick (fever, respiratory cough)
- Ensure all workers wear a fabric face covering
- Prohibit use of community water coolers
- Post this notice in English and Spanish
- Ensure that workers maintain 6-foot distancing unless it would create an imminent safety hazard
- Provide a handwashing station with soap/water or sanitizer for each 15 employees
- Clean and disinfect break and meal areas at least twice daily
- Disinfect shared tools regularly
- Maintain sign in documents for every employee on the jobsite
- Post notice showing the sizes and types of crews and rotating shift at the jobsite
- Notify Austin Public Health Dept. of any worker who appears to have contracted COVID-19 virus



Employer recommendations:

The Stay Home, Mask, And Otherwise Be Safe construction guidance recommends taking no adverse actions against a worker who has been quarantined or who declines to work at a construction site if the worker believes that the site presents an imminent health risk due to COVID-19. Employers should not contest a claim for unemployment benefits as the result of the closure of a construction site due to COVID-19.



To report jobsite violations, call 3-1-1
[AustinTexas.gov/COVID19](https://www.austintexas.gov/COVID19)





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