

Austin Federal Stimulus Update

April 30, 2009



Stimulus Objectives

- Secure ARRA funding to invest in Austin's people, services & infrastructure
- Leverage existing programs and regional partnerships
- Public involvement processes that draw on the expertise and advice of the Austin community
- Deliver on implementing any stimulus funding with full transparency and achievement of stated goals



Outline

- Overview of ARRA
- City's Stimulus Program Areas
- Outreach & Communication



ARRA Summary

- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
 - \$787 billion program February 17th, 2009
 - Over 200 spending programs
 - both existing and new programs
 - Funding available in various forms:
 - Formula Allocations
 - Competitive Grants
 - Directly from Federal Government
 - Pass-thru from State
 - Many different timelines, structures, and guidelines
 - Very fluid, often undefined
 - Not one single City stimulus program, various components
 - High level of transparency and accountability



City's Stimulus Program Areas

- 26 Different Programs across 10 Federal Agencies have or could provide *direct* funding opportunities for the City of Austin
 - Infrastructure
 - Energy
 - Public Safety
 - Community Services
- City of Austin has received \$13.9 million in formula awarded ARRA funds
- City of Austin has applied for \$34.2 million in ARRA competitive grants



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Infrastructure

Department of Agriculture (1 program)

- AWU has identified preserve land management projects that could access funds
- No guidelines / timelines
- Highly competitive

Bureau of Reclamation (1 program)

- AWU has identified 3 programs that could be eligible -
 - low income efficiency leak program, direct-install toilets, sub-surface leak detection
- May 19th grant deadline



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Infrastructure

Environmental Protection Agency (3 programs)

- AWU has 38 clean water and drinking water projects that may be eligible for TWDB no-interest loans or grants
 - TWDB determination will be in May & June
- Brownfields program
 - 2 prior grant applications could access funding

Department of Transportation (4 programs)

- Aviation may receive up to \$9 million from FAA to help fund the Remain Overnight Apron project
- Awaiting CAMPO allocation of its share of State's \$2.3 billion in transportation funding
 - City submitted 6 projects in January, expect \$8-\$10 million
- \$1.5 billion Competitive grant program for transportation
- May be able access \$8 billion Rail program for infrastructure at TODs



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Energy

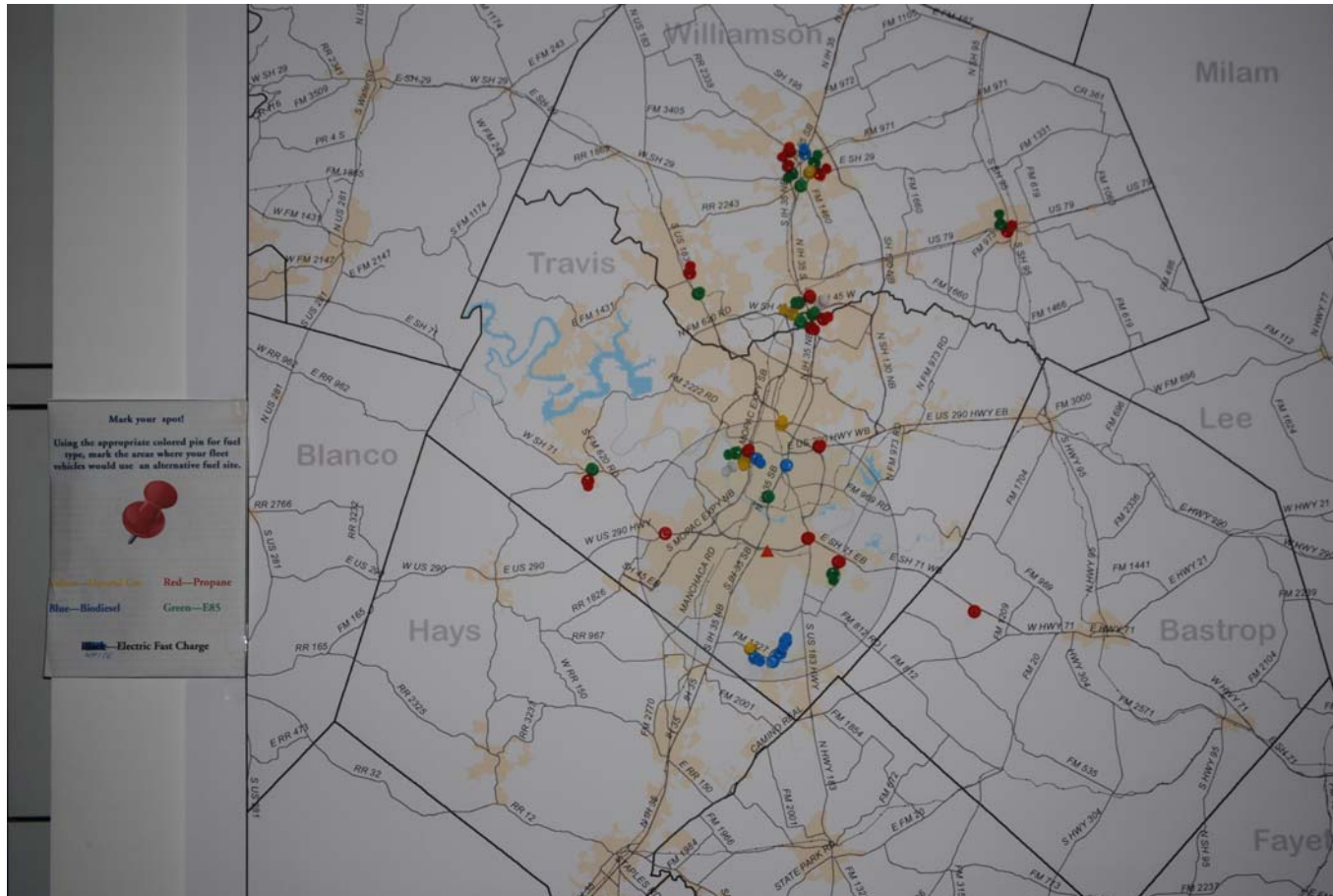
Department of Energy (6 programs) & EPA (1 program)

- City has received \$7.5 million in EECBG funds
 - allocate to City facility energy improvements
- \$400 million competitive EECGB program
 - will look to enhance existing energy efficiency programs for AE customers
 - no guidelines / timelines
- \$4.5 billion in Smart Grid
- \$5 billion in Weatherization
 - awaiting State guidelines / timelines
- \$600 million for Diesel Reduction & Alternative Fuel
 - applied for \$11.8 million EPA grant for vehicles
 - DOE Grant (infrastructure & vehicles) deadline is May 29th
 - Public forum has already occurred to discuss new infrastructure and collaborations on alternative fuels
 - Governmental & Private Entities
 - still assessing options



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Input from April 24th Forum on Alternative Fuel



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Public Safety

Department of Justice (4 programs)

- Applied for 50 new police officers as part of COPS program
- Use \$1.4 million Byrne Justice Assistance Grants for COPS one-time costs
- Applied for \$1.6 million in Southern Border Narcotics grants
- Applied for \$7.0 million in grants for communications, violent crime, forensics
- Applied for \$0.8 million to enhance Austin Recovery Program
 - funding for additional housing allowances for clients who complete treatment, and case workers

Department of Homeland Security (1 program)

- Fire station Women's Locker Rooms could be eligible for \$225 million program
 - no guidelines / timelines
 - highly competitive



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Community Services

Department of Agriculture (1 program)

- \$500 million in WIC grants will be made available, pass thru from State
 - no guidelines / timelines

Department of Health & Human Services (1 program)

- \$1 billion will be available for immunizations / disease prevention
 - no guidelines / timelines

Department of Housing & Urban Development (2 programs)

- City has received \$3.0 million for HPRP
- City has received \$2.0 million for CDBG
 - public process to program these funds is on-going
 - May 14th Council action

National Endowment for the Arts (1 program)

- City has applied for a \$250,000 grant



Outreach & Coordination

- Public Processes already underway ...
 - Allocation of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid-Re Housing Program funds
 - Allocation of CDBG Program funds
 - Alternative Fuel opportunities
- Coordination
 - Intergovernmental Executive Stimulus Team
 - key focus on transportation coordination & aligning infrastructure/energy projects with workforce development
 - will create staff level working groups on specific areas such as energy
 - will provide reports to Joint Subcommittee
- Stakeholder Stimulus Information Meeting week of May 18th
 - Focus on social service providers / workforce development



Next Steps

- Continued assessment of programs
- Monitoring of grant opportunities
- Working on grant applications
- Working with federal lobby team and delegation
- May Stimulus Information Forum
- Continued updates to City Council

More information, including detail lists of programs & projects available at:

www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus

