

Presentations by Partners

- City of Austin
- Travis County
- Austin Independent School District
- Austin Community College District
- Healthcare District
- Capital Metro
- Workforce Solutions

May 20, 2009



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 & Bureau of Reclamation (2 programs)

- preserve land management projects that could access funds
- low income efficiency leak program, direct-install toilets, sub-surface leak detection

EPA

- AWU has 38 clean water and drinking water projects that may be eligible for TWDB no-interest loans or grants

Department of Transportation (4 programs)

- 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



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
- \$4.5 billion in Smart Grid
- \$5 billion in Weatherization
- \$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

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



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Community Services

Department of Agriculture (1 program)

- \$500 million in WIC grants will be made available, pass thru from State

Department of Health & Human Services (1 program)

- \$1 billion will be available for immunizations / disease prevention

Department of Housing & Urban Development (2 programs)

- City has received \$3.0 million for HPRP
- City has received \$2.0 million for CDBG

National Endowment for the Arts (1 program)

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





ARRA Funding Opportunities

- Health and Human Services
 - Energy Efficiency and Conservation
 - Justice and Public Safety
 - Transportation



Health and Human Services

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): **\$226,300**
 - In local comment period, 5/22/09
- HOME program for qualified developers of low-income housing stock
 - Application in process by Travis County Housing Finance Corporation
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program: **\$57,934**



Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- Weatherization: **\$3,532,030**
 - Contract expected July, 2009
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants (EECBG):
\$2,207,900
 - Received 4/1/09



Justice & Public Safety

- COPS: **\$2,273,688**
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
 - Adult Probation **\$373,517**
 - Juvenile Probation **\$537,459**
 - Juvenile Probation **\$194,794**
- Byrne JAG (through CAPCOG)
 - Application in development



Transportation

- **Highway Improvement Projects – Through TXDoT**
 - US 290-US 183 Interchange: **\$90,000,000**
 - FM 3177-Decker Lane: **\$3,000,000**
 - FM 812: **\$2,141,021**
 - MoPac (Gaines Creek to Convict Hill Rd): **\$1,971,024**
 - State Highway 71: **\$1,013,000**
 - SH 71 Hamilton Pool Rd Intersection: **\$800,000**
 - US 290 Oak Hill Y to Camp Ben McCulloch: **\$512,000**



More information:

- Travis County website, www.travis.co.tx.us
 - Commissioners Court meetings
- Travis County Intergovernmental Relations
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Advancing Effective Reforms



- College and career-ready standards and high quality, valid and reliable assessments for all students including ELLs and students with disabilities.
- Pre-K to higher education data systems that meet the 10 principles in the America Competes Act.
- Teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers.
- Intensive support and effective interventions for lowest-performing schools.

Planning Assumptions



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- Use two-years of stimulus funding as **leverage for sustainable long-term change**.
 - **Implement well-designed research-based systems** that maximize resources.
 - Increase **fidelity of implementation** through alignment and integration with existing initiatives.
 - Use a **project management approach** to set and meet clear benchmarks and timelines.

AISD ARRA Funding



Title I

- Allocation of \$20.6 million to AISD to obligate between July 1, 2009 and September 30, 2011.
- All Title I requirements apply.

IDEA

- An additional \$17.3 million is now available from TEA for IDEA Part B until September 30, 2011.
- All IDEA requirements apply.

Competitive Grants: Investing in Innovation



In late 2009 or early 2010, the US Department of Education will award \$5 billion competitively to states and districts for advancing reforms.

- \$4.35 billion to states making the most progress towards priorities for Stabilization funding– “Race to the Top” funds.
- \$650 million to districts and non-profits that have made significant gains in closing achievement gaps to be models of best practice – “Investing in What Works and Innovation”

Spending Priorities: Title I ARRA Funds



Based on board, community and staff input:

- K-12 Literacy
 - Literacy Coaches
 - Response to Intervention
 - Assistive Technology
- English Language Learners
 - Expand International High School
 - Middle School English Language Learners Academies
 - Elementary School Dual Language Program
- Dropout Recovery
 - Alternative Academic Programs
 - Strengthened Partnerships
- Pearce/Reagan Realignment

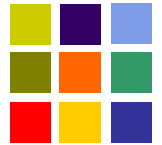
IDEA ARRA Funds

- Disproportionality
- College and Career Readiness
- Access to General Curriculum
- Student Management

Next Steps



- Develop detailed plan and budget for each proposal using ideas from multiple sources.
- Prioritize within the larger AISD budget priorities/process.
- Develop and implement a management plan to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Work with community partners to prepare for possible competitive grant opportunities
- Use bank of proposals as grant and other funding opportunities arise.

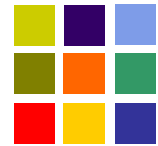


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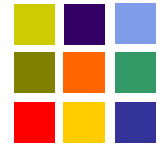
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**Austin Community College District
And ARRA Response**

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY/GREEN INDUSTRY GROWTH TRENDS



- **Every sector of the renewable energy economy is growing quickly at the national level, including biofuels, wind, solar, battery, etc.**
- **For Austin:**
 - **solar photovoltaics manufacturing, energy services companies, more next-generation, high-tech hardware manufacturing, smart-grid, etc.**
 - **solar installation, utilities, green building, retrofitting, etc.**

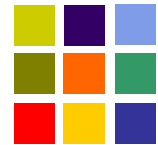


GREEN ECONOMY REGIONAL INITIATIVE

- On March 30, 2009, ACC hosted a Green Economy Forum
 - key business,
 - education,
 - economic development, and
 - political leaders from the region
 - A key outcome of the Forum is to ensure a well-integrated regional education and training infrastructure for the evolving green economy.
 - This would include sharing of existing curricula, faculty development resources, etc. among the regional higher education institutions.

- A Memorandum of Understanding in which the higher education institutions agree to participate in this coordinated regional approach

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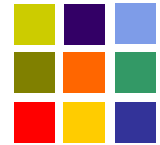


- All colleges in attendance at the Forum have verbally committed to signing the MOU, and we anticipate adding most, if not all, of the other regional institutions of higher education to the agreement.

The Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities (TFIC) will facilitate this sharing of curriculum through their TWC Funded *Clean Energy Park*.

- TFIC will provide regional subject matter experts to assist in developing the curricula to ensure better articulation and portability of credentials across the region.
- Signed MOU with TFIC is in place
- TFIC Board has added representatives from San Antonio

GREEN ECONOMY REGIONAL INITIATIVE



- ACC has created and staffed a Stimulus Response Office
 - to assist in analyzing the many pieces of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and to help us formulate appropriate proposals to attract stimulus funds.
 - Dr. Gene Binder
- We invite key stakeholders to participate with us in developing a regional ARRA proposal for the Green Economy.
- ACC has articulated to the governor's office and to the Texas Workforce Commission the overwhelmingly favorable participant response to creation of a state "Green Economy" cluster.



American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Local Impact

- TCHD and CommUnityCare have been notified of the award of \$966,315 in one-time funds
 - ✓ Have two years to implement plan for impacting increased demand for services
 - ✓ Increase number of providers
 - ✓ Increase existing services
- Workforce

District/CommUnityCare will have recruitment opportunities through this initiative



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Local Impact

- Additional opportunity for CommUnityCare (or District) to seek funds from \$1.5 Billion for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and Health Information Technology (HIT)
 - \$875 million of the \$1.5 billion is currently available
 - Application due June 2, 2009
 - Formula-based funding
 - TCHD and CommUnityCare eligible for \$1.9 million

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Local Impact

- Prevention and Wellness
 - As a provider, CommUnityCare will have access to free vaccines that will be made available to local communities through this program.
- Future opportunities
 - o Competitive grants for Capital Improvement Projects and Health Information Technology (remainder of \$1.5B from previous slide)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Information

- **Federal level**
 - www.recovery.gov
 - www.hhs.gov/recovery
 - www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html
- **State**
 - www.txstimulusfund.com
 - www.window.state.tx.us/recovery/
- **Other**
 - www.nachc.com/access-for-america.cfm
 - www.cppp.org

Proposed Stimulus Spending

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MetroMission

We provide quality public transportation
choices for our community that meet
the needs of our growing region.

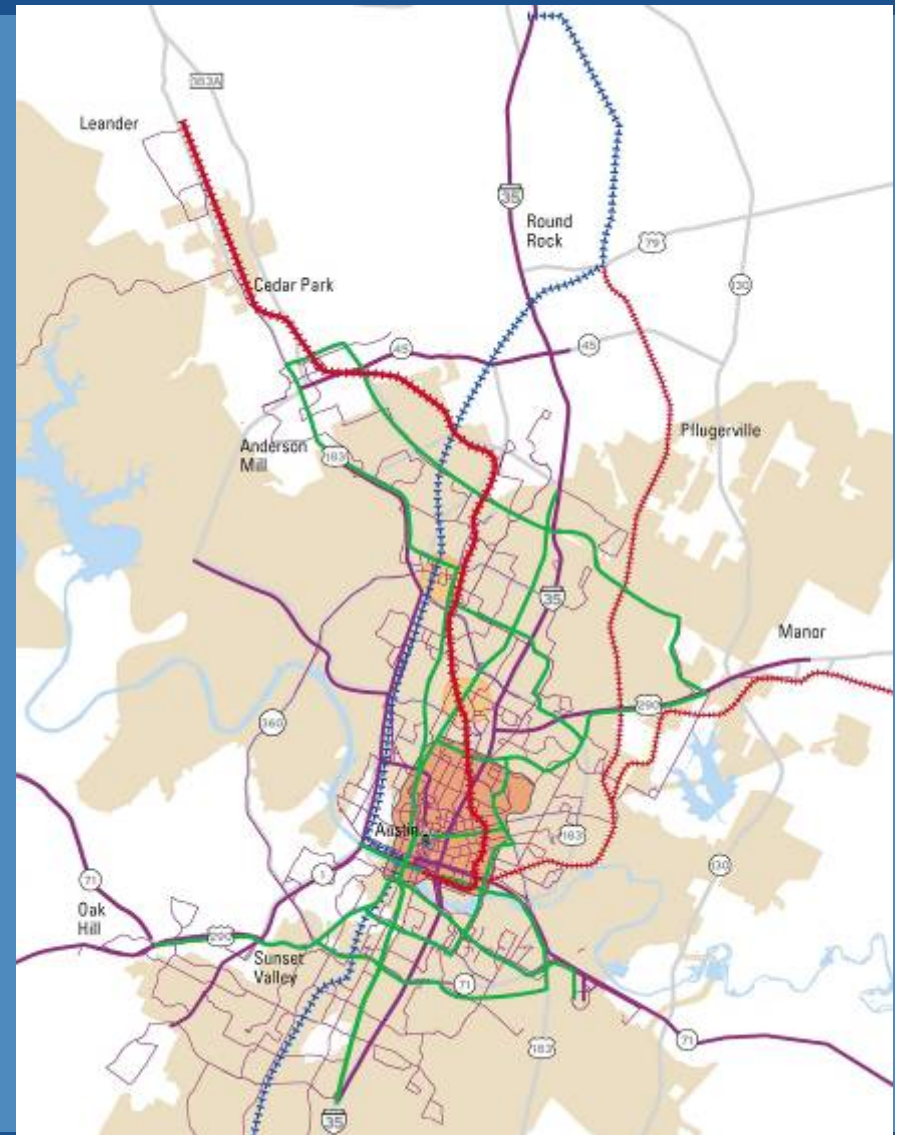
Today's Transit Choices

- 500 square-mile service area
 - Austin & 7 surrounding communities
 - 738,000 area population
- MetroBus
 - 134 routes including local, express & “Dillo”
 - 3,000+ stops
 - 12 Park and Rides
- MetroRideShare
 - Van & Car Pools
- MetroAccess
 - Demand response, door-to-door
- Short-Haul Freight Rail Service:
 - 162 miles



Tomorrow's Choices: All Systems Go! 20 Year Transit Plan

- Local Bus Service
- Express Bus
- Rapid Bus
- Commuter Rail
 - Urban Service
 - Regional Service
- Circulator Service



Apportioned Stimulus Funding

- \$26.1 Million apportioned by FTA

- Proposed Projects:

– Bus Fleet Replacement	\$ 16 .0 Million
– Paratransit	\$ 2.6 Million
– MetroRail Enhancements	\$ 5.6 Million
– Rails with Trails	\$ 1.9 Million

Rails with Trails





ARRA Funding

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- Dislocated Workers \$1,242,060
- Adults (Disadvantaged) \$893,010
- Youth (Disadvantaged) \$2,213,498

Where Are the Funds Going?

- Dislocated Worker and Adult funds will flow through the Board's Career Center contractor (Arbor E&T) – most funds to be used for training and supportive services with small amount for operational costs.
- Youth funds will flow through Board's Youth Services Contractor (Youth Partnership with Goodwill, LifeWorks, Communities In Schools, and American Youthworks) – primarily supporting a summer work experience program.

Training Providers and Job Seekers – How Do They Connect?

- Training programs must be related to the Board's targeted occupation list.
- Providers must apply through the Eligible Training Provider System to be certified.
- Training referrals are made on an individual referral basis with customers selecting from certified providers/programs.
- Funds follow individual customers and are used to pay for tuition, books, and fees. Funds are not available to providers for start-up costs (e.g. equipment or facilities).

How Can Community Partners Connect Their Clients to Workforce Services?

Adults and dislocated workers should be referred to the Board's website and a Career Center for a WIA orientation:

North Center: 6505 Airport Blvd, Thurs @ 10:30

East Center: 3401 Webberville Rd, Fri @ 10:00

South Center: 4175 Freidrich Ln, Tues @ 10:00

What Services are Available?

Services include:

- Eligibility determination
- Assessment (interests, skills & abilities, education, values/fit)
- Employability planning
- Job seeking and keeping workshops & seminars
- Job placement assistance
- Career counseling & case management
- Supportive services
- Financial assistance with training

How Can Community Partners Connect Their Clients to Workforce Services?

For youth (ages 14-24) referrals should be directed through Goodwill. Services include:

- Eligibility determination
- Work readiness training
- Summer employment (full and part-time work with private and public employers) – wages paid by program.

Contacts

Career Centers – visit www.wfscapitalarea.com for center locations, hours, and events calendars.

6505 Airport Road, (512) 454-9675

4175 Friedrich Lane, (512) 381-4200

3401 Webberville Rd, (ACC Eastview Campus)

(512)223-5400

Youth (Goodwill) – call for information

Partners interested in serving as a worksite –

(512) 637-7181

Partners interested in referring youth for services –

(512)637-7139



Helpful Links

Recovery.gov

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

State Comptroller's ARRA site

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/recovery/>

Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov/>

Community Action Network

<http://www.caction.org/stimulus.htm>





Networking

- **Inter-Governmental Stimulus Working Groups**
 - Energy
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Public Safety & Law Enforcement
 - Technology
 - Education
 - Youth & Family
 - Housing
 - Workforce Development
 - Health

