



TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: July 2011 City of Austin ARRA Status Report

The status updates on each ARRA grant have been updated on the City's stimulus website www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus (link is on City's homepage) under the projects tab (<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/stimulus/projects.htm>). In addition, the *Federal Stimulus Tracking List* has also been updated and includes expenditure and encumbrance information, as well as grant start/end dates and job creation estimates. This tracking log can be found here: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/stimulus/downloads/arra%20status%20report%2072011.xls>. Overall, \$65.2 million, or 76% of the total funds awarded have been either expended or encumbered through 7/19/11. While some of the grant periods end during 2011, others extend into 2013.

Noteworthy items since the last ARRA update include the following:

- As of the end of June, Austin Energy's (AE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reported 973 total units completed to TDHCA. For the month of June, AE completed 81 units, exceeding our goal of 80 units for the month of June. They have also expended 63% percent of the funds through June 30, 2011.
- A final walk-through was conducted on May 5, 2011 for the compost pad section of Austin Water Utility's Hornsby Bend Plant Upgrades, funded by the EPA's Clean Water program via the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Project engineers have certified final completion of the project, and TWDB conducted the final inspection on May 17, 2011. Work continues on the Digester portion of the plant upgrade.
- The City has completed 19 of the 20 intersection signal installations or upgrades planned through the \$2.4 million Traffic Signals project funded by the Federal Aids Highways grant. Since costs were substantially less than budgeted, Austin Transportation Department submitted a request to TXDOT to add an additional 5 intersections to the project. Approval is pending.
- Construction on 12 new homes in the Frontier at Montana subdivision, as part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, has been completed and a ribbon-cutting celebration was held on July 15, 2011.
- A ground breaking event was held on June 17, 2011 for the African-American Cultural & Heritage Facility, which is partially funded by Community Development Block Grant stimulus funds, and was attended by over 150 people. Project completion is scheduled for July 2012.
- On May 2, 2011 a press event was held at Zilker Park celebrating PARD's purchase of 10 propane and 2 biodiesel powered commercial mowers as part of AE's Propane Vehicles and Infrastructure grant.

There are also several stimulus-related items on upcoming Council agendas:

- On July 28th, Council will be asked to authorize the acceptance of \$363,250 in ARRA grant funds for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system at the City of Austin's George Washington Carver Museum and Library.
- Also on the July 28th agenda is the authorization to award a \$1.0M marketing services contract with Tuerff-Davis Enviromedia, Inc. The contract, funded through the BetterBuildings grant, will address the grant's requirement for an aggressive outreach campaign to engage property owners. The vendor will do so by developing and delivering clear and compelling information about the benefits of energy upgrades and by providing coordinated information about tax credits and rebates.
- In late August, Fleet will be bringing forward a contract to install charging stations for the recently converted Prius hybrid electric vehicles to plug-in electric, as part of Department of Energy's Emission Reduction program.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

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