



September 2, 2021

Questions and Answers Report



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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Item #8: Authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with Del Valle Independent School District to expand access to Dual Language Pre-K4 programs for Austin/Travis County families residing within the District's school boundary who do not meet state eligibility requirements for state publicly funded Pre-K, for a 36-month term through September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

- 1) *How many students do not meet the state eligibility requirements for state publicly funded Pre-K? What factors make them ineligible?*

DVISD is still enrolling students for the school year. Thus, City staff does not yet have information on the number of students who do not meet state eligibility requirements. City staff will receive this information from DVISD as part of the reporting requirements in the ILA, and staff will provide an update to Mayor and Council via a future memorandum.

Students are eligible for state funding if they meet the following requirements:

- Be educationally/economically disadvantaged (eligible for free/reduced lunch program); or
- Be unable to speak and/or comprehend the English language (an oral exam will need to be scheduled); or
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302; or
- Be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or
- Be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or,
- Currently or ever have been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Children of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as:
 - o a peace officer under Section 3106.002, Government Code;
 - o a firefighter under Section 3106.003, Government Code;
 - o an emergency medical first responder under Section 3106.004, Government Code.

Students are ineligible if they do not meet the above criteria. The ILA is structured to ensure that all children who are eligible for state funding are covered by that funding source. Staff does not want to supplant that funding source.

Item #9: Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to provide training and coaching for cooperatively-owned businesses, for a two-year agreement in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

- 1) *Has there been a fiscal analysis of the tax benefits/impacts of cooperatively-owned businesses in Austin on our local economy?*

There are no recent (last report from 2016) fiscal or economic impact studies for cooperatives that are specific to Austin, but the proposed agreement with U.T. Rio Grande Valley on the September 2, 2021 council meeting (item 9) includes a census of Austin-based cooperative that would gather baseline information.

The census will gather information about jobs created/supported by local cooperatives, as well as payroll data, revenue generated, and sales tax and property taxes paid. The census will also gather information on the impact of cooperative housing on affordability.

Prior local studies:

2016 *"Beyond Business As Usual – Putting cooperation to work in Austin, Texas"* which outlines fundamentals of cooperative structures, economic impact and existing challenges to growth.

<https://community-wealth.org/content/beyond-business-usual-putting-cooperation-work-austin-tx>

April 20, 2016 report *"Supporting Cooperatively Owned Businesses"* commission by the Economic Development Department in response to Council Resolution 20140612-072.

https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/FINAL_REPORT--SupportingCooperativelyOwnedBusinesses_04_20_2016.pdf

National Studies:

2020 *"ABC's of Worker Co-op Impact"* published by the Urban Institute and National Cooperative Business Association. Outlines the national economic impact of cooperative structures by industry sector. Includes quick read info graphics.

<https://ncbaclusa.coop/content/uploads/2020/09/Worker-bifold-final.pdf>

- 2) *What is the estimated cost to execute the proposed census?*

\$10,000.00 of the \$150,000.00 two-year agreement has been allocated for an Austin Cooperative Census in 2022 to explore, measure, and document the current economic and social impacts of the cooperative sector and well as its potential for growth.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES’S OFFICE

- 1) *How many cooperatively-owned businesses have received assistance and training or services by UT RGV and its partners thus far?*

From February 2021 to August 30, 2021 the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has served 92 unique (unduplicated) clients under the cooperative contract. “Duplicated clients” are individuals who have taken more than one cooperative class or have received a combination of a class and coaching.

Client satisfaction scores are near 100%, and coaching session maintain a strong retention rate averaging nearly 3 sessions per client. It should be noted that August 2021 reporting is due the beginning of September 2021 and not included in the figures above.

Class Attendance	84
Coaching Clients	22 (61 coaching sessions)
Less: Duplicated Clients	(14)
Total Unique (Unduplicated) UT Rio Grande Valley Cooperative Clients	92

Item #10: Ratify a contract amendment with the Better Business Bureau to provide additional grants to arts & culture non-profit organizations in the amount of \$2,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$34,098,025.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER’S OFFICE

- 1) *Please provide a timeline for when the remainder of the funds included in the FY22 budget and recommended by the Arts Commission will be authorized.*

EDD’s third-party administrator will distribute the Austin Arts & Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant funds Council included in the FY22 budget to 50 organizations in October 2022.

This coincides with the start of the fiscal year. The Arts Commission approved [Recommendation 20210816.5.b.i-ii](#) on August 16, 2021 to recommend an additional \$920,000 to fund the remaining 41 eligible Arts & Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant applicants. The award of these funds is contingent on Council’s approval of the Arts Commission’s budget recommendations.

- 2) *Please also confirm how many organizations have received the additional relief grant funding to date.*

The 100 highest scoring organizations received Austin Arts & Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant funds. The next 50 highest scoring applicants will receive funds in October 2022. Funds for remaining applicants is contingent upon Council approval.

Item #13: Authorize negotiation and execution of a creative content incentive agreement with Eye Productions Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$213,910.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

- 1) The RCA for this item states that there is no fiscal impact for the agreement. What is the source of the \$213,910 described in this item?

All Chapter 380 transactions, including those under the Creative Content Incentive Program, are revenue generating and performance-based in nature. Proposed incentive levels are based on revenues generated by each production (based on TXP, Inc. analysis):

- Every \$1 of local wages generates \$0.0075 in City revenue
- Every \$1 of local wages generates \$0.34 in induced spending on wages, which generates an additional \$0.00255 in City revenue

Eye Productions Inc. anticipates spending \$25,928,515 on local wages over the term of the agreement. Staff estimates the City will realize \$260,581.58 in direct and indirect revenue, a portion of which (\$213,910) will be reimbursed to Eye Productions Inc. for its commitment to the City and the Creative Content Incentive Program.

Funding will come from dollars currently allocated to Economic Incentives Reserve Fund.

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COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

- 1) *What are other artistic productions have received funding/incentives?*

The Creative Content Incentive Program has funded the following productions:

Project	Project Description
Eye Productions, Inc.	Television Production
Space Age 1969, LLC	Feature Film
ABC Studios	Television Production
Certain Affinity	Digital Media Production
ABC Studios	Television Production

More information can be found on the EDD Creative Content Incentive Program [data portal](#).

2) *What is the history of the program and what is the program criteria guidelines?*

The Creative Content Incentive Program offers incentives to qualifying film, television, video game, and visual effects projects equal to 0.50% of wages paid to local workers. Projects produced by an Austin-based company or which significantly promote Austin may be eligible for an additional 0.25% incentive for a total incentive of 0.75%. The CCIP Guidelines can be found [here](#). The program was created in 2014, and City Council approved it via [Ordinance No. 20140515-008](#).

3) *What is the but for requirement for this project?*

Per a statement by the company:

“Eye Productions Inc. explored several locations to produce its current series, WALKER, including both Austin and Dallas, Texas, New Mexico, and Georgia.

The incentives from both the State of Texas and the City of Austin enabled Eye Productions to produce the first season of this series in Austin, Texas, and they allow us to continue to produce the second season in Austin, Texas. If not for the incentives from both the State of Texas and the City of Austin, Eye Productions would have produced this series in another location where Eye Productions would receive the benefit of production incentives.”

4) *What wages are the jobs and are there union wages?*

The program guidelines require Film & television projects, reality television, and commercials pay at least union wages to all workers and ensure all workers are provided benefits equivalent to union benefits. Video game and visual effects projects must pay all workers at least \$11/hour, provide health insurance benefits, and extend benefits to same-sex partners and their dependents. EDD monitors the incentive agreement and receives the wage total at the end of the agreement.

As a television project, Eye Productions Inc. confirms paying at minimum union wages to all workers and ensures all workers are provided benefits equivalent to union benefits.

5) *How is the local spend and economic impact to the City calculated?*

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- 6) *How is “local spend” measured? The RCA refers to the 5-county MSA; does “local spend” refer to that geographic spread? What is the estimated spend and local employment within the City of Austin?*

“Local spend” refers to the production company’s estimated total wages that will be paid to Austin MSA residents (Travis, Hays, Williamson, Bastrop, and Caldwell Counties) during the project. The direct and indirect revenue anticipated to generate for the City of Austin is \$260,581.58.

- 7) *During the budget process, I asked staff whether all of the proposed funding within the Economic Incentives Reserve Fund was allocated to Chapter 380 agreements that had already met requirements for those dollars. Staff’s response was “yes.” Please explain.*

Correct. Please see the breakdown below in alignment with EDD’s budget response.

- 8) *Please provide a specific breakdown for all of the funding within the Economic Incentives Reserve Fund.*

	2021-22
	Proposed
<u>Incentive Payments</u>	
Samsung AV tax	4,233,089
Domain sales tax	1,323,907
Domain AV tax	618,506
Apple AV tax	2,697,604
HID Global	154,177
Visa	121,750
Film Incentives Program	150,000

Business Cooperatives	75,000
Mueller debt services	988,075
Third Party Compliance Monitoring	165,000
Austin Economic Development Corporation	93,721
(Funds a portion of \$700k contract)	
Total Obligated	10,620,828
(from fund balance)	
Austin Economic Development Corporation (balance)	606,279
Total Obligated	11,227,107
Strategic Investment program admin	
and contingency	71,378
Manufacturing Upgrade Loan Program	100,000
Capacity Building	100,000
Location Enhancement Program	100,000
Workforce Development	150,000
Investment programs	521,378
Total Requirements	\$11,748,485

- 9) *Why are wage requirements set for some projects applying for these incentives at \$11 when City of Austin approved policies now mandate higher wages?*

While the Creative Content Incentive Program Guidelines stipulate \$11/hour for minimum wages for video game and visual effects projects, EDD requires City of Austin's current living wage rate in its incentive agreements.

10) The draft guidelines for this program refer to an upcoming 2014 budget. When were the program criteria last revised?

The Creative Content Incentive Program Guidelines were last revised and adopted in 2014. EDD is in the process of analyzing the criteria and will make programmatic revisions for Council's review in the future.

11) Please provide the application for Eye Productions Inc. as back up. Please also provide any final report and staff assessment related to Eye Productions' 2020 incentive.

Due to potential company proprietary information in the application and assessment, staff is seeking advice from the Law Department on the appropriate manner to share this information with Council.

12) What are the total state incentives that Eye Productions Inc. has received for this phase of filming?

The Texas Film Commission (TFC) is currently reviewing Eye Productions Inc.'s application. Due to the high volume of applications for consideration, the TFC is unable to provide an estimated incentive at this time.

Item #14: Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year service agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to manage and operate various housing programs on the City of Austin's behalf during Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$107,989,134.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1) Please provide a copy of the AHFC operating budget.

Please find the attached updated AHFC Operating Budget for FY2021-2022. This includes the \$2.25 million additional funds (Casar 3). This is in reference to Agenda Item #14 (AHFC Service Agreement) and AHFC Items #7 (AHFC Service Agreement) and #9 (AHFC Operating Budget Amendment).

Item #16: Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Building Promise USA to provide re-entry services for formerly incarcerated individuals, for an initial 12-month term with two 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$600,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1) What scoring matrix was used in the evaluation of the seven organizations who applied?

The scoring matrix is attached, as it was provided to applicants and evaluators.

2) Has the City previously worked with Building Promise USA?

Yes, they have previously received funding through the Equity Mini-Grant Fund as both a standalone organization in the 2020 funding window, and in their role on the Executive Committee of the Austin-Travis County Re-Entry Roundtable in the 2019 funding window, and in addition this organization has been heavily involved in the work of the Travis County Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

Item #18: Approve a restrictive covenant providing access to a parcel located at 10300 S IH 35 Service Road southbound within the Lenox Springs Section Two Subdivision and recorded as Document No. 2016130740 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1) Is there a specific reason why this item is coming forward now?

Item #18 (which had incorrect posting language) has been withdrawn and replaced by item #72. There is no specific reason why this item is coming forward now other than the property owners have requested the City's cooperation in getting the restrictive covenant released. Council's consideration of this item is not dependent upon, or driven by, any particular timeframe.

Item #19: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to an agreement with Young Women's Christian Association to provide mental health services for the Asian and Pacific Islander and LatinX communities, to add funding to the 12-month term of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 and one 12-month extension option each in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$300,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1) Is there further detail available about what kind of mental health services will be provided?

The YWCA Asian and Pacific Islander and LatinX mental health services focuses on prevention and healing to alleviate and deter symptoms/behaviors which lead to a mental health crisis. The programs will provide counseling services to respective communities through individual, couple, and family therapy. The programs will also increase, respective populations, access to mental health services through community engagement and outreach, language access, onsite and tele-mental health services, and if in-person, provide services at community-based/partner locations.

Item #20: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an agreement with Foundation for the Homeless to provide shelter and rapid rehousing services for families with children experiencing homelessness, to add one 12-month extension option, in an amount not to exceed \$264,519, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,832,927.

COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES'S OFFICE

1) How many families with children have been rehoused as a result of the previous agreements?

The Family Rehousing Initiative program is a shelter and rapid rehousing program for families with children experiencing homelessness. A total of 156 households have been

reported rehoused from the beginning of this agreement on September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KITCHEN'S OFFICE

- 1) *It appears there was no Cost Of Living Adjustment, nor has there been since FY 2017-17. Understanding that a history of that may not be available and there could be multiple reasons in any given year, can you or someone on the team give an explanation why that wasn't done this year?*

The previous cost of living increases in FY16, FY17 and FY18 were possible because Austin Public Health was given direction and sufficient funding by Council through the budget adoption process.

Item #24: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 12 to an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the Best Single Source Plus program to extend the current term for an additional 12-month period in an amount not to exceed \$3,702,268, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$25,821,126.

COUNCIL MEMBER POOL'S OFFICE

- 1) *What is Best Single Source Plus, and what is its relationship to the organizations it includes?*
Best Single Source Plus (BSS Plus) is a collaborative group of 12 agencies that offer 12-points of access to housing stability services, rapid rehousing, basic needs services, as well as physical and mental health services. Caritas is the lead agent and deals with the contracting process with the City, handles all daily communications with the partner agencies, and monitors the budget and performance progress for each. Caritas also handles the HMIS data quality reports as well as conducting on-sites and maintains the BSS Plus website. Each of the 12 non-profit service providers serve a unique target population to ensure that the program is wide-spread and reaches diverse populations.
- 2) *How will the funding in [Item 24](#) be used – by Best Single Source Plus, and by the organizations?*
The funds will be divided between Caritas and the other sub-grantees in order to provide for homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, comprehensive case-management services, and landlord outreach services to help create a pool of safe and affordable housing. The program also funds housing supports which include food, furniture, basic household necessities, and transportation as needed. The physical and mental health services that are funded are through those sub-grantee agencies that specialize with clients in need of those services, such as Vivent (AIDS services of Austin).

Item #31: Authorize award of two contracts with Austin Arborist Company, d/b/a Austin Tree Experts and Xeriscapes by Austin LLC d/b/a XBA, to provide tree planting services, each for a term of five years in

an amount not to exceed \$675,000, divided between the contractors. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

- 1) *I see that this is a new contract. Has the City utilized Austin Tree Experts and Xeriscapes for any previous efforts?*

Austin Energy has not utilized either of these contractors for previous efforts. Austin Tree Experts has provided tree and brush maintenance services for other departments with the City.

- 2) *Have specific locations been identified for planting? If so, where?*

The Contractor(s) shall replace and/or plant trees on an as needed basis. Locations have not yet been identified. Plantings will typically be grouped by a worked circuit/neighborhood area and one or more trees will be planted at a location.

Item #32: Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Enertech Resources LLC, to provide manufacturing of replacement parts and restoration services for moonlight towers, for an increase in the amount of \$1,900,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,827,280. (Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. Current participation to date is 8.04% MBE and 0.30% WBE).

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

- 1) *How many moonlight towers remain in Austin?*

A total of 17 moonlight towers remain in Austin. Below is a recap of the locations:

- Tower No. 1 – Eastside and Leland
- Tower No. 2 – South 1st and West Monroe
- Tower No. 3 – 3rd and Trinity (Currently in Storage)
- Tower No. 4 – Guadalupe and West 9th
- Tower No. 5 – 12th and Blanco
- Tower No. 6 – West 12th and Rio Grande
- Tower No. 7 – West 15th and San Antonio
- Tower No. 8 – 22nd and Nueces
- Tower No. 9 – West 41st and Speedway
- Tower No. 10 – Zilker Park (Christmas Tree)
- Tower No. 11 – Martin Luther King and Chicon
- Tower No. 12 – East 13th and Coletto
- Tower No. 13 – Leona and Pennsylvania
- Tower No. 14 – East 11th and Trinity
- Tower No. 15 – East 11th and Lydia
- Tower No. 16 – West 4th and Nueces (Currently in Storage)
- Tower No. 17 – Canterbury and Lynn

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COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

- 1) *Previously the Texas Historical Commission denied the City's permit for the restoration based on Austin Energy and Enertech having initially proposed using round or square tube steel (commercially available parts) to replace star posts that have failed as a more cost-effective solution. What is the status of the permit and the parts being used for the restoration?*

The permit allowing manufactured parts has been approved. The replacement parts are manufactured star posts that more closely match the original parts and were approved by the Texas Historical Commission and City of Austin Planning Commission. They are not round or square tubing. To see what the bar looks like, see below:



Item #39: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 12 (Traffic Regulations) to add a new Chapter 8 establishing routes and procedures for the transportation of non-radioactive hazardous materials, repealing City Code Section 12-1-28 (Transporting Hazardous Material), creating offenses and establishing a penalty.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

- 1) *If I read the map in the backup correctly, Item 39 has a section up north via SH45 that does run through District 6. However, the suggested action document only lists route designation cross throughs Council districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8. [Technical Analysis Report \(austintexas.gov\)](http://austintexas.gov/TechnicalAnalysisReport) Am I reading the map right?*

SH 45 has always been an assumed logical approach to the designated route, but in TXDOT's final review they requested that we included it in the route designation for signage purposes

(coming from Leander you would be required to take SH 45 to SH 130, per the Ordinance and signage).

I have requested this change be added as part of the changes and corrections and hope this information answers your question. The map and ordinances are both correct.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FUENTES’S OFFICE

- 1) *Please provide more detail as to why this specific route along the Eastern Crescent was selected for the transportation of hazardous materials.*

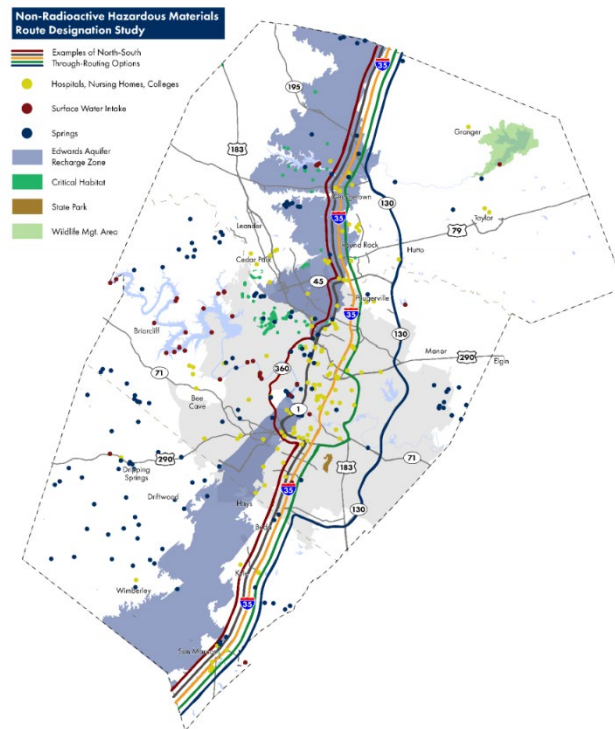
The Austin Transportation Department initiated a study to determine the recommended Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) route. The purpose of the study was to identify an NRHM route that will achieve the following goals without unduly burdening commerce:

- Minimize potential for vehicular incidents involving NRHM
- Minimize consequences to the community should an NRHM incident occur
- Maximize public safety in relation to NRHM transport

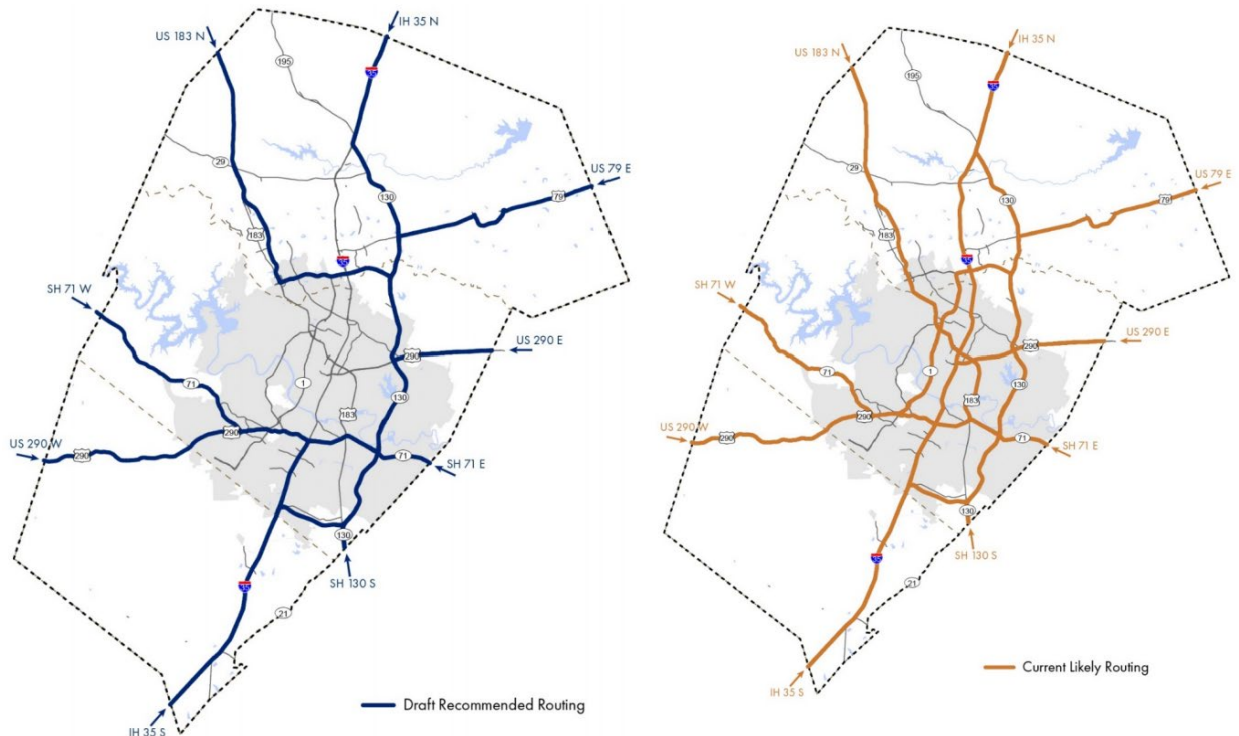
The project work plan followed the required NRHM route designation process established by the Texas Administrative Code (Title 43, Part 1, Ch. 25, Sub-Chapter F, Rule §25.103, “Hazardous Material Routing Designations; Routing Designations by Political Subdivisions.”). The technical routing analysis involved consideration of various factors, including population density, crash history, traffic, sensitive environments, proximity of special/vulnerable populations, environmental justice, emergency response capabilities, and physical roadway constraints. A Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) of various area experts was formed to advise on the study process and provide feedback on the results at various stages of the project. Public Engagement was conducted through a series of public meetings, small group workshops, and one-on-one meetings with community leaders.

Currently, NRHM can be transported on almost any roadway in Austin, including roadways through areas with high population densities and vulnerable environmental features that are at high risk if an NRHM release occurs. Many shipments use IH 35 during some or all their passage through the Study Area. Major auxiliary routes for through-routing also include SH 71 and US 290.

Figure 10: Comparison of Risk Analysis Results for Example Routes



The study team considered the routing that is likely being used now (representing the fastest options) and the team's proposed routing that represents the safest options. The study team summarized the cumulative risk factor, travel time, and length for major through-routes for both the routings. SH 130 was shown to have the lowest calculated risk factor and the current likely route presents at least 50 percent more risk to the public than the proposed routing. Based on the results of a follow up analysis, it was determined that diverting east-west traffic on SH 71 to SH 45 S created an undue burden on commerce as defined in the federal guidelines. Therefore, the recommended east-west through routing was revised to match the current likely routing along SH 71 / US 290 West.



	Incident Risk Factor	Travel Time (minutes)	Road Miles in Edwards Aquifer	Sensitive Environmental Features within 0.5 miles
IH 35	198	145	34	10
SH 130	34	148	12	7
Loop 1 / Mopac	121	154	55	22
US 183	209	158	34	10
Loop 360	170	163	54	18

Sources: TxDOT CRIS, 2015 CAMPO TDM, US Census Bureau, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

Additional factors were considered to make the final route recommendation, including potential exposure to Environmental Justice (EJ) populations, as defined by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO):

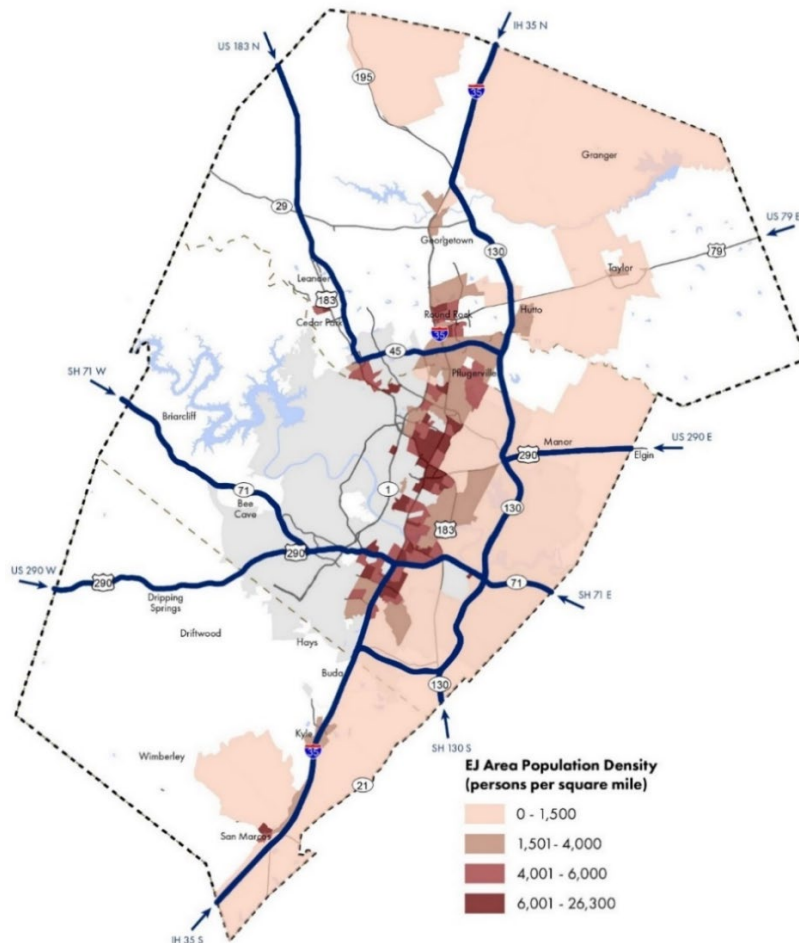
- Has at least 50% of the families in the area earning less than 80% of the county median family income, and/or;
- Has at least 25% of the population in the area earning below the poverty level; and/or
- Has less than 50% of the population in the area identifying themselves as White, non-Hispanic

The results of the analysis show that, in comparison to current likely routing (primarily along IH 35), the recommended routing would impact fewer people living in EJ areas in the event of a NRHM release caused by a vehicle crash. While the recommended routing

does not eliminate all risk to the EJ population areas completely, it does minimize potential impacts.

Analysis of Potential Impacts to Environmental Justice Areas for Major Through-Routes

Through-Route Description	EJ Area Population in Impact Zone	
	Draft Recommended Routing	Current Likely Routing
From IH-35 at Bell County Line to IH-35 at Comal County Line	193,261	396,924
From US 183 at Bell County Line to US 183 at Caldwell County Line	120,653	198,460
From US 290 E. at Travis County Line to US 290 W at Western Hays County Line	110,520	164,866



The study concluded that the recommended route potentially impacts fewer sensitive environmental features and less people in Environmental Justice areas and avoids

roadways with heavy congestion or high crash rates. The recommended routing also does not impose unnecessary delays to transportation or an unreasonable burden on commerce.

The full technical analysis and report can be found [here](#).

Item #40: Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the development and construction of roadway improvements to the part of FM 2304 (Menchaca Road) within the City's limits, from Ravenscroft Drive to FM 1626, in an amount not to exceed \$1,214,609.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY'S OFFICE

1) What is Travis County's financial responsibility in this project?

The following is the amount of funding provided by the City and Travis County:

City of Austin	\$1,214,608.57	46%
Travis County	<u>1,437,375.21</u>	54%
Total Cost of Overrun:	\$2,651,983.78	

Item #51: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20210811-002 to set the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Power Supply Adjustments, Community Benefit Charges, and Regulatory Charges for Austin Energy, and make corresponding amendments to the Austin Energy Fiscal Year 2021-22 operating budget in Ordinance No. 20210811-002 (Suggested date: Thursday, September 30, 2021, Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd St., Austin, Texas 78701).

COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

1) Please explain the reason this public hearing is being set after the FY22 budget was adopted by council.

Austin Energy recovers a significant amount of costs, generally in excess of \$500 million annually, through the following pass-through rates: Power Supply Adjustment, Regulatory Charge and the Community Benefit Charge.

These pass-through rates recover dollar for dollar those associated costs, any prior period over or under recovery, and do not include any earnings over the actual costs.

Pass-through rates are billed on either energy (kWh) or demand (kW) units; both of which are higher, but much more unpredictable, during the summer months due to air conditioning usage.

The City of Austin's budget adoption timeline has been accelerated to account for the potential of tax rate changes. Austin Energy has deferred establishing its pass-through rates until September to allow for July and August data to be used in setting those rates. This improves the efficacy of the rates and reduces the potential amounts of over or under recovery and thereby produces more stable rates for our customers.

2) Please also confirm whether these are new adjustments to these charges.

The recently approved budget includes our tariffs, which include the existing pass-through rates. Austin Energy currently anticipates changes to both the Power Supply Adjustment and Regulatory Charge, which will be presented to the City Council on September 30th.

AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
Grant Operating Budget
Fiscal Year 2021-2022
Exhibit A

	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>FY22 Approved</u>	<u>This Action</u>	<u>FY22 Amended</u>
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Transfer from City of Austin				
	Homestead Preservation Reinv TIRZ	1,883,328	-	1,883,328
	Housing Trust Fund	-	2,250,000	2,250,000
	University N Overlay Fund	207,154	-	207,154
Sub-total Local Sources		<u>2,090,482</u>	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>4,340,482</u>
	HOME	2,841,123	-	2,841,123
	CDBG	3,464,626	-	3,464,626
Sub-total Grant Sources		<u>6,305,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,305,749</u>
Total Sources of Funds		<u>8,396,231</u>	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>10,646,231</u>
USES OF FUNDS				
<u>Homeless Assistance</u>				
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	HOME	1,133,205	-	1,133,205
		-	-	-
Subtotal <u>Homeless Assistance</u>		<u>1,133,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,133,205</u>
<u>Renter Assistance</u>				
Architectural Barrier Program - Rental	CDBG	185,000	-	185,000
<u>Homebuyer Assistance</u>				
Down Payment Assistance	HOME	1,084,398	-	1,084,398
Public Facilities	HOME-REP	-	-	-
Subtotal Down Payment Assistance		<u>1,084,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,084,398</u>
<u>Homeowner Assistance</u>				
Architectural Barrier Removal	CDBG	1,510,000	-	1,510,000
Minor Home Repair	CDBG	900,000	-	900,000
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	CDBG	793,152	-	793,152
Subtotal <u>Homeowner Assistance</u>		<u>3,203,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,203,152</u>
<u>Housing Developer Assistance</u>				
Rental Housing Development Assistance	HOME (CHDO)	236,760	-	236,760
	CDBG	76,474	-	76,474
	Homestead Preservation Reinv TIRZ	1,883,328	-	1,883,328
	University N Overlay Fund	207,154	-	207,154
Subtotal, Rental Housing Development Assistance		<u>2,403,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,403,716</u>
Ownership Housing Development Assistance	HOME (CHDO)	236,760	-	236,760
Subtotal, Ownership Housing Development Assistance		<u>236,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,760</u>
Right-to-Stay Preference Policy	Housing Trust Fund	-	2,250,000	2,250,000
CHDO Operations Expenses Grants	HOME CHDO Operating	150,000	-	150,000
Subtotal <u>Housing Development Assistance</u>		<u>2,790,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,790,476</u>
Total Uses of Funds		<u>8,396,231</u>	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>10,646,231</u>

Please rate the application according to the following areas. Each area can be awarded a maximum of 25 points, but do not correspond specifically to questions. The entire application should inform how you rate these areas, as each question will have components that speak to each of the areas.

Project Proposal	What to look for in 25-point response. Project works to address the issue of re-entry at multiple levels, seeking to help those re-entering achieve stability while also developing leadership among those formerly incarcerated to begin advocating for needed system-level changes. Project
Project Design	Project has been designed collaboratively or directly with the re-entry community. Project direction and leadership is taken directly from the clients. Organization demonstrates a deep relationship to those most directly impacted, and operates from the perspective of working with people who are formerly incarcerated, rather than for. Organization demonstrates an understanding and respect for clients served and their expertise in the work.
Ability to reach directly impacted groups	Applicant uses a systems-level analysis, and does not blame individuals for the conditions created by the systems which keep a boot on their neck. Applicant is informed by history and centers the power that exists within community.
Level of analysis	
Outcomes	Outcomes seek meaningful transformation in the lives of clients, beyond the trap of the non-profit model which seeks to help people only so much that they are still reliant on the organization for services. These are included as contextual questions. The intent of these grants is to fund organizations and, if possible, leverage collective power between organizations, however the emphasis is on the engagement and content of the application.
Size and partnerships of organization	