



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Community Bond Committee Recommendations for Proposed 2022 – 2027 Bond Program.

SUMMARY:

The Community Bond Committees appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve in an advisory capacity to develop the City's Proposed 2022 – 2027 Bond Program will present their project recommendations totaling \$1.2 billion to the City Council for their consideration during January 12, 2022 "B" Session.

The Community Bond Committee recommendations were developed within a two-month-long public input process that included 20 meetings consisting of 10 public Community Bond Meetings and five Community Bond Tours. During this public input process, 702 residents were in attendance at the meetings. The Committees received about 243 resident comments during the "Citizens to be Heard" portion of the meetings and an additional 329 comments were received through SA Speak Up. Each of the respective Community Bond Committees will be recommending:

- Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks: 61 projects totaling \$477 million
- Drainage & Flood Control: 20 projects totaling \$165 million
- Parks & Recreation: 82 projects totaling \$274 million

- Facilities: 18 projects totaling \$134 million
- Housing: 5 adopted housing bond funding categories totaling \$150 million

City Council will discuss the Community Bond Committee recommendations in preparation for their adoption of a final list of infrastructure projects and call for the Proposed 2022 Bond Program election during the February 10, 2022, City Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In March 2021, City Council was presented with a recommendation that the development of the 2017 – 2022 Bond Program follows the 2012 – 2017 Bond Program development model, which included the utilization of Community Bond Committees. The Committees served in an advisory capacity responsible for recommending to the City Council capital improvements projects to consider for possible inclusion within the Bond Program.

In September 2021, staff also recommended, modified based on Council feedback and presented to City Council a list of Guiding Principles to be used to select projects for the Proposed 2022 - 2027 Bond Program.

The Guiding Principles included:

- Connectivity – Project will enhance access to opportunities and align with City's adopted plans.
- Public Health & Safety – Projects will enhance public health, wellness and safe connectivity to community destinations and promote sustainable green infrastructure.
- Resiliency – Project will improve existing conditions to protect, adapt and respond to natural and human-made hazards.
- Equity - Projects will support infrastructure improvements within communities of color and low-income communities.
- Council Input

On October 27, 2021, City Council approved the development of the proposed \$1.2 billion Bond Program with the allocation and creation of five committees to review the following project categories: 1) Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks; 2) Drainage & Flood Control; 3) Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces; 4) Facilities and 5) Housing. Each committee consisted of two co-chairs, appointed by the Mayor and a total of 30 committee members, with each City Council Member appointing three of the members for each committee.

Over the past two months, each Bond Committee has met to review and discuss initial staff recommended projects. The meetings also have provided citizens an opportunity to comment on the recommended projects and provide suggestions for other projects for the Committees' consideration.

ISSUE:

The Community Bond Committees appointed by the City Council to serve in an advisory capacity to develop the City's Proposed 2022 – 2027 Bond Program will present their project recommendations totaling \$1.2 billion to the City Council for their consideration during January 12, 2022 "B" Session.

The December Community Bond Committee meetings allowed each of the five Bond Committees to ultimately develop a recommendation of bond projects/areas for City Council consideration. When developing the Committee recommendations, each of the Bond Committees was guided by the staff recommended and approved Guiding Principles.

City Council will consider Bond Committee recommendations. Adoption of a final listing of Bond recommended projects by proposition for the proposed 2022 Bond program and final approval of the Ordinance calling the Bond Program Election is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022, City Council Meeting. The \$1.2 billion 2022 – 2027 Bond Program would then be scheduled to be placed on the ballot for citizen consideration during the May 7th General Election.

All Community Bond Committee meeting schedules, agendas, meeting minutes and additional information regarding the Community Bond Committees and the City's 2022 – 2027 Proposed Bond Program are available online <http://www.sanantonio.gov/2022Bond>.

ALTERNATIVES:

The B Session has been scheduled for City Council to receive and discuss Community Bond Committee's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City maintains a comprehensive long-term Debt Management Plan for its property tax-supported debt program. The City has planned for bond authorizations every five years at an approximate size to the 2017 bond election of \$850 million. The City's proposed \$1.2 billion general obligation bond election planned for May 2022 is consistent with the City's Debt Management Plan and does not require a debt service tax rate increase for the amortization period of the debt.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council receive from the Community Bond Committee and approve a final list of \$1.2 billion in projects for the City's proposed 2022 – 2027 General Obligation Bond Program.