

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

TO: 2022 Facilities Community Bond Committee

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DATE: December 7, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022 BOND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REQUESTED INFORMATION
(Response Memo #5)

This memo addresses requests for information from Committee members from the Facilities 2022 Community Bond Committee. Additionally, this correspondence transmits the Public Comment submitted online as well as a project request form.

Public Comment Submitted Online: Attachment A includes public comment submitted via the City's SA Speak Up website as of 12:00 PM on December 7, 2021. An updated version of Public Comment will be sent to the committee before the 4th and final meeting of the Facilities Bond Committee.

Project Requests: Included with this memo is a project request form for any committee member who wishes to include a project not part of the Staff recommended or considered list. These forms can be submitted to City staff at the bond committee meetings or email to kevin.orton@sanantonio.gov

Responses to questions from Committee Members:

1. **North St. Mary's Police Station and Proposed 2022 Bond SAPD Substation** Committee Member Rebeca Flores (CD5) asked if the additional annual operating cost related to these facilities would necessitate an increase in property taxes.

No. The additional annual operating cost associated with the N. St. Mary's and Substation proposed for the 2022 Bond will not necessitate an increase in the City's property tax rate.

2. **N St Mary's Police Station:** Committee Member Rebeca Flores (CD5) asked for the annual operating cost of the new facility once completed to include equipment and staff. She also asked how the additional cost would be funded and if this annual operating cost could be paid with other forms of funding such as grants.

The projected annual operating cost of the N. St. Mary's Police Station is estimated at \$4.5 million annually. This cost will be funded from the General Fund. There are no other funding sources identified to cover this expense.

3. **New CD3 SAPD Substation:** Committee Member Velma Pena (CD5) asked for a breakdown of annual operating expenses, both for the building and staffing, for the newly proposed SAPD substation

The table below provides the annual operating cost a new police substation in today's dollars.

Annual Recurring Operating Cost of a Police Substation	
Expense Category	Amount
Personnel: Uniform ^a	\$ 3,679,041
Personnel: Civilian ^b	383,942
Equipment and Supplies ^c	232,207
Building Cost ^d	207,759
Total	\$ 4,502,949

Notes:

- a) includes 28 Uniform Positions (1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 23 Sergeants).*
b) includes 7 civilians.
c) includes equipment such as vehicles, body cameras, and phones.
d) includes janitorial services, utilities, and maintenance.

4. **2022 Bond SAPD Substation:** Committee Member Rebeca Flores (CD5) asked if a study has been made to show the need for a substation in the proposed sector located in CD3 and if SAPD agrees with the need for a substation in this area. She also inquired about alternatives to the model of adding a new substation

A Police Station in City Council District 3 will allow the Police Department (SAPD) to keep up with the growth of the City's population as the current substations have limited capacity for expansion. The last police substation was added in 1990 when SAPD had less than 1700 officers and a population of just over 900,000 residents. Today, the SAPD has 2,503 officer positions and serves a population of close to 1.5 million residents. Additionally, adding a police station in CD3 will allow for more convenient access to services to the residents of this part of the city; services such as family violence, property crime, safe zone for child custody exchange, and space for community meetings.

A police station is currently being built at N. St. Mary's in City Council District 1 that will provide additional capacity for the Central Substation service area.

Finally, a facility assessment and master plan are underway for Police Facilities. This study was commissioned to provide a comprehensive review of current conditions and potential growth needs for the San Antonio Police Department. It is anticipated that this assessment will be completed during the first quarter of 2022.

- 5. City's Animal Care Services Department Budget** The table below provides the Adopted Budget and Authorized Count for the Animal Care Services Department for the Fiscal Years 2012 through 2022. Since FY 2012, the budget for Animal Care Services has increased by over \$9 Million because of the implementation of initiatives to control the stray animal population, increase the department's live release rate, enhance enforcement, and educate the community.

Fiscal Year	Adopted Budget	Number of Employee Positions
FY 2012	\$ 9,446,275	129
FY 2013	10,914,929	136
FY 2014	11,260,809	130
FY 2015	11,654,953	127
FY 2016	12,538,983	130
FY 2017	13,936,260	135
FY 2018	14,736,298	136
FY 2019	15,537,886	141
FY 2020	16,021,241	143
FY 2021	16,135,041	154
FY 2022	18,497,776	164

- 6. Animal Care Services Hospital and K9 for Warriors:** Committee Member Keri Neff (CD7) emailed the following questions regarding the Animal Care Services Hospital and K9 for Warriors

a) How much livestock by San Antonio residents rather than Bexar County residents is serviced on an annual basis at the Animal Care Vet Hospital?

Animal Care Services (ACS) does not provide services for residents or animals outside of city limits. ACS impounded 49 livestock in FY 2020 and 40 in FY 2021. All these livestock animals that required medical care received it from ACS Clinic staff.

b) The city has funded ACS to lower the stray and roaming population. If the goals of ACS through prior public funding are met as the public expects, will the K-9 for Warriors project be able to sustain itself in the long term through the ACS facility for eligible dogs?

ACS continues to work towards controlling the pet population through expansion of spay/neuter programs and expects to continue working towards this objective long-term. ACS does not foresee running out of dogs for rescue organizations to pull within the next few decades.

c) How many dogs have been taken into the K-9 for Warrior program since their opening and how many of those were deemed suitable for the program?

Sixty dogs have been pulled from ACS by K9s For Warriors from 2019 through November 2021. K9s For Warriors would have to provide the number of dogs deemed suitable for their program. Regardless of suitability, K9s For Warriors does not return animals to ACS. If a dog is deemed not suitable, K9s For Warriors finds an alternative placement option for the dog.

d) How many other service dog organizations does ACS already work with?

There is one other service dog organization that pulls pets from ACS.

e) Will ACS continue to work with the other service dog organizations who have used ACS prior or will K9 for Warrior have exclusive pick of all dogs at ACS?

K9s For Warriors does not have exclusive pick of dogs at ACS. They follow the same procedures as all rescue organizations pulling a pet from ACS, to include other service dog organizations. Preference is not given to any rescue organization.

Outstanding Questions

- Committee Member Jennifer Ramos (CD3) asked if ARPA funds could be used to fund Texas Biomedical Research Institute project or half of the project cost.
- During the Facilities Bond Committee Tour, the Committee asked Texas BioMed the following questions and a response will be provided in a future response memo.
 - What percentage of animals get to live out their lives after a study?
 - Who are the external members of the Texas BioMed Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)?
 - How many San Antonio jobs will this funding provide?
- Committee Member Keri Neff (CD7) requested the following information:
 - Communication between K-9 and City representatives and City staff
 - Breakdown of the proposed ACS Veterinarian Hospital expansion including proposed cost of livestock enclosures and how many surgeries this facility is expecting from San Antonio residents vs county residents?
 - Has Texas Biomed looked into or been offered PACE funding for facility improvements?

FACILITIES			
Date/Time Submitted	Name	Council District	Comments
11/11/2021 01:57		District 1	Many regular citizens do not understand how the bond process works, the voices of our communities are very important we know where the dangerous areas are within our neighborhoods, we know our areas better than anyone, and it is troubling that the process and how to navigate this process are a mystery to the citizens we need their input well before a bond process and how the money is allotted and where the needs are most important. The process for public input needs to be improved
11/11/2021 02:04	Anderson Michelle	I'm unsure	No.. No. To any money donated to upgrade the biomed facility using primates for medical research
11/11/2021 02:15	rox ag	District 1	biomed facility asking for more funding. do not want to see this happen without a vote
11/11/2021 14:45		I'm unsure	I wish to address Bike Park OP Expansion.
11/12/2021 16:39	Irene Bober-M	District 9	Money used to bolster public health system.
11/14/2021 19:34		District 8	As a long time citizen of San Antonio I would like to see money put towards STORM biking project such as additional trails, bike park building and expansions of our existing parks. Our family utilizes the current trails and parks many times a week and they are becoming more and more crowded as the sport becomes more popular. We often going out of town and even out of state to other larger biking areas as there is limited opportunities here currently. I feel it would bring people into our city and will be a great assets to the community. Please consider allocating money to STORM for use in expanding our biking opportunities. Thank you
11/15/2021 15:12	Dorothy Cary		Mental illness for senior citizens who live alone in senior citizens housing communities. Our facilities are still isolating us from one another. No activities or support systems or even encouragement after family deaths, sickness, loneliness after the Covid and so many deaths. Our economic situations are terrible. We fell hopeless. This office doesn't understand how important our mental state is. Please contact doctors, counselors, activities for a better atmosphere. Depression is CS on the rampage here. We are old, not dead yet. We've paid our dues for many years for our little monthly check. Please help us. Thank you and God Bless.
11/17/2021 01:10	Audrey Morales	District 7	Woodlawn Lake Park Bond. *Shade around the Park to include -over the shallow area of our pool and to include a Splash Pad. - around the areas where the community gatgerss during events by

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			the basketball court and Island House with new trees - the smaller playground, there is no cover and the metal gets very hot for the children who play there * Connectivity around the park - from Woodlawn Lake Park to the dog park, casting pond and Amaguirre Multicultural Center currently under construction - designated bike and running trail around the park to assist with the safety of our citizens changing N. Josephine Tobin into a one way street.
11/17/2021 01:30	Elizabeth Neira	District 4	I have lived in District 4 for over 30 years. My mother who is an active senior center attends all the D4 and D3 events. She along with her other friends at St. Bonneventure have pleaded for a center that is a safe place for all people in D4 & D3. - Why was D4 Multigenerational Center at PAC only allocated \$10M compared to District 1 who was allocated \$14Million, \$4 million dollars less than District 1. Now I believe both projects should be funded at equally \$14 Million. My request is to have the Bond committee re-allocate dollars from projects that serve little to no residents of COSA such as UTSA who only serves its Athletes where more than 80% are not from San Antonio but from other cities and states! Please re-allocated the \$10M from UTSA to PAC!!! Why is Palo Alto College categorized as a district project when they serve over 11,000 students all over the city of San Antonio. If UTSA is a regional project, than PAC should also be considered as a regional project. Also, UTSA would now be appropriated \$20M (both 2017 & 2022 Bond) for projects that serve a small amount of students. These projects are no accessible to the general public. UTSA presented today and noted UTSA's facility "public access for organized & competitive events." Thus meaning, the facility is only accessible to agencies and competitive sports NOT the GENERAL PUBLIC. Please move the \$10M allocated to UTSA to D4 Multigenerational Center at PAC which would serve over 18,000 people and has served over 100,000 students. The added funding would provide additional funds to ensure the services and needs we raised in the townhall meeting in April of 2019 are addressed! Their facility is open to all individuals and the general public. I do not want to support a project that does not allow access to the general public!
11/17/2021 01:38	Sean Ziegler	District 10	I support the Linear Trails bond. Please approve so voters may also approve. Give \$1M to the greater love center. The Audubon center is fine for now.

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			Don't approve the sunken gardens bond for now. We can't do everything at once. Please approve the improved plan for Mud Creek in McAllister park. No more concrete! Approve the Hemisfair park bond. The Zoo and Botanical Garden are good for now. Don't approve their bond. Let the State of Texas pay for UTSA's facility. Approve the bicycle challenge zone at Pearsall.
11/17/2021 01:44	Richard Garcia	District 5	We (residents/constituents) of District 5 need world class libraries and city parks. It is sad and very discouraging to see the have and the have nots in our City. The huge discrepancy between District 5 and other northside District 8, 9, and 10 is sad. There is absolutely no comparison between the libraries and City Parks in City Council District 5 and the other northside Districts- 8, 9, and 10. Why is that we (District 5) get the leftover crumbs and we (District 5) need to strongly advocate for ourselves because we are tax payers, registered voters, concerned citizens and therefore our children, grandchildren , families should get world class libraries, City parks, recreation facilities etc. For example, the Memorial Public Library does not even have an emergency generator why is that, Mr. Ramiro Salazar?
11/18/2021 03:26	Delia Ramirez Trimble	District 8	The Las Palmas Branch Library and Westside Strategic Area Development proposed Bond project focuses on the area around Las Palmas Park, the YWCA Olga Madrid Center, and the Las Palmas Branch Library. The concepts and recommendations build upon a foundation of previous public input, investments, and coordination by the Public Library, Metro Health, Parks and Recreation, and the YWCA Olga Madrid Center. It establishes a coordinated approach among City departments and partner organizations and agencies for more coordinated community service provision and use of shared spaces and resources. The area will be a destination, not just for the adjacent neighborhoods, but for all of the Westside and for visitors from other areas of the city, a dynamic space with ongoing activities and programming that reflect the history and culture of the area while also serving the important needs of the surrounding community, including: • Health and wellness programs; • Recreation and active mobility opportunities; • Childcare and other services for young parents and families; • Indoor and outdoor public meeting spaces; and • Flexible multi-use spaces that can accommodate a variety of activities and events. It's time that the Westside gets attention for the providing of such essential services to the community. Families in the area deserve to have the experiences that many in other parts of the City take for granted. Taking vacations, going to museums and new shows or exhibits, observing live animals at the zoo - these are easily accessible for those who want them, but not for those who don't have the means or opportunities. That's what this Las Palmas Westside Area project provides: experiences, opportunities to

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			achieve, access to a variety of programs, etc. Thanks for your support.
11/18/2021 17:58	Patty Gibbons	District 9	Committee needs to prioritize the projects. While staff has a designation of (CW) Citywide, it still requires tax dollars from Districts of which they will get no benefit from that facility projects such as Las Palmas library which is a Westside phase project and should come out of that Districts funds, as well as the World Heritage Mission plaza project, that too should be from that Districts funds, I would ask the committee to re-review what is true CW and what is really district benefited.
11/19/2021 03:49	Juspreet Kaur	District 8	Please support Libraries which benefit all
11/22/2021 17:31	Glenna Seyfer	I'm unsure	I support the 3 library projects currently on the staff recommendation for full funding and please add the Bazan Branch Library transformation Project & the Express Plus Outlet - Port SA/Lackland AFB. Support complete funding for the 2022 library bond projects on the City staff recommendation as presented to the public Facilities Committee: - Central Library Renovation: \$6M, age 26 (City Wide). - Carver Branch Library Transformation & Expansion to an Area Library: \$12.5M (District 2) Age 48. - Las Palmas Branch Library Phase 2 Renovation/Master Plan: \$5.25M (District 5) age 27.
11/26/2021 02:23	Carol Wood	District 1	I'm in favor of the staff-recommended Bond projects for our library system. I support full funding for the renovations to Central Library as well as funding for upgrades at Carver & Las Palmas. Our SAPL is excellent, but needs upgrades and expansion. I would like to see the suggested additional project added to the Bond which would upgrade the Bazan Branch. I also support adding new facilities and expending others that are in parts of the city that are currently under-served. Our city is growing fast. We need to keep our very important and well-used library system in good condition so it can serve the growing population here in San Antonio.
11/30/2021 00:03	Ilse Martinez	District 1	At least 50% of the Housing Bond allocation, or \$75 million, should go toward Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab funding. Helping people stay in their homes strengthens community connections and is more environmentally sustainable than displacing residents and building new structures.
11/30/2021 21:43	Katherine Bee	District 2	I would like to speak on behalf of the Carver Library. Our Carver is in dire need of repairs. The roof leaks in the meeting room and the teen center when it rains. Also the front entrance holds a tremendous amount of water.
12/07/2021 04:53	BEVERLY J HARRIS	District 2	As a user of the Public Library System, I realize how important and valuable it is to have a library system that meets the needs of the community that it serves. I strongly recommend that the



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			transformations/renovations to the Bazan and Carver Branches as well as the other branches slated to under go improvements be implemented through the 2022 bond.
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2022 – 2027 Bond Program Project Request Form

Requestor Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Phone Number	
Address	
Email Address	

Project Council District Location

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Infrastructure Category

☐ Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks ☐ Parks
☐ Drainage ☐ Facilities

Project Information

Name of Recommended Project	
Requested Dollar Amount (if known)	
Project Description (Include Location):	

City Project Number: