

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2024, Council overwhelmingly approved Resolution No. 20240718-093 which directed the City Manager to bring to Council a comprehensive bond package in order to allow for a bond election no later than November 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2024, Council adopted Resolution No. 20240829-138 which established a Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF) to evaluate and recommend capital projects for a bond election across all of the city's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2024, Council adopted Resolution No. 20240926-075 asking staff to solicit partnership opportunities in the bond development process; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2026, Council adopted Resolution No. 20260226-055 which established a "bond decision tree" that prioritizes including projects that could leverage matching funds from other governmental agencies or private partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2026, the BEATF approved Final Recommendations for the 2026 bond program including a scenario at \$766 million and another at \$436 million; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2026, in a memorandum to Mayor and Council titled "2026 Bond Staff and BEATF Recommendations," City staff provided a "Staff Alternative Scenario" of \$390 million that includes:

- Transportation - \$92 million
- Parks - \$250 million

- Community Facilities - \$48 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the City staff memorandum made additional recommendations regarding interim funding for projects that may not be included in a November 2026 bond election; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to prepare a potential bond package and necessary ordinances to call a November 2026 bond election using the \$390 Million Staff Alternative Scenario presented in the May 15, 2026, memorandum to Mayor and Council as the baseline proposal. This proposed bond package shall be posted for Council consideration and action on the July 23, 2026, council meeting agenda.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to engage in the proper diligence on cultural arts proposals including but not limited to the Mexic-Arte Museum, Paramount Theater, and Umlauf Sculpture Garden, provide information on these projects to Council by July 15, 2026, and ensure any postings related to a potential bond election on the July 23, 2026, council meeting agenda would allow for inclusion of any of these items in a potential November 2026 bond election.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to review the staff recommendations for interim funding and recommend whether ongoing investments in active transportation and watershed protection are better suited to cash funding, certificates of obligation, or should be included in a bond election, or some combination of the three. A memorandum with recommendations should be prepared and distributed in advance of the July 23, 2026, council meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to provide additional information regarding the full project cost and deliverables at multiple funding levels for the Austin Core Transportation plan and proposed Homeless Resource Center and Shelter. A memorandum with this information should be prepared and distributed in advance of the July 23, 2026, council meeting.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Erika Brady  
City Clerk

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