



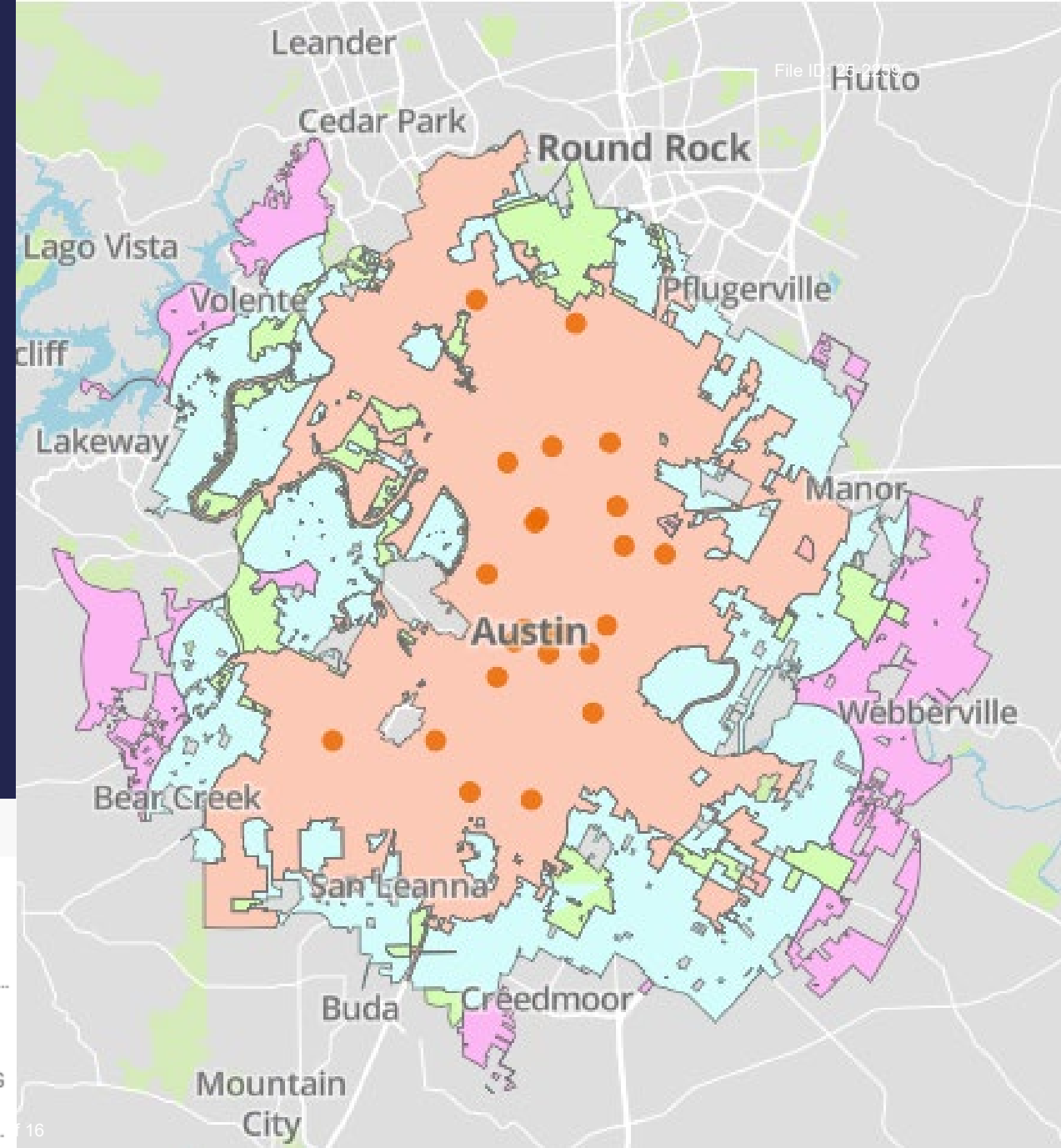
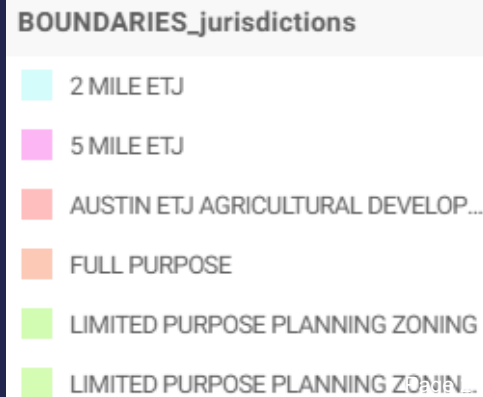
Operations, Capital Program and 2026 Bond Overview

Austin Public Library | November 2025

Facilities & Service Area

- Facilities:
 - Central Library
 - 20 Branch Libraries
 - Austin History Center Campus
 - Warehouse
- March 2024, Austin City Council expanded access to free library cards to residents of Austin's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and Limited Purpose Planning Jurisdictions (LTD).

Current Library
Locations



Library Bond History

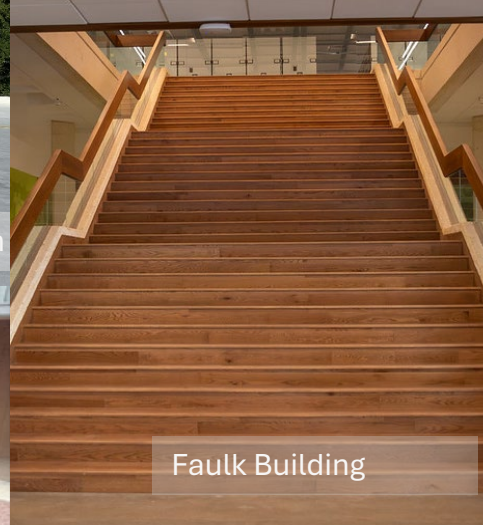
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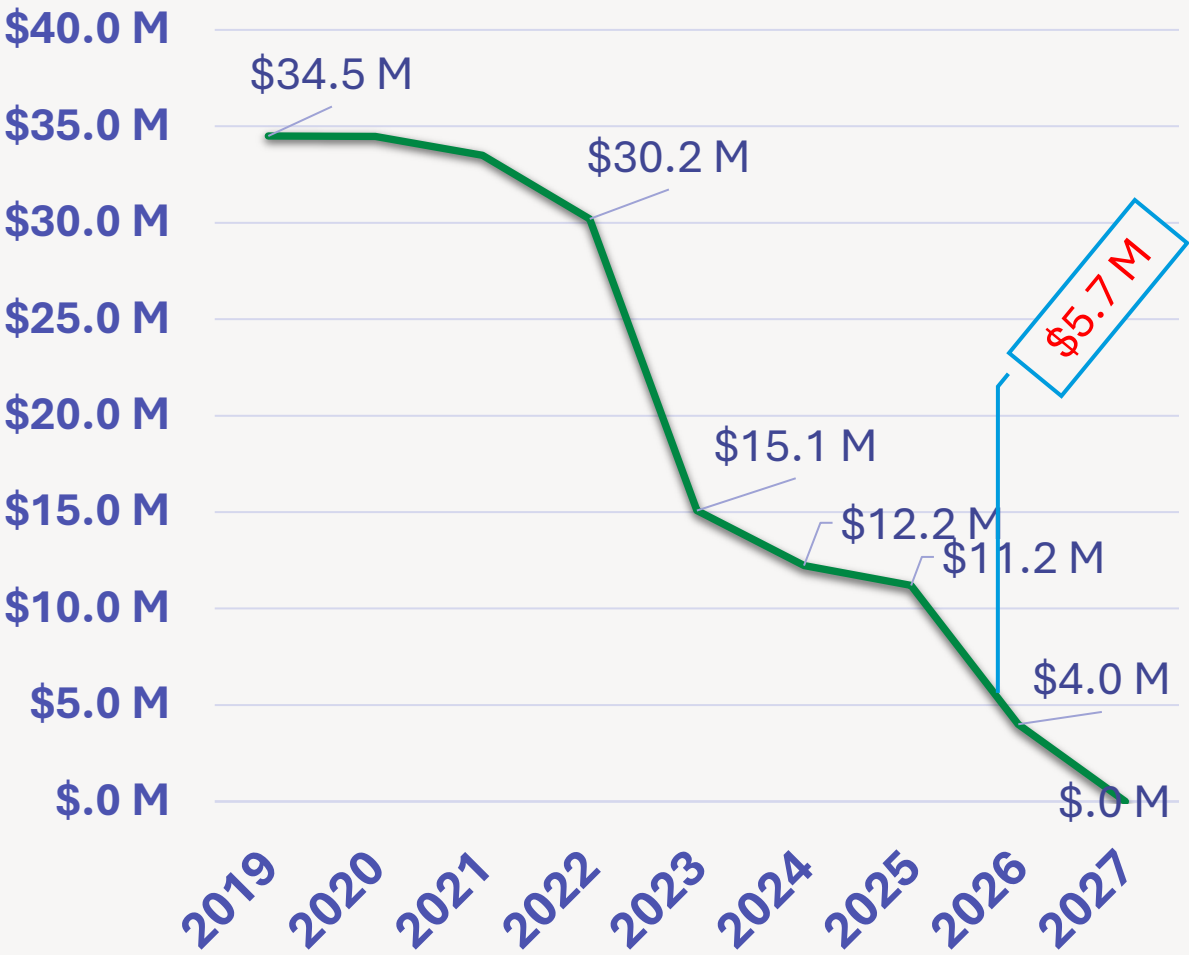
Bond	Projects	Library Appropriation
1928 Bond	First permanent library building, now Carver Branch	\$150,000
1972 Bond	John Henry Faulk Central Library construction	\$6 M
1992 Bond	New branches and renovations	\$8 M
1998 Bond	Expansion, renovations, and tech improvements	\$13 M
2006 Bond + Additional Funding	Funding approved for a new central library	\$125 M
2012 Bond (Prop B)	Facility upgrades to libraries	\$5.4 M
2018 Bond (Prop B)	Infrastructure improvements	\$34.5 M

On average, APL has historically been allocated about 9% of total bond funding



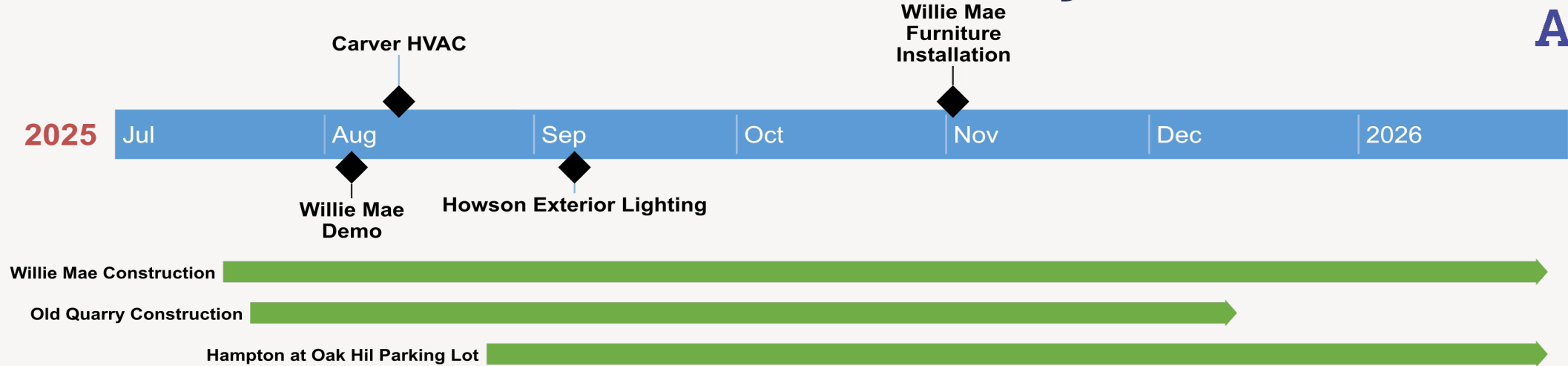
Bond 2018 Projects

Completed 2018 Bond Projects

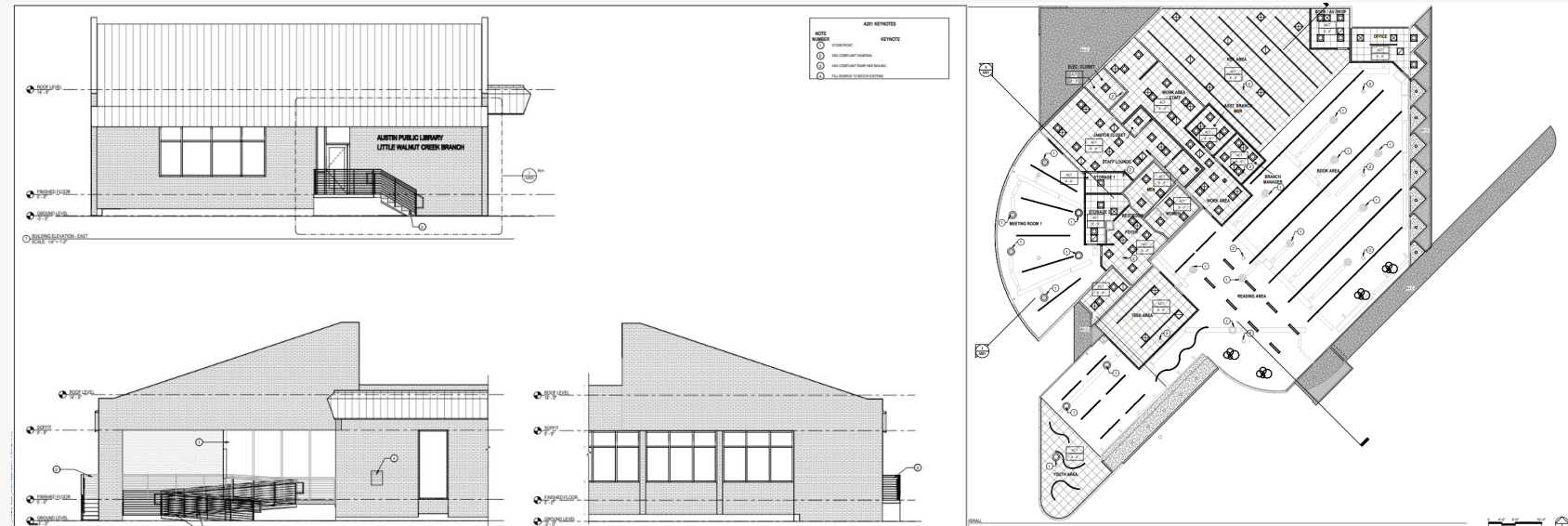


Facilities	Cost	District
University Hills Branch Parking Lot Expansion	0.6M	1
University Hills Branch Roof Replacement	0.2M	1
Cepeda Branch Renovation	0.4M	3
Cepeda Branch Trail	0.3M	3
Willie Mae Kirk Roof Replacement	0.2M	3
Little Walnut HVAC and Roof Replacement	0.6M	4
Menchaca Rd HVAC and Roof Replacement	0.8M	5
Spicewood Springs Roof Replacement	0.6M	6
Yarborough Branch HVAC, Roofing and Interior Upgrades	1.1M	7
Faulk building and History Center Renovation	16.5M	9
Howson Branch HVAC, Roofing and Interior Upgrades	0.6M	10
Old Quarry HVAC and Roof Replacement	0.3M	10

Active and Future 2018 Bond Projects



- **Menchaca Branch Interior Renovation** – Starts Spring 2026
- **Little Walnut Interior Renovations Renovation** – Starts Spring 2026



Austin Public Library Strategic + Facilities Plan

1

Community-centric Programs & Services

- Equitable resource allocation
- Cultural and historical programs

2

Design And Develop Spaces For Community Connections

- Joint use facilities
- Co-located services

3

Foster Stakeholder Relationships

- Co-creating community programs
- Securing support & resources

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Expand Library Access

- Partnerships enable service expansion across Travis County

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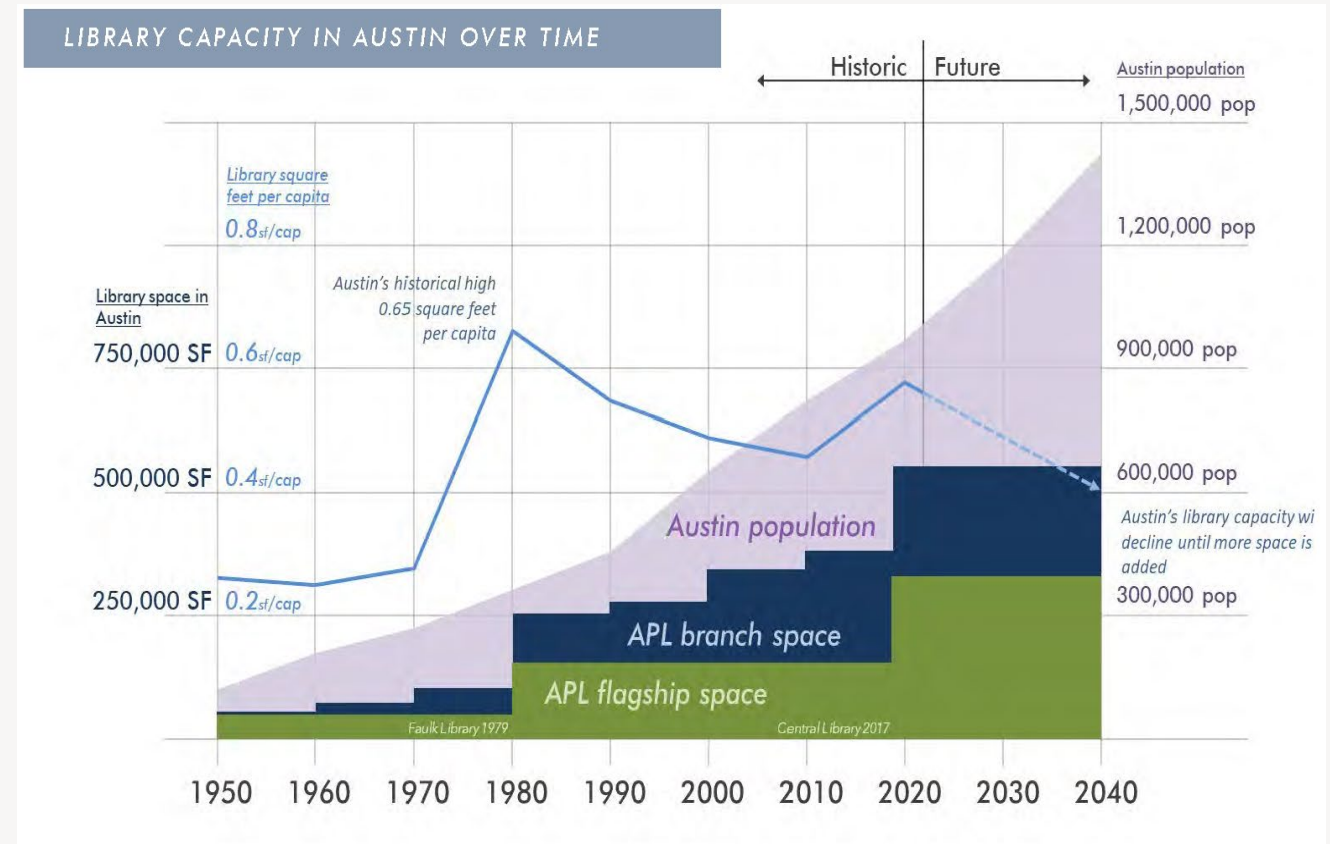
Engaging Staff

- Staff development through partnerships



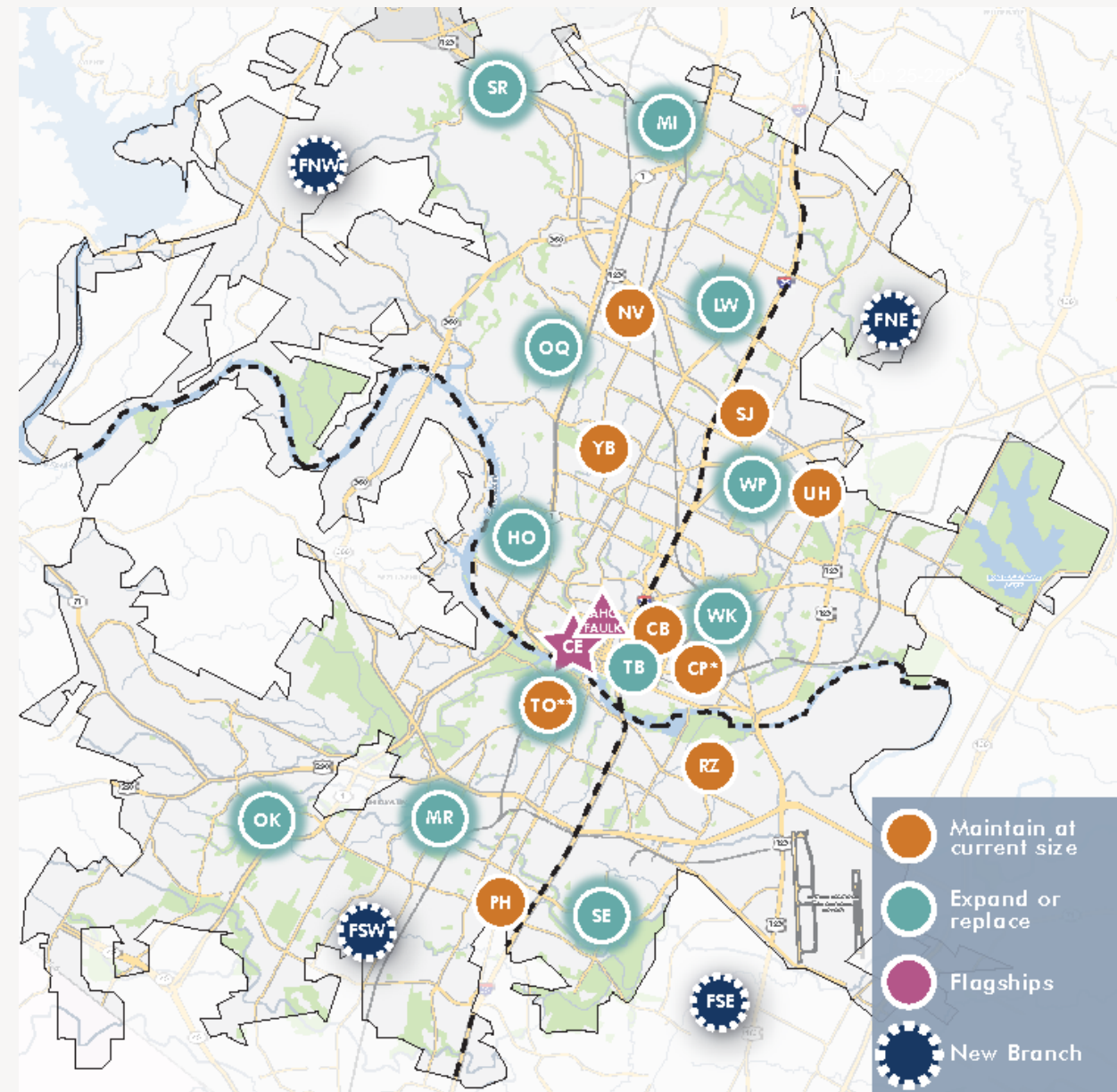
Need For Growth: Sq. Ft. Per Capita and Peer Libraries

Square Feet Per Capita



Master Facilities Plan

CB	George Washington Carver Branch	SR	Spicewood Springs Branch
CE	Central Library	SJ	St John Branch
CP	Eustasio Cepeda Branch*	TB	Terrazas Branch
OK	Will Hampton at Oak hill Branch	TO	Twin Oaks Branch**
HO	Howson Branch	UH	University Hills Branch
LW	Little Walnut Creek Branch	WK	Willie Mae Kirk Branch
MR	Menchaca Road Branch	WP	Windsor Park Branch
MI	Milwood Branch	YB	Yarborough Branch
NV	John Gillum Branch (formerly North Village)	▲	Austin History Center & John Henry Faulk Building
OQ	Old Quarry Branch	FNE	New Far Northeast/Colony Park
PH	Pleasant Hill Branch	FNW	New Far Northwest Branch
RZ	Daniel E. Ruiz Branch	FSE	New Far Southeast Branch
SE	Southeast Branch	FSW	New Far Southwest Branch



*Possible conversion to operations support space

**Consider Long-range expansion opportunities

Proposed 2026 APL Bond Projects



Colony Park Branch Library

All-new community hub
serving East Austin

\$58.8M



Oak Hill and Milwood Branch Expansions

Enhancing existing
network

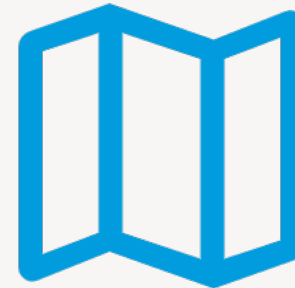
\$39M



Safe and Ready Libraries

Protecting and supporting in
times of crisis

\$10.5M



Land Acquisitions

For future library
construction

\$20M

Total Investment: \$128.3M

Design Vision for New Colony Park Branch



Feature	Standard Facility	Future-Ready Library	Estimated Cost Difference
HVAC Systems	Efficient split systems (per LEED min.)	VRF system + DOAS + demand control ventilation	\$750,000 - \$1,000,000
Building Envelope	Code-minimum insulation, double-pane windows	Continuous insulation, triple-pane glazing, thermal breaks	\$500,000 - \$900,000
Solar Photovoltaic System	Solar-ready (conduit only)	Installed rooftop system (300-350 kW), net-metered	\$1,200,000 - \$1,500,000
Battery Backup & Energy Storage	Not included	Battery-ready or partial storage capacity (for resilience functions)	\$250,000 - \$600,000
Low-Embodied Carbon Structure	Standard steel and concrete	Mass timber, low-carbon concrete, steel w/ EPDs	\$600,000 - \$1,200,000
Commissioning	Fundamental + Envelope (standard in COA projects)	Enhanced commissioning + Net Zero performance tracking	\$50,000 - \$150,000
Water Reuse / Green Infrastructure	Code-required rainwater management only	Rainwater harvesting, green roof integration, on-site reuse	\$250,000 - \$400,000
Life-Cycle Carbon Analysis (LLC & LCCA)	Not typically performed	Full LCA modeling, EPD reviews, carbon accounting	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Rooftop Garden / Occupied Roof Space	Not included	Green roof with solar canopy, public terrace, plantings	\$375,000 - \$600,000



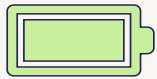
GenAI-assisted concept renderings

Investment: \$58.8M

Safe and Ready Libraries Project



Solar PV: Cuts grid reliance, lowers emissions, offsets energy cost



Battery / Generator Backup: Keeps branches open during outages



Low-E Glazing: Improves efficiency, reduces cooling loads



Rainwater Collection: Reduces potable water demand, buffers drought periods



Additional Measures: LED retrofits, Motion-Sensor Plumbing, Greywater

Investment: \$10.8M



Safe and Ready Libraries, Continued



Why they matter as part of the City's Resilience Network:

- Keeps residents safe in emergencies
- Reduces strain on hospitals & shelters
- Strengthens neighborhood trust and engagement
- Ensures continuity of City services

Financial ROI

\$10.8M investment
Breakeven in ~ 7-10 years

+ \$6M savings in 20 years
vs.
-\$18M without retrofit

Community ROI

- **Safe spaces during crisis**
- **Reduced strain on hospitals**
- **Continuity of City services**
- **Stronger neighborhood trust**



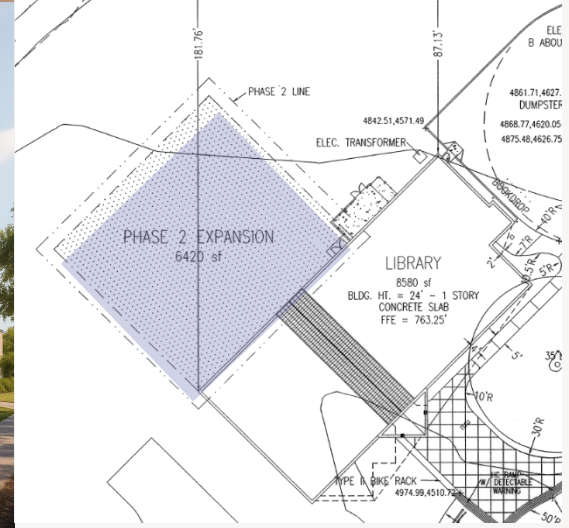
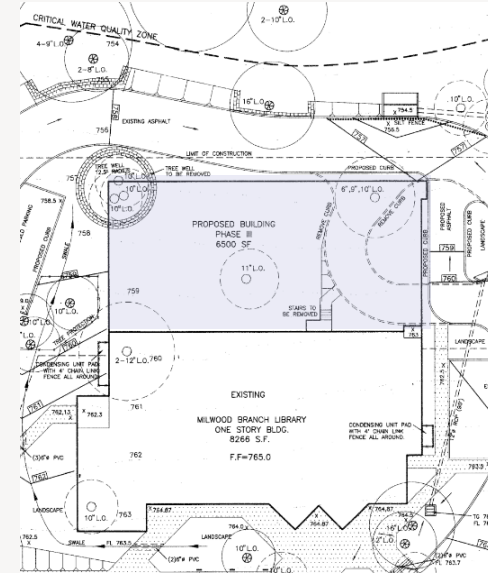
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Existing Branch Expansion Projects

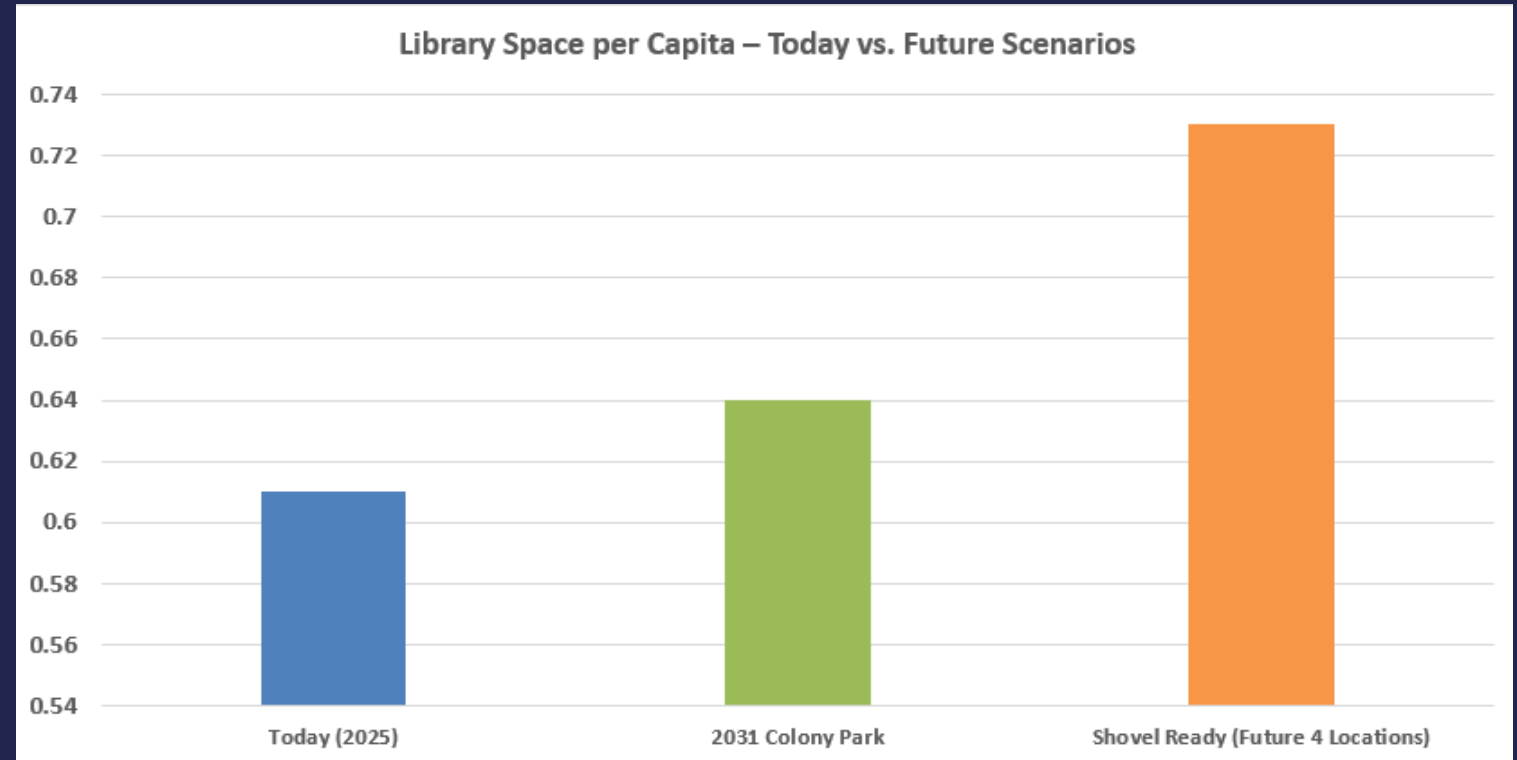
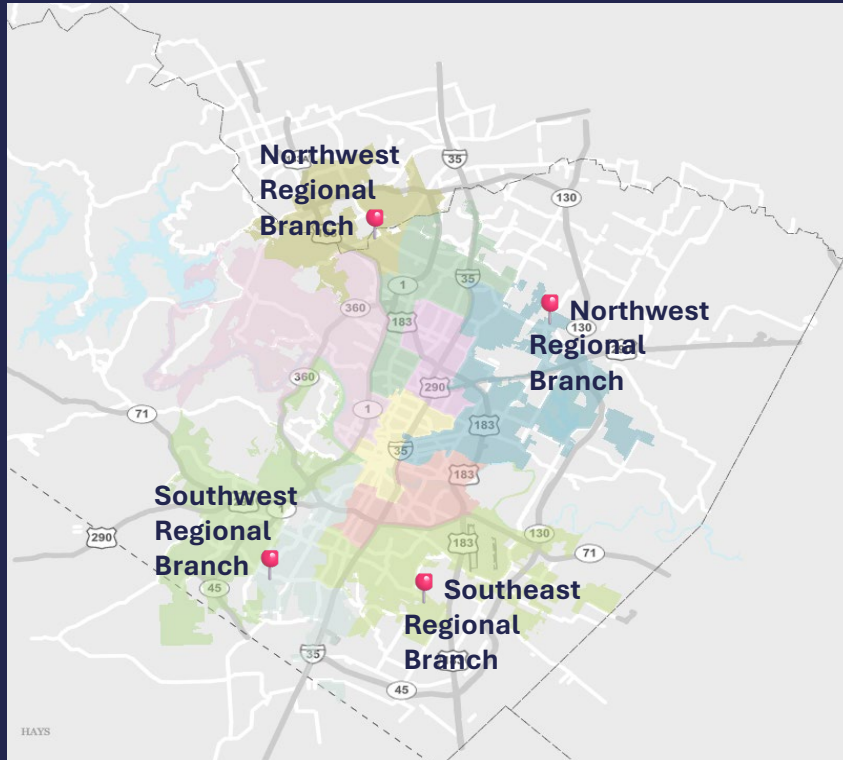
Milwood Branch Expansion and Hampton at Oak Hill Branch Expansion

- 7,000 sq. ft. expansions at Milwood & Oak Hill
- More space for children, teens, and community events
- Expanded meeting, study, and flexible learning spaces
- Upgraded technology, maker spaces, and infrastructure
- Greater accessibility and inclusivity
- Designed for resilience and long-term sustainability.

Investment: \$39M



Land First, Libraries Next



Land acquisition positions APL to address equity gaps, so new branches can open where they are needed most.

Investment: \$20 Mill



Questions?

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