



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-2209, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for Council consideration to order a November 2026 bond election, including recommended bond measures, proposition language, categories, and amounts for public improvements. Funding: Approval of this resolution has no immediate fiscal impact. Should City Council vote to call a 2026 bond election, fiscal impacts will be noted at that time.

### **Lead Department**

Capital Delivery Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Approval of this resolution has no immediate fiscal impact. Should City Council vote to call a 2026 bond election, fiscal impacts will be noted at that time.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 28, 2026 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20260528-097 directing the City Manager 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.

February 26, 2026 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20260226-055 establishing a “bond decision tree” that prioritizes projects that could leverage matching funds from other governmental agencies or private partnerships.

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

August 29, 2024 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20240829-138 creating the 2026 Bond Election Advisory Task Force and provided direction related to a potential November 2026 election.

July 18, 2024 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20240718-093 directing the City Manager to bring Council a comprehensive bond package that funds and addresses climate, infrastructure, and any other public improvements for the purpose of conducting an election no later than November 2026.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

On May 28, 2026, Council directed the City Manager and City staff to prepare a potential bond package and necessary ordinances to call a November 2026 bond election. Following project review and analysis, City staff prepared a potential Sub Quorum proposal to potentially include the following bond project categories and estimated project amounts in a November 2026 bond election totaling \$390 million:

- Transportation Infrastructure - \$92 million
- Parks and Recreation - \$250 million
- Libraries, Museums and Cultural Arts Facilities - \$20 million
- Animal Service Center - \$3 million
- Homeless Resource Center and Shelter - \$25 million

Council will utilize its discretion to evaluate and determine whether to call a bond election and, if called, which of the proposed projects, proposed project categories, and estimated project amounts should be included in the ordinance calling for a November 2026 bond election. Council anticipates considering adoption of such bond election ordinance on August 6, 2026, which aligns with the State's statutory timeline requiring that a bond election be called no more than 90 days nor less than 78 days before an election day.

A list of potential bond election projects and project categories is included as backup.