



Art in Public Places: Lotus by Sunyong Chung and Philippe Klinefelter, 2013

Budget Work Session

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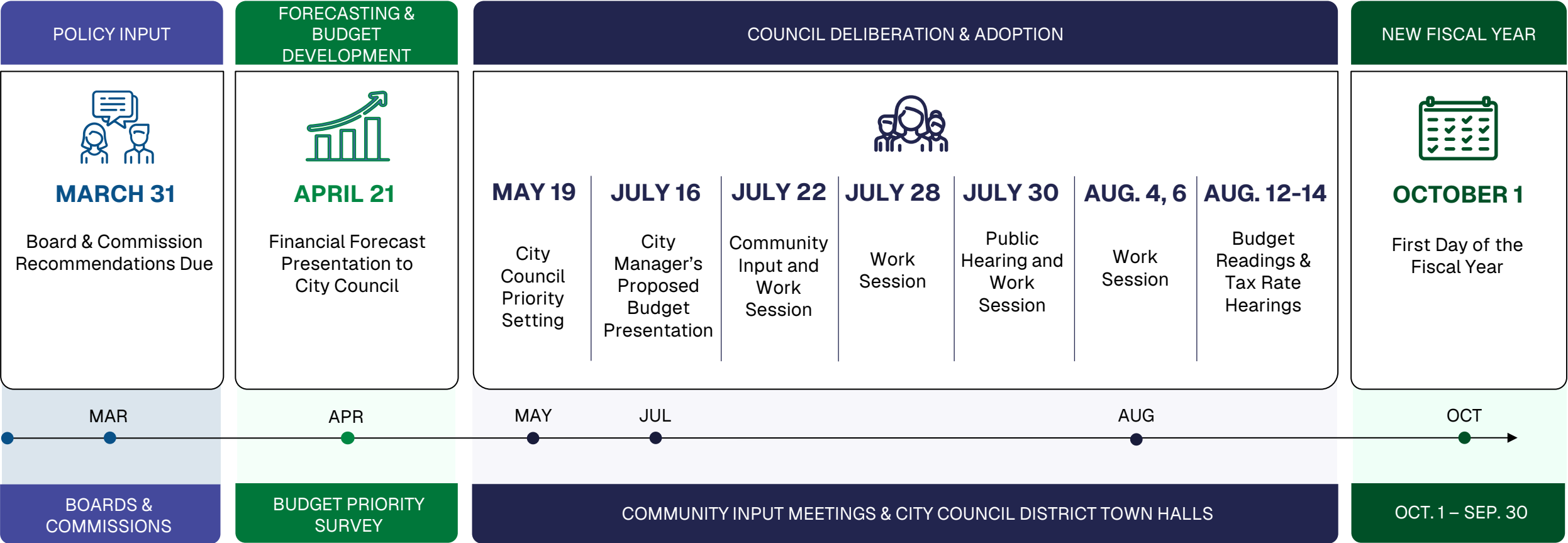


Today's Agenda

- Typical Ratepayer Update
- Budget Reductions
- Social Service Grants
- Housing
- Capital Improvement Program



FY 2026-27 Budget Timeline



Typical Ratepayer Update

FY27 Major Rate and Fees

Projected Combined Increase of 5.0% for Typical Rate- and Taxpayer

	FY26 Monthly Rate	FY27 Proposed Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase	Typical rate- and taxpayer defined as:
Austin Energy	\$117.07	\$120.73	\$3.66	3.1%	<i>Residential customer usage of 860 Kwh</i>
Austin Water	\$99.91	\$107.67	\$7.76	7.8%	<i>Residential customer usage of 5,800 gallons of water and 4,000 gallons of wastewater</i>
Austin Resource Recovery	\$36.30	\$38.00	\$1.70	4.7%	<i>Residential customer with a 64-gallon cart</i>
Clean Community Fee	\$10.25	\$10.60	\$0.35	3.4%	<i>Per residential unit</i>
Transportation User Fee	\$21.80	\$21.80	\$0.00	0.0%	<i>Per single-family home</i>
Drainage Utility Fee	\$14.05	\$14.92	\$0.87	6.2%	<i>Residential customer with 3,100 sq. ft./37% of impervious cover</i>
Property Tax Bill	\$172.86	\$182.34	\$9.48	5.5%	<i>Median non-senior homestead with a projected FY27 assessed value of \$471,603, net of 20% exemption</i>
Total	\$472.24	\$496.06	\$23.82	5.0%	

FY26 and FY27 Budget Reductions

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Funding Source	FY26 Amended	FY27 Proposed
General Fund	(\$19,538,649)	(\$13,294,293)
Support Services	(\$3,627,244)	(\$2,870,619)
Internal Services*	(\$1,323,595)	(\$8,087,674)
Total	(\$24,489,488)	(\$24,252,586)

*Internal Service Funds Include Capital Delivery Services, Fleet Mobility Services, Austin Technology Services, and Economic Development

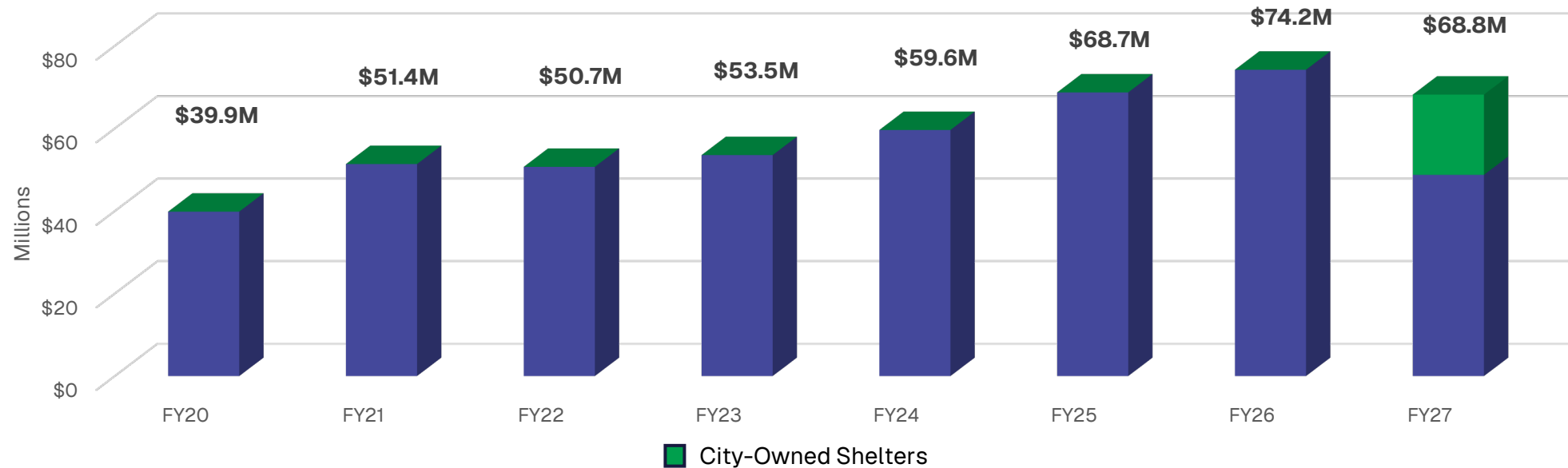
FY26 and FY27 Reductions – General Fund

Department	FY26 Amended	FY27 Proposed
Arts, Culture, Music, & Entertainment	-	(\$150,000)
Animal Services	(\$486,195)	-
Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services	(\$91,071)	-
Fire	(\$8,961,076)	(\$1,765,814)
Forensic Science	-	-
Public Health	(\$310,068)	(\$1,181,214)
Housing	-	(\$25,049)
Homeless Strategies and Operations	-	-
Public Library	(\$107,000)	(\$403,256)
Municipal Court	-	(\$314,629)
Parks & Recreation	-	(\$1,370,535)
Planning	(\$71,345)	-
Police	(\$9,511,894)	(\$68,730)
Social Services Grants	-	(\$8,015,066)
Total General Fund Budget Reductions	(\$19,538,649)	(\$13,294,293)

Social Service Grants

Social Services Grant Funding

- For the six fiscal years through FY26, budgeted General Fund expenditures for Social Services Grants grew at a compound average annual rate of 10.9%



- FY27 total includes the \$19.4M in funding for City-owned shelters that has transitioned to HSO & APH General Fund departmental budgets
- FY27 total does not include investments in the General Fund departmental budgets for HSO, APH or Housing such as:
 - \$8 million for Marshaling Yard operations;
 - \$2.1 million local housing vouchers;
- Totals include only budgeted ongoing General Fund expenditures and do not reflect one-time expenditures for permanent supportive housing services, housing vouchers, sobering center, or rental assistance funded through Housing Trust Fund or other non-General Fund sources

Social Services Evaluation Process

Two-part framework to prioritize social services focus areas and evaluate contracts within those focus areas

- **Part I – Focus area prioritization rubric**

- **Use rubric, developed in response to Resolution 20260226-056, to rank focus areas** across five dimensions: Community Need; Need Trajectory; City Strategic Role; Investment Efficiency; and Council and Community Priority.
- Compute aggregate scores for each focus area (higher ranking across dimensions = higher score).
- Allocate shares of total reduction target to each focus area based on relative scores.
 - Allocation formula exempts 14 maintained contracts from reductions.

- **Part II – Strategic contract evaluation**

- **Subject-matter experts in departments determine reductions and eliminations** based on duplication, consolidation, performance, degree of strategic alignment, and historical underspending to reach targets.

Focus Area Rubric Dimensions

Dimension	Max	What It Measures	Key Sources
D1. Community Need	25	Prevalence, severity, equity gap	2025 Community Health Assessment; American Community Survey; Homeless Management Information System; Continuum of Care Point-in-Time
D2. Need Trajectory	15	Trend direction, funding gap risk, growth pressure	American Community Survey year-over-year; Homeless Management Information System trends; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program data
D3. City Strategic Role	15	Citywide strategy alignment, unique City funder role, cost avoidance for other City systems	Citywide Strategic Plan; Resolution 20260226-056
D4. Investment Efficiency	10	Provider track record and external funding leverage	Contract performance data; federal and state match structures
D5. City Council and Community Direction	10	Inclusion in City, Council, and B&C strategic direction	Citywide Strategic Plan, City Council Resolution and Community Health Assessment, Joint Inclusion Committee Resolution
TOTAL:	75		

Housing

Local Housing Vouchers

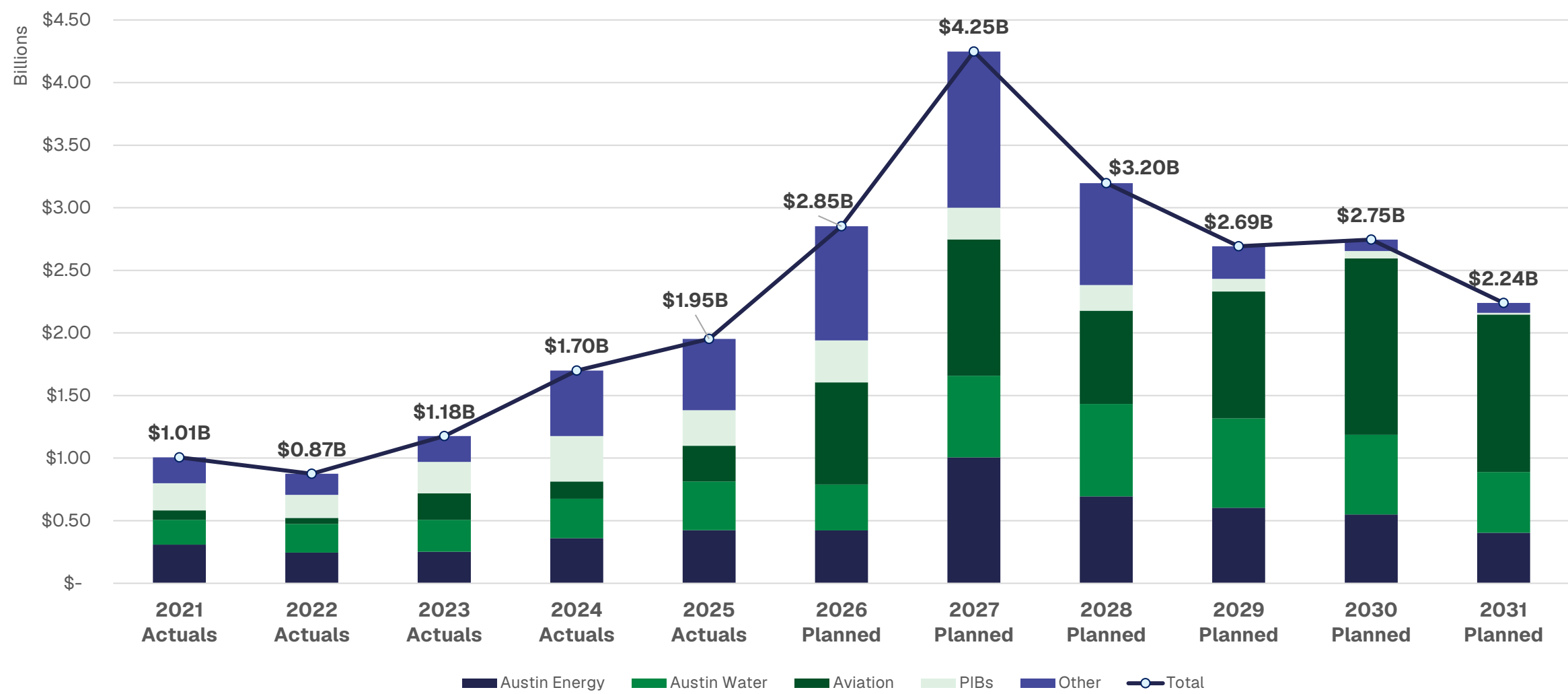
Development	Project Funding	Service Provider	# of Units	FY27 Proposed
Espero	2018 Housing Bond	Caritas	51	\$1,063,643
Pecan Gardens	ARPA and 2022 Housing Bond	Family Eldercare	78	\$1,626,747
Bungalow	ARPA and 2022 Housing Bond	Integral Care	50	\$1,042,787
Cady Lofts	2018 Housing Bond	New Hope	25	\$521,393
Seabrook Square Phase II	2013 Housing Bond, 2022 Housing Bond, Downtown Density Bonus funds	Integral Care	60	\$1,251,344
The Roz	2022 Housing Bond	Endeavors	60	\$1,251,344
Cairn Point at Cameron	2022 Housing Bond	Caritas	50	\$1,042,787
Totals – Local Housing Vouchers			374 units	\$7,800,045

➤ Average annual cost per unit is \$20,856

Capital Improvement Program

Capital Budget Highlights

FY27-31 Five-Year CIP Spending Plan



FY27 Proposed Capital Spend by Department

Department	FY27 Proposed Capital Spending	FY28-FY31 Proposed Capital Spending	Total
Arts, Culture, Music, & Entertainment	\$156.9K	\$220.0K	\$376.9K
Austin Energy	\$1.0B	\$2.3B	\$3.3B
Austin Resource Recovery	\$13.3M	\$41.2M	\$54.5M
Austin Technology Services	\$30.8M	\$40.0M	\$70.8M
Austin Water	\$651.7M	\$2.6B	\$3.2B
Aviation	\$1.1B	\$4.4B	\$5.5B
Capital Delivery Services	\$1.8M	\$3.3M	\$5.2M
Convention Center	\$629.8M	\$488.5M	\$1.14B
Economic Development	\$774.0K	950.9K	\$1.7M
Emergency Medical Services	\$704.6K	\$315.1K	\$1.0M
Facilities Management	\$72.9M	\$4.9M	\$77.8M

FY27 Proposed Capital Spend by Department

Department	FY27 Proposed Capital Spend	FY28-FY31 Proposed Capital Spend	Total
Financial Services	\$160.7M	\$67.3M	\$228.0M
Fire	\$141.8K	-	\$141.8K
Fleet Mobility Services	\$89.5M	\$39.2M	\$128.7M
Housing	\$82.5M	\$159.7M	\$242.3M
Parks & Recreation	\$46.5M	\$90.9M	\$137.4M
Planning	\$1.8M	\$9.1M	\$10.9M
Police	\$500.1K	-	\$500.1K
Public Health	\$600.0K	\$3.1M	\$3.7M
Public Library	\$3.3M	\$1.4M	\$4.7M
Transportation & Public Works	\$266.6M	\$428.2M	\$694.8M
Watershed Protection	\$77.6M	\$243.3M	\$320.9M
Total	\$4.25B	\$10.9B	\$15.1B

QUESTIONS?

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Art Featured:

Lotus is a permanent outdoor artwork by Austin artists Sunyong Chung and Philippe Klinefelter, located at the Asian American Resource Center (AARC). The piece features a vibrant 12-foot mosaic lotus floating in water, surrounded by seven carved granite petals rising toward the sky. Made from thousands of hand-crafted ceramic tiles depicting plants and animals native to Central Texas, the sculpture is centered by a granite seed pod that doubles as a fountain.

The lotus flower is representative of the AARC and the long history of community activism that established the center as a cultural and collective hub for all Asian Americans. The mosaic depicts the lotus as a space wherein all things, be it damselflies, ladybugs, butterflies, fish and amphibians, can congregate for a shared purpose.