



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** April 9, 2026

**Subject:** **2026 Bond Program – Phase 3 Community Engagement Summary**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of Phase 3 community engagement for the 2026 Bond program. This memorandum serves as the final engagement update and outlines key findings from project-level engagement conducted in January and February 2026. Building on prior phases that identified broad community priorities, Phase 3 engagement focused on understanding how community members respond to a refined list of proposed bond projects, including project-level preferences, awareness, and perceptions of cost and implementation.

### Background

The 2026 Bond program continues to be developed through a coordinated planning process that integrates technical feasibility, fiscal considerations, and community input. Phase 1 engagement established a baseline understanding of community priorities through a statistically significant survey and broad participation. Phase 2 aligned with the Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF) 3 listening sessions and internal review processes to refine project considerations and inform initial recommendations.

Phase 3 represents the final stage of community engagement before BEATF recommendations and City Council consideration. This phase was designed to provide a balanced and decision-relevant understanding of community sentiment by combining representative data, opt-in participation, and in-person feedback opportunities.

### Phase 3 Engagement Overview

Phase 3 engagement was conducted between January and February 2026 and included multiple methods to ensure both breadth and depth of input:

- **Random Sample Survey:** ~1,047 participants (statistically representative)
- **Opt-In Surveys:** 142 participants (website and open house survey)

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- **Community Open Houses:** 5 events with 206 attendees
- **Comment Cards:** 112 analyzed responses (~54% participation rate)

In total, Phase 3 engagement reached approximately 1,348+ participants across all methods. These methods were designed to complement one another, providing:

- A representative baseline of citywide sentiment
- Directional insight from engaged participants
- In-depth qualitative feedback from in-person engagement

### **Key Findings**

Phase 3 engagement confirms consistent alignment on core community priorities while also highlighting important considerations related to cost, delivery, and communication:

- **Housing and transportation remain top priorities.**  
Across all engagement methods, these categories emerged as the most consistent and widely supported, with additional support for quality-of-life investments such as parks, recreation, and community facilities.
- **Community members support bond outcomes, with concerns about cost and implementation.**  
While most respondents indicate support for the bond and its potential benefits, there are notable concerns regarding overall financial impact and the City’s ability to deliver projects effectively.
- **Preference for improving existing infrastructure.**  
Respondents consistently favor reinvestment in existing facilities and systems over new construction, particularly for core services.
- **Different engagement methods surface different types of input.**  
Survey and voting activities highlight broad priorities, while written comments emphasize areas of concern, including transparency, process, and alignment with community needs.

Additional details, including methodology, full analysis, and supporting data are available in the Summary of Findings and accompanying supplementary materials.

### **Next Steps**

The anticipated timeline below represents a balanced approach to the 2026 Bond development process. It ensures that the BEATF, City staff, and the community each play visible and coordinated roles. In summary:

- **March – April 2026:** Working Groups present and discuss initial recommendations with full BEATF
- **May 4, 2026:** BEATF finalizes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council
- **May 8, 2026:** City staff provides recommendations, integrating feasibility and funding considerations
- **May 19, 2026:** City Council work session to discuss proposed bond package

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- **August 6, 2026:** City Council Meeting – consideration of an ordinance to call for a bond election and set ballot language
- **November 3, 2026:** Bond election

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Attachment: Bond 2026 Phase 3 Engagement Report



## Bond 2026 Phase 3 Engagement Summary

### Overview

Phase 3 engagement assessed how community members responded to a refined list of proposed bond projects. Building on earlier phases that identified broad priorities, this phase focused on project-level preferences, awareness, fiscal feasibility, and confidence in delivery. Engagement combined **representative survey** data with opt-in participation and **in-person feedback** to provide a comprehensive, decision-relevant view of community sentiment.

### Key Data Points

- **Total Participants:** Approximately 1,348+
- **Random Sample Survey:** Approximately 1,047 (statistically representative)
- **Opt-In Surveys:** 142 combined (87 website + 55 open house survey)
- **Open Houses:** 5 events, 206 attendees
- **Comment Cards:** 112 analyzed (~54% participation rate)
- **Non-Project Feedback:** ~45% of comments not tied to a specific project

### What We Heard *(Across Engagement Methods)*

#### 1. Housing and Transportation Are the Most Consistent Priorities Across All Methods

Transportation and affordable housing emerged as the clearest priorities (57% each in the representative survey), with consistent alignment across surveys, voting, and comments.

These priorities are also reflected in open house feedback, where:

- **Transportation** accounted for approximately 12.6% of coded comment categories
- **Housing-related themes** accounted for about 6.9% of top comment themes

Quality-of-life investments (parks, recreation, cultural and neighborhood infrastructure) also show broad support across all engagement methods.

## 2. Community Members Support the Outcomes, but Question Whether the City Can Afford and Deliver Them

Most respondents:

- Believe the bond will benefit the community (~78%)
- Support moving forward (~75%)
- Are willing to contribute financially (~60%)

However:

- About 83% express concern about overall cost and financial impact
- Approximately 40% are unwilling to support additional taxes

*This suggests that community members support the outcomes of the bond, but question whether the City can afford it and deliver it effectively.*

## 3. Community Members Prioritize Improving Existing Infrastructure Over Building New

Across bond categories, respondents consistently favored reinvestment in existing infrastructure over expansion. Examples include:

- **Public safety:** ~39% prefer renovating existing facilities vs. ~27% building new
- **Parks:** ~56% prefer improving existing parks vs. ~38% acquiring new land

*This suggests a preference for maintaining and upgrading existing assets over creating new ones, particularly for core and essential services.*

## 4. Open House Voting and Comments Surface Different Kinds of Priority

Open house feedback shows that participants use different activities to express different kinds of needs. As for comments, the strongest emphasis was on visible, neighborhood-serving investments, particularly:

- **Community Facilities** (~24.1% of coded mentions)
- **Parks & Recreation** (~17.8%)
- **Transportation** (~12.6%)

At the same time:

- Dot voting tends to elevate broad-support priorities (e.g., homeless shelter, parks, sidewalks)
- Comments tend to surface issues requiring deeper attention (e.g., housing, equity, transparency)

*This suggests that residents often vote on widely accepted priorities, but comment on what feels unresolved, missing, or under-addressed.*

## Engagement Methods Overview

Methodology	Participants	Key Takeaway/indicator
Random Sample Survey	1,047	Baseline, representative view of citywide priorities and sentiment
Opt-In Survey (Website)	87	Engaged community members; directional insight from likely voters
Open House Survey	55	Feedback from informed participants after project exposure
Dot Voting	206 attendees	Broad project prioritization and consensus signals
Comment Cards	112 responses	Thematic depth, concerns, and consistent-themed issues

## Opportunities & Considerations

- Strengthen communication where awareness is lowest**  
 About 61% of community members reported low familiarity with the bond; increasing understanding of community benefit is key to growing support.
- Address fiscal feasibility and reinforce confidence in delivery**  
 Clearly communicate how the City will fund, prioritize, and successfully implement projects.
- Respond to concerns from highly engaged participants**  
 Opt-in survey takers and open house participants are more likely to vote and influence others; their concerns about transparency, process, and project alignment should be addressed directly.
- Align project framing with how Austinites understand community needs**  
 Austinites prioritize outcomes (housing, safety, equity), while projects are organized by categories. Future engagement should consider clearer breakouts where public priorities differ within a category, for example, separating homelessness-related facilities from broader community facilities, or distinguishing EMS and fire from police-related infrastructure.
- Emphasize tangible, neighborhood-level benefits**  
 Engagement results suggest residents respond most strongly to projects they can see, use, and experience directly—such as parks, trails, recreation, community facilities, and other improvements tied to daily life across neighborhoods.

*Additional details are available in: Zencity Survey Report, and the Open House Summary of Findings. This report was prepared by the Austin Communications and Engagement Office in collaboration with Zencity (Survey Research).*





## Bond 2026 Open Houses – Summary of Findings

This document provides a high-level overview of what we heard during the Bond 2026 open houses and dot-voting exercise, including who participated, what topics emerged most often in public comments cards, how project priorities surfaced through voting, and key insights can inform communication, refinement, and help guide decision-making.

### 1. Open House Summary

A total of six Bond 2026 Open Houses were conducted between February 17–28, 2026, providing multiple opportunities for community members to engage, learn, and share feedback on the proposed bond projects.

- **Total events:** 5 (4 in-person, 1 virtual)
- **Total attendance:** 206 community members
- **Estimated staff support:** about 41 staff across events
- **Total comment cards collected:** 117
- **Total comments analyzed:** 112 (blank or non-substantive cards were excluded)

### 2. Open House Overview & Methodology

The open houses were designed as interactive, drop-in sessions that invited participants to explore, ask questions and share feedback at their own pace. Community members engaged directly with subject matter experts, reviewed proposed projects, and shared input through both written comments and interactive activities.

Participants were able to engage with multiple features designed to support learning, feedback, and prioritization.

Method	What participants could do
Project information boards	Review proposed projects and supporting details
Staffed tables	Ask questions and engage directly with subject matter experts
Comment cards	Provide written feedback on specific projects or general topics
Dot-voting stations	Indicate project priorities by allocating votes

The virtual session mirrored this experience using Zoom breakout rooms organized by project area.

Each session lasted approximately 3.5 hours (with the virtual session lasting about 1.5 hours) allowing participants to join and leave at their convenience.

## Comment Card Analysis

Each comment card captured both structured and open-ended input, offering participants the flexibility to share specific feedback or broader perspectives. To ensure responses were accurate, meaningful and responsibly handled, a multi-step process was used.

Step	Process	Purpose
Input	Project number (optional + open feedback section)	Capture both project specific and general input
Redactions	Removal of personal identifiable information	Protect participant privacy
Digitization	OCR (ChatGPT 5.2) + manual review	Ensure accuracy and usability of responses
Tagging & Themes	AI-Assisted tagging with staff validation	Identify recurring topics and patterns
Categorization	Map comments to project categories	Align feedback with bond project structure
Consolidation	Data tables created using Power Query	Bring all data into a single, organized source
Analysis	Development of Summary of Findings (AI-assisted and staff reviewed)	Highlight key insights and trends
Review	Peer review of final materials	Ensure quality, clarity and alignment with City AI guidelines

This approach allows each comment to be analyzed across multiple angles:

- Topic (theme)
- Project reference (if applicable)
- Project category

See the Appendix Section to find the Themes definition as well as the tagging logic used for this analysis.

## Dot Voting Analysis

Community members were invited to distribute five dots across projects they considered most important. Dot boards were organized by project category and aggregated across all events to produce total vote counts per project.

## Combined Analysis Approach

The analysis integrates:

- **Dot voting data** (broad preference and prioritization)
- **Comment card data** (qualitative feedback and issue intensity)

Together, these data sources provide a more complete understanding of both what participants prioritized and what they felt strongly enough to describe in their own words.

### 3. Overall Category Snapshot

The preliminary project categories utilized for this phase of engagement were provided by the Capital Delivery Services team and serve as organizational groupings of specific projects based on their alignment to existing City of Austin programs.

Category	Count	Share of coded mentions
Other	22	25.3%
Community Facilities	42	24.1%
Parks and Recreation	31	17.8%
Transportation	22	12.6%
Housing	14	8%
Watershed	14	8%
Public Safety	7	4%

*Percentages reflect the share of total coded mentions, and individual comments may be reflected in more than one category.*

*Taken together, the comments suggest that community members were thinking about the bond not only in terms of individual capital projects, but also in terms of broader community outcomes such as neighborhood quality of life, equitable access to facilities, affordability and displacement, transparency in project selection, and visible improvements in the places people use every day.*

The “Other” category reflects limitations in the predefined project category groupings, capturing feedback that cuts across multiple areas and reflect a broader, system level perspectives. These comments are best understood through thematic analysis included in the following section.

Because project categories were predefined, thematic analysis provides a more complete view of community priorities across and beyond individual project groupings.

### 4. Thematic Analysis

While categories help organize the data at a high-level, themes provide a deeper understanding of what participants are actually expressing.

Theme	% of theme mentions	Summary of comments
<b>Cultural Facilities</b>	9.3%	Strong support for arts and cultural institutions as essential public assets. Comments frequently called for greater investment in cultural spaces, especially those seen as community anchors or tied to local identity and economic vitality.
<b>Park Planning</b>	8.3%	Residents called for park improvements, acquisitions, better park access, and clearer information about where park investments would occur. Some comments supported land acquisition when tied to restoration and long-term preservation.
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	6.9%	One of the strongest high-intensity themes. Comments emphasized deeply affordable housing, anti-displacement needs, and stronger alignment between housing investments and transit access.
<b>Active Transportation</b>	6.0%	Support for bike lanes, sidewalks, and safer multimodal infrastructure appeared often, though comments also raised questions about project utilization and cost.
<b>Recreation Facilities</b>	5.6%	Many comments requested more recreation centers, senior-oriented improvements, and family-serving public spaces across neighborhoods.
<b>Transparency</b>	5.6%	A recurring concern across the dataset. Residents asked for clearer project scope, cost assumptions, location details, and more information about why certain projects were included or prioritized.
<b>Bond Governance</b>	5.6%	Comments addressed the structure of the bond itself, including concerns about whether priorities were predetermined, whether all needs were represented, and how decisions were being made.
<b>Geographic Equity</b>	4.6%	Many participants evaluated projects through a neighborhood equity lens, calling for more visible investment in underserved areas across Austin.
<b>Homeless Services</b>	3.7%	Opinions were mixed, but many comments focused on whether shelter investments should be paired with or replaced by more direct housing investments and long-term solutions.
<b>Land Conservation</b>	3.2%	Support for protected lands, watershed protection, and conservation appeared regularly, especially when tied to growth pressure and environmental preservation.

<b>Park Facilities</b>	2.8%	More specific comments about named parks, park amenities, and neighborhood-serving facilities.
<b>Aquatics &amp; Cooling</b>	2.8%	Though smaller in count, these comments were meaningful and often tied to heat relief, public health, family access, and equitable distribution of cooling resources.

*Percentages indicate the top themes with their relative frequency of coded mentions across comment cards. See the Appendix section for a complete thematic breakdown of comments.*

Four major patterns emerged from the comment data:

1. Quality-of-life infrastructure matters deeply. Parks, recreation centers, cultural facilities, and aquatics were repeatedly described as essential community investments.
2. Housing generated some of the most detailed feedback, with many comments focused on affordability, displacement, and how housing connects to transportation.
3. Location also played an important role in how participants viewed project value, with a strong emphasis on equitable investment across neighborhoods.
4. Transparency emerged as a consistent theme, with residents asking for clearer information about projects and how decisions are made.

## 5. Priority Exercise: Dot Voting and Project References

In addition to themes, participant priorities were captured through dot voting to show their support for specific projects displayed on visual boards.

While housing was not initially included as a standalone voting option, participants consistently raised these concerns, resulting in a significant volume of comment-based input in later events. It is important to note that most housing-related feedback was shared through written comments.

### Top Projects by Dot Voting with Comment Overlap

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Vote Count</b>	<b>Comment Mentions</b>	<b>Observations</b>
1- Integrated Homeless Shelter & Support Center	47	2	Highest vote-getter overall. Strong dot-sticker support, through relatively limited written discussion compared with other topics
10 - Parkland Improvements Program	33	4	Strong in both voting and comments. Frequently connected to neighborhood quality, access, and equitable investment.

15 - Sidewalks	28	3	Strong vote total with moderate written discussion focused on safety, access and the need for clearer scope.
16 - Urban Trails Program	28	3	Broad support in voting. Written comments emphasized connectivity, safety, and project location questions.
11 - Recreation and Senior Center Improvements	27	4	Strong overlap between voting and comments, especially around seniors, neighborhood-serving facilities, and equitable access.
21 - Drainage and Stormwater Infrastructure Projects	26	2	Strong voting support despite comparatively fewer written references, suggesting broad recognition of need without as much detailed discussion.
7 - Building Renovation and Replacement Program (PARC)	25	4	Good alignment between dots and written feedback. Often linked to cultural, recreational, and neighborhood-serving facility needs.
14 - Bikeways	23	4	Supported in both dots and comments, though some written feedback was more mixed and questioned utilization and siting.
3 - Animal Services Center Capital	23	2	High voting support with lighter written commentary
9 - Aquatics Program	23	2	High dot support; comments were fewer but especially meaningful around cooling, heat resilience, and family access

Comparing dot voting with written feedback highlights two distinct types of priorities:

- **Broad-support priorities** – projects that many participants were comfortable endorsing through dot voting
- **High-intensity priorities** – issues that generated stronger, more detailed written feedback

## 6. Unstructured and Non-Project-Specific Feedback

It is important to note that a substantial share of comments (51 of 112) did not reference a specific project number.

These comments clustered around cultural facilities, transparency, bond governance, geographic equity, watershed and land conservation, housing, aquatics and cooling, and neighborhood-serving parks or recreation needs.

This feedback reflects how participants responded not only to listed projects, but also to what felt missing, underexplained, or unevenly distributed across communities.

## 7. Key Findings

The following key findings bring together insights across all data sources:

- Quality-of-life infrastructure dominated the discussion, with parks, recreation, and cultural facilities representing the largest share of feedback and consistent support across both comments and voting.
- Housing emerged as a high-intensity issue. While not fully represented in the voting structure, it generated the highest concentration of written feedback and reflects a gap between public priorities and project framing.
- A significant share of participants evaluated the Bond process itself, not just projects, with concerns centered on transparency, timing of engagement, and perceived fairness (29 comments, about 26% of total).
- Project structure did not fully align with how participants understand issues. With 51 of 112 comments (about 45%) not tied to a specific project, community members responded through broader themes such as housing, equity, and community impact rather than predefined project categories.
- Dot voting and written comments reflect different types of priority. Projects like drainage and shelter services received high votes with limited discussion (broad consensus), while others such as bikeways and housing generated more detailed feedback, indicating areas of greater scrutiny or differing perspectives.
- Geographic equity and access influenced how participants assessed value, with repeated emphasis on where investments would occur and whether underserved areas would see meaningful, visible benefits.

## 8. Additional Insights from the Data

The following observations provide additional context on participation patterns and how feedback was expressed:

- Participation levels were high. With 112 comments from 206 attendees (about 54%), over half of participants provided written input, indicating strong engagement and investment in the process.
- Some projects reflect broad consensus, receiving high dot-voting support with limited written feedback, suggesting widely accepted baseline needs.
- Lower-frequency themes, such as aquatics and cooling facilities, carried meaningful qualitative weight, often tied to public health, heat resilience, and equitable access despite smaller counts.

## 9. Conclusion

The Bond 2026 process surfaced a public conversation centered on quality-of-life infrastructure, affordability, equity, and trust.

Participants showed broad support for visible community-serving investments such as parks, recreation centers, cultural facilities, sidewalks, and trails. At the same time, written comments reveal strong demand for greater attention to housing, clearer project information, and confidence that investments will reach underserved areas.

Taken together, the findings suggest that future bond communications and refinement efforts may benefit from:

- sharpening project descriptions
- clarifying geographic impact
- recognizing housing as a major concern
- treating non-project-specific feedback as a valuable source of insight



## Phase Three Communications Summary

### Comprehensive Overview

Community outreach for the Bond 2026 engagement process was designed to ensure broad awareness, equitable access to information, and multiple opportunities for participation across Austin. City staff worked in concert with community partners, networks, and the Bond Advisory Task Force (BEATF) to support amplification of messaging and general awareness.

The outreach strategy combined paid media, grassroots communications, and City-operated channels to reach Austinites through both digital and in-person touchpoints. Efforts were intentionally structured to:

- Reach community members across all geographic areas of Austin
- Utilize trusted and familiar communication channels
- Provide information in multiple formats and languages
- Reinforce messaging through repeated exposure across platforms

***Overall, throughout the outreach and engagement period of the Bond 2026 awareness efforts generated more than 2 million impressions across media and communication channels.***

### Paid Media and Advertising

Paid outreach focused on increasing awareness of engagement opportunities, particularly open houses and surveys, through targeted and citywide distribution.

### Geographic Targeting

Advertising was delivered across Austin, with additional emphasis on focused zip codes to ensure geographic distribution and reach across multiple districts and communities. The focused distribution plan prioritized delivery to underserved areas, informed by data from Community Survey 1. These areas were selected to support balanced coverage across the city while maintaining general market visibility.

### Digital and Streaming Outreach

Digital and streaming platforms served as the primary drivers of reach, including:

- Programmatic display advertising with geofencing
- Streaming video advertisements in English and Spanish
- Podcast advertising and email-based promotions
- Online event calendar placements across local media outlets

These efforts generated **over 1.9 million impressions**, providing broad visibility across diverse audiences.

## Social Media and Community-Based Platforms

Social and community platforms were used to reinforce messaging and drive participation through:

- Targeted posts promoting open house events
- Neighborhood-based platforms such as NextDoor
- Locally focused digital content partnerships
- Short-form video and illustrated content designed for accessibility and engagement

These channels supported both awareness and interaction, helping community members connect to engagement opportunities.

## Print and Community Publications

Print media was used to reach residents who may not be engaged through digital channels, including placements in:

- Community newspapers with citywide and localized circulation
- Publications serving specific cultural and language communities

This approach supported outreach to:

- Spanish-speaking communities
- South Asian communities
- African American communities

Print outreach ensured that information was available in trusted, community-based formats. These efforts generated **over 119.5K impressions**, providing broad visibility across low/no-tech audiences.

## Broadcast and Radio

Broadcast and radio advertising extended outreach through:

- English- and Spanish-language radio stations
- Local television placements

These efforts provided additional reach, particularly for residents who rely on traditional media sources.

## Grassroots and City-Led Communications

In addition to paid media, the City implemented a coordinated grassroots communication strategy leveraging existing networks and internal communication channels.

## Citywide Distribution Channels

Information was shared through:

- City of Austin newsletters and departmental communications
- Capital Delivery Services and Austin Mobility updates
- Development Services Department newsletters
- Internal and external stakeholder distribution lists

A dedicated ***“Shape Austin’s Bond”*** newsletter was also distributed to subscribers to promote engagement opportunities and provide timely updates.

## City Facilities and Owned Media

Digital marketing signage for the Open House Series was featured in rotation across City-operated platforms, including:

- Digital display monitors at City Hall, Austin Energy, and the Permitting and Development Center
- ATXN television programming and City communication channels
- The City’s official YouTube channel

These placements ensured consistent visibility across high-traffic public locations and City-managed media.

## Departmental and Partner Amplification

City departments, community partners and the Bond Advisory Task Force (BEATF) were provided with:

- Promotional graphics
- Newsletter-ready content
- Digital assets for redistribution

This enabled departments to share uniform messaging and information through their existing networks, expanding reach across multiple service areas and audiences.

## Approach to Equity and Accessibility

Outreach efforts were designed to support equitable access by:

- Including Spanish-language media and platforms
- Partnering with publications and outlets serving culturally specific communities
- Utilizing both digital and non-digital communication channels
- Ensuring information was accessible through multiple formats

This multi-channel approach helped ensure that engagement opportunities were available to a broad cross-section of Austin residents, including historically underrepresented communities.

### Summary

The Bond 2026 outreach strategy reflects a layered and coordinated approach to community engagement, combining paid media, grassroots communications, and City-led efforts.

**Key outcomes of the outreach approach include:**

- Broad citywide awareness through multi-channel distribution
- Targeted outreach across geographic areas and communities
- Inclusion of culturally and linguistically relevant platforms
- Reinforcement of messaging through repeated exposure

These efforts supported participation across engagement methods and contributed to a comprehensive understanding of community input throughout the Bond 2026 process. Phase three impressions for the 2026 Bond program and open house series messaging were **estimated to exceed 2.2 million.**

# Austin 2026 Priorities Survey

## Pulse & Engage Survey Results

March 2026



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# Introduction and Key Findings

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## *Previous Engagement Efforts*

The City of Austin undertook several engagement efforts to inform its 2026 bond planning process. Austin Capital Delivery Services (CDS) developed a needs assessment of 66 priority projects totaling \$3.9 billion, and ran an online survey in summer 2025 with over 2,000 responses. Results indicated that **Transportation and Housing & Homelessness** were the top priorities, with strong support for **Climate/ Sustainability and Parks**. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF) also held community listening sessions, and a Project Review Board (PRB) scored and ranked projects — ultimately refining the \$3.9 billion needs assessment down to a \$700 million **Initial Draft Recommendation**

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## *Austin 2026 Priorities Survey*

Building on the Initial Draft Recommendations, the City of Austin partnered with Zencity to gain a deeper understanding of **resident confidence towards the proposed projects**. The survey aimed to assess current **awareness of the bond package** to support **communication efforts**, identify which **projects residents most want prioritized** to help **inform decision-makers**, and evaluate the **affordability impacts** related to the bond package. To ensure all voices were heard, the City utilized a **representative survey alongside a self-distributed engage survey** completed at community open houses and on the city website — together providing a **comprehensive picture of resident perspectives across Austin**.

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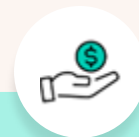
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# Key Strategic Strengths



**78%**

## **Bond Will Benefit Community**

The majority of residents think that the proposed bond projects will benefit the Austin community.



**75%**

## **Move Forward with Election**

Most residents think it is important that the City of Austin moved forward with Bond Election in 2026



**60%**

## **Willing to Pay More Taxes**

Majority are willing to pay more in taxes to support the infrastructure categories that matter to them

- Resident priorities align with the 2025 Austin survey, providing a consistent foundation for the bond's focus areas
  - Support for the bond election exceeds 80% in most council districts, reflecting broad geographic consensus
  - Council District 4 & 9 have the highest familiarity of the bond package and are the most likely to prioritize a bond election
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# Challenges & Opportunities

**40%**

## **Unwilling to Pay Any Additional Tax**

A notable proportion are resistant to any tax increase, independent of affordability concern

**61%**

## **Low Familiarity with Bond Package**

Majority of residents had little or no familiarity — a clear opportunity to increase communications efforts

**+31 pts**

## **Perceived Community Benefit Drives Election Support**

This provides a key opportunity to grow support through targeted outreach

- Older residents (32% familiar) and low-income residents (38% familiar) are the least familiar with the proposed bond package
- Low income residents (44%) and older residents (48%) are the most likely to not be willing to pay any additional taxes



# Strategic Summary

## **Broad public confidence and consistent priorities provide a strong foundation**

78% of residents believe the bond will benefit the community, 75% want the City to move forward with the election, and 60% are willing to pay more in taxes — support that holds above 80% in most council districts. Resident priorities are consistent with the 2025 Austin survey, reinforcing a durable public preference for the bond's focus areas.

## **Low awareness and fixed tax resistance are the two core risks before November**

61% of residents had little or no familiarity with the bond package before this survey. Older residents (32% familiar) and lower-income residents (38% familiar) are the least informed, and District 8 stands out with just 19% awareness. Separately, 40% are unwilling to pay any additional taxes — a fixed position independent of affordability concern.

## **Communicating community benefit is the clearest path to growing support**

Residents who believe the bond will benefit the community are 31 points more likely to support the election (83% vs. 52%). Outreach that demonstrates project impact — not just awareness — is the most effective lever. Closing the awareness gap in District 8, among older and lower-income residents, is the clearest opportunity to expand support before November.

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# Methodology and Sample

# Methodology

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## Sample

**1,047** respondents were recruited online between **February 17th and March 10th, 2026** using targeted ads on various platforms (e.g., social media, apps for Android and IOS) as well as online survey panels. Using data from the **US Census Bureau**, this survey employed quotas to match the distribution of **race, ethnicity, age, and gender** in the US, ensuring that the sample represents the entire population of the area.

## Weighting

To make sure our sample is representative, a technique called **rake-weighting** was used to balance out any remaining differences between the makeup of the survey respondents and the community. This process serves as a **statistical safeguard** against any demographic group being overrepresented or underrepresented in the final score calculations by giving **overrepresented groups a lower weight** and **underrepresented groups a higher weight** in the analysis.

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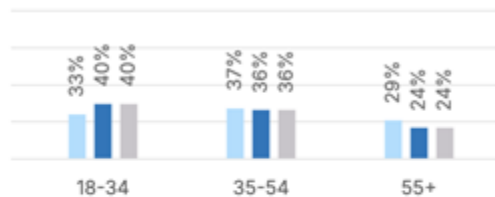
# Sample Demographics

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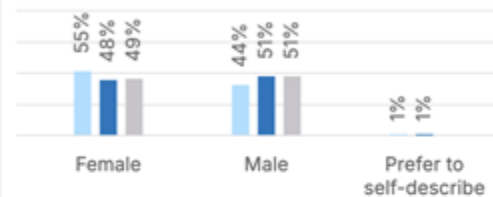
- **Unweighted demographics** - What we collected, without adjustments.
- **Weighted demographics** - Our sample, adjusted to be representative of the population.
- **Population demographics** - The demographics of the 18+ population.

*Percentages exclude respondents who did not report the specified demographic characteristic*

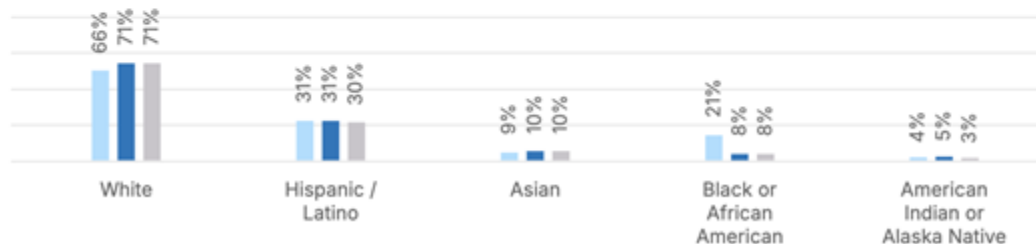
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# Insights



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# Baseline Understanding: Awareness & Priorities

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## Baseline Understanding: Awareness & Priorities

### The problem

- Awareness of the bond package is not equally distributed, some residents are well-informed; others are hearing about the package for the first time.

### Why it matters

- Awareness levels may shape how resident preferences should be interpreted throughout this report — and understanding that context matters before drawing conclusions from the data
- Low familiarity also signals a communications gap the City needs to close before asking voters to say yes in November 2026

### What this section examines

- How much residents knew about the 2026 bond going in
- Which types of infrastructure they believe the City should prioritize — before seeing any specific projects.

Before seeing any project details, how **familiar** are Austin residents with the **proposed bond** — and which **infrastructure projects** do they prioritize?

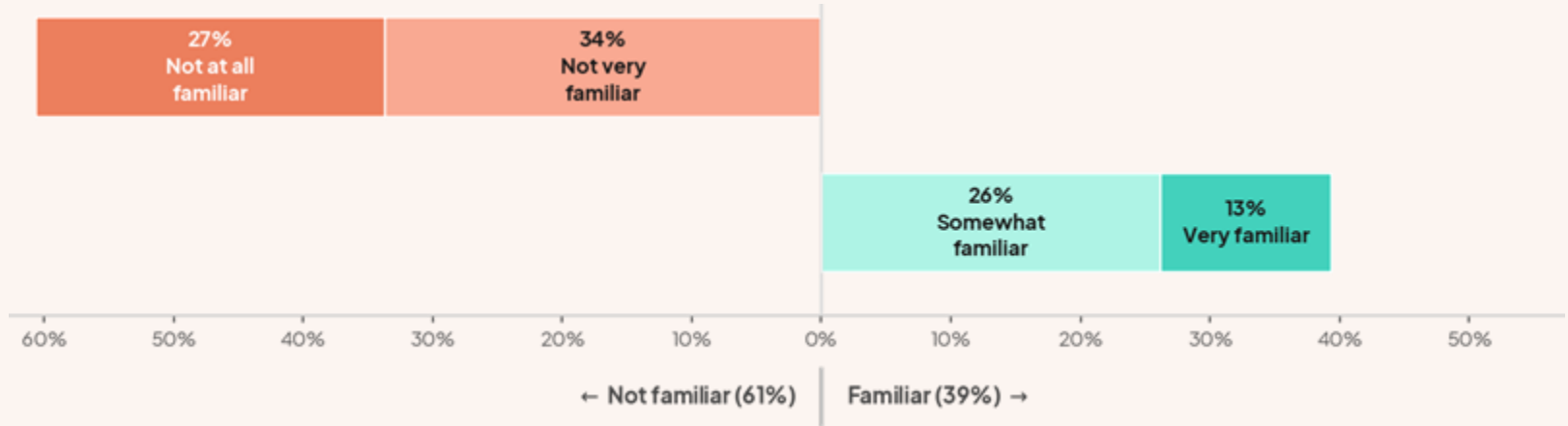
**Affordable housing and transportation are Austin's clearest infrastructure priorities, held consistently across a community that is largely unfamiliar with the proposed bond**



# Most Austin residents have little familiarity with the proposed 2026 bond package — representing a clear outreach opportunity

**Q2: Before today, how familiar were you with the topic of the City of Austin’s proposed 2026 bond package?**

[Single select, N=1047]



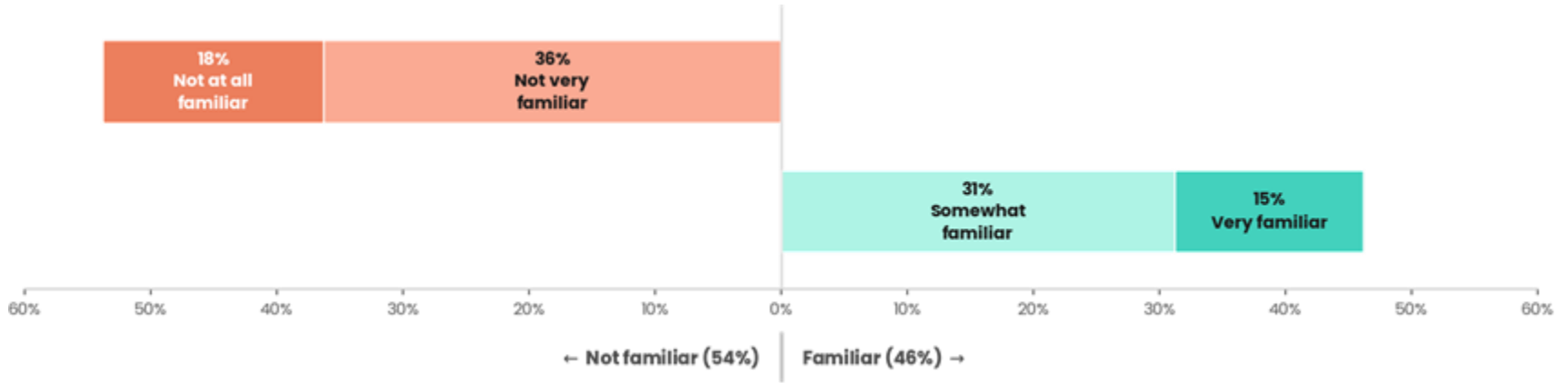
*Prior to this survey, 61% of Austin residents reported little to no familiarity with the proposed 2026 bond package, with 27% saying they were not at all familiar and 34% not very familiar. Only 13% described themselves as very familiar. This relatively low baseline awareness suggests that there is room to build public understanding of the bond package through targeted communication and outreach efforts before residents are asked to vote on it.*



# Respondents in the Engage survey show higher familiarity with the bond package than Austin residents overall

**Q2: Before today, how familiar were you with the topic of the City of Austin’s proposed 2026 bond package?**

[Engage survey, Single select, N=80 as of March 22nd 2026]



Respondents asked in the Engage survey were more likely to report familiarity with the proposed 2026 bond package, with 46% saying they were familiar compared to 39% in the representative survey. This gap reflects the self-selected nature of the Engage audience — residents who seek out civic engagement platforms tend to be more informed about city initiatives than the broader population.

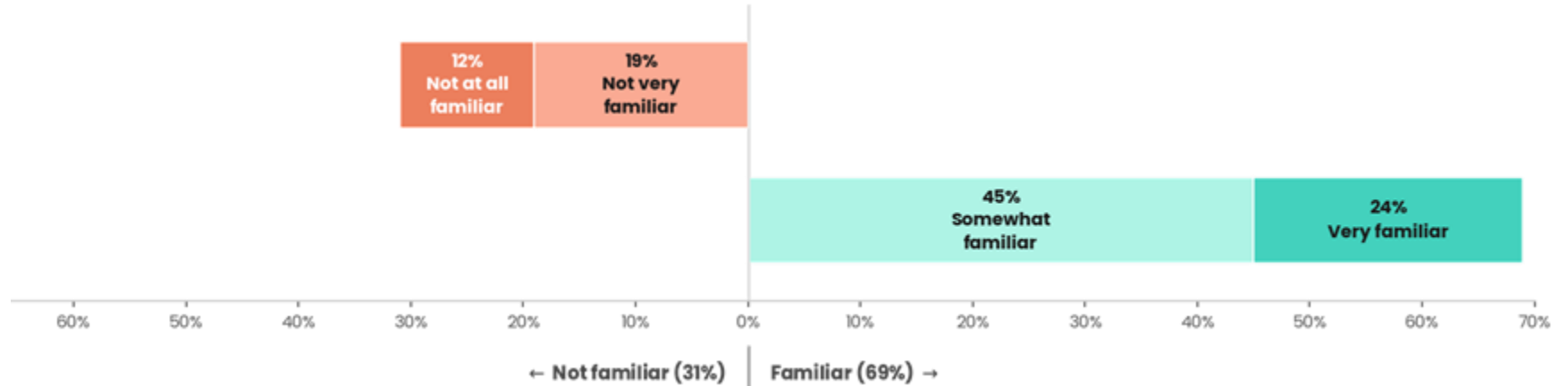
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# Respondents in the Open house survey show the highest familiarity with the bond package

**Q2: Before today, how familiar were you with the topic of the City of Austin's proposed 2026 bond package?**

[Engage survey, Single select, N=76 as of March 22nd 2026]



Respondents asked in the Open House engage survey were more likely to report familiarity with the proposed 2026 bond package, with 69% saying they were familiar compared to 39% in the representative survey and 46% in the engage survey.

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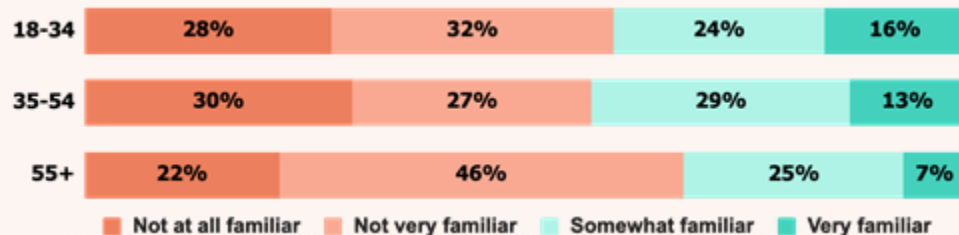


# Familiarity is lowest among older residents and those with lower incomes — pointing to the groups most in need of targeted outreach

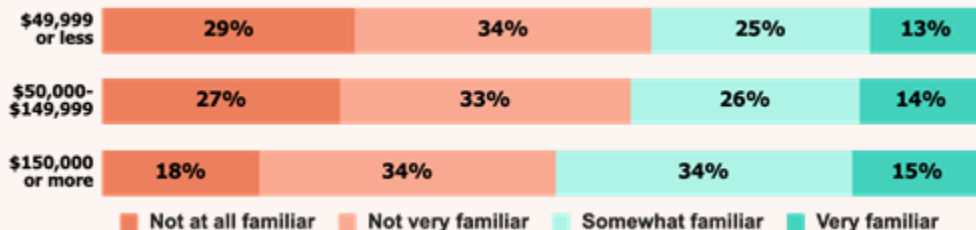
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[Single select, N=1047]

## Age Breakdown



## Income Breakdown



Among age groups, residents aged 55 and older show the lowest familiarity at 32% — compared to 42% among those aged 35–54 and 40% among 18–34 year olds. The income picture tells a similar story: just 38% of residents earning under \$50,000 are familiar with the bond package, rising to 49% among those earning \$150,000 or more — an 11-percentage-point gap. Taken together, these patterns suggest that older residents and lower-income households represent the highest-priority audiences for outreach efforts ahead of the bond vote.



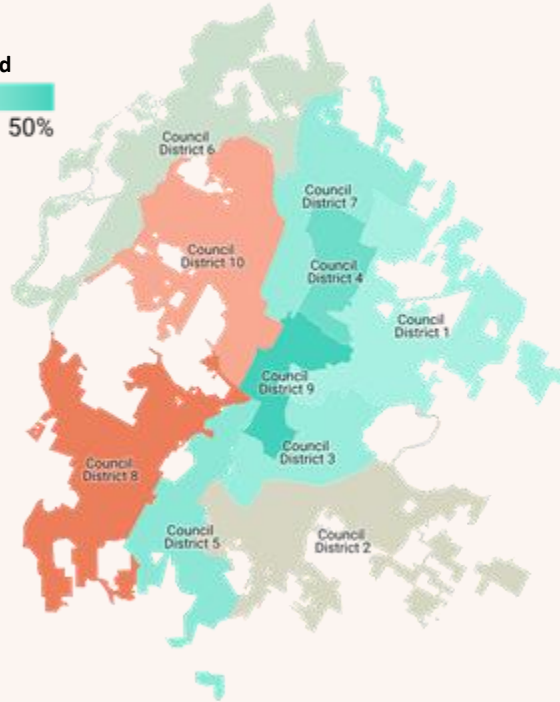
# Familiarity with the bond package varies by district — awareness in District 9 is more than twice that of District 8

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[Single select, N=1047]



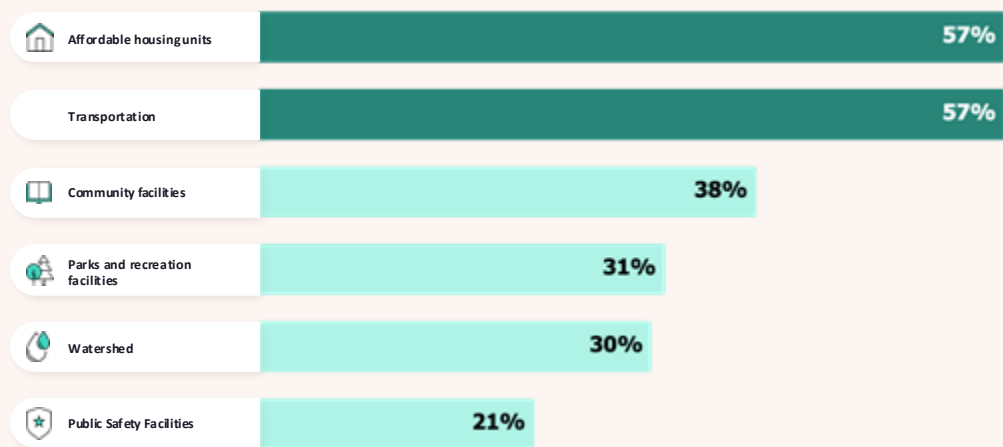
Council District	% Familiar
Council District 1	41%
Council District 2	35%
Council District 3	42%
Council District 4	47%
Council District 5	43%
Council District 6	37%
Council District 7	42%
Council District 8	19%
Council District 9	50%
Council District 10	29%



*Familiarity with the 2026 bond package ranges widely across the city. Districts 9 and 4 show the highest awareness (50% and 47%), while District 8 stands out with just 19%. Most districts cluster in the mid-30s to low-40s. This suggests that bond outreach efforts may need to be concentrated in lower-awareness districts ahead of any public engagement or vote.*

# Affordable housing and transportation are Austin residents' top infrastructure priorities

**Q3: Thinking generally about Austin's future, which types of infrastructure improvements do you think should be the highest priority for Austin?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



Aligns with 2025 survey which found that the greatest needs for Austin were Housing and Homelessness (34%) and Transportation (22%)

*Affordable housing units and transportation each emerged as the clear top priorities, selected by 57%. The strong consistency between these results and the 2025 Austin survey — which identified housing and homelessness (34%) and transportation (22%) as the city's greatest needs — suggests that these two areas reflect sustained community concern rather than a moment-in-time response.*



# Affordable housing is a top priority for Austin residents — driven most strongly by lower-income and young residents

**Q3: Thinking generally about Austin's future, which types of infrastructure improvements do you think should be the highest priority for Austin?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



Affordable housing  
units

## Age Breakdown



## Income Breakdown



Average = 57%

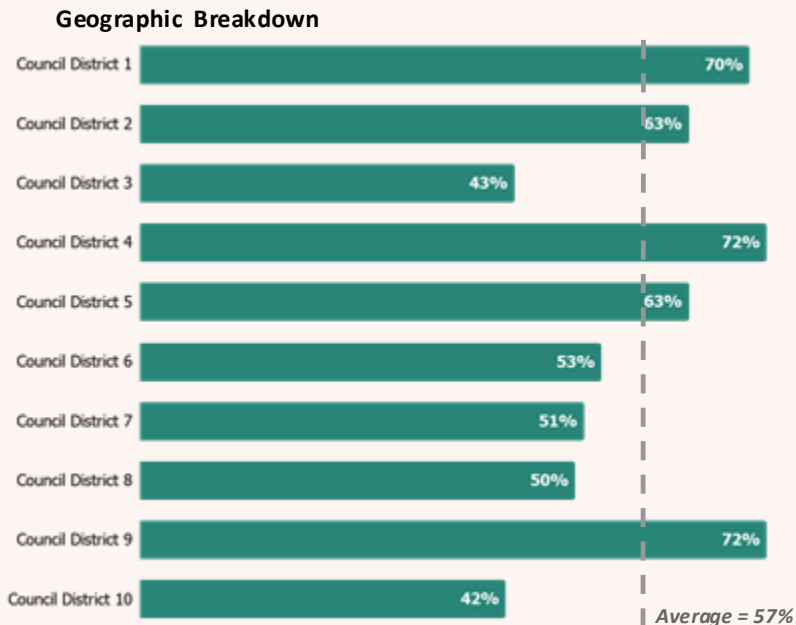
Support for affordable housing is highest among working-age residents — 63% of 35–54 year olds and 61% of 18–34 year olds — compared to 45% among those aged 55+. The income gap is even more notable: support falls from 66% among residents earning under \$50K to 44% among those earning \$150K or more, suggesting that perceptions of affordable housing differ based on income in Austin.

## Support for affordable housing as a top infrastructure priority is highest in Districts 1, 4, and 9 — and lower in Districts 3 and 10

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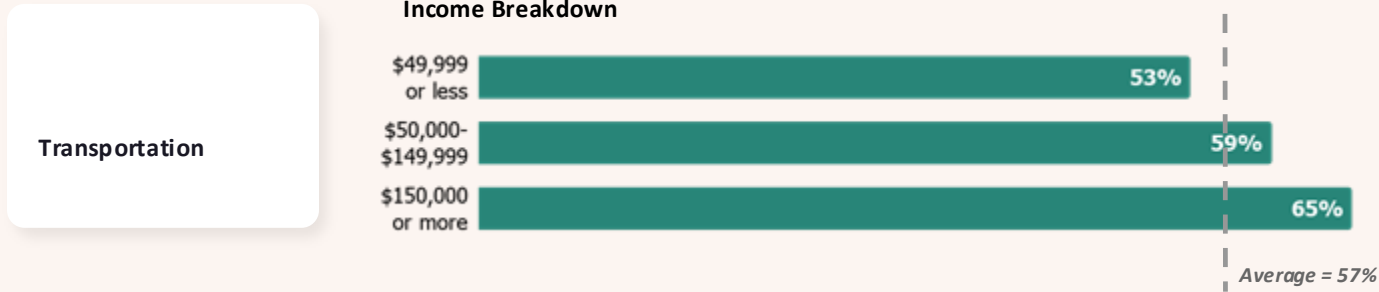


*Prioritization of affordable housing is not evenly distributed across the city. Districts 1, 4, and 9 lead at 70–72%, substantially above average — with Districts 1 and 4 among the city's lowest median income areas, suggesting residents facing acute affordability pressures prioritize housing most. Conversely, District 3, also low-income, prioritizes affordable housing considerably less at 43%, indicating that residents in that area have different infrastructure priorities than expected.*



# High-income residents are most likely to prioritize transportation improvements in Austin

**Q3: Thinking generally about Austin's future, which types of infrastructure improvements do you think should be the highest priority for Austin?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



53% of residents earning \$50K or less say transportation is the top infrastructure priority in Austin. This figure rises to 65% among those earning \$150K or more. This suggests that improving transportation infrastructure is important to all residents, but especially to high-income residents who may rely more on personal transportation vehicles.

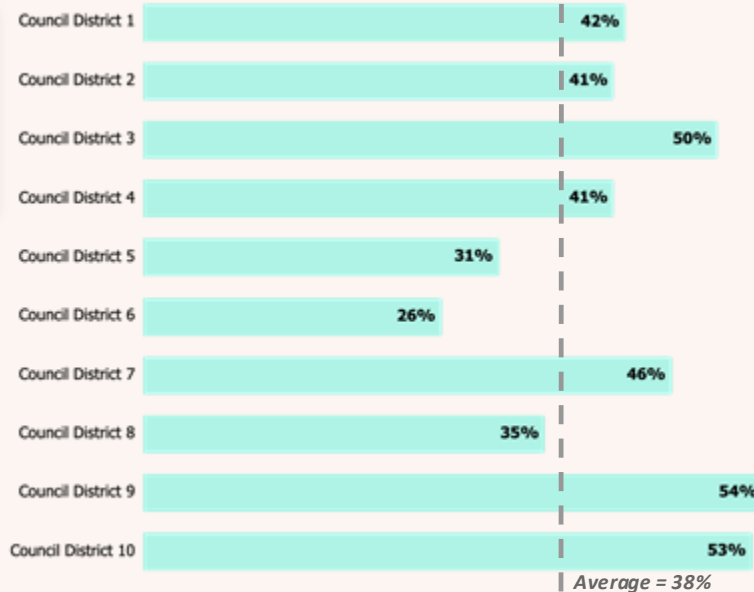


## Community facilities prioritization varies by district — highest in Districts 9 and 10, lowest in Districts 5 and 6

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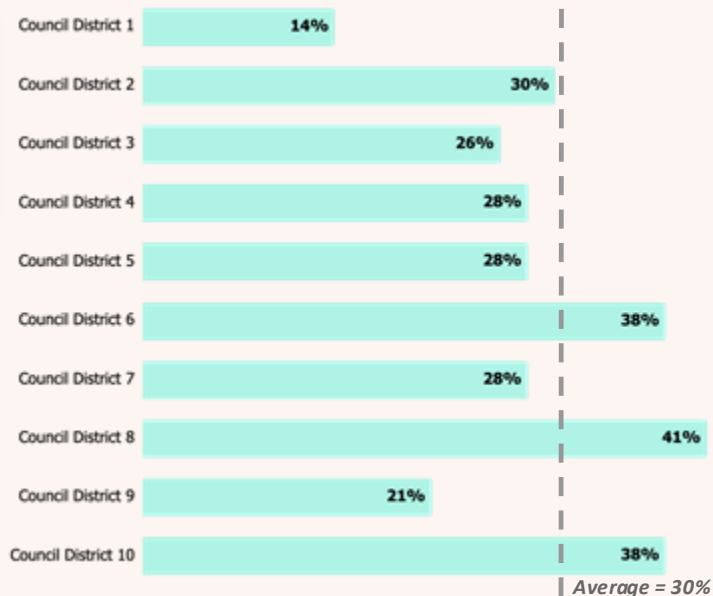
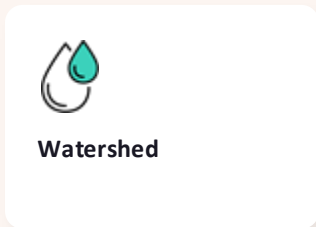
### Community facilities



*Prioritization of community facilities as an infrastructure need is not evenly distributed across the city. Districts 9 and 10 lead at 54% and 53%, notably above the citywide average of 38%. Districts 3 & 7 also show prioritization above average. Conversely, Districts 5 and 6 prioritize community facilities considerably less, at 31% and 26% respectively — substantially below citywide average.*

# Watershed investment is prioritized most in Austin's outer districts — possibly reflecting greater proximity to flood-prone creek corridors

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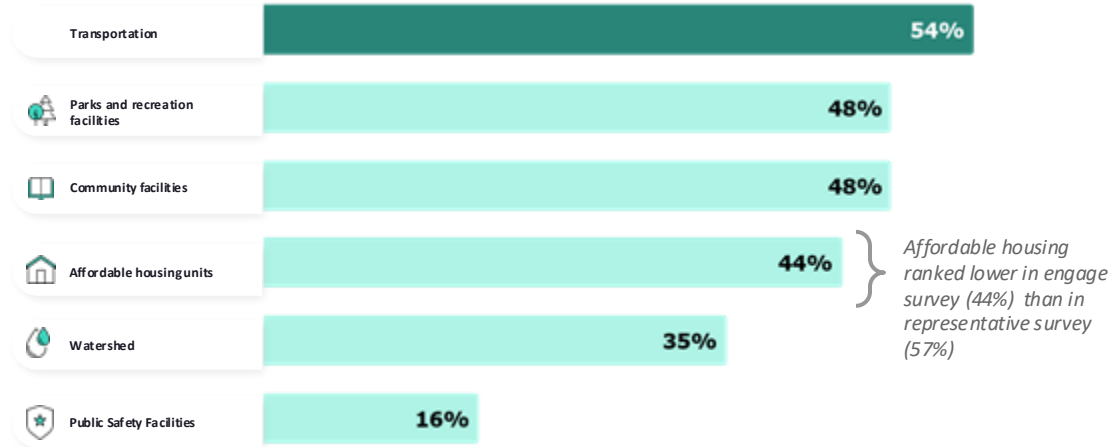


*Districts 8, 6, and 10 lead on watershed prioritization at 41%, 38%, and 38% — all above the citywide average of 30%. These districts border Austin's most active creek corridors (Barton, Bull, and Brushy Creek), which may partly explain why residents there feel more attuned to flood infrastructure needs. Whether this reflects lived experience with flooding warrants further exploration.*



# Parks and recreation rank higher among Engage respondents, while affordable housing ranks notably lower

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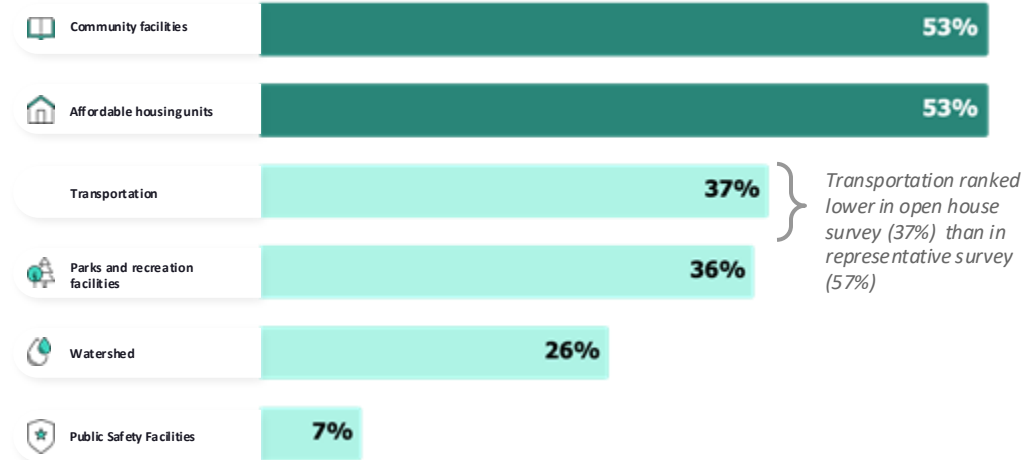
Among respondents in the Engage survey, transportation ranked first (45%), followed by parks and recreation facilities at 42%. This is notably higher than the 31% seen in the representative survey for parks. In contrast, while affordable housing was the joint top priority for Austin residents in the representative survey at 57%, it ranked fourth among Engage respondents at 35%. These differences highlight the variation in priorities between the self-selected Engage survey and the representative survey.

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# Community facilities and affordable housing rank higher among Open House respondents

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Among Open House Engage respondents, community facilities and affordable housing tied as the top infrastructure priorities at 53% each, compared to the representative survey where affordable housing and transportation led at 57%. Transportation dropped 20 percentage points among Open House respondents (37% vs. 57%), while public safety facilities saw the starkest divergence at just 7% compared to 21% in the representative survey.

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# Proposed Project Prioritization

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## Proposed Project Prioritization

### The problem

- Knowing residents support transportation or parks is just the starting point.
- This section moves from broad category preferences to specific project priorities — revealing exactly where within each category the community wants investment to go.

### Why it matters

- Project-level preferences are the most actionable findings in the survey.
- They reveal which investments have the clearest public preference, which may need stronger community justification, and where the draft allocation may need to be revisited before the final package is set.

### What this section examines

- Resident priorities within all five bond categories.
- Whether priorities shift across demographic groups and awareness levels

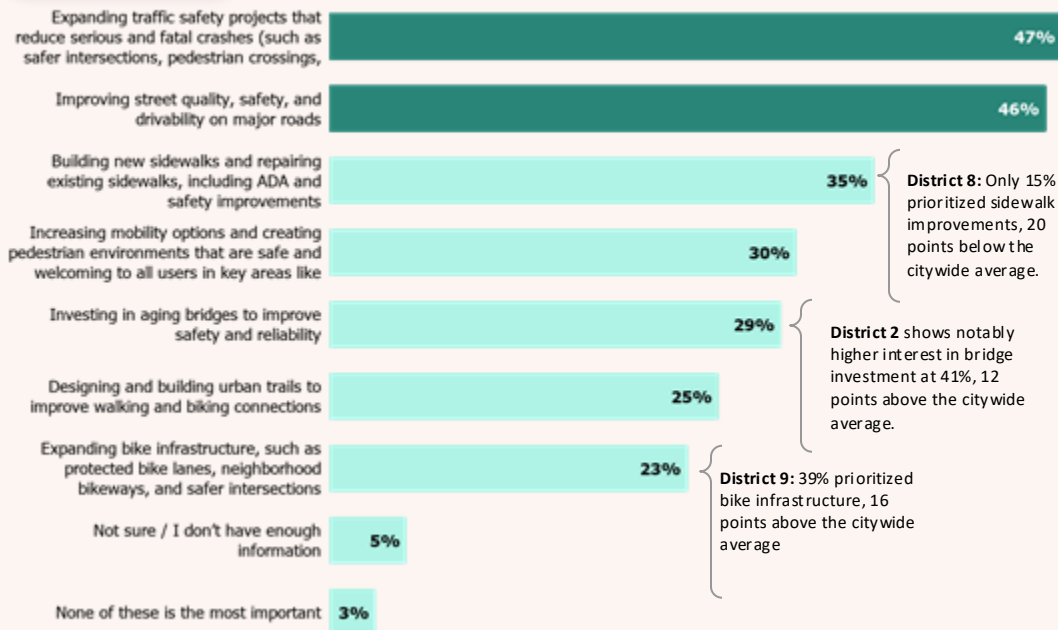
Across all five bond categories, which specific project types do residents most want the City to prioritize?

**Across every bond category, safety and improving existing infrastructure consistently lead resident priorities above new construction or expansion**

# Residents prioritize traffic safety and street quality above all other transportation investments

**Q6: Which types of transportation projects do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

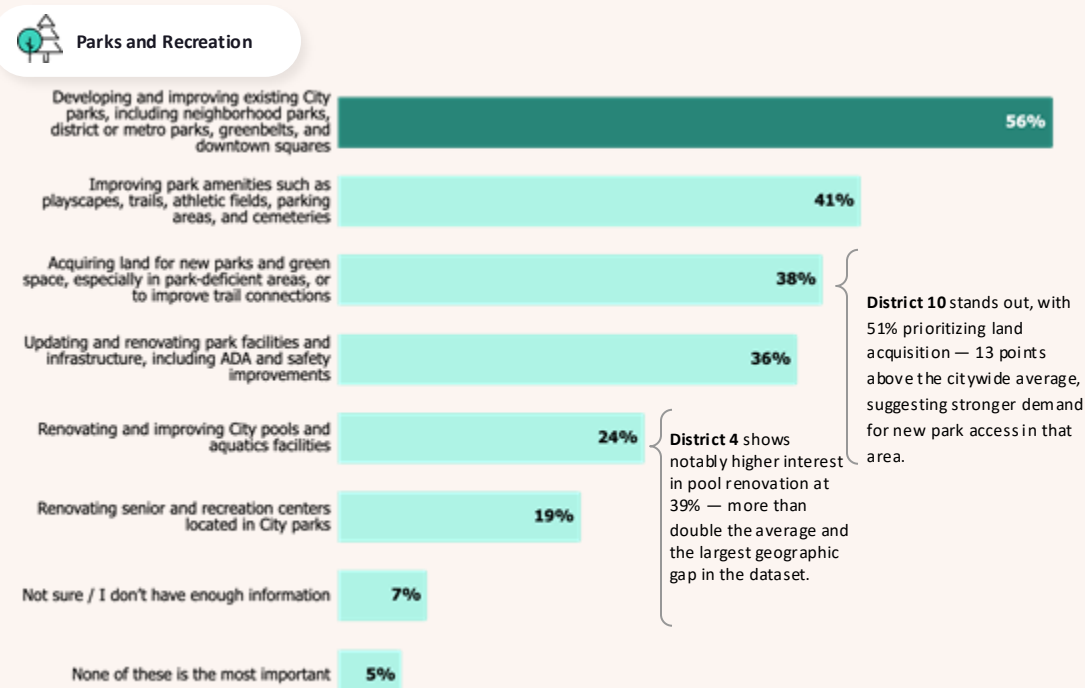
## Transportation



Nearly half of residents (47%) selected expanding traffic safety projects as a top transportation priority, with improving street quality and drivability on major roads close behind at 46%. Building new sidewalks and ADA improvements (35%), improving pedestrian environments (30%), and investing in aging bridges (29%) follow as a secondary group. Urban trails (25%) and protected bike lanes (23%) draw less support, reflecting a clear preference for safety and road quality above connectivity investments.

# Improving & developing existing parks is residents' top priority, with amenities, land acquisition, and safety upgrades also drawing support

**Q5: Which types of parks and open space projects do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



*More than half of residents (56%) identified developing and improving existing City parks as the top parks and open space priority for Austin. Improving amenities (41%), acquiring land for new parks in park-deficient areas (38%), and updating facilities to meet ADA and safety standards (36%) form a close second tier. Specialized facilities such as pools (24%) and senior and recreation centers (19%) rank notably lower, suggesting residents see the greatest need in strengthening the parks system they already use.*



# Residents with children at home show stronger support for parks priorities, particularly around park amenities

Q5: Which types of

parks and open space projects do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize? [Select up to 3, N=1047]



Parks and Recreation


**Parks and open space project priority by respondents with children under 18 living at home**

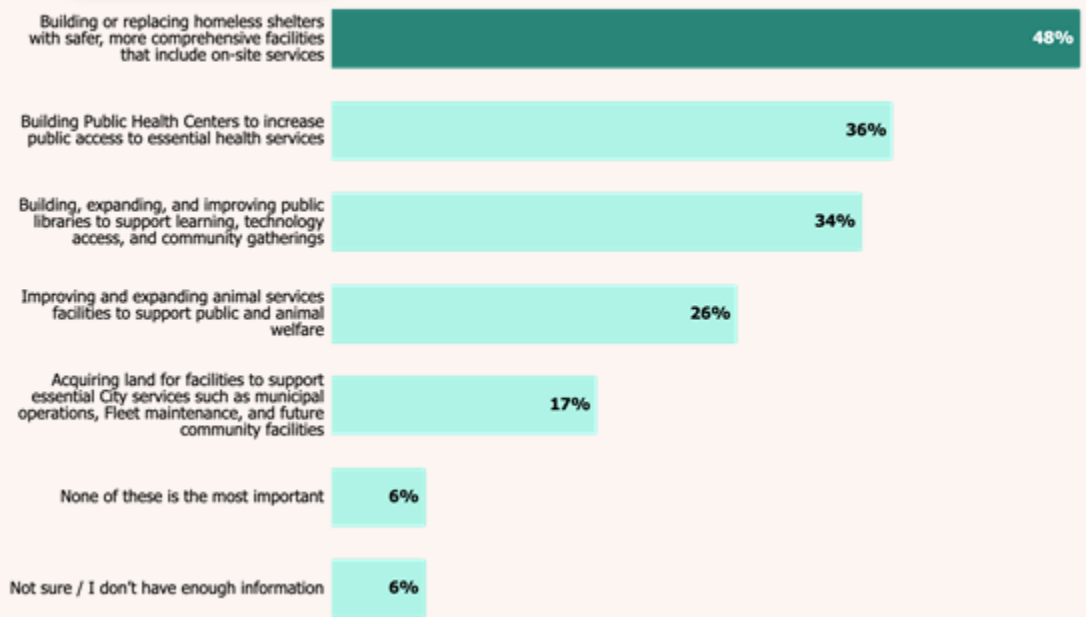


Residents with children under 18 living at home prioritize the same top parks and open spaces projects as the citywide average, but at higher rates. Support for developing and improving existing City parks rises from 56% citywide to 61% among this group, and improving park amenities climbs from 41% to 48%. This suggests that families with children are a particularly engaged constituency for parks investment, and that amenities supporting active, family-oriented use may carry especially strong community backing.

# Residents prioritize improving homeless shelter facilities, with public health centers and libraries also drawing substantial support

**Q7: Which types of community facility investments do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

 Community facilities



Nearly half of residents (48%) identified building or replacing homeless shelters with safer, more comprehensive facilities as the top community facility priority for Austin, well ahead of all other options. Building public health centers (36%) and improving public libraries (34%) follow closely together, reflecting broad interest in facilities that expand access to essential services. Taken together, the top three priorities reflect a strong resident preference for facilities that address fundamental social needs — shelter, health, and community access.

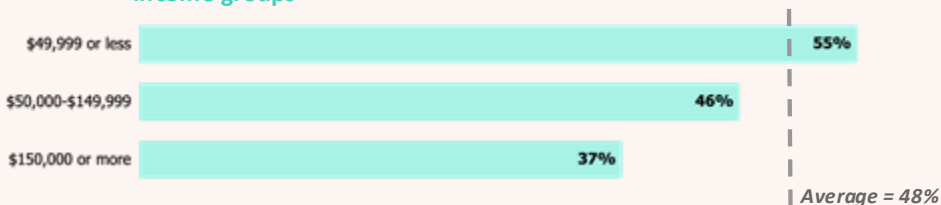
# Lower-income residents prioritize homeless shelter investment, while library support is highest among middle-income residents

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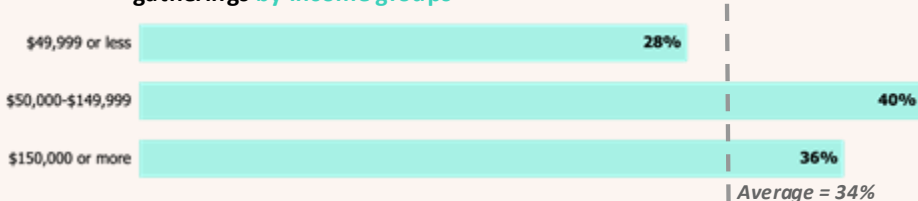


Community facilities

**Building or replacing homeless shelters with safer, more comprehensive facilities that include on-site services by income groups**



**Building, expanding, and improving public libraries to support learning, technology access, and community gatherings by income groups**



*Support for homeless shelter investment declines steadily with income, from 55% among residents earning under \$50K down to 37% among those earning \$150K or more. Library investment shows a different pattern, peaking among middle-income residents at 40%, compared to 28% among lower-income residents.*

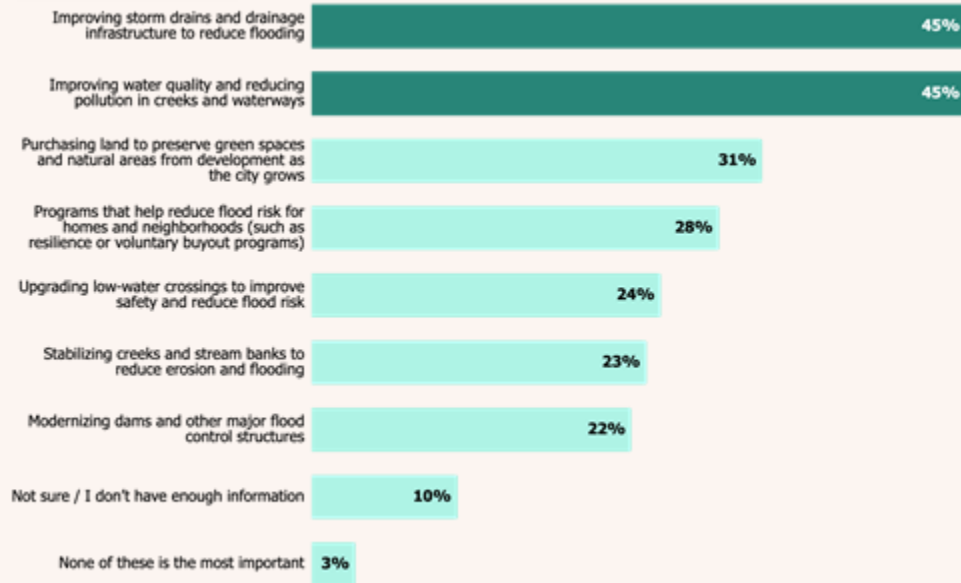


# Residents equally prioritize flood infrastructure and water quality improvements with both far ahead of other watershed projects

**Q4:** Which types of watershed protection projects do you think are the most important for the City of Austin to prioritize? [Select up to 3, N=1047]



## Watershed



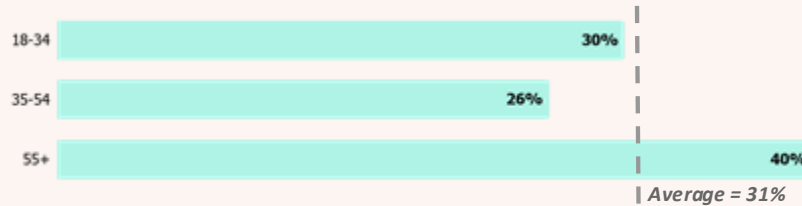
*Austin residents prioritize two watershed projects: improving storm drains and drainage infrastructure to reduce flooding, and enhancing water quality and reducing pollution in creeks and waterways, each selected by 45% of respondents. All other project types lag by at least 14 percentage points, clustering between 22% and 31%. This suggests that residents are oriented toward watershed investments that address Austin's most widespread and felt water challenges, rather than targeted or programmatic interventions.*

# Younger residents are more likely to prioritize flood risk programs for homes, while older residents pivot toward green space preservation

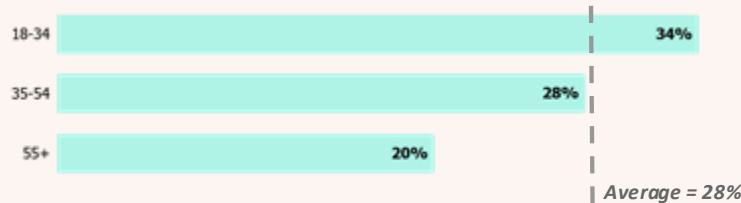
**Q4: Which types of watershed protection projects do you think are the most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



**Purchasing land to preserve green spaces and natural areas from development as the city grows by age groups**



**Programs that help reduce flood risk for homes and neighborhoods by age groups**



*Flood risk programs for homes and neighborhoods show a steady decline with age, from 34% among 18-34 year olds to just 20% among residents 55 and older. The reverse is true for green space preservation, where residents 55 and older are the most likely to prioritize this at 40%, 14 percentage points above the 35-54 group. This pattern suggests that younger and older residents hold meaningfully different visions for watershed investment.*

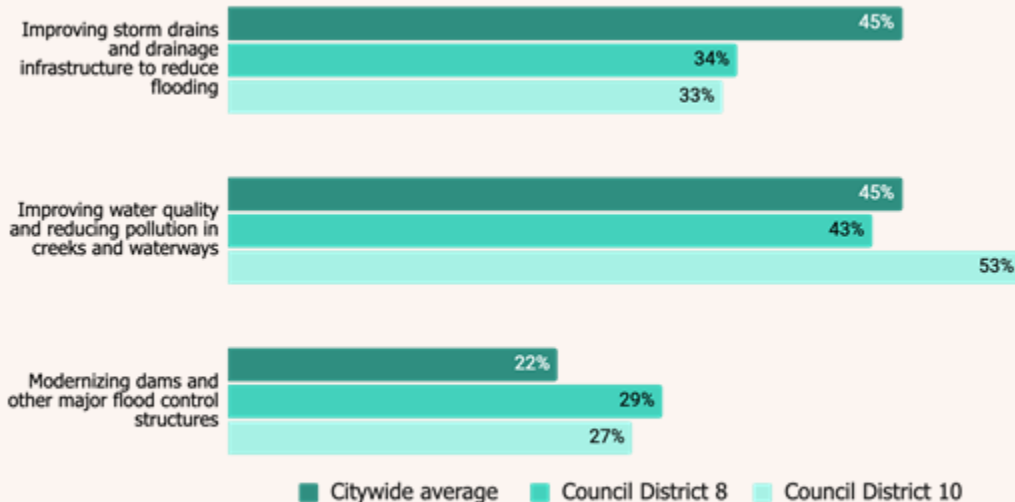
# Districts 8 and 10, where watershed ranks highest as a priority, focus on improving water quality and modernizing dams

**Q4: Which types of watershed protection projects do you think are the most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]



Watershed

**Districts 8 and 10 are highlighted as the two districts where residents were most likely to name watershed protection as Austin's top infrastructure priority.**



Among all council districts, Districts 8 and 10 are most likely to name watershed protection as Austin's top infrastructure need, at 47% and 44% respectively, compared to 30% citywide. Within watershed, both districts show above-average interest in dam modernization (29% and 27%, vs. 22% citywide) and District 10 leads the city on water quality at 53% (+8 ppt above the citywide average). By contrast, improving storm drains and drainage infrastructure — the top pick citywide at 45% — draws notably less support in both districts (34% and 33%).

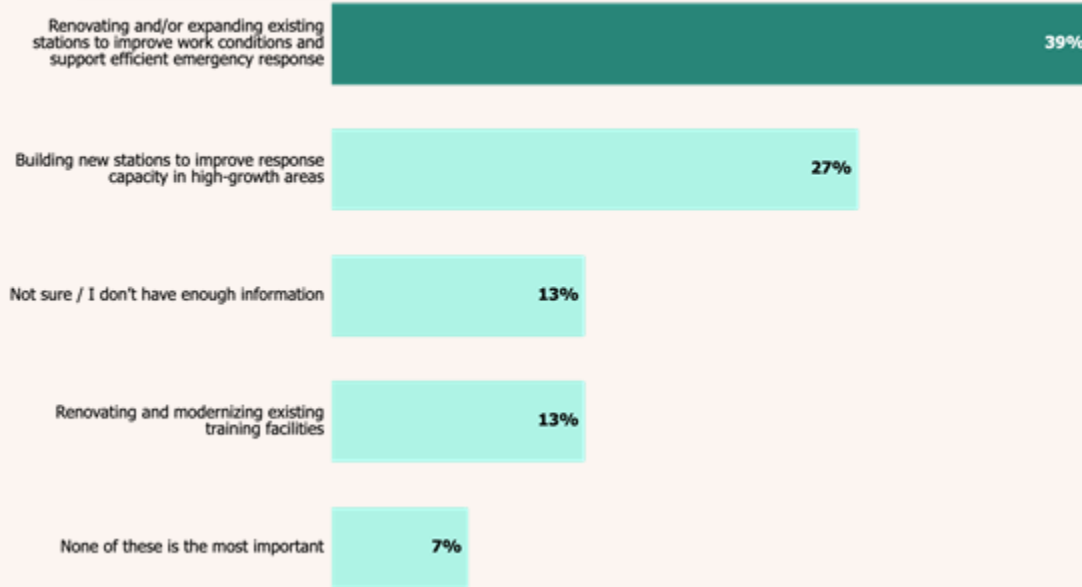


# Residents prioritize renovating existing public safety stations above building new facilities or upgrading training infrastructure

Q8: Which type of public safety facility investments do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize? [Select up to 3, N=1047]



## Public Safety Facilities



*More than a third of residents (39%) identified renovating and expanding existing stations as the top public safety facility priority, well ahead of building new stations in high-growth areas (27%). Renovating training facilities ranks notably lower at 13%, alongside a 13% "not sure" rate — the highest level of uncertainty across all facility categories in this survey, suggesting residents are less familiar with public safety infrastructure needs than with other investment areas.*

# Perceived Affordability of Bond Package

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## Perceived Affordability of Bond Package

### The problem

- Even residents who support a bond's projects can turn away at the ballot box if the financial burden feels too high.
- Affordability is not a secondary consideration — it is a primary electoral risk.

### Why it matters

- Affordability is often the difference between a yes vote and a no vote.
- Understanding where concern is concentrated, which category feels most expendable, and the price point at which support holds gives the City concrete guidance for finalizing the package size and shaping public communications before November.

### What this section examines

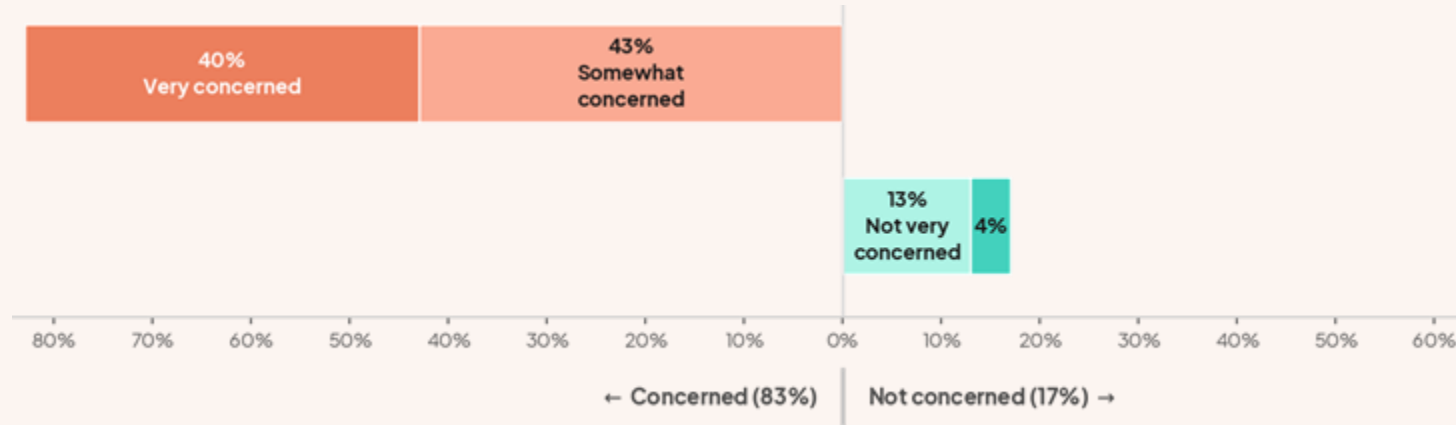
- How concerned residents are about the bond's overall cost
- Which infrastructure category they would most prefer to reduce or remove if the price needs to come down
- The monthly tax increase they are willing to accept to fund the priorities that matter most to them

How do Austin residents perceive the affordability of the proposed bond package?

**Affordability concern is widespread, but most residents remain willing to pay more in taxes to support their priorities**

## Residents are broadly concerned about the affordability of proposed projects, with most expressing at least some concern

**Q11: How concerned are you about the affordability of these projects?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

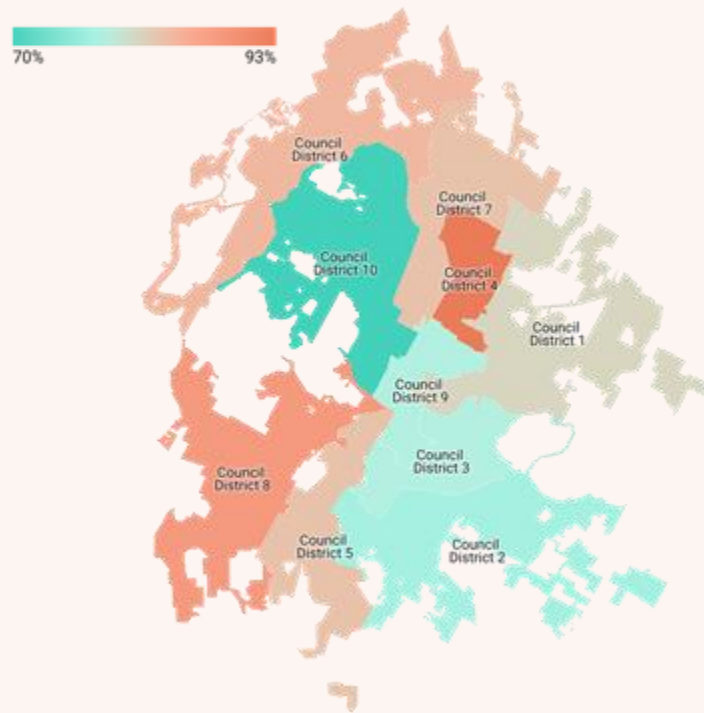


83% of residents express concern about the affordability of the proposed projects, with somewhat concerned (43%) and very concerned (40%) nearly evenly split. Only 17% report little or no concern. Concern is consistent across demographic groups, with residents 55 and older showing the highest level at 90%.

# Affordability concern is high across all districts, with District 4 the most concerned and District 10 the least

**Q11: How concerned are you about the affordability of these projects?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

Council District	%Concerned
Council District 1	81%
Council District 2	77%
Council District 3	78%
Council District 4	93%
Council District 5	83%
Council District 6	84%
Council District 7	83%
Council District 8	88%
Council District 9	78%
Council District 10	70%

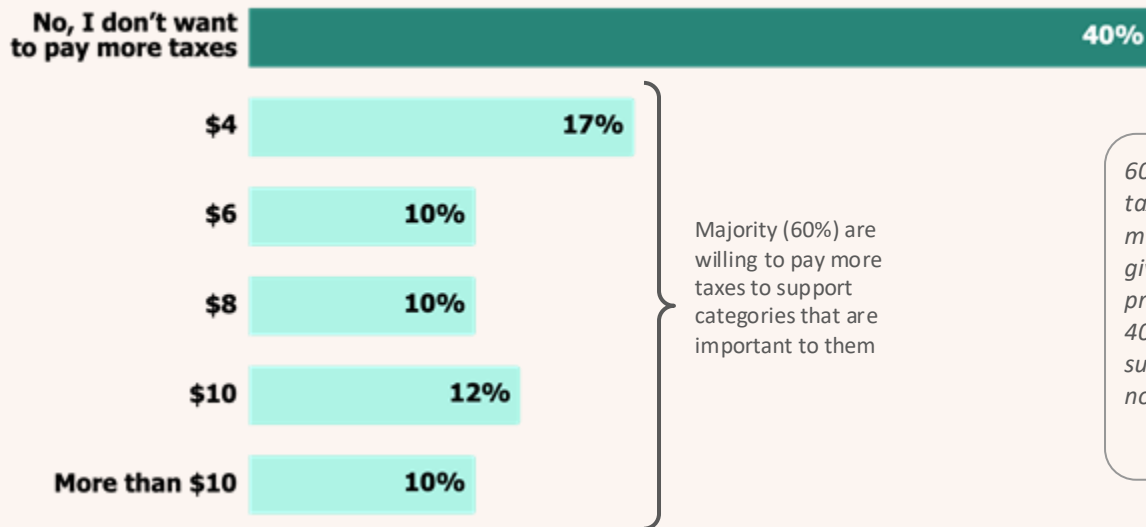


While affordability concern is high citywide at 83%, it varies across council districts. District 4 shows the highest concern at 93%, 10 points above the citywide average, while District 10 is the least concerned at 70%. Notably, even in the least concerned district, seven in ten residents still express some concern about project affordability.

## Despite widespread affordability concerns, a majority of residents are willing to pay more in taxes to support their priorities

**Q13: Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to support the categories that are important to you? If yes, how much more would you be willing to pay each month?**

[Select up to 3, N=1047]



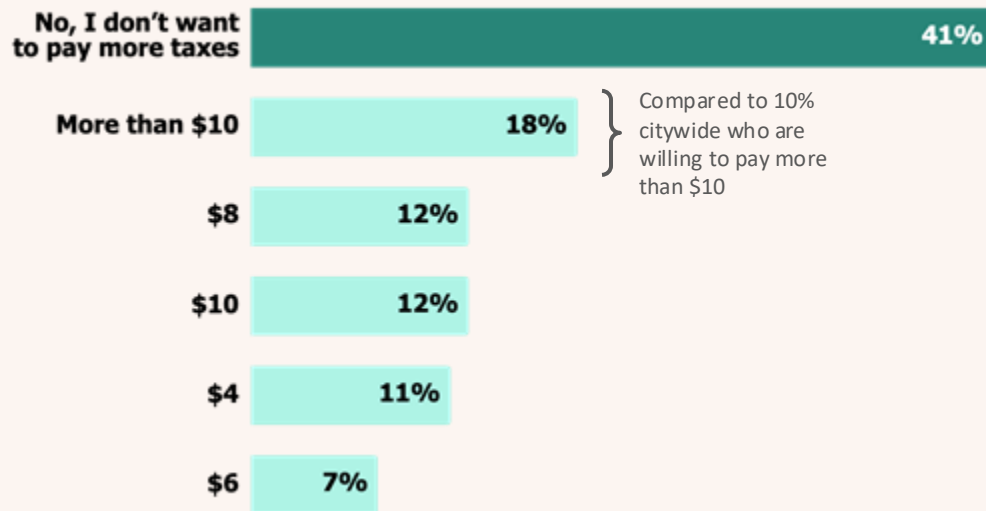
60% of residents indicate willingness to pay more in taxes to support their priorities, with \$4 per month the most commonly selected amount (17%). This is notable given that 83% of residents expressed concern about project affordability in the previous question. However, 40% remain unwilling to pay more at any level, suggesting that tax resistance is a fixed position for a notable share of the population.

## Among residents with no affordability concerns, tax resistance holds, though those willing to pay lean toward higher amounts

**Q13:** *Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to support the categories that are important to you? If yes, how much more would you be willing to pay each month?*

[Select up to 3, N=1047]

### Willingness to pay more taxes *by residents with no affordability concerns*



*Even among residents who express no concern about project affordability, 41% remain unwilling to pay more in taxes — nearly identical to the citywide rate. Of those willing to pay, appetite shifts toward higher amounts, with \$10+ per month the most common choice (18%). This suggests tax resistance is largely independent of affordability concern.*



# Tax resistance increases with age, and is highest among lower-income residents

**Q13:** Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to support the categories that are important to you? If yes, how much more would you be willing to pay each month?

[Select up to 3, N=1047]

## Not willing to pay more taxes by income groups



Among age groups, tax resistance rises consistently with age, from 35% among 18-34 year olds to 48% among residents 55 and older, a 13 ppt gap. By income, lower-income residents (\$49,999 or less) show the highest resistance at 44%, while middle-income residents (\$50,000-\$149,999) are the least resistant at 35%.

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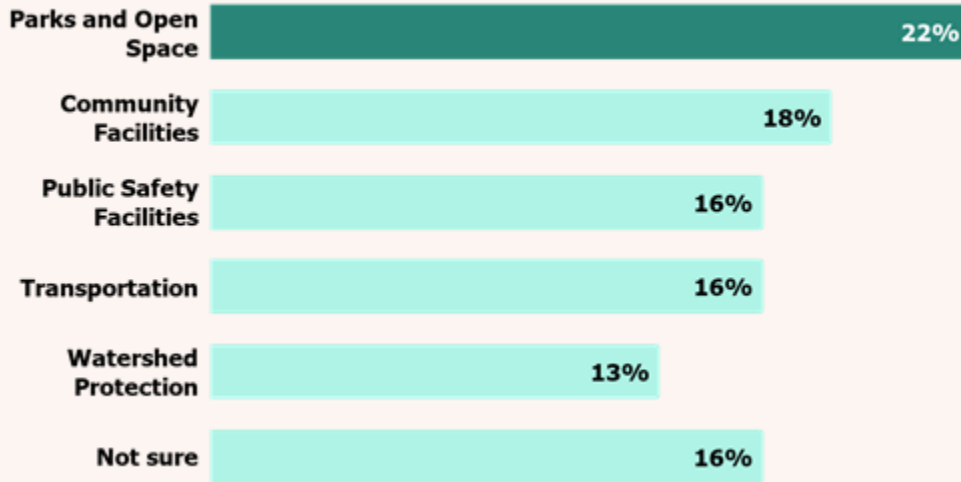




## Parks and Open Space is most commonly selected for potential cuts, though no category shows a clear consensus for reduction

**Q12:** *If the total cost of the proposed bond needed to be reduced to keep it more affordable, which (ONE) type of infrastructure improvement would you most prefer to reduce or remove from the bond?*

*[Select up to 3, N=1047]*



*If the bond needed to be reduced, 22% of residents would most prefer to cut Parks and Open Space, more than any other category. However, all other categories fall within 9 points, with Watershed Protection drawing the least support for cuts at 13%. The 16% 'not sure' rate suggests many residents find it difficult to single out one category for reduction.*

# Confidence and Value in Proposed Projects

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## Confidence and Value in Proposed Projects

### The problem

- Supporting individual projects doesn't automatically translate into bond support.
- A resident may want better parks and safer roads but still question the urgency and benefit of the proposed bond package

### Why it matters

- Understanding whether residents are confident in the proposed projects tells the City whether the package is resonating with the community — and where it may not be
- It also gives Austin the opportunity to adjust its communications strategy to increase support before November 2026

### What this section examines

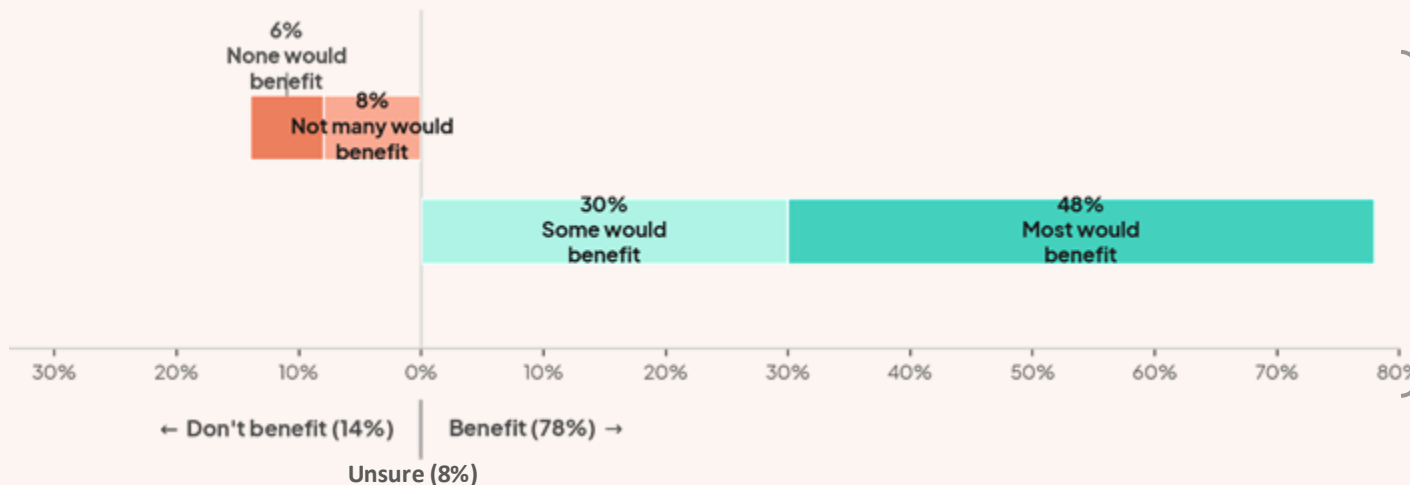
- How broadly residents believe the proposed projects will benefit Austin
- How strongly they feel the City should move forward with a bond election this year.

Do Austin residents believe the proposed bond package will meaningfully benefit the community?

**Most residents are confident the bond will benefit Austin, and perceived community value is the strongest driver of electoral support**

## A large majority of residents believe the proposed bond projects would benefit the Austin community

**Q9: Overall, how much do you think these proposed bond projects would benefit the Austin community?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

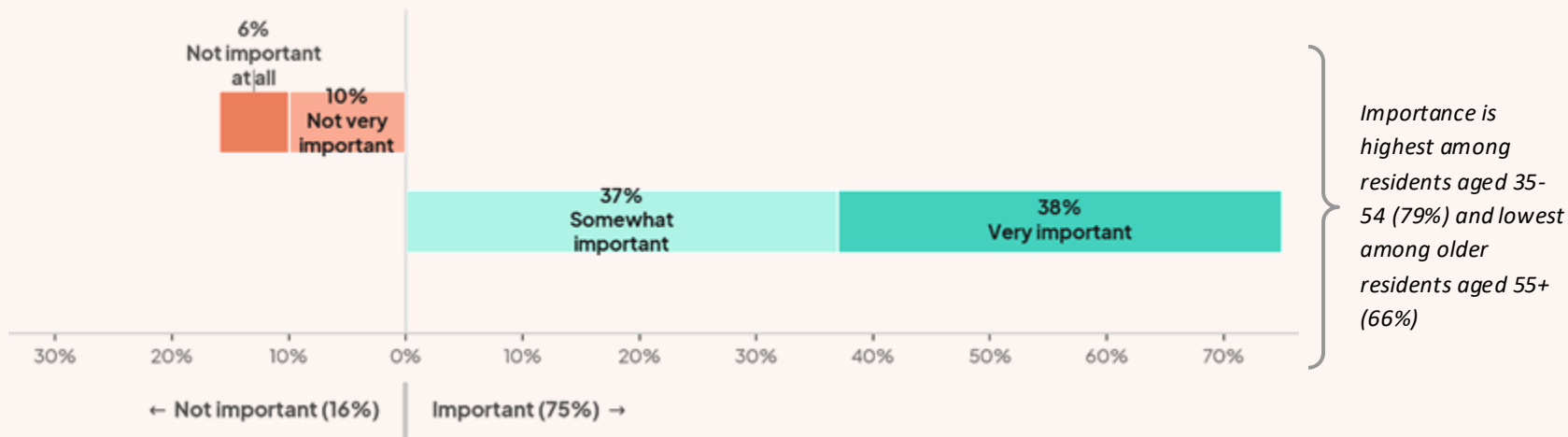


Even among residents concerned about affordability, 79% believe the bond would benefit the community — slightly above the citywide average.

78% of residents believe the proposed bond projects would benefit the Austin community, with nearly half (48%) saying most of the projects would benefit. Only 14% are skeptical, with a further 8% unsure. This signals strong public confidence in the bond package as a meaningful community investment.

## The large majority of residents think it is important for the City of Austin to move forward with the Bond election in 2026

**Q10:** How important do you think it is for the City of Austin to move forward with a Bond election in 2026? [Select up to 3, N=1047]

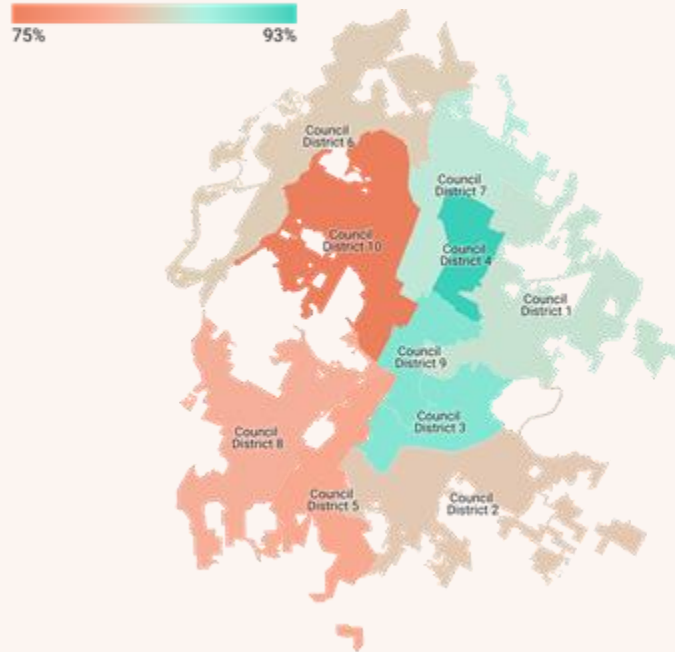


75% of residents consider it important for the City of Austin to move forward with a Bond election in 2026, with very important (38%) and somewhat important (37%) nearly evenly split. Only 16% say it is not important, while 10% are unsure. This broad support suggests the City has a strong foundation to move forward with confidence.



# Bond election support is consistently high across council districts, though District 10 stands notably below the rest

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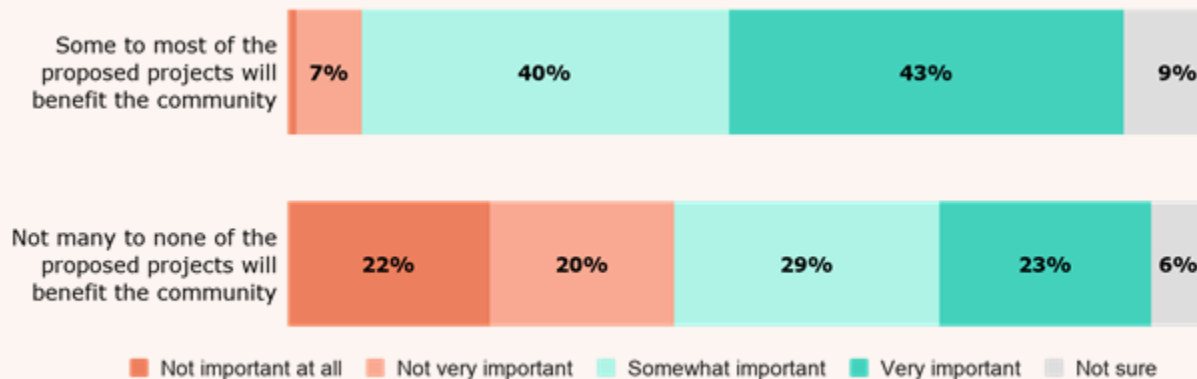
Support for moving forward with the Bond election exceeds 80% in eight of ten council districts, reflecting broad geographic consensus. Districts 4 and 9 show the strongest support at 93% and 90% respectively. District 10 is the only notable exception at 75%, sitting 18 points below District 4 and the only district at or below the citywide average.

Council District	%Important
Council District 1	86
Council District 2	84
Council District 3	90
Council District 4	93
Council District 5	81
Council District 6	84
Council District 7	86
Council District 8	82
Council District 9	90
Council District 10	75

# Residents who believe the bond will benefit the community are far more likely to see the election as a priority

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## Importance of Bond election by perceived benefit to community



Among residents who believe some or most of the proposed projects will benefit the community, 83% see the Bond election as a priority. This falls to 52% among those who see little to no community benefit — a 31 point gap. Since perceived community benefit is so strongly linked to how residents view the election, targeted communication that clearly demonstrates how each bond category addresses everyday needs has the potential to meaningfully strengthen that sense of urgency ahead of the vote.

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# Summary



# Strategic Summary

## **Broad public confidence and consistent priorities provide a strong foundation**

78% of residents believe the bond will benefit the community, 75% want the City to move forward with the election, and 60% are willing to pay more in taxes — support that holds above 80% in most council districts. Resident priorities are consistent with the 2025 Austin survey, reinforcing a durable public preference for the bond's focus areas.

## **Low awareness and fixed tax resistance are the two core risks before November**

61% of residents had little or no familiarity with the bond package before this survey. Older residents (32% familiar) and lower-income residents (38% familiar) are the least informed, and District 8 stands out with just 19% awareness. Separately, 40% are unwilling to pay any additional taxes — a fixed position independent of affordability concern.

## **Communicating community benefit is the clearest path to growing support**

Residents who believe the bond will benefit the community are 31 points more likely to support the election (83% vs. 52%). Outreach that demonstrates project impact — not just awareness — is the most effective lever. Closing the awareness gap in District 8, among older and lower-income residents, is the clearest opportunity to expand support before November.

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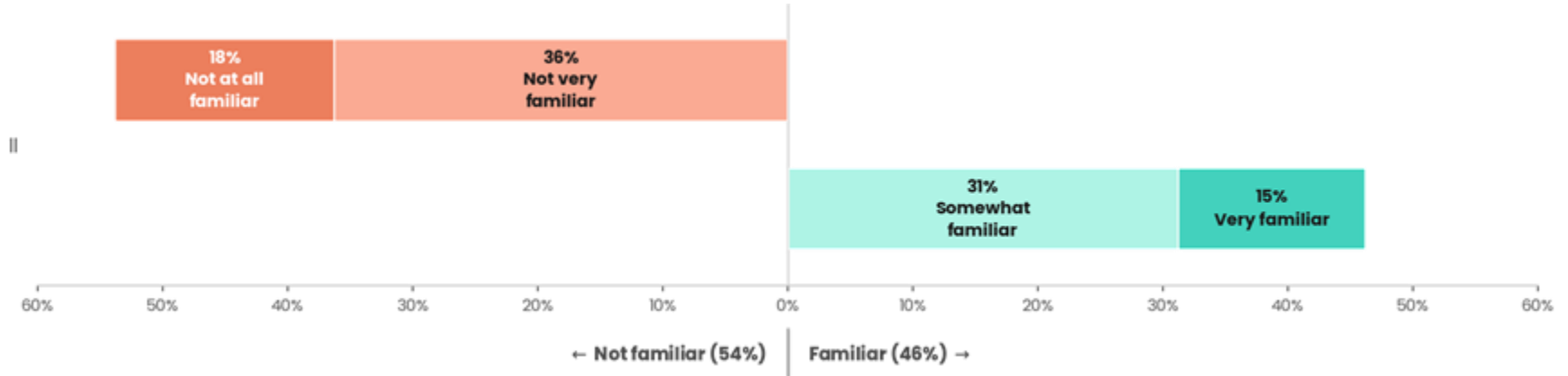
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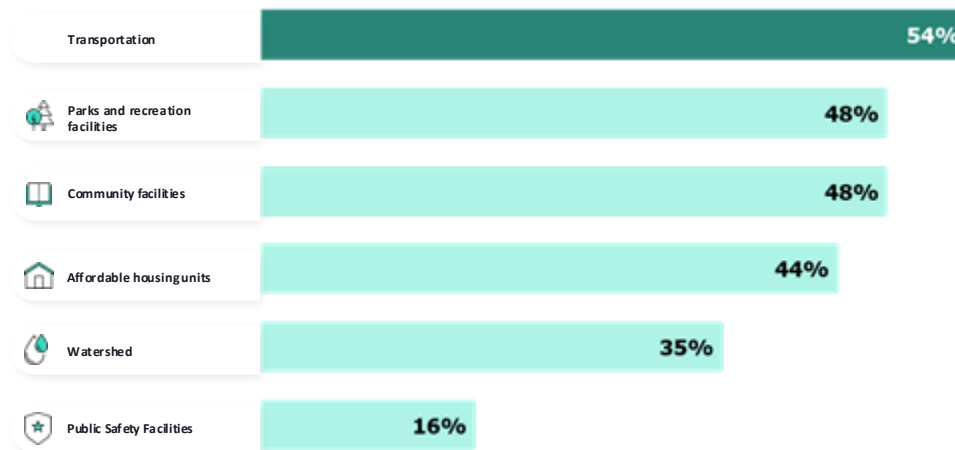
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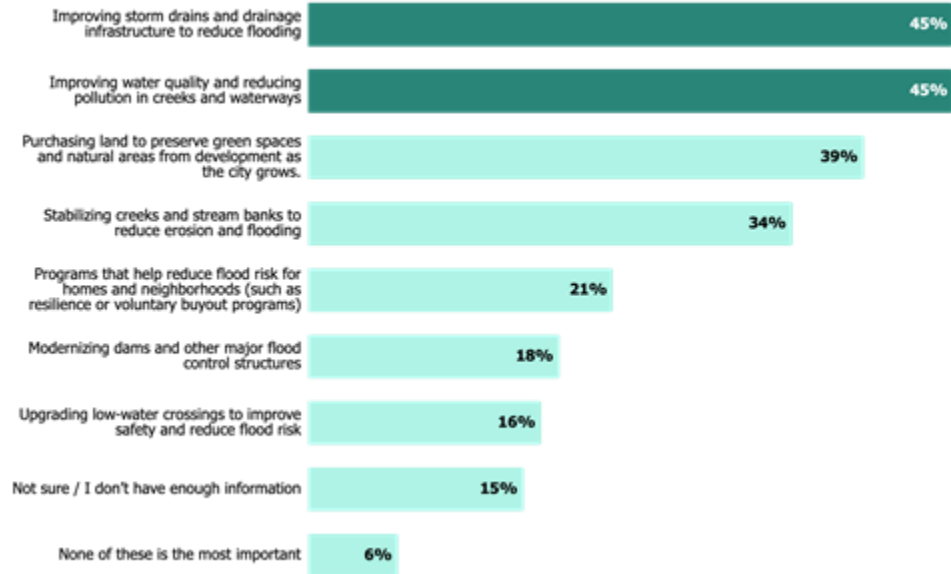
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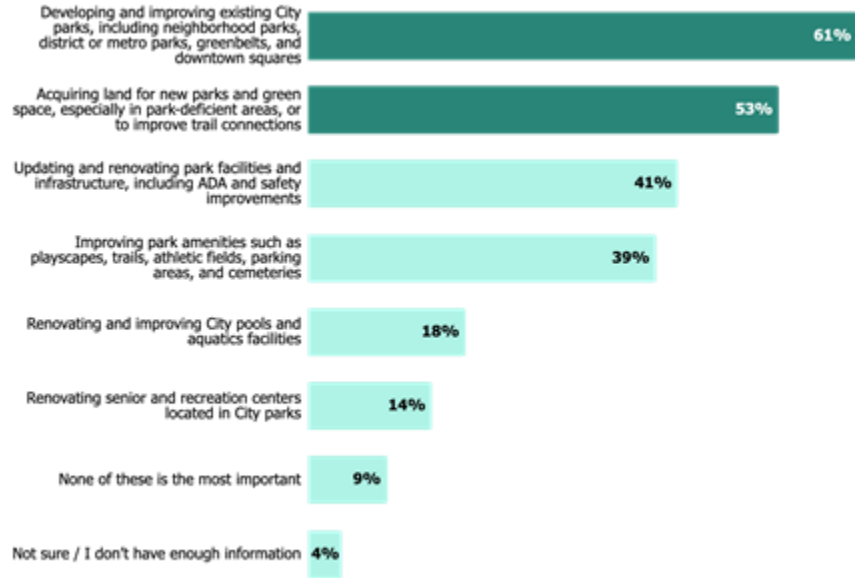
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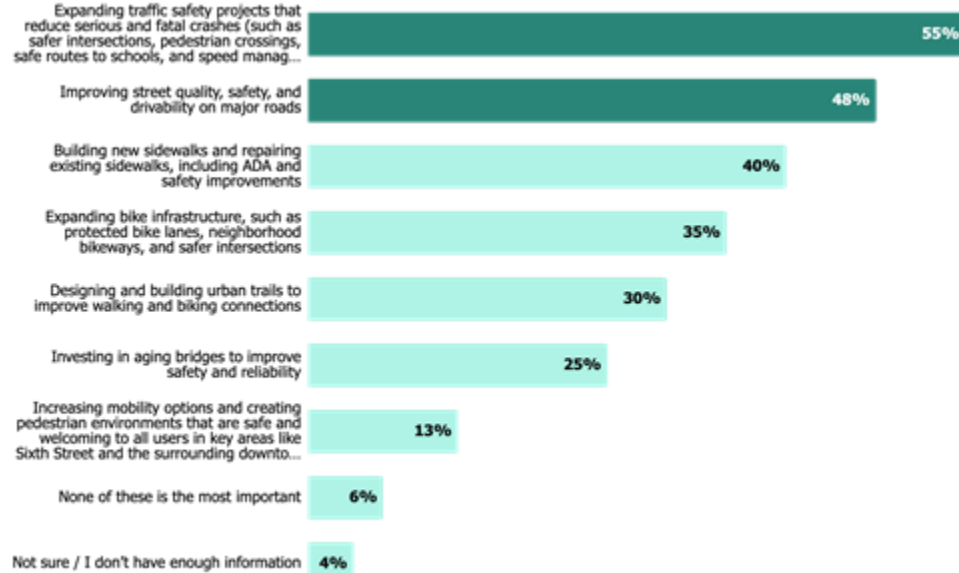
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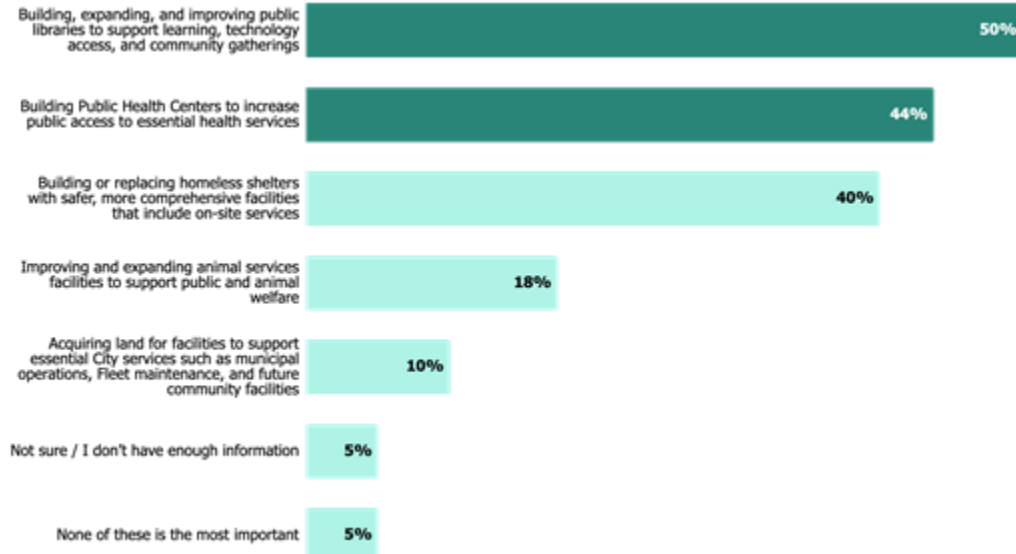
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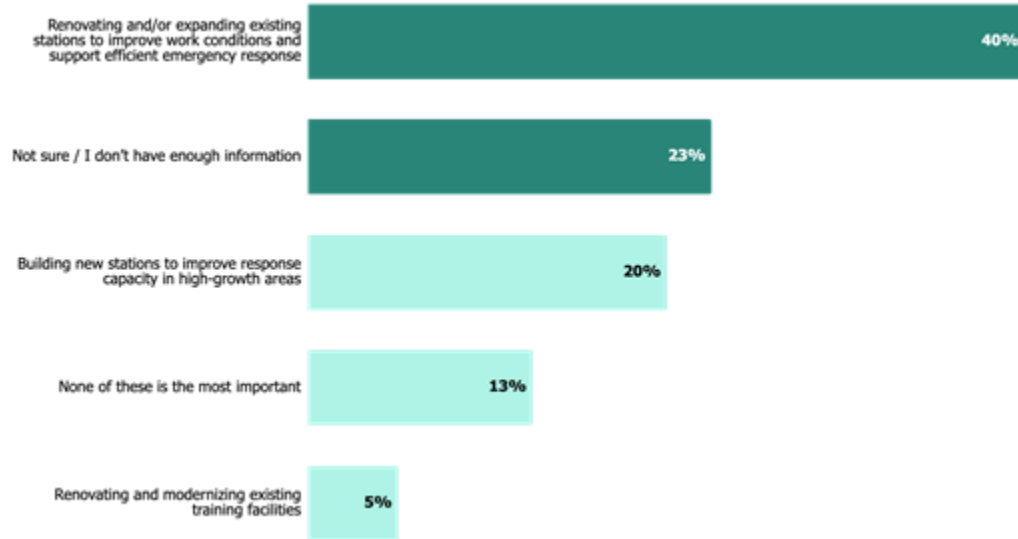
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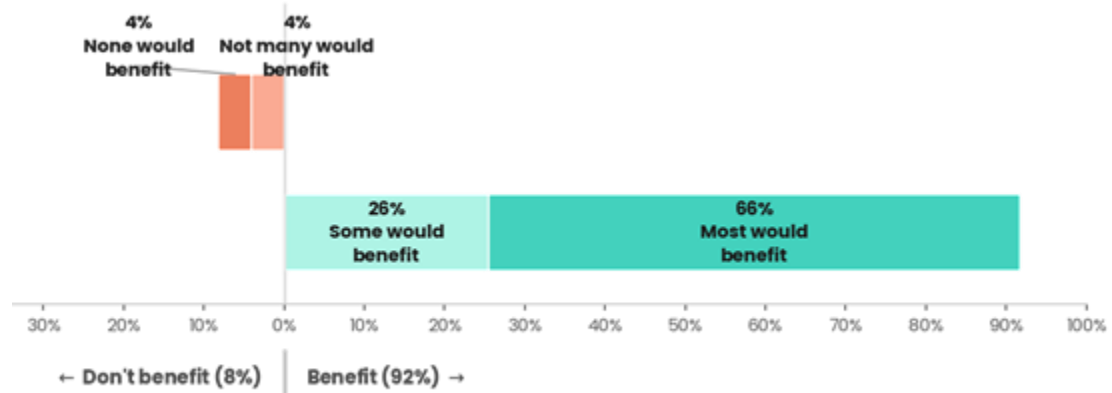
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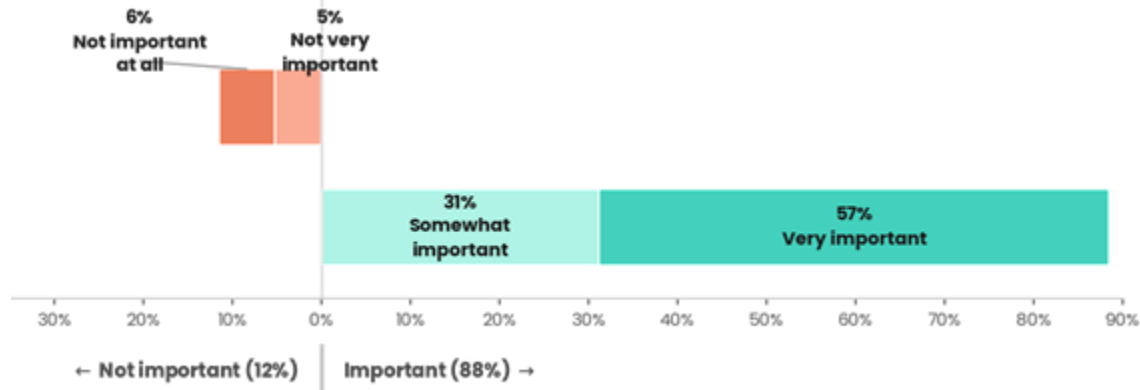
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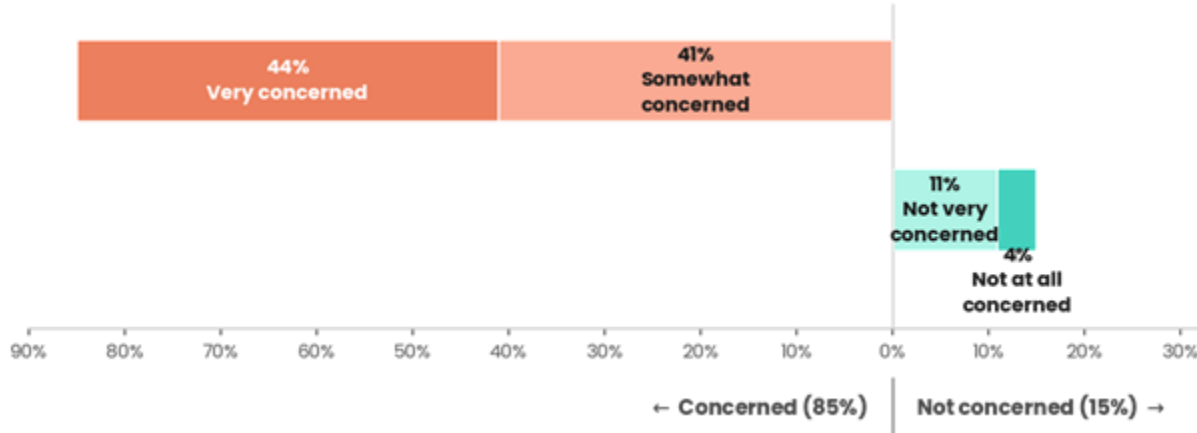
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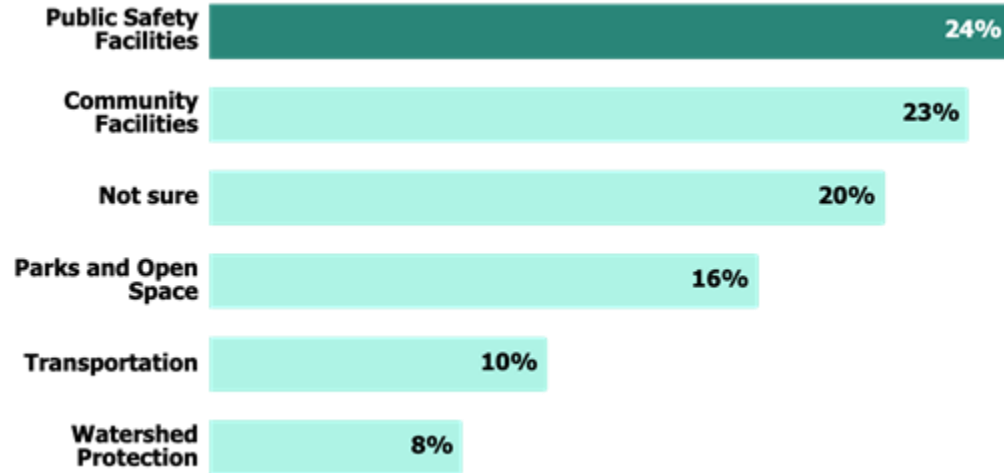
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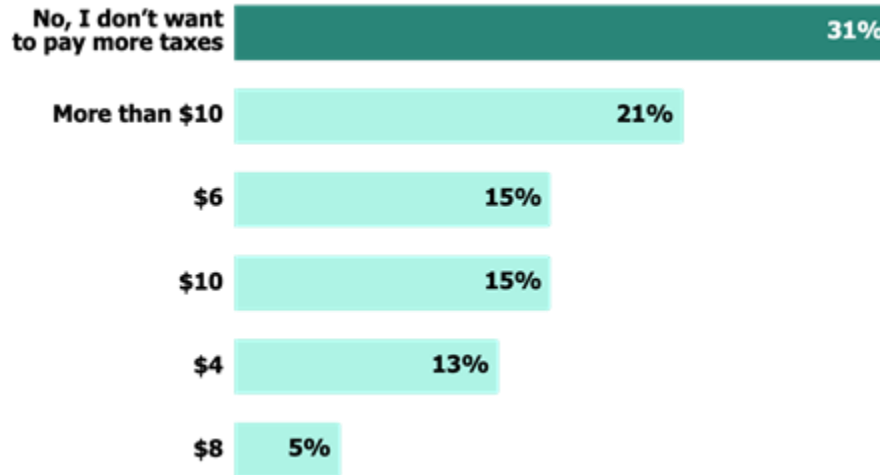
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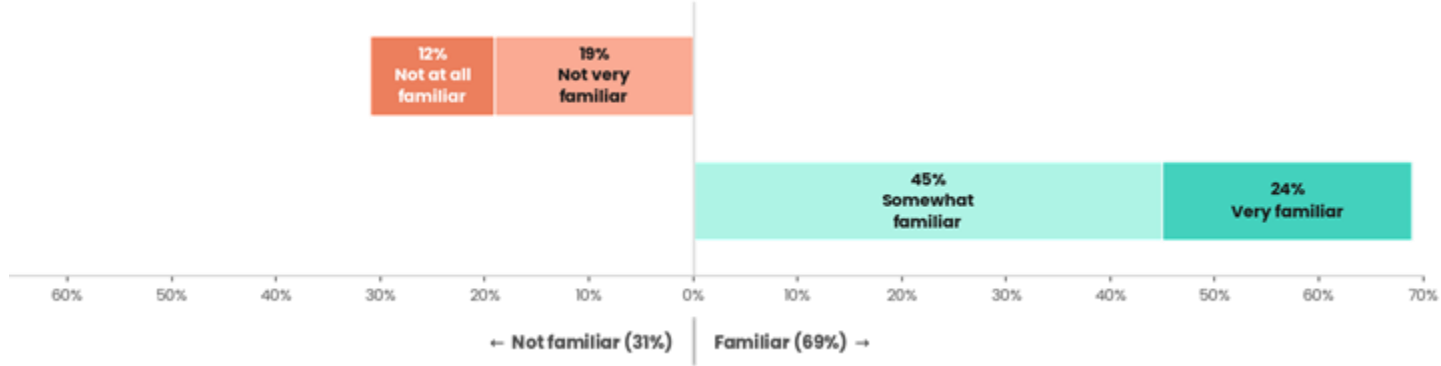
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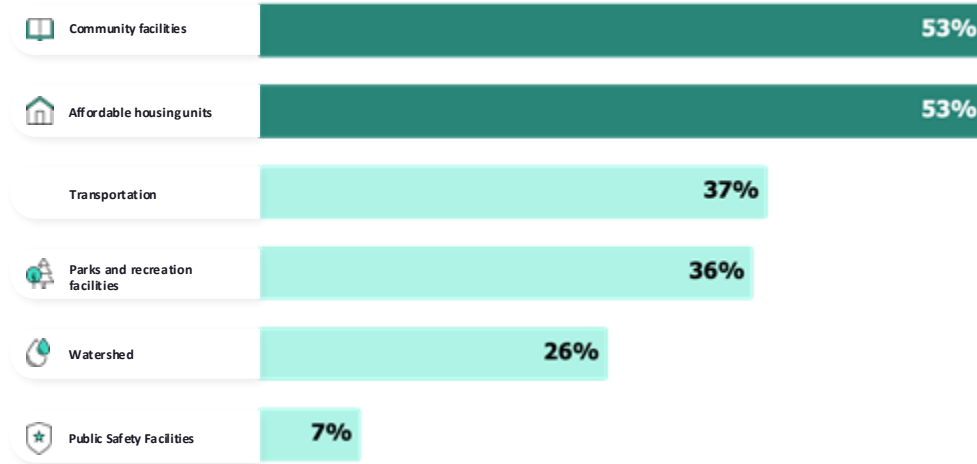
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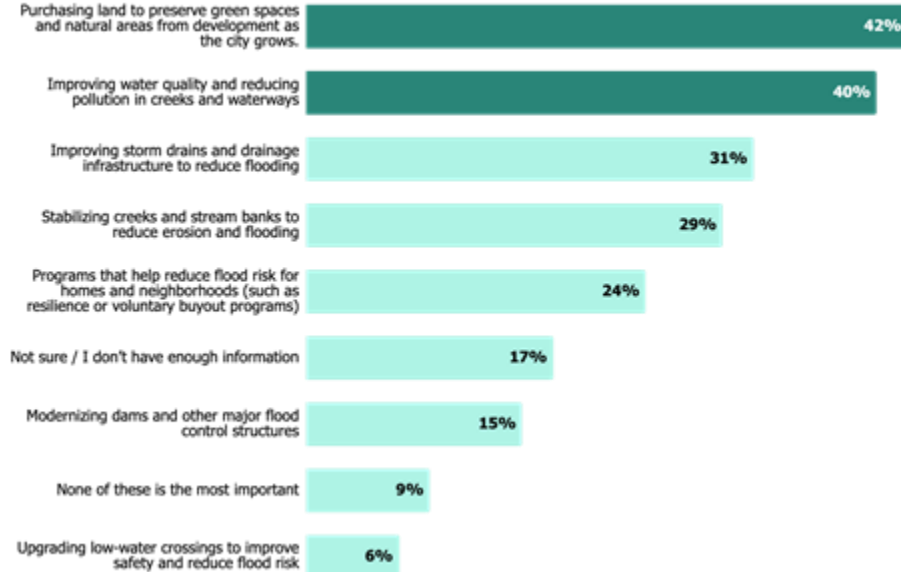
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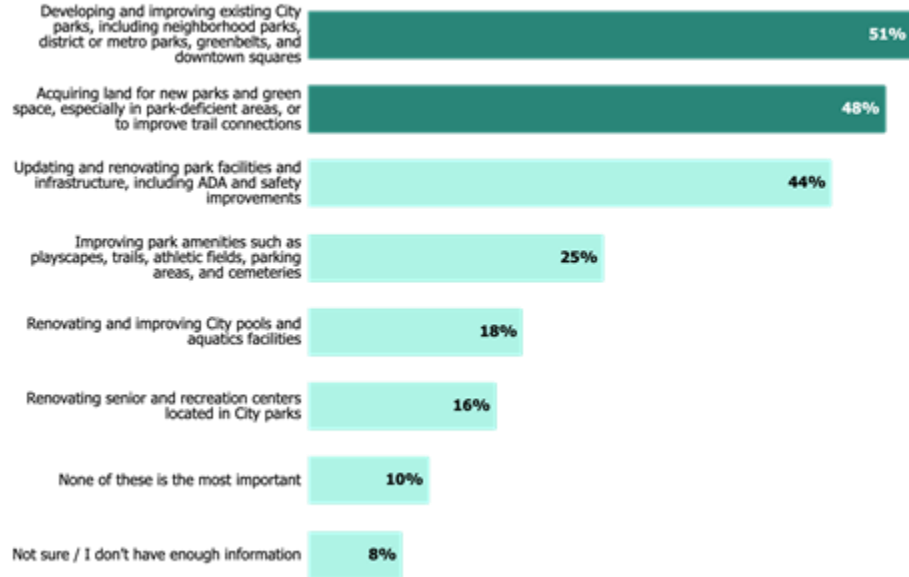
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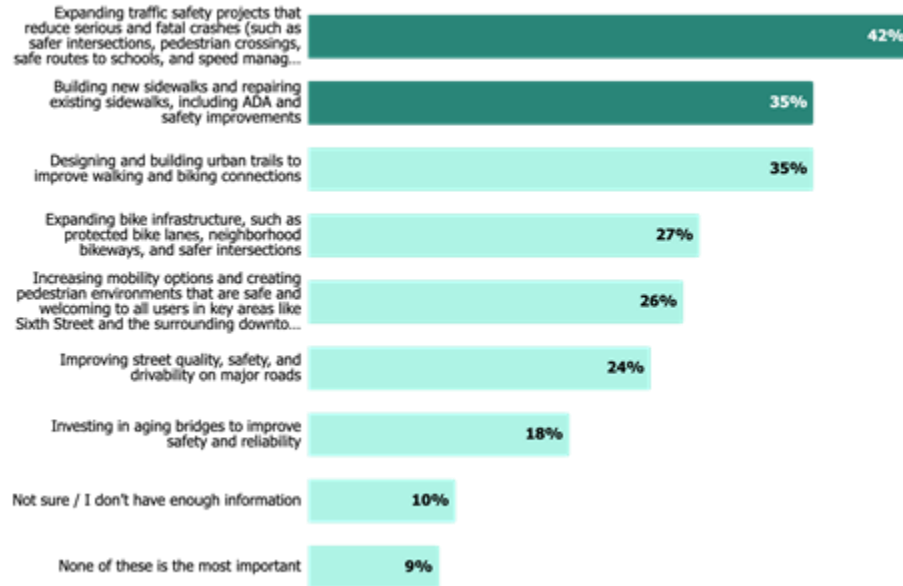
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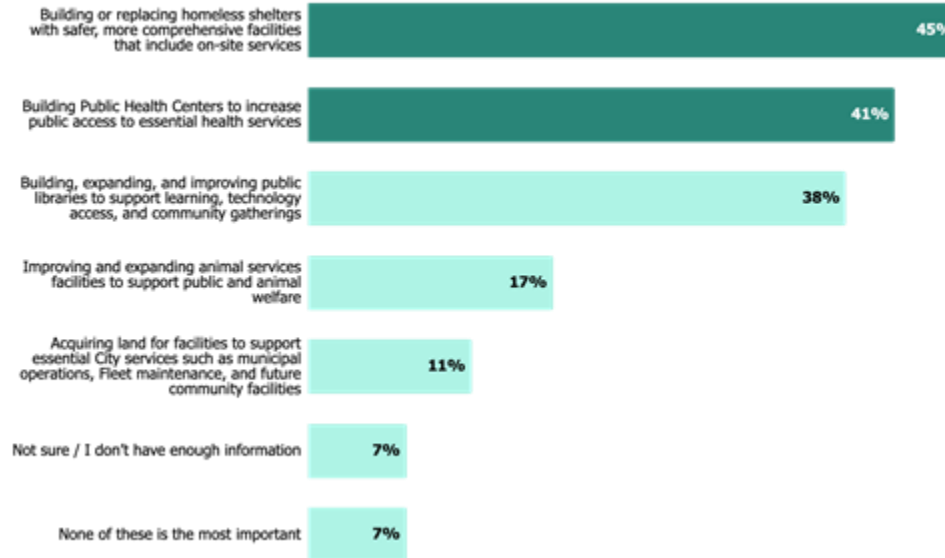
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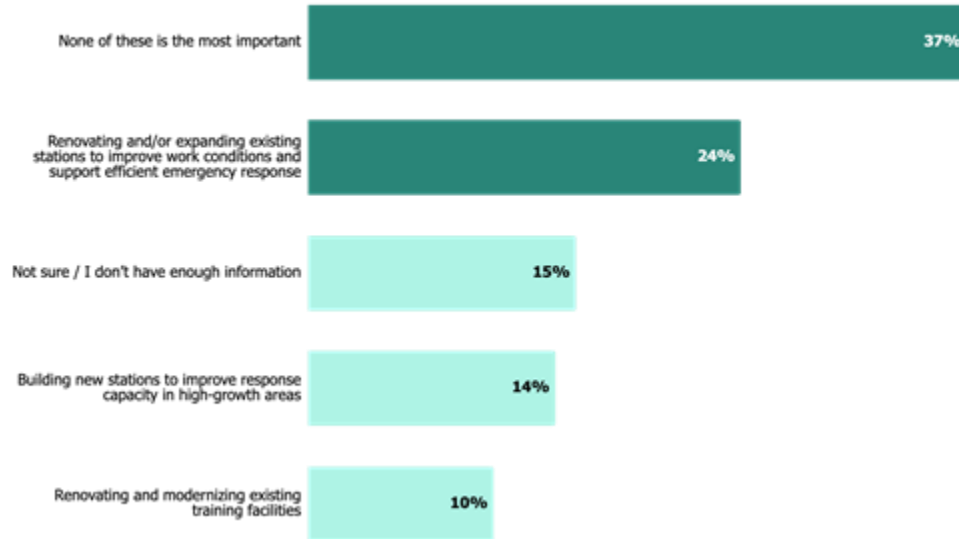
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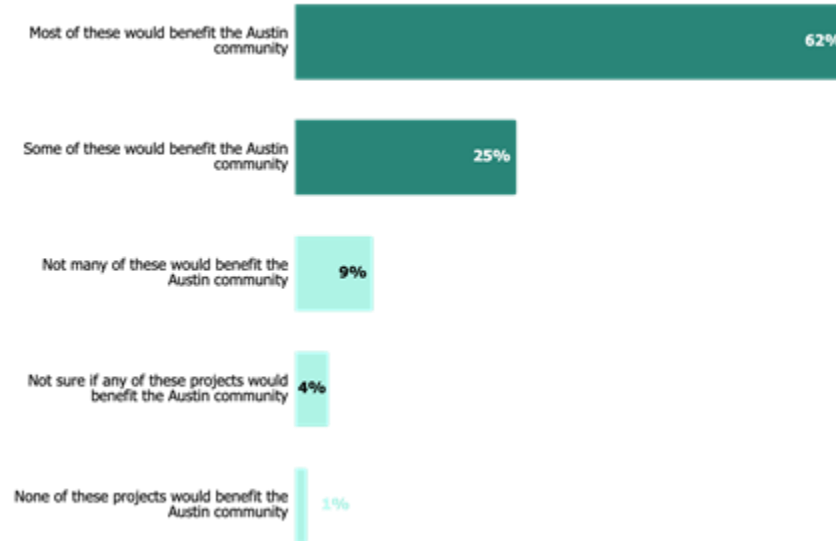
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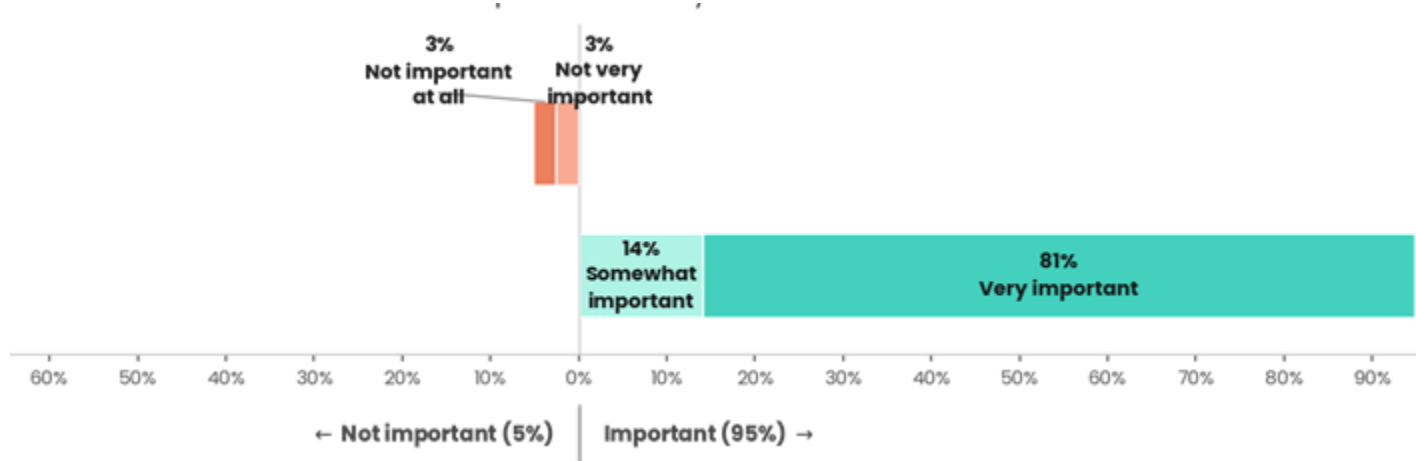
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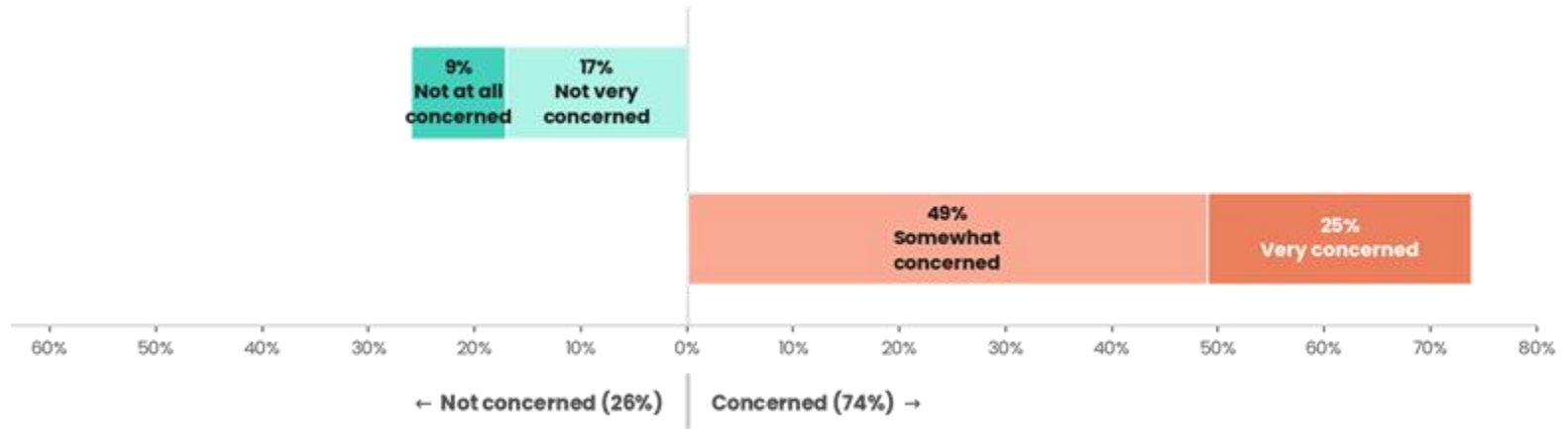
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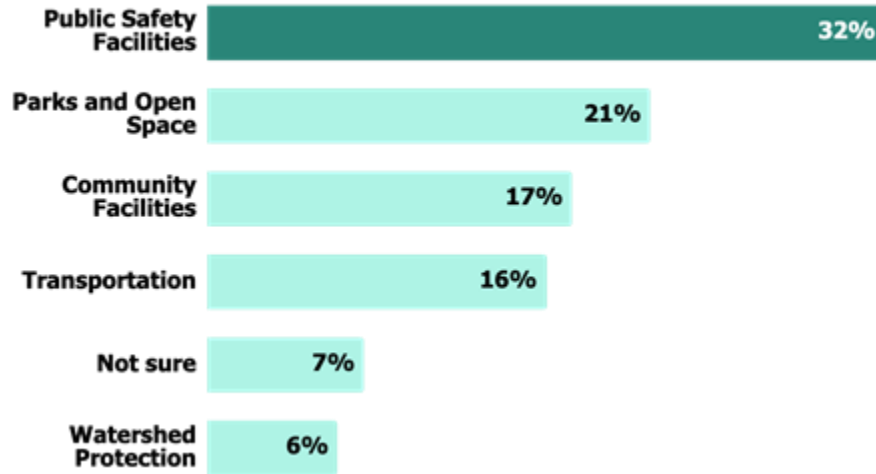
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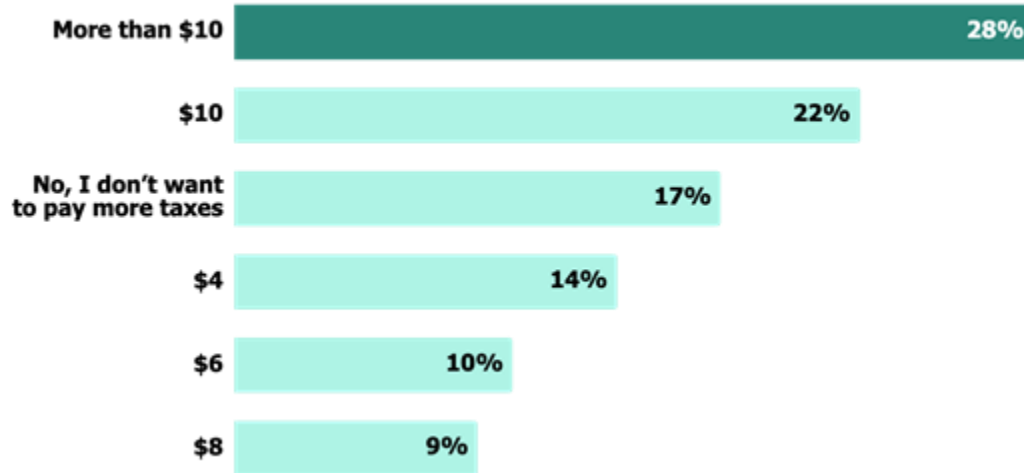
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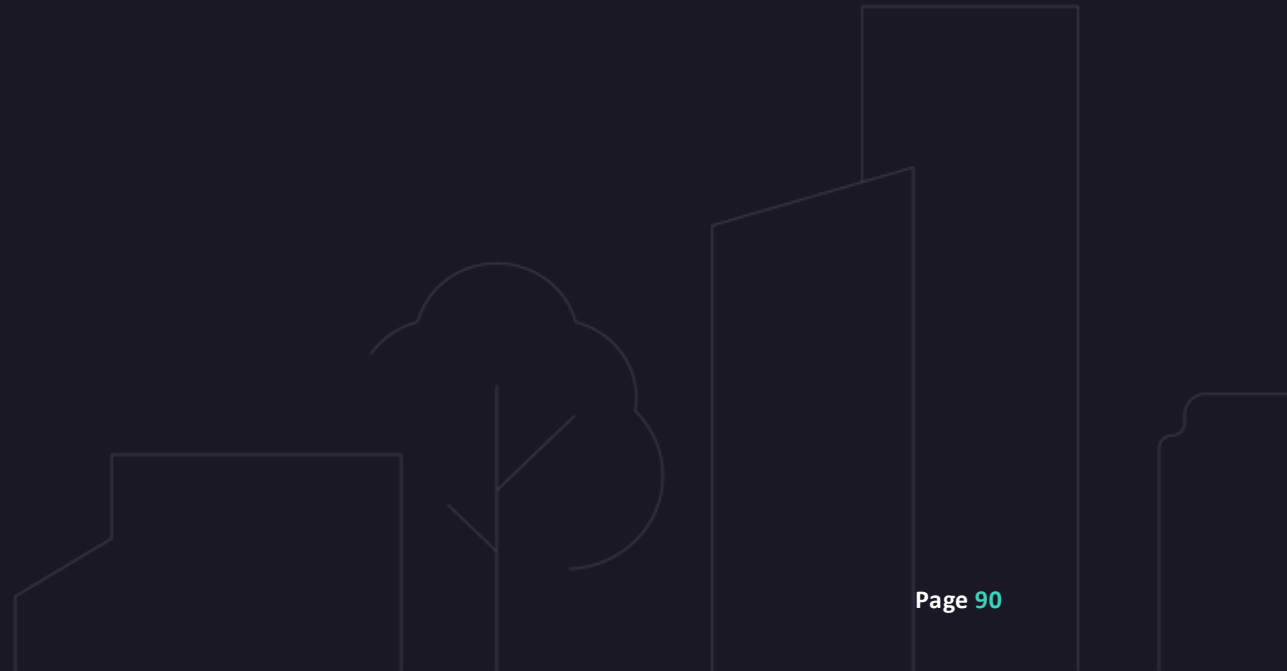


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# Appendix





# Infrastructure priorities by Council District

**Q3: Thinking generally about Austin’s future, which types of infrastructure improvements do you think should be the highest priority for Austin?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

	Affordable housing units 	Transportation	Community facilities 	Parks and recreation facilities 	Watershed 	Public safety facilities 	
Citywide average	57%	57%	38%	31%	30%	21%	More likely than average
Council District 1	70%	50%	42%	28%	14%	24%	Less likely than average
Council District 2	63%	50%	41%	32%	30%	17%	
Council District 3	43%	63%	50%	24%	26%	23%	
Council District 4	72%	56%	41%	27%	28%	21%	
Council District 5	63%	58%	31%	26%	28%	19%	
Council District 6	53%	62%	26%	32%	38%	21%	
Council District 7	51%	59%	46%	30%	28%	21%	
Council District 8	50%	60%	35%	29%	41%	16%	
Council District 9	72%	62%	54%	22%	21%	26%	
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# Watershed priorities by Council District

**Q4: Which types of watershed protection projects do you think are the most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

	Improving storm drains and drainage infrastructure to reduce flooding	Improving water quality and reducing pollution in creeks and waterways	Purchasing land to preserve green spaces and natural areas from development as the city grows	Programs that help reduce flood risk for homes and neighborhoods (such as resilience or voluntary buyout programs)	Upgrading low-water crossings to improve safety and reduce flood risk	Stabilizing creeks and stream banks to reduce erosion and flooding	Modernizing dams and other major flood control structures	
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Council District 4	49%	53%	34%	31%	25%	31%	15%	
Council District 5	44%	51%	35%	30%	19%	25%	12%	
Council District 6	42%	43%	30%	30%	33%	29%	21%	
Council District 7	42%	37%	30%	32%	23%	25%	26%	
Council District 8	34%	43%	33%	25%	25%	21%	29%	
Council District 9	47%	57%	22%	18%	25%	13%	37%	
Council District 10	33%	53%	32%	24%	19%	19%	27%	



# Parks and Open spaces priorities by Council District

**Q5: Which types of parks and open space projects do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

	Developing and improving existing City parks, including neighborhood parks, district or metro parks, greenbelts, and downtown squares	Improving park amenities such as playscapes, trails, athletic fields, parking areas, and cemeteries	Updating and renovating park facilities and infrastructure, including ADA and safety improvements	Acquiring land for new parks and green space, especially in park-deficient areas, or to improve rail connections	Renovating and improving City pools and aquatic facilities	Renovating senior and recreation centers located in City parks	Not sure / I don't have enough information	None of these is the most important
Citywide average	56%	41%	36%	38%	24%	19%	7%	5%
Council District 1	55%	45%	35%	27%	27%	14%	10%	7%
Council District 2	58%	36%	41%	35%	24%	23%	7%	4%
Council District 3	46%	34%	39%	32%	14%	15%	16%	3%
Council District 4	65%	39%	34%	33%	39%	20%	9%	2%
Council District 5	61%	39%	32%	37%	26%	21%	5%	8%
Council District 6	47%	46%	39%	45%	18%	20%	6%	5%
Council District 7	58%	38%	41%	38%	22%	25%	5%	4%
Council District 8	59%	47%	24%	45%	16%	15%	5%	5%
Council District 9	67%	46%	38%	31%	23%	24%	8%	6%
Council District 10	58%	39%	37%	51%	26%	12%	3%	8%

More likely than average

Less likely than average



# Transportation projects by Council District

**Q6: Which types of transportation projects do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

Group	Expanding traffic safety projects that reduce serious and fatal crashes (such as safer intersections, pedestrian crossings, safe routes to schools, and speed management)	Improving street quality, safety, and drivability on major roads	Building new sidewalks and repairing existing sidewalks, including ADA and safety improvements	Investing in aging bridges to improve safety and reliability	Increasing mobility options and creating pedestrian environments that are safe and welcoming to all users in key areas like Sixth Street and the surrounding downtown areas	Designing and building urban trails to improve walking and biking connections	Expanding bike infrastructure, such as protected bike lanes, neighborhood bikeways, and safer intersections	None of these is the most important	Not sure / I don't have enough information
Citywide average	47%	46%	35%	29%	30%	25%	23%	3%	5%
Council District 1	51%	45%	32%	30%	29%	21%	20%	3%	3%
Council District 2	39%	55%	31%	41%	34%	18%	17%	2%	6%
Council District 3	37%	44%	27%	31%	34%	27%	17%	6%	8%
Council District 4	52%	55%	36%	22%	35%	25%	21%	1%	3%
Council District 5	50%	44%	37%	30%	20%	26%	30%	2%	6%
Council District 6	55%	48%	35%	32%	33%	24%	21%	1%	5%
Council District 7	49%	39%	39%	28%	32%	27%	20%	2%	6%
Council District 8	47%	53%	15%	32%	28%	20%	27%	5%	0%
Council District 9	39%	42%	39%	32%	27%	34%	39%	2%	2%
Council District 10	40%	45%	46%	18%	26%	27%	29%	2%	4%

More likely than average

Less likely than average



# Community facility investments by Council District

**Q7: Which types of community facility investments do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

	Building Public Health Centers to increase public access to essential health services	Building or replacing homeless shelters with safer, more comprehensive facilities that include on-site services	Building, expanding, and improving public libraries to support learning, technology access, and community gatherings	Improving and expanding animal services facilities to support public and animal welfare	Acquiring land for facilities to support essential City services such as municipal operations, Fleet maintenance, and future community facilities	Not sure / I don't have enough information	None of these is the most important
Citywide average	36%	48%	34%	26%	17%	6%	6%
Council District 1	40%	38%	32%	30%	22%	6%	3%
Council District 2	39%	48%	29%	31%	15%	7%	4%
Council District 3	33%	43%	35%	24%	21%	9%	2%
Council District 4	26%	66%	32%	23%	14%	6%	5%
Council District 5	38%	54%	27%	26%	16%	6%	4%
Council District 6	36%	42%	38%	26%	22%	5%	6%
Council District 7	38%	54%	32%	23%	14%	5%	4%
Council District 8	28%	46%	45%	21%	16%	3%	8%
Council District 9	32%	54%	48%	23%	6%	12%	5%
Council District 10	20%	34%	50%	21%	15%	17%	11%

More likely than average

Less likely than average



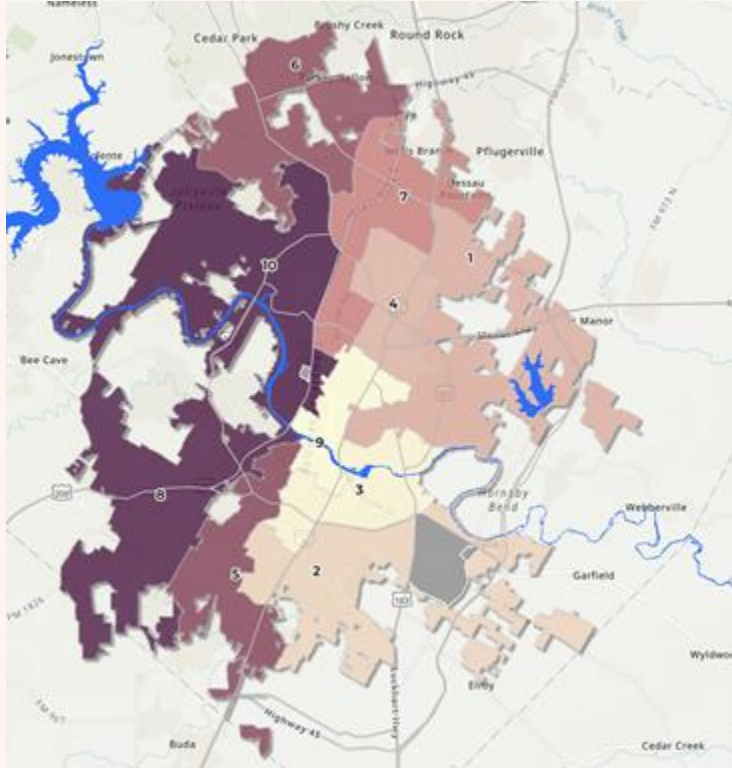
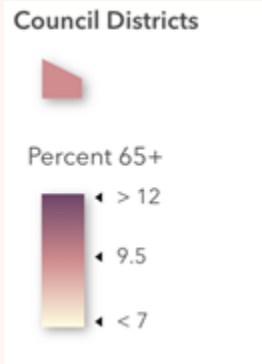
# Public Safety investments by Council District

**Q8: Which type of public safety facility investments do you think are most important for the City of Austin to prioritize?** [Select up to 3, N=1047]

	Renovating and/or expanding existing stations to improve work conditions and support efficient emergency response	Building new stations to improve response capacity in high-growth areas	Renovating and modernizing existing training facilities	Not sure / I don't have enough information	None of these is the most important	
Citywide average	39%	27%	13%	13%	7%	
Council District 1	41%	31%	12%	11%	5%	More likely than average
Council District 2	40%	27%	15%	14%	4%	Less likely than average
Council District 3	45%	23%	8%	17%	6%	
Council District 4	42%	34%	12%	8%	4%	
Council District 5	42%	27%	9%	13%	8%	
Council District 6	41%	26%	14%	10%	9%	
Council District 7	35%	22%	19%	17%	7%	
Council District 8	45%	36%	6%	9%	3%	
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Council District 10	41%	21%	10%	21%	6%	

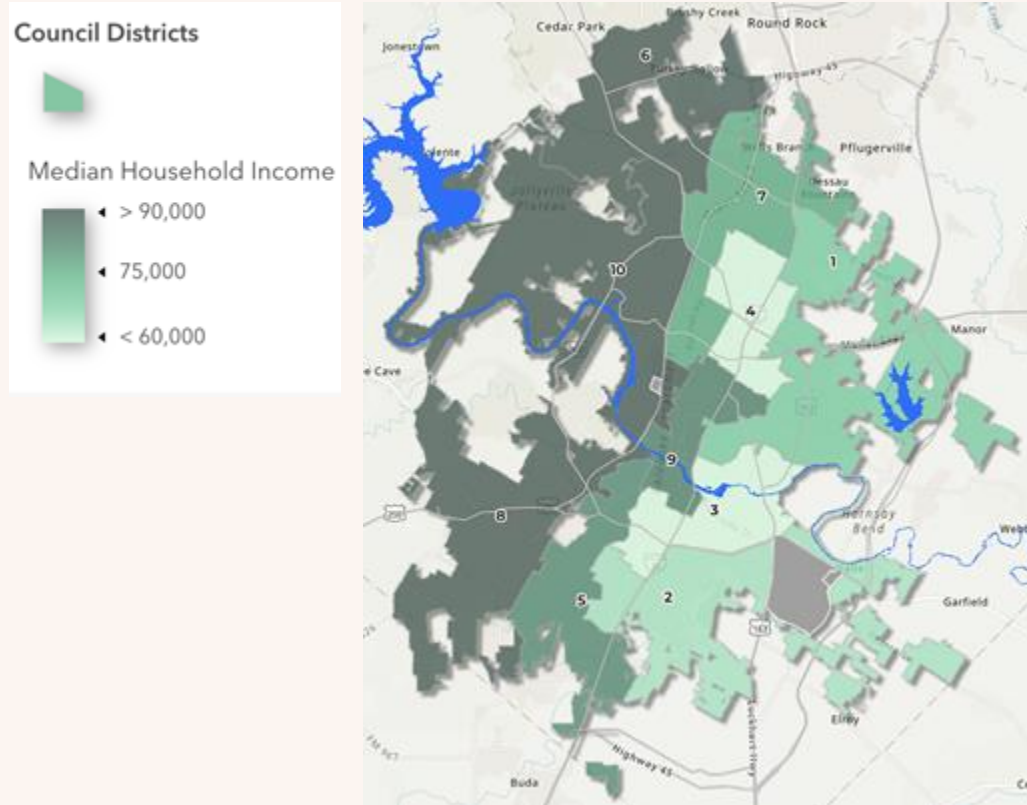


# %Residents over 65+ by Council District





# Median Household Income by Council District



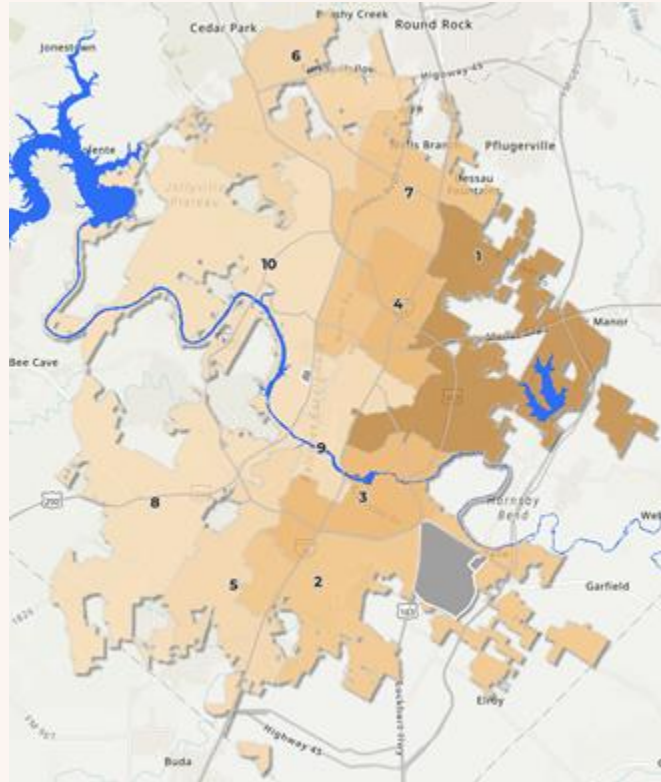
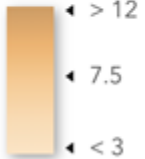


# % Black or African American by Council District

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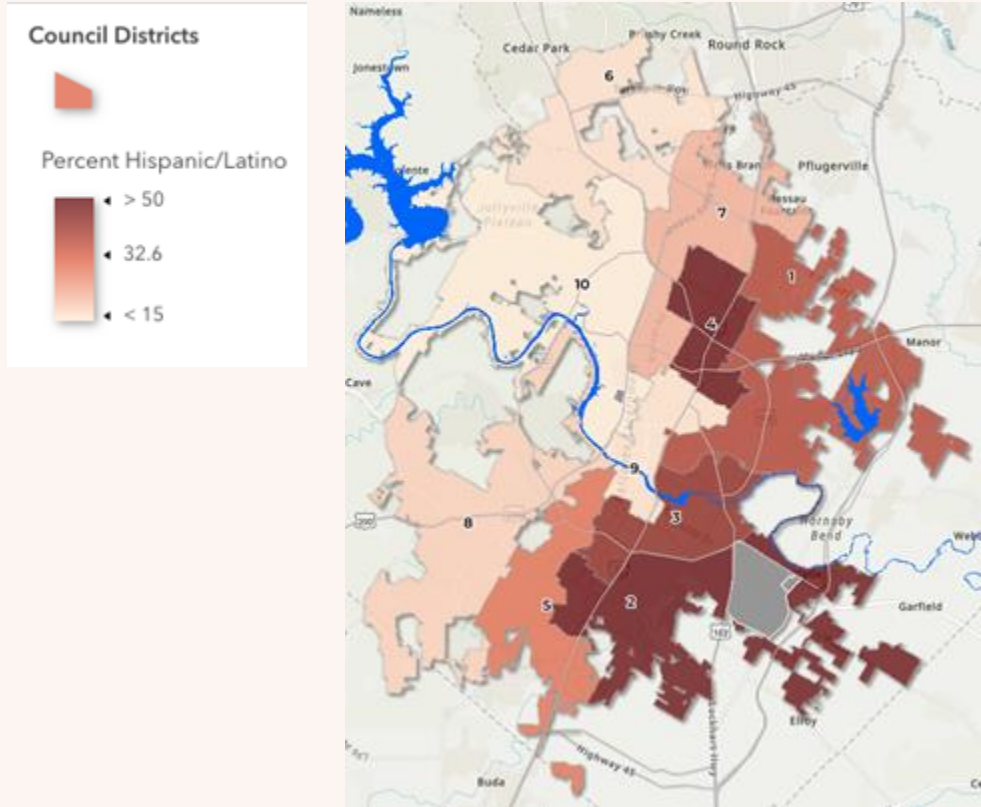


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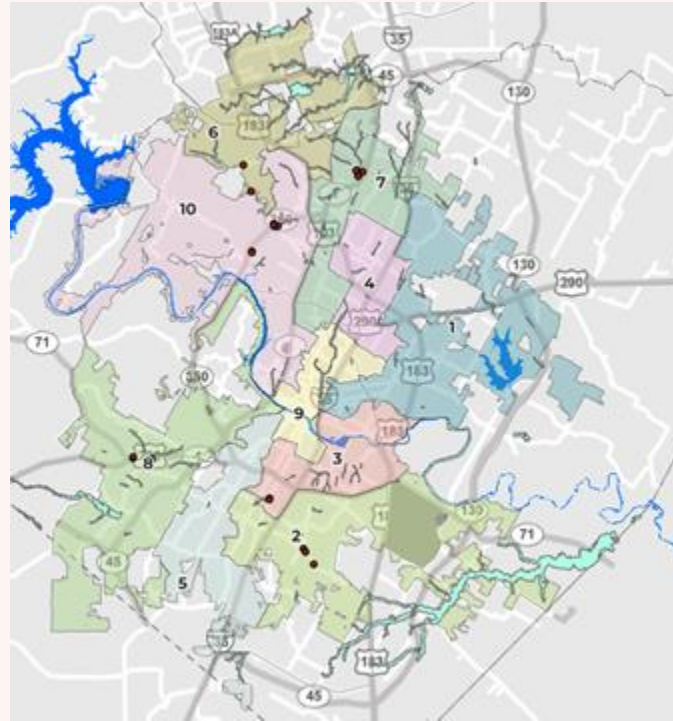
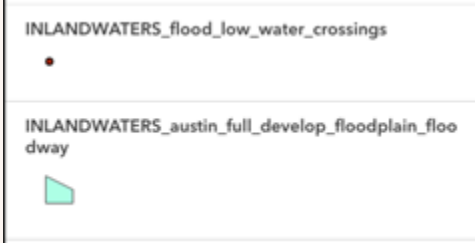


# % Hispanic/ Latino by Council District





# Floodway & Low Water Crossings by Council District



ID	Date	Location Name	Project Number	Comments	Tags	Theme	Category
CC-001	2/17/2026	Montopolis	21	very pleased that funds for more improvements to the ih-35 downtown corridor into colorado river were approved.	Downtown Corridor, Highway Infrastructure, IH-35 Improvements, Transportation Infrastructure	Multimodal Planning, Street Infrastructure	Transportation
CC-002	2/17/2026	Montopolis	7	1) we want a full ballot bond in nov '26. 2) we believe arts institutions w/ econ. impact should be the priority. 3) we support the paramount	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Bond Election Support, Downtown Economic Impact, Economic Development	Bond Governance, Cultural Facilities, Economic Development	Community Facilities, Other
CC-003	2/17/2026	Montopolis	21	prioritize east austin oldest part of austin.	East Austin Investment, Geographic Equity, Historic Communities	Cultural Facilities, Geographic Equity	Community Facilities, Other
CC-004	2/17/2026	Montopolis	2	prioritize east austin oldest part of austin.	East Austin Investment, Geographic Equity	Geographic Equity	Other
CC-005	2/17/2026	Montopolis	7	a full ballot bond is wanted for november '26. art institutions with economic impact is a priority. we support the paramount; benefits do	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Bond Election Support, Economic Development	Bond Governance, Cultural Facilities, Economic Development	Community Facilities, Other
CC-006	2/17/2026	Montopolis	10	guitarland park on shadedwood drive.	District 2, Neighborhood Park, Park Improvement Request	Geographic Equity, Park Facilities, Park Planning	Other, Parks & Recreation
CC-007	2/17/2026	Montopolis	7	1) we want a full ballot bond in nov '26. 2) arts institutions with economic impact should be the priority. 3) we support the paramount be	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Bond Election Support, Economic Development	Bond Governance, Cultural Facilities, Economic Development	Community Facilities, Other
CC-008	2/17/2026	Montopolis	25	ok with open land acquisition. for watershed restoration & colorado river. not trails.	Anti-Trail Development, Environmental Protection, Land Acquisition, Watershed Restoration	Environmental Protection, Land Conservation, Park Planning, Watershed Protection	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-009	2/17/2026	Montopolis	11	more funding for district 2 in senior activities programs. dittmar rec center needs \$\$\$ and more staff. thank you.	District 2 Investment, Recreation Center Funding, Senior Programs, Staffing Needs	Geographic Equity, Governance, Recreation Facilities	Other, Parks & Recreation
CC-010	2/17/2026	Montopolis	8	we plan to adopt armadillo park. please approve money for pard.	PARO Support, Park Adoption, Parks Funding	Park Planning	Parks & Recreation
CC-011	2/17/2026	Montopolis	1	support bonds for homeless shelters & city homeless partnership with services.	Homeless Services, Shelter Funding, Social Services	Homeless Services	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-012	2/17/2026	Montopolis	8	ok with parkland acquisitions but not if used for trails. use watershed restoration & protection of colorado river from development.	Anti-Trail Development, Environmental Protection, Land Conservation, Watershed Restoration	Environmental Protection, Land Conservation, Park Planning, Watershed Protection	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-013	2/17/2026	Montopolis	10	guitarland park. 7506 shadedwood drive.	Neighborhood Park, Park Improvement Request	Park Facilities, Park Planning	Parks & Recreation
CC-014	2/17/2026	Montopolis	9	east austin in greatest need. should be made a priority + projects listed.	East Austin Investment, Geographic Equity	Geographic Equity	Other
CC-015	2/17/2026	Montopolis	10	district 2 — stormwater resilience to lift houses so more people can stay in their homes.	Flood Resilience, Housing Stability, Stormwater Infrastructure	Flood Protection, Housing Policy, Stormwater Infrastructure	Community Facilities, Watershed
CC-016	2/17/2026	Montopolis	8	we need more programs for seniors at our center. please approve.	Community Center Programs, Senior Programs	Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-017	2/17/2026	Montopolis	11	the east riverside area needs a community center.	Community Center Development, East Riverside Investment	Geographic Equity, Recreation Facilities	Other, Parks & Recreation
CC-018	2/17/2026	Montopolis	5	hi, i represent the del valle libraries (east travis gateway library district). we fully support more libraries in travis county, especially se tra	Library Expansion, Public Libraries, SE Travis County Investment	Geographic Equity, Libraries	Community Facilities, Other
CC-019	2/17/2026	Montopolis	11	i supported senior centers. dittmar. it's pending to close a patio for seniors. we need more programs. please support our seniors. gordan	Aging Services, Recreation Centers, Senior Programs	Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-020	2/17/2026	Montopolis	11	how come you all already have the projects already picked out for the 2026 bond election, and we just today find out about it! not at all f	Bond Planning Process, Process Transparency, Public Participation Concern	Bond Governance, Public Engagement, Transparency	Other
CC-021	2/17/2026	NW Rec	11	we need more rec + senior centers north of 183 between mogap & 135.	North Austin Investment, Recreation Centers, Senior Centers	Geographic Equity, Recreation Facilities	Other, Parks & Recreation
CC-022	2/17/2026	NW Rec	14	bike lane utilization... what's the utilization rate of the bike lanes based on the city population? families would prefer more over the seniors	Active Transportation, Aquatics & Cooling, Libraries, Recreation Facilities	Active Transportation, Aquatics & Cooling, Libraries, Recreation Facilities	Community Facilities, Parks & Recreation, Transportation
CC-023	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	colony park just got a pool last year. why is the bond beef proposing an aph facility & a library for this area when they rec centers a	Library Planning, Project Prioritization Concern, Public Health Facilities	Libraries, Public Health, Transparency	Community Facilities, Other, Public Safety
CC-024	2/17/2026	NW Rec	19	question — item 15 calls for \$33 million for sidewalks. item 14 — \$15 million for bikeways. why listed on 3 items? would like clarification.	Bikeways, Bond Development, Sidewalk Infrastructure	Active Transportation, Bond Governance	Other, Transportation
CC-025	2/17/2026	NW Rec	19	community-driven projects that enhance the neighborhood are important to fund because they increase livability in public spaces and idc	Community Development, Neighborhood Investment, Neighborhood Projects, Public Space Livability	Community Development, Park Planning	Community Facilities, Parks & Recreation
CC-026	2/17/2026	NW Rec	18	85 miles — where is the list of "major streets"? define complete streets? probably the only project i could support due to poor conditions	Complete Streets, Road Maintenance, Transportation Infrastructure	Multimodal Planning, Street Infrastructure	Transportation
CC-027	2/17/2026	NW Rec	14	bike lanes — how about an audit of existing and amount of use? install on roads needing major repair. not good use. neighborhood involve	Bike Infrastructure Concerns, Community Input, Transportation Planning	Active Transportation, Multimodal Planning, Public Engagement	Other, Transportation
CC-028	2/17/2026	NW Rec	8, 12, 15, 16	my priorities are trails + connectivity between parks + city sidewalks, bike lanes, and greenways.	Active Transportation, Parks Connectivity, Trails Connectivity	Active Transportation, Park Planning	Parks & Recreation, Transportation
CC-029	2/17/2026	NW Rec	9	pools are essential for families — cooling off in hot months — and adequate number of them across austin.	Aquatic Facilities, Climate Adaptation, Family Recreation	Aquatics & Cooling, Climate Adaptation, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-030	2/17/2026	NW Rec	5	really? this library was recently renovated 5-6 years ago. how a new library when there is none? north east austin? this is my neighborh	Data Request, Library Planning, Project Transparency	Libraries, Transparency	Community Facilities, Other
CC-031	2/17/2026	NW Rec	3	austin should have the infrastructure to support the animals in our expanding footprint. i advocate resources lead to sub-optimal care.	Animal Services Infrastructure, Population Growth	Animal Services, Planning Context	Other, Public Safety
CC-032	2/17/2026	NW Rec	3	please add mexic-arte museum to the bond list. building project phase ii \$19 million. this museum is a unique asset to our city.	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-033	2/17/2026	NW Rec	20	where is the data regarding what/where the projects are? no data provided for 2026 bond. some of us want to know.	Bond Planning Process, Data Transparency	Bond Governance, Transparency	Other
CC-034	2/17/2026	NW Rec	15	\$33 million for 30 miles of new & rehab — who estimated that?	Cost Transparency, Sidewalk Infrastructure	Active Transportation, Transparency	Other, Transportation
CC-035	2/17/2026	NW Rec	16	\$30 million for 4 miles — really? what is the scope? where are these high priority locations? tba — by whom?	Project Scope, Project Transparency	Transparency	Other
CC-036	2/17/2026	NW Rec	11	my biggest question/concern is about outreach/promotion/advertising. comparing to prop q, i supported it and voted to approve it, yet 9	Civic Communication, Public Outreach	Communication	Other
CC-037	2/17/2026	NW Rec	17	define multimodal? scope of work?	Multimodal Transportation, Project Transparency	Multimodal Planning, Transparency	Other, Transportation
CC-038	2/17/2026	NW Rec	13	what bridges? how about a list prior to vote? how about a list of conditions of all city owned bridges.	Bridge Infrastructure, Infrastructure Transparency	Street Infrastructure, Transparency	Other, Transportation
CC-039	2/17/2026	NW Rec	6	i support this canyon creek police substation project. billly webb.	Police Infrastructure, Public Safety Facilities	Emergency Services, Public Safety	Public Safety
CC-040	2/17/2026	NW Rec	1	austin is becoming unaffordable for renters & owners, and we have an obligation to provide housing for all people in austin.	Housing Affordability, Housing Policy	Affordable Housing, Housing Policy	Housing
CC-041	2/17/2026	NW Rec	5	why is the hampton at oak hill branch being renovated for \$28 mill when they just had a renovation 5/6 years ago? north east austin near	Geographic Equity, Library Planning	Geographic Equity, Libraries	Community Facilities, Other
CC-042	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	i support afd 26 station and am looking forward to construction 2027-2029. thank you.	Fire Department Infrastructure, Public Safety	Emergency Services, Public Safety	Public Safety
CC-043	2/17/2026	NW Rec	1	i have a general concern that the deactivation of permissive left turns at signals is causing additional delays for vehicles & unsafe maneu	Intersection Safety, Traffic Operations	Traffic Operations	Transportation
CC-044	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	add mexic-arte museum building project phase #2 — \$19 million dollars. please and thank you. the voters vote for this project in 2006 & 2	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-045	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	add mexic-arte museum project phase 2 — \$19 million. the voters voted for this project in 2006 & 2018. mexic-arte museum anchor of th	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Cultural District Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-046	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	when looking at the transportation projects, i am frustrated by no proposed public transportation — trains. it makes me angry.	Public Transit Expansion, Rail Transit	Public Transit	Transportation
CC-047	2/17/2026	NW Rec	10	improvement funding for cultural and parks in south austin.	Cultural Facilities, Parks Investment	Cultural Facilities, Park Planning	Community Facilities, Parks & Recreation
CC-048	2/17/2026	NW Rec	16	please support fully connected urban trails. the community is hungry for car-free / safe routes.	Active Transportation, Urban Trails	Active Transportation	Transportation
CC-049	2/17/2026	NW Rec	19	support grassroots neighborhood projects. big impact with small investment.	Community Development, Neighborhood Projects	Community Development	Community Facilities
CC-050	2/17/2026	NW Rec	12	we need safe places for families. walking distance parks foster community.	Family Recreation, Neighborhood Parks	Park Facilities, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-051	2/17/2026	NW Rec	15	we need better sidewalks close to lakeline station.	Sidewalk Infrastructure, Transit Access	Active Transportation, Public Transit	Transportation
CC-052	2/17/2026	NW Rec	14	we need safer bike infrastructure in north austin, particularly on avery ranch blvd. please also support your north austin neighbors.	Bike Infrastructure Safety, North Austin Investment	Active Transportation, Geographic Equity	Other, Transportation
CC-053	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	the barton springs spillway restoration project should be funded with watershed project buckets 21 and 22 as directed by barton springs	Barton Springs, Watershed Restoration	Environmental Protection, Watershed Protection	Watershed
CC-054	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	fund for land acquisition around barton springs is critical. trails for recreation make austin a healthier community	Barton Springs, Land Acquisition, Parks & Recreation	Environmental Protection, Land Conservation, Park Planning	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-055	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	the sunken gardens near barton springs is critical for water quality and would enhance the experience of pool goers.	Barton Springs, Environmental Protection	Environmental Protection	Watershed
CC-056	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	i support the expansion and restoration of hampton library; this is a great community asset.	Community Facilities, Library Investment	Community Facilities, Libraries	Community Facilities
CC-057	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	have the urban trails bucket include a bike-ped bridge at zilker park upstream from barton springs in keeping with the urban trails plan	Bike-Ped Infrastructure, Urban Trails	Active Transportation	Transportation
CC-058	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	parkland acquisition has not been a priority in the last decade. land will not be cheaper in the future.	Land Acquisition, Parks Planning	Land Conservation, Park Planning	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-059	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	we do not need to allocate more bond funding for homelessness. we need better solutions that cost taxpayers less money.	Budget Concerns, Homeless Services Policy	Bond Governance, Homeless Services	Community Facilities, Other
CC-060	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	aprs maintenance facilities are inadequate. moving to the oracle site would make the dept more effective.	Maintenance Infrastructure, Parks Operations Facilities	Infrastructure Management, Park Facilities	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-061	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	phase 2 — add to 2026 bond list, mexic-arte museum building project. phase 2 \$19,000,000. this museum is a valuable asset to austin & ar	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-062	2/17/2026	NW Rec	2	i just wonder if there is room for facility sharing with these two projects (fleet mobility and park maintenance facility)	Facility Planning, Interdepartmental Coordination	Facility Planning, Governance	Community Facilities, Other
CC-063	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	a splash pad at bus garcia recreation center to meet the extreme critical need in the area with urban island effect, an urban canopy defec	Heat Mitigation, Recreation Facilities, Splash Pads, Urban Heat Island	Aquatics & Cooling, Climate Adaptation, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation, Watershed
CC-064	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	mexic-arte museum needs to complete phase 2	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-065	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	mexic-arte is needing funding to complete project. it is a welcoming space to everyone available 7 days a week.	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-066	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	consider providing additional funds for aquatics as this is only providing a bandaid to what the community needs and what has been iden	Aquatic Facilities, Recreation Facilities	Aquatics & Cooling, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-067	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	my comments are relevant to: parks & rec, community facilities, and public safety (public health)—gava resident leaders in the rundberg a	Equity in Recreation, Heat Mitigation, Public Health, Splash Pads	Aquatics & Cooling, Public Health, Recreation Equity	Parks & Recreation, Public Safety
CC-068	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	it is absurd that a city as sophisticated as austin is not continuing to pursue affordable housing in this bond. city council recognizes it as a	Affordable Housing, Housing Policy	Affordable Housing, Housing Policy	Housing
CC-069	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	i appreciate the specificity of some projects for which we're able to provide feedback, but many others remain vague and apply to all dist	Housing Affordability, Integrated Planning, Transportation Planning	Affordable Housing, Multimodal Planning, Planning Context	Housing, Other, Transportation
CC-070	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	mexic-arte museum building project phase ii \$19 million coa-sponsor ed provide by financial services department and capital delivery serv	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Museum Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-071	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	mexic-arte museum is the anchor of the 3th st. mexican american cultural district. currently phase 1 of the building project supported by	Arts & Cultural Institutions, Cultural District Investment	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-072	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	will there be any economic development money available for a baker space, and maker space with retail gallery and in collaboration with	Community Facilities, Creative Spaces, Economic Development	Community Facilities, Economic Development	Community Facilities, Other
CC-073	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	explain the relevance of slides 7 & 8, and are they in line with staff and board recommendations?	Bond Planning Process, Process Transparency	Bond Governance, Transparency	Other
CC-074	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	i want to know the difference between the pard projects needing to be rehabbed vs those that are new builds	Parks Planning, Recreation Facilities	Park Planning, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-075	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	do you feel that some parks need complete rebuilds/replaced vs being rehabbed because they are old?	Parks Infrastructure, Recreation Facilities	Park Planning, Recreation Facilities	Parks & Recreation
CC-076	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	if we as citizens want to see more money for parks, what should we do?	Civic Participation, Parks Funding	Park Planning, Public Engagement	Other, Parks & Recreation
CC-077	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	why are there no splash pads in the bond, especially for the rundberg area? this area needs water/cooling water for families.	Heat Mitigation, Recreation Equity, Splash Pads	Aquatics & Cooling, Recreation Equity	Parks & Recreation
CC-078	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	what is the status of the carver museum expansion?	Cultural Facilities, Museum Expansion	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-079	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	what happened to the carver rebuild and the money that was allocated in 1998?	Cultural Facilities, Funding Accountability	Cultural Facilities, Governance	Community Facilities, Other
CC-080	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	is there in the breakfast room?	Meeting Process Question	Governance	Other
CC-081	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	when will the money allocated for carver be transferred to acme?	Cultural Facilities, Funding Accountability	Cultural Facilities, Governance	Community Facilities, Other
CC-082	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	who decided to remove acme projects from the bond?	Bond Planning Process, Project Transparency	Bond Governance, Transparency	Other
CC-083	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	what happened to the land/facility that is being moved for oracle? what is the land value? was the whole 12 acres appraised? how much	Land Acquisition, Public Facilities	Community Facilities, Land Conservation	Community Facilities, Watershed
CC-084	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	how much is oracle paying for the 9 acres?	Land Acquisition Transparency	Land Conservation	Watershed
CC-085	2/17/2026	Virtual Open House	2	can all land acquisition projects on the bond be consolidated?	Bond Structure, Land Acquisition Planning	Bond Governance, Land Conservation	Other, Watershed
CC-086	2/17/2026	PDC	6	we need more investment into transitioning unhooked individuals to permanent housing.	Homeless Services, Permanent Housing	Homeless Services, Housing Policy	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-087	2/17/2026	PDC	999	aca. do your jobs before you get a penny more!	Police Funding Opposition, Public Safety Criticism	Public Safety	Public Safety
CC-088	2/17/2026	PDC	999	focus on low-income housing for people below 30% mfi.	Affordable Housing, Deeply Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-089	2/17/2026	PDC	999	put low-income housing on the project boards near the entrance so the public can express an opinion (this should have been done already)	Affordable Housing, Public Participation	Affordable Housing, Public Engagement	Housing, Other
CC-091	2/17/2026	PDC	999	we need deeply affordable housing (0-30 mfi) put affordable housing on the bond!	Affordable Housing, Deeply Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-092	2/17/2026	PDC	3	i will support this project if you rein in austin pets alive and give up things to be a no-kill shelter.	Animal Services Infrastructure	Animal Services	Public Safety
CC-093	2/17/2026	PDC	999	add housing for low income people to bond!! homeless shelters are not enough	Affordable Housing, Homeless Services	Affordable Housing, Homeless Services	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-094	2/17/2026	PDC	999	don't put all your eggs in one basket!! aka prop q. too many major issues that had controversy. if we d split up public health and safety, h	Bond Strategy, Governance	Bond Governance, Governance	Other
CC-095	2/17/2026	PDC	999	austin homelessness strategy has changed over the past 5 years. the biggest need that still exists are deeply affordable units (30% mfi) ar	Affordable Housing, Homeless Services	Affordable Housing, Homeless Services	Community Facilities, Housing

CC-096	2/25/2026	PDC	17	the project i care most about is 17 austin core transportation. the streets downtown are way too wide for cars. we should look into conve	Downtown Transportation, Street Design	Street Infrastructure	Transportation
CC-097	2/25/2026	PDC	14	i also really care about project 14. and possibly invest more money into bike lanes. the bike lanes have been transformative for improving	Bike Infrastructure	Active Transportation	Transportation
CC-098	2/25/2026	PDC	22	i also support project 22 to reduce risk of flooding especially after the 4th of july floods.	Flood Mitigation, Resilience Infrastructure	Climate Adaptation, Flood Protection	Watershed
CC-099	2/25/2026	PDC	999	why does affordable housing not have a project board?	Affordable Housing, Public Participation	Affordable Housing, Public Engagement	Housing, Other
CC-100	2/25/2026	PDC	999	shelters is important (50m)	Homeless Services	Homeless Services	Community Facilities
CC-101	2/25/2026	PDC	999	why is not the main topic on the board. housing, homeless more information on program for self sufficate	Affordable Housing, Homeless Policy	Affordable Housing, Homeless Services	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-102	2/25/2026	PDC	999	why there not a affordable housing not listed. deeply affordable housing needed.	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Housing
CC-103	2/25/2026	PDC	18	please do this! too many people lose their vehicles to poor streets. finding an affordable car is really hard these days.	Road Maintenance, Transportation Infrastructure	Multimodal Planning, Street Infrastructure	Transportation
CC-104	2/25/2026	PDC	999	put housing on the bond! why didn't it get a poster board? more than \$300 million. workers need affordable housing in city limits. we nex	Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing	Affordable Housing	Community Facilities, Housing
CC-105	2/28/2026	CG Senior		please leave carver museum on the bond	Cultural Facilities, Museum Funding	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-106	2/28/2026	CG Senior		this was a very frustratin rollout of the 2026 bond. i have never in 60 years of always voting, voted against a bond. i wish these commun	Bond Process Concerns, Transparency	Bond Governance, Transparency	Other
CC-107	2/28/2026	CG Senior	7, 10	more funding for austin parks and recreation to fund the improvement of historic parks like parque zaragoza. fund the bond request from	Historic Parks, Parks Investment	Park Facilities, Park Planning	Parks & Recreation
CC-108	2/28/2026	CG Senior		the austin studios request for \$35 m for modernization is vital to continuing the massive economic impact for the city.	Economic Development, Film Industry	Economic Development	Other
CC-109	2/28/2026	CG Senior		add carver museum!	Cultural Facilities, Museum Funding	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-110	2/28/2026	CG Senior		acme - please do not forget george washington carver	Cultural Facilities, Museum Funding	Cultural Facilities	Community Facilities
CC-111	2/28/2026	CG Senior		the survey does not have space to add other projects!	Public Participation Concerns	Public Engagement	Other
CC-112	2/28/2026	CG Senior		carver museum needs to go back to the cds list. they scored higher than any other projects that were included. and the previous commur	Cultural Facilities, Transparency Concerns	Cultural Facilities, Transparency	Community Facilities, Other
CC-113	2/28/2026	CG Senior		cds - will there be any discretionary monies available for nonprofit economic development projects?	Economic Development Programs	Economic Development	Other