



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 25-0719, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

5/8/2025

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas loan program for Austin Water's Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main project (also known as the Direct Reuse Strategy Project). Funding: Funding is contingent upon available funding in future Austin Water budgets.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Water.

### **Fiscal Note**

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### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 16, 2025 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Marzullo, Musgrove, and Penn absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize Austin Water to file an application for a low-interest loan with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas loan program for Austin Water's Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main project. It was initially submitted to the Texas Water Development Board as a Direct Reuse Strategy.

The Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main project aims to increase the use of reclaimed water and decrease the demand for potable water. It will accomplish this by installing 4,500 linear feet of 24-inch reclaimed water main to expand the reclaimed water distribution system in the Travis Heights neighborhood, specifically along Fairmount Avenue, Alameda Drive, East Side Drive, and Monroe Street.

This project will enhance the centralized direct non-potable reuse service area and increase the number of reclaimed water users in Austin. The Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main Project is part of a series of initiatives designed to provide more reliable service to reclaimed water customers. Currently, Austin Water's Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main Project is in the design phase. Once completed, it will deliver reclaimed water to customers for various non-potable uses, such as irrigation, toilet flushing, and industrial applications.

Austin Water anticipates bringing the related construction contract to Council for award in Winter 2025. This project will be located in Council District 9.

