

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 21, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **2024 Bond Program Development – Definition of “Citywide” Projects**

Background

As the Office of Bond and Construction Management (BCM) has been developing the 2024 Bond Program, questions have been posed as to the definition of “Citywide” projects. The definition of Citywide projects becomes significant when discussing how to allocate funds for a bond program as this allows bond funds to be distributed among 15 districts (14 City Council Districts and a Citywide district) rather than individual council districts absorbing large scale projects and skewing district bond allocations.

Given the background on this issue, the purpose of this memorandum is to define and document the uses of Citywide projects for the 2024 Bond Program and future bond initiatives.

Definition of Citywide Bond Projects

Understanding the background of this memorandum, BCM has reviewed previous bond programs as historical references to determine the types of projects that have previously been considered as Citywide bond projects. Modifying the definition used in the 2017 Bond Program, a Citywide project is a system-wide project that has a regional impact (e.g., city service centers, arterial roadways, etc.), draws patrons citywide, has project costs too high for one district to solely absorb, borders 2 or more Council Districts, and/or a specific site that is undetermined.

For the 2024 Bond Program and future bond programs, Citywide projects will contain some or all the following attributes:

- Regional impact,
- Large parks or cultural institutions,
- Major roadways,
- Higher costs,
- Projects or programs that serve multiple districts,
- Citywide programs,
- Specific site that is undetermined.

Considering the Citywide attributes listed above, examples of Citywide Projects will include:

- Pump stations,
- Major thoroughfares or arterial streets,
- Street reconstruction projects inside the Central Business District,
- Linear trail networks,

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- Central Library,
- Cultural facilities such as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Majestic Theater, and the Meyerson Symphony Center,
- City service centers and City Hall,
- Fire/Police headquarters or training facilities
- Regional parks such as White Rock Lake Park, the Dallas Arboretum
- Dallas Zoo and Fair Park
- 50/50 Sidewalk Program

In general, the Citywide classification will only be used for infrastructure or facilities serving more than the residents living in the immediate Council District, serving as a regional attraction, and serving City operations only. While bond projects may be classified as Citywide projects, Council Members may choose to fund a Citywide project using respective district allocations.

As this memorandum has defined and documented Citywide projects for the 2024 Bond Program and future bond programs, should there be any questions, please contact Jenny Nicewander, P.E., Interim Director of the Office of Bond and Construction Management, by email at Jennifer.Nicewander@dallas.gov.



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