

428.7 Freedom Center Expansion & Pool Improvements

Location: This project is located in Freedom Park at 5000 E. Twenty-Ninth Street

Scope: Design and construction of an expansion to Freedom Center by approximately 6500 square foot in accordance with the center master plan. Project includes a senior multipurpose room, multipurpose room for preschool/out-of-school programs, facilities with associated kitchen, landscaping, park amenities and vehicular parking. Improvements to Freedom Pool including a new slide, installation of non-slip decking, modernized pump room and vessel upgrades.

Benefits: This project will provide facilities identified by the Freedom Center Master Plan, which was developed through an extensive public participation process. The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan identified this area of the community as a high priority area for park and recreation facilities.

Total Cost Estimate: \$2,500,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$2,500,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$300,000 for planning and design, \$2,200,000 for construction.

Implementation Periods: 6

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 12 months, construction at 18 months.

Project Manager: City of Tucson (Project requested by City of Tucson)

Operator: City of Tucson

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities. The estimated increase in annual operating expenditures based on current design and similar existing facilities is \$329,000. There is also an estimated increase in annual revenues of \$2,250. Both expenditures and revenues will need to be adjusted at the time of actual construction.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the center. However, the project will have a regional benefit in reducing the use of similar facilities outside the service area created by area residents willing to travel long distances.