

**Letters from City Of Tucson's Bond Project Advisory Committee  
(February – June 2014)**

February 12, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council  
P.O. Box 27210  
Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210

Honorable Mayor and Council:

During the next five months, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee will hold meetings to consider all project proposals (tentatively approved, resubmittals, and new proposals) in preparation for a proposed 2015 Bond Election. Their meetings are organized monthly by the following topic areas:

- Libraries, Community Facilities and Museums (2/21/14)
- Historic, Cultural, and Natural Area Conversation (3/21/14)
- Parks and Recreation (4/25/14)
- Public Health, Neighborhood Reinvestment, and Government Facilities (5/16/14)
- Job Growth, Education, and Workforce Training (6/20/14)

The objective of these meetings is for the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting to have a new tentatively-approved project list by the end of the June meeting.

In preparation for the February 21, 2014 meeting, our Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has ranked City projects in priority and identified several possible projects from the City's unmet needs list that should be included in the Pima County Bond package under the category of Libraries, Community Facilities and Museums.

We believe it is appropriate to submit these requests due to the regional nature and significant economic benefit of these projects. We acknowledge that they need to be further scoped, but they belong in the Libraries, Community Facilities and Museums category, and it is important to begin their consideration now.

**Projects From Pima County's "City" List That Provide County-Wide Benefit:**

BPAC has examined the 25 County-proposed projects that may be of priority to the City. After some discussion, we agreed that two projects on February 21<sup>st</sup> agenda should be supported:

- The Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit is ranked high on our list due to its regional and economic potential. This project is frequented on a county-wide basis and should therefore be listed as a County project.
- The next four projects were prioritized in the following order: El Pueblo Center Improvements, Quincie Douglas Center Expansion, Clements Senior Center Expansion, and the Loft Cinema Renewal and Expansion. The first two are found in high stress areas where park improvements have direct connections to neighborhood vitality and reduction in crime. The Clements Senior Center serves an increasingly underserved population in a rapidly growing area. All of these facilities are utilized by unincorporated Pima County residents.

**Additional Projects With Significant County-Wide Benefit:**

BPAC has identified two additional potential bond projects from the City's unmet needs list that should be further considered by the Pima County BAC:

- Tucson Convention Center improvements to the Music Hall, Leo Rich Theater, and Eckbo Fountains and surrounding outdoor space (\$30M)

These projects are thought to contribute significantly to area plans currently under discussion by Pima County, Rio Nuevo, City of Tucson, University of Arizona and adjacent property developers. Upgrades to the existing performing arts facilities and associated outdoor spaces will have significant economic impact, increase the value of Pima County's real estate holdings and private property values in the downtown area, and will enable expanded retail, housing, and other uses in the vicinity. The economic impact of the arts in Tucson exceeds \$30 million per year. This one-time investment would increase that annual economic impact and assist critical community organizations such as the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and the many Tucson arts and cultural groups who depend upon these facilities.

- Two Parking Garages (~\$16M)

BPAC recognizes that the ability to grow the current \$800 million public and private investment along the SunLink Modern Streetcar line would be enhanced by the addition of two strategically placed parking garages:

- West Side Parking Facility (West of I-10)

The West Side Parking Facility would directly serve County-owned parcels near Tucson's historic birthplace, a future Pima County Visitor's Center. It will also provide "Park-and-Ride" options for County-wide use of the Pima County Bike Loop, and the SunLink Modern Streetcar. Structured parking is needed to

support current and future development in the area, including the Tucson Origins Heritage Park, Birthplace Attractions, Cultural Plaza, Regional Visitor Center, Luis Gutierrez Bridge, the Gadsden residential and commercial developments and additional future commercial development. The garage could be designed as a mixed-use facility with housing and retail. Car and bike-share facilities could also be incorporated.

o Downtown Links Garage (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street)

The Downtown Links Garage would provide much needed parking for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Arts and Retail Area and the Warehouse Arts District next to the Downtown Links, a new regional roadway. It could be designed as a mixed-use facility with housing and retail. Car and bike-share facilities could also be incorporated.

**BPAC Support for Pima County Projects:**

BPAC strongly supports the concepts of the following County-Proposed Projects on the February 21<sup>st</sup> BAC Agenda:

- Historic Pima County Courthouse Restoration and Repurposing
- La Placita Project
- Regional Visitors' Center
- Tucson Children's Museum

These projects all support the concept of a mixed-use cultural corridor in Downtown Tucson, further enhance the West Side cultural, historic and natural amenities, and will have strong economic impact for the heart of our region and our metropolitan area. We look forward to hearing more about these projects as these concepts are developed.

We will continue our participation in this process through June, and we will be presenting our recommendations to you on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,



Earl Causbie  
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair

March 12, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council  
P.O. Box 27210  
Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Over the next four months, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee will continue to hold meetings to consider project proposals within the respective categories (tentatively approved, resubmittals, and new proposals) in preparation for a proposed 2015 Bond Election. Their meetings are organized monthly within the following topic areas:

- Libraries, Community Facilities and Museums (2/21/14)
- Historic, Cultural, and Natural Area Conservation (3/21/14)
- Parks and Recreation (4/25/14)
- Public Health, Neighborhood Reinvestment, and Government Facilities (5/16/14)
- Job Growth, Education, and Workforce Training (6/20/14)

In preparation for the March 21, 2014 meeting, our Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has reviewed City projects within the Historic, Cultural and Natural Area Conservation category. The current priority rankings for this category are listed below:

1. Historic Miracle Mile
2. Sunshine Mile Commercial District
3. Dunbar School Rehabilitation
4. Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation

In addition, BPAC has been presented with an additional proposal for the Temple of Music and Art Historic Preservation Project. The Committee has numerous requests for additional information before making a recommendation and ranking in this category.

**BPAC Support for Pima County Projects:**

BPAC supports the concept of the following County-proposed project on the March 21<sup>st</sup> BAC Agenda:

- **Historic Fort Lowell Park - Master Plan Implementation**  
This project supports an important City Metro park that contains both prehistoric and historic assets, encouraging cultural tourism in addition to

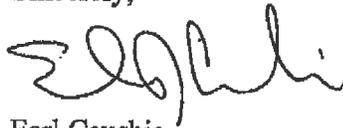
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enhancing a regional destination in the heart of an important historic neighborhood.

Please note, BPAC is preparing a response to the memorandum dated March 11, 2014 from the County Administrator to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee. This response regards the concerns relating to the City's façade programs. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to you for your information.

We will continue our participation in this process through June and we will be presenting our recommendations to you on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

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Earl Causbie  
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair

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April 16, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council  
P.O. Box 27210  
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Honorable Mayor and Council:

Over the next three months, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee will continue to hold meetings to consider project proposals within the respective categories (tentatively approved, resubmittals, and new proposals) in preparation for a proposed 2015 Bond Election. The remaining Pima County Bond Advisory Committee meetings are organized within the following topic areas:

- Parks and Recreation (4/25/14)
- Parks and Recreation (5/2/14)
- Public Health, Neighborhood Reinvestment, and Government Facilities (5/16/14)
- Public Health, Neighborhood Reinvestment, and Government Facilities (5/30/14)
- Job Growth, Education, and Workforce Training (6/20/14)

In preparation for the April 25, 2014 meeting, our Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has reviewed City projects within the Parks and Recreation category. The current priority rankings for this category are listed below:

1. Sports Fields & Lighting - \$10M, Tentatively approved for COT. Pima County is recommending this as a regional project for a total of \$17,615,000 (\$11,212,500 for COT)
2. Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit - \$3.75M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
3. Urban Greenways - \$15M, Tentatively approved
4. Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion - \$12M, Tentatively approved
5. Reid Park Improvements - \$2M, Tentatively approved
6. Sentinel Peak/A Mountain Improvements - \$2.5M, Tentatively approved
7. Jacobs Park Recreation Center - \$4M, Tentatively approved
8. Kennedy Park Improvements/ Expansion - \$2.4M, Resubmittal
9. Murrieta Park Improvements - \$5M, New
10. Udall Park Expansion - \$4M, Tentatively approved
11. El Pueblo Center Improvements - \$2M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes (additional funding)
12. Quincie Douglas Center Expansion - \$1M, Resubmittal
13. Silverlake Park Expansion - \$2.3M, Resubmittal

14. Clements Senior Center Expansion - \$4.5M, Resubmittal
15. Purple Heart Park - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved
16. Freedom Center Expansion - \$2M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes (additional funding)
17. Lincoln Park Improvements - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
18. Oury Park Cultural Festival Area - \$1.5M, Resubmittal
19. Oury Pool Renovation - \$1.5 M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes (additional funding)

**BPAC Support for Pima County Projects:**

BPAC supports the preliminary plans as submitted for the following County-proposed projects on the April 25th BAC Agenda:

- Rillito Race Track Conversion
- Kino Sports Complex Improvements
- County-wide Splash Pad Program with the addition of six Splash Pads within the City limits located in each of the six Wards
- Riverpark Acquisitions and Development in conjunction with the Urban Greenways Project
- Esmond Station Regional Park

We will continue our participation in this process through June and we will be presenting our recommendations to you on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,



Earl Causbie  
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair

May 14, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council  
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Honorable Mayor and Council:

Over the next two months, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee will continue to hold meetings to consider project proposals within the respective categories (tentatively approved, resubmittals, and new proposals) in preparation for a proposed 2015 Bond Election. The remaining Pima County Bond Advisory Committee meetings are organized within the following topic areas:

- Public Health, Neighborhood Reinvestment, and Government Facilities (5/16/14)
- Job Growth, Education, and Workforce Training (6/20/14)

In preparation for the May 14, 2014 meeting, our Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has reviewed City projects within the Parks and Recreation category. The only priority ranking for this category is:

1. South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor

**BPAC Support for Pima County Projects:**

BPAC supports the preliminary plans as submitted for the following County-proposed projects on the May 16th BAC Agenda:

- Pima County Affordable Housing Program
- Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program

We will continue our participation in this process through June and we will be presenting our recommendations to you next month.

Sincerely,



Earl Causbie  
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair

June 9, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council  
P.O. Box 27210  
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Honorable Mayor and Council:

This month, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee will hold a meeting to consider project proposals within the respective categories (tentatively approved, resubmittals, and new proposals) in preparation for a proposed 2015 Bond Election. This month's topic areas include:

- Flood Control, General Government Facilities, Job Growth, Education, and Workforce Training (6/20/14)

In preparation for the June 20, 2014 meeting, the City Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has reviewed newly proposed City projects within these categories. The City proposes these new projects with the following priority rankings:

1. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape
2. Public Safety Training Academy – Judgmental Firearms Training Facility
3. Public Safety Training Academy – Multi-purpose Training Facility
4. Public Safety Training Academy – Driver Training Facility
5. Temple of Music and Art

For your overall understanding, we have included an updated, prioritized list of all recommended projects:

1. Sports Fields & Lighting - \$10M, Tentatively approved
2. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape - \$28M, New Project
3. Urban Greenways - \$15 M, Tentatively approved
4. Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit - \$3.75M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
5. Historic Miracle Mile - \$2M, New Project
6. South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor - \$3.1M, New Project
7. Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion - \$12M, Tentatively approved
8. Public Safety Training Academy: Judgmental Firearms Training Facility - \$4.1M, New project
9. Reid Park Improvements - \$2M, Tentatively approved
10. Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility - \$11.7M, New project

11. Sunshine Mile Commercial District - \$2M, New Project
12. Public Safety Training Academy: Driver Training Facility - \$3M, New project
13. Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Improvements - \$2.5M, Tentatively approved
14. Jacobs Park Recreation Center - \$4M, Tentatively approved
15. Kennedy Park Improvements/ Expansion - \$2.5M, Resubmittal
16. Murrieta Park Improvements - \$5M, New Project
17. El Pueblo Center Improvements - \$2.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes
18. Udall Park Expansion - \$4M, Tentatively approved
19. Quincie Douglas Center Expansion - \$1M, Resubmittal
20. Clements Senior Center Expansion - \$4.5M, Resubmittal
21. Silverlake Park Expansion - \$2.3M, Resubmittal
22. Purple Heart Park - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved
23. Temple of Music and Art Rehabilitation - \$871,000, New project
24. Lincoln Park Improvements - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
25. Freedom Center Expansion - \$2M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
26. Oury Park Cultural Festival Area - \$1.5M, Resubmittal
27. Oury Pool Renovation - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes
28. Dunbar School Rehabilitation - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved
29. Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation - \$1M, Tentatively approved

TOTAL \$136M

We are also including this list broken down by the County's established categories:

Community Facilities

1. El Pueblo Center Improvements - \$2.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes
2. Quincie Douglas Center Expansion - \$1M, Resubmittal
3. Clements Senior Center Expansion - \$4.5M, Resubmittal

Museums and Tourism

1. Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit - \$3.75M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change

Historic and Cultural Resources

1. Historic Miracle Mile - \$2M, New Project
2. Sunshine Mile Commercial District - \$2M, New Project
3. Dunbar School Rehabilitation - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved
4. Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation - \$1M, Tentatively approved

Parks and Recreation

1. Sports Fields & Lighting - \$10M, Tentatively approved

2. Urban Greenways - \$15 M, Tentatively approved
3. Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion - \$12M, Tentatively approved
4. Reid Park Improvements - \$2M, Tentatively approved
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6. Jacobs Park Recreation Center - \$4M, Tentatively approved
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13. Freedom Center Expansion - \$2M, Tentatively approved with proposed scope change
14. Oury Park Cultural Festival Area - \$1.5M, Resubmittal
15. Oury Pool Renovation - \$1.5M, Tentatively approved with proposed changes

Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing

1. South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor - \$3.1M, New Project

Justice and Law Enforcement Facilities

1. Public Safety Training Academy: Judgmental Firearms Training Facility - \$4.1M, New project
2. Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility - \$11.7M, New project
3. Public Safety Training Academy: Driver Training Facility - \$3M, New project

Governmental Facilities

1. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape - \$28 M, New Project
2. Temple of Music and Art Rehabilitation - \$871,000, New project

The committee recommends the following projects as County projects as these projects are regional in nature:

1. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape - \$28M
2. Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit - \$3.75M
3. Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion - \$12M
4. Temple of Music and Art Rehabilitation

**BPAC Comment on Living Streets Alliance Proposal:**

The BPAC believes that pedestrian safety is a critical issue that requires discussion and funding on a regional basis. The Living Streets Alliance bond proposal requires more detailed project information. To that end, the Tucson Department of Transportation staff is prepared for a regional discussion that

includes the Living Streets Alliance, Pima Association of Governments, and Pima County to scope project specifics and funding. When detailed City of Tucson projects are identified for the pedestrian safety bond proposal then it will be appropriate for this body to re-evaluate and reprioritize this submittal.

We will continue our participation with this process in mid-August after a summer break.

Sincerely,

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Liz Rangel  
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair