Subject: Report from Bond Project Advisory Committee (City Wide)

Issue – Presentation by the Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) of a priority list of 25 projects to be submitted to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC), two potential projects from the unmet needs list that are county-wide in scope and therefore appropriate for the County bond project list, and BPAC support for several County bond projects that may benefit the City of Tucson.

City Manager's Office Recommendation – The City Manager recommends that the Mayor and Council approve a priority list as requested by the County BAC and provide direction on the scoping of additional bond projects from the unmet needs list and the County bond projects that could benefit the City.

Background – The BPAC has been meeting weekly since September 4, 2013. There are currently 8 members of this committee and their primary purpose is to recommend projects to the Mayor and Council for submission to the Pima County BAC.

On September 20, 2013, the County BAC recommended that a County bond election not be held in 2014 and requested that a series of committee meetings be scheduled for the purpose of considering all project proposals (tentatively approved, resubmittals and new). The BAC has organized the following meeting schedule arranged by topic areas in preparation for a 2015 bond election:

- February 21, 2014 - Libraries, Community Facilities and Museums
- March 21, 2014 - Historic, Cultural and Natural Area Conservation
- April 25, 2014 - Parks and Recreation
- May 16, 2014 - Public Health, Flood Control, Neighborhood Reinvestment and Government Facilities
- June 20, 2014 – Job Growth, Education and Workforce Training

Present Consideration – The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) requested that the City provide a priority list based on the City’s 25 projects that are either tentatively approved, resubmitted or new projects for the proposed 2015 Pima County Bond Election. After months of project presentations, discussions, analysis and development of prioritization criteria, the BPAC has ranked the 25 current City projects. These projects include 19 Parks and Recreation projects that were initially scoped in 2006, two historic preservation projects scoped in 2007, and four new projects (Historic Miracle Mile and Sunshine Mile Façade Programs, South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor, and the Lost Cinema Renewal and Expansion).
The BPAC has begun to examine the City’s unmet needs list and has held initial discussions with staff on their potential as County bond projects. To date, BPAC has identified two potential bond projects from the unmet needs list that could be presented to the County BAC on February 21, 2014. In addition, the BPAC has provided its support for several County bond projects that may benefit the City.

Financial Considerations – Pima County bond funds are a critical funding source for City capital needs.

Legal Considerations – None

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Miranda
City Manager

Attachments: Bond Committee Letter Dated February 12, 2014
BPAC Letter Regarding BAC February 21, 2014 Meeting
February 12, 2014

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

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Tucson on your City Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC). See Attachment A for listing of BPAC members. We have been meeting weekly since September 4, 2013, and we have learned a great deal about City and County functions, infrastructure and other public needs, and the great challenges facing local government.

BPAC’s Mission and Process:

BPAC’s mission was to prioritize the City projects on the Pima County Bond projects list as requested by Pima County. After a great deal of discussion and analysis, the prioritized list of the 25 projects is below.

The first set of meetings included presentations regarding the City’s financial status and bonding capacity, in addition to detailed descriptions, discussions, and analysis of the 25 projects under consideration. In addition, we had a presentation by and discussion with County Administrative Staff.

BPAC’s Criteria for Prioritizing Projects:

Following these presentations and discussions, the committee developed criteria for prioritization of the projects that is similar to Pima County’s criteria with some amendments. These criteria include:

- Project has broad demonstrated support by public
- Project has regional public benefit
- Project or program is a capital improvement, not a repair or maintenance project
- Project advances Pima County Board of Supervisors and City of Tucson Mayor and Council’s adopted principles of economic development and basic employment growth that will attract more jobs to the community
- Project has leveraged funds (FTA, RTA, etc.) and/or partnerships
- Project advances the following nine principles that represent the shared values identified in the Imagine Greater Tucson process: accessibility, educational excellence, environmental integrity, good governance, healthy communities, higher education, broad-based prosperity, quality neighborhoods, and regional identity.
- Project has a regional or jurisdictional balance and geographic diversity
- Project minimizes future operational and maintenance costs and promotes operational efficiency
- Project promotes downstream economic benefits
- Project addresses immediate health and safety needs
- Project addresses unmet needs and/or underserved or vulnerable populations
- Project considers usage based on general population served at a high benefit-to-cost ratio
- Project increases the quality of life and place
- Project has no alternatives to meet the needs of the community

BPAC’s Additional Considerations:

In addition to the criteria listed above, BPAC discussed a number of issues and trends that influenced our recommendations. These include:

- **Potential Economic Impact:** Considerable attention was given by the committee to the importance of job creation and furthering future economic growth with a direct return on public investment. The three Corridor proposals—12th Avenue, Miracle Mile, and the Sunshine Mile scored well in this category. It is our opinion that these corridor proposals will have a potential return on investment relative with increased sales and property tax revenues in these areas.

- **Indirect Economic Impact & Quality of Life:** The Urban Greenways and other Parks projects have the potential to positively impact property values, increase neighborhood quality of life, increase public health and safety, and reduce crime. As a result, these projects were considered significant indirect economic development drivers by many of the committee members. These projects, we believe, will help make Tucson a more attractive place to live, work and start a business. Urban Greenways projects have helped create positive impacts in cities such as Seattle and Charlotte. Increased utilization of limited park space will help Tucson compete in areas where the City ranks below the national average (i.e. public park acreage per total municipal area.) Furthermore, several of these projects address the needs of Tucson’s most vulnerable populations and would positively increase their quality of life. Several committee members felt strongly that projects should consider and support the limited resources of high stress areas and provide adequate resources for those with limited physical abilities and the elderly.

**Capital Improvements/Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Challenges:** BPAC recognizes that some capital projects increase future demand for ongoing O&M costs (i.e., additional and/or expanded recreation centers.) Others could provide significant additional services to the public for little to no additional cost (i.e., sports field lighting.) In some cases, new facilities could mean a reduction in the
O&M costs compared to the current costs of maintaining aged and deteriorated facilities. Therefore, the recommendations below assume that the City’s fiscal condition will not vary widely from current levels, and that it would be in the best interest of the City to first implement projects with limited additional O&M requirements.

- **Significant Needs in Both the City and the County:** Both the City and the County have significant infrastructure needs that could be comprehensively addressed through the approval of public bonds for these infrastructure investments. The City of Tucson has not offered the public a comprehensive bond package since 2000. Pima County has not offered one since 2004. The long gap, combined with the worst nationwide recession in 80 years, has left the City with an estimated $1.3 billion of unmet capital needs as well as operating budget shortfalls in recent years. The types of investments being considered here by the City and the County will receive public support, we believe, because they are required for creating the sense of place that is Metropolitan Tucson’s unique identity.

**BPAC’s Recommendations:**

As a result, BPAC applied each of the criteria and the additional considerations explained above to the 25 projects we reviewed. The results are shown below. For your reference a brief description of each project is included at the end of this submittal:

1. Sports Fields & Lighting
2. Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit
3. Urban Greenways
4. South 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor
5. Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion
6. Historic Miracle Mile
7. Reid Park Improvements
8. Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Improvements
9. Jacobs Park Recreation Center
10. Sunshine Mile Commercial District
11. Kennedy Park Improvements/ Expansion
12. Murrieta Park Improvements
13. Udall Park Expansion
14. El Pueblo Center Improvements
15. Quincie Douglas Center Expansion
16. Silverlake Park Expansion
17. Clements Senior Center Expansion
18. Loft Cinema Renewal and Expansion
19. Purple Heart Park
20. Freedom Center Expansion
21. Lincoln Park Improvements
22. Oury Park Cultural Festival Area
23. Oury Pool Renovation
24. Dunbar School Rehabilitation
25. Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation

It is also important to note that BPAC considers some of these projects to be County-wide in their scope and use. Therefore, BPAC recommends that Pima County include these projects on the Pima County list of projects, and not on the list of projects that singularly or primarily benefits the City of Tucson. They include:

Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion PR220
Reid Park Zoo Africa Expansion PR6
Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Improvements PR267

Once these three projects are added to the County list and subtracted from the City list, we support endorsing the remaining 22 projects for inclusion in the Pima County Bond Package. Naturally, we advocate for full funding for each of these projects—from either the County bond itself or from multiple sources—in order to give the Tucson community confidence that projects they vote to support are likely to be implemented.

In preparation for the upcoming Pima County Bond Advisory Committee meetings, which commence on February 21, 2014, we will begin to look at the City’s unmet needs list and identify any additional projects that should be included in the Pima County Bond package. In addition, the committee is examining County-proposed projects that may be of priority to the City. We expect to bring any new City projects to your attention and also any County projects that the City may wish to support.

In conclusion, BPAC would like to thank City and County staff for their professional and diligent approach to their work. Throughout the process, City staff presented a comprehensive package of proposals that addressed the Tucson community’s immediate and future needs. BPAC stands ready to further assist the Mayor & Council and answer any questions if necessary.

Sincerely,

Earl Causbie
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair

Attachment A: Listing of BPAC Members
Bond Project Advisory Committee

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Earl Causbie
Kevin Daily
VACANT
Dennis Arnold
Michael Keith
Roger Pfeuffer
Tom Warne
Bob Walkup

Representative, Ward 1
Representative, Ward 2
Representative, Ward 3
Representative, Ward 4
Representative, Ward 5
Representative, Ward 6
Representative, Mayor’s Office
Representative, City Manager’s Office
Representative, City Manager’s Office
**Department:** City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department  
**Date:** Revised January, 2012

**Future Bond Election Proposed Project**

**Project Name:** City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting

**Location:** Various parks across the City of Tucson as listed in the scope.

**Scope:**

**Lighting System Replacements**
- Freedom Park – replace lighting system on 1 softball field
- Gollub Park – replace lighting system on 1 baseball field
- Jacobs-Ochoa Park – replace lighting system on 1 soccer field
- Kennedy Park – replace lighting system on 1 softball field
- Lakeside Park – replace lighting systems on 1 softball and 1 soccer field
- Lincoln Park – replace lighting systems on 4 softball and 2 soccer fields
- Menlo Park – replace lighting system on 1 soccer field
- Murrieta Park – replace lighting systems on 3 softball and 1 baseball field
- Oury Park – replace lighting systems on 2 softball fields
- Palo Verde Park – replace lighting system on 1 multi-purpose field
- Rudy Garcia Park – replace lighting systems on 1 softball, 1 little league, and 1 soccer field
- Santa Rita Park – replace lighting system on 1 softball field
- Udall Park – replace lighting systems on 2 softball and 2 soccer fields

**Lighting Existing Fields**
- Columbus Park – install lighting systems on 2 little league fields
- Golf Links Park – install lighting system on 1 soccer field
- Jacobs Park – install lighting systems on 2 multi-purpose fields
- Mission Manor Park – install lighting system on 1 little league field
- Murrieta Park – install lighting system on 1 baseball field
- Palo Verde Park – install lighting system on 1 softball field
- Rudy Garcia Park – install lighting system on 1 soccer field
- Sunnyside Park – install lighting systems on 1 soccer and 1 baseball field

**New Fields with Lights**
- Mission Manor Park – construct 2 new soccer fields with lighting systems
- Estavan or Jacobs Parks – construct 1 new soccer field with lighting system

**Benefits:** Will increase usage of existing fields, lower light pollution, increase energy efficiency, and reduce electrical costs.

**Costs:** $13,225,000

**Bond Funding:** $10 million ($7.35 million for lighting system replacements, $2.65 million for lighting existing fields and new fields with lights.

**Other Funding:** TBD

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:** TBD

**Project Management Jurisdiction:** TBD

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** This project will impact the City of Tucson Operations and Management budget and will be incorporated into the annual budget.

**Regional Benefits:** Many of these ball fields are used by non-City residents as well as City residents

**Supervisor District of Project Location:** All
2014 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: REID PARK ZOO HIPPO EXHIBIT

Location: This project is located at 3400 East Zoo Court, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 6. However, this is an attraction that draws over 500,000 visitors from the entire County region.

Scope: In accordance with the zoo's master plan, this project involves the design and construction of a new hippo exhibit including animal holding structures, outdoor exhibit areas, containment fencing, multiple public viewing areas, water feature including underwater viewing, and water treatment facility.

Benefits: This project will address the community's need for special recreational facilities and as identified by the Zoo Master Plan and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $7,500,000

Bond Funding: $3,750,000

Other Funding: Reid Park Zoological Society capital fundraising campaign.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: Reid Park Zoo is a unique and highly popular regional facility that attracts residents and visitors alike. Expanding the zoo will enhance this regional facility which attracts over 500,000 visitors each year.

Supervisor District of Project Location: All
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Revised January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: Urban Greenways  
PR34

**Location:** This project will include greenway development within the area bounded by the Pantano River, Julian Wash, Santa Cruz River and Rillito River.

**Scope:** Design and construction of segments of the Arcadia Greenway, Alamo Greenway, Arroyo Chico Greenway, Atturbury Urban Greenway and the El Paso Southwestern Greenway. These urban greenways are included in the Pima Regional Trail System Master Plan. They provide alternate modes of transportation as well as recreational opportunities on a multi-use paved path system that connects schools, parks, shopping, work, tourist attractions and other destinations.

**Benefits:** This project will address the need for a community-wide, interconnected path system that connects parks, the alternate mode transportation system and common destinations such as schools, places of employment, shopping and hotels. Planning for these greenways and the comprehensive Pima Regional Trail System Master Plan has included public input and has demonstrated public support.

**Costs:** $15,000,000

**Bond Funding:** $15,000,000

**Other Funding:** None identified at this time, but matching funds will continue to be pursued.

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:** The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

**Project Management Jurisdiction:** The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

**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 trails, urban pathways and river park systems.

**Regional Benefits:** This project is regional in scope and will have a regional benefit.

**Supervisor District of Project Location:** All

For Internal Use only: 
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor – Phase 1

Location: Project area is a two mile corridor on South 12th Avenue, from 44th Street in the north to Drexel in the south. Phase I funding of $3,100,000 requested to fund Irvington to Drexel.

Scope: Pedestrian safety features – refuge islands ($100k for 5), Sidewalks ($400k/mile), Right of way improvements – landscaping, bus shelters, pedestrian nodes for shade, art and signage (total approx. $250k/mile which may include land acquisition for right of way).

Benefits: The South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor project involves master planning and infrastructure improvements to develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities, shade, signage and art in a cultural district that celebrates our unique Mexican American heritage and brings commercial investment to this highly used transportation corridor. There is broad public support for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, public art and cultural conservation.

Neighborhoods and local business leaders have engaged in corridor planning for years. Despite these planning initiatives leading to investment at both the north and south end of 12th Avenue, the most heavily utilized core of the roadway has been left unimproved.

Recently a business association has come together around vendor issues and with the interest of beautifying and investing in the corridor. The South Side Business Coalition (SSBC) has grown rapidly over the past year, and the group has sponsored lending and credit support, classes at Microbusiness Advancement Center (MAC) and the University of Arizona, and local graffiti abatement events and cleanups. The SSBC has been collaborating with city staff on grant applications and efforts to seek out support for strategic investments in infrastructure along the corridor. Neighborhood associations and local schools (C.E. Rose, St. John’s, and Pueblo H.S.) have indicated support for improvement planning and initiatives.

Corridor stakeholders have expressed interest in looking at a flexible phasing process, targeting the most commercially dense portion of the roadway for maximum impact. Developing substantial infrastructure improvements will be key to encouraging multi-modal visitors and creating a cultural destination space that is welcoming to all.

Cost: $3,100,000

Bond Funding: $3,100,000

Other Funding:
Leveraging existing public investments:
- Landscaped, improved roadways to the north and south of the project area (south of Drexel and north of 44th)...(Multiple revenue sources: City of Tucson, Public Improvement District & Pima County)
- Liberty Bike Boulevard (1/2 mile to the east and parallel to S. 12th Avenue) – in progress, wayfinding needed
- Northern access to Pima County “Urban Loop” bicycle path at Julian Wash Archeological Park

Leveraging existing planning efforts:
- 2013 existing conditions planning study by Drachman Institute (high stress, high poverty, 427 businesses)
- 12th Avenue Area Plan (Pima County, 1999)
- Plan Tucson – approved by voters in 2013 – Southside commercial district public process next year
- Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan (1998)
- Valencia Road Area Plan, Major Streets and Routes (City of Tucson)
Pursuing other public and private partnerships:
- Community Development Block Grant funding – 3 bus shelters (complete)
- Clean City Task Force Gateway Project (planned for TEP property at S. 12th and Drexel)
- Pima County Flood Control – Airport Wash Basin Management Study (to be completed in 2014)
- Pursuing City of Tucson development incentives modeled after Downtown incentive package (2014)
- Pursuing federal commerce and transit grants – two existing International Bus Services (Tufesa and TAP Royal) to connect with Greyhound and Downtown transit (wheeled historic Trolley for 23 miles of Mexican food)
- Pursuing historic sign funding (available in 2015 – three signs in corridor that meet qualifications)
- Pursuing Tohono O'odham 12% Gaming Funds
- Pursuing Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding in 2015
- Pursuing tree planting on private and public property (Trees for Tucson and Mayor's 10,000 Trees)
- WIFA / Watershed Management Group – Recipients of a $35,000 green infrastructure grant for area (2014)

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:** The project start date will be 2017/2018 and will continue until the funds are fully expended.

**Project Management Jurisdiction:** The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on-going operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed bond project.

**Regional Benefits:** The construction of road and pedestrian improvements creates infrastructure that promotes economic development and jobs for a regional benefit. The culinary and cultural corridor promotes tourism throughout the community and outside the Tucson area. Recent branding initiatives through Visit Tucson include “The Best 23 Miles of Mexican Food,” identifying the area as the home of the Southwest’s most authentic and delicious Mexican cuisine. Local restaurants have been featured on national television, and 12th Ave is currently the focus of a popular “Best of the Barrio” food tour. Developing a pedestrian-friendly destination of 12th Avenue will attract visitors, and has the potential to create a culturally relevant space comparable to that of Olvera Street in L.A. or the Mission District in San Francisco. In addition, 12th Avenue serves as an alternative thoroughfare to I-19, bringing drivers and transit users from south Tucson into downtown.

**Supervisor District of Project Location:** District 5
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: ADAPTIVE RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION  
PR220

Location: This project is located at 3455 E. Zoo Court, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 6.

Scope: Design and construction of an expansion of the Adaptive Recreation Center located in Reid Park. The Adaptive Recreation Center is the only recreation center in Pima County planned specifically to address the needs of those in the community with disabilities. Planning began in 1993 with a preliminary master plan then progressed in 1997 to a more detailed schematic design for the projected long range build out of the center. The City of Tucson Mayor and Council adopted the master plan in 2000. The master plan identifies two major components of the center – an aquatic facility and a non-aquatic ('dry') facility. The aquatic facility was built using City of Tucson 2000 bond funds. The design and construction of the 'dry' facility is the scope of the proposed Pima County bond funded project, PR220. The dry facility will support therapeutic programming for a wide variety of disabilities. The planned 'dry' facility includes a kitchen for life skills, nutrition classes and social programming, a gym/multipurpose room for Special Olympics and sports programming (basketball, floor hockey, team handball), a walking track with emergency call stations, frequent benches for rest and a surveillance system for walking clubs and a fitness room with accessible equipment. Other programming to address life skills, fitness, socialization, nutrition and developmental delays will occur in the planned rooms for changing clothes, aerobic exercise, arts and crafts, games, social gatherings, meetings, quiet respite and computer training. The associated parking facilities will have more accessible spaces than is minimally required by code.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs for indoor recreation for the members of the community with disabilities as well as the general public. Currently the City of Tucson supports a therapeutic recreation program that provides life skills training, recreation, fitness and socialization for clients from 6 months of age to adulthood. This existing programming is confined by a lack of space to accommodate all who wish to participate. For example, capacity at children’s summer camps is limited and results in waiting lists and children that can’t be accommodated. The Kids Zone program for children age 3 – 5 is currently held in a small space that can’t accommodate all who wish to participate. The Special Olympics athletes compete for time at existing indoor gymnasiums. Besides expanding the capacity of existing programming, the Adaptive Recreation Center expansion would facilitate additional programming such as walking clubs, fitness groups and life skills training. The City’s therapeutic program is a well established, well respected resource for the members of our community with disabilities that are in need of a wide range of services to address the diverse issues experienced by those with Parkinson’s disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, asthma, stroke effects, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, brain and spinal cord injury, epilepsy, blindness and visual impairments, deafness and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, attention deficit, emotional/behavioral/learning disabilities, addictions, multiple chemical sensitivities and more.

Costs: $12,000,000

Bond Funding: $12,000,000

Other Funding: City of Tucson funding has supported the master planning as well and the design and construction of the aquatic facility, the first component of the long range build out of the Adaptive Recreation Center.
Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The Adaptive Recreation Center is the only existing center focused on the needs of members of our community with disabilities. The expansion would provide increased programming capacity and new programming to serve citizens throughout Pima County.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
**Project Name:** Historic Miracle Mile/Oracle Revitalization Corridor

**Location:** The proposed project is located along the historic Miracle Mile within an area of the Oracle Road Corridor designated for revitalization. The area, which is bounded by Miracle Mile to the north, Speedway Blvd. to the south, Stone Avenue to the east, and Fairview Ave. to the west, is located within Pima County (Districts 3 and 5) and within the City of Tucson (Ward 3).

**Scope:** This is an historic preservation project that would provide façade and historic resource rehabilitation matching funds to help restore distinctive mid-twentieth century buildings that line the historic Miracle Mile and provide a distinct sense of place upon which to build the area's future. This project would help to realize goals and recommendations identified in the Oracle Area Revitalization Area Project (OARP) report endorsed by Tucson's Mayor and Council on September 13, 2011 (Resolution #21798). The bonds would be used for public/private partnerships to rehabilitate historic buildings and neon signs with a focus on cultivating heritage tourism and economic reinvestment in an area that has been in decline since construction of Interstate 10.

Within the last five years, several public/private restoration projects have been undertaken that demonstrate the contribution that historic preservation can make. Among these are the historic preservation/development of the Old Pascua Museum and Yaqui Culture Center; renovation and installation of six neon signs; adaptive reuse of several historic motor courts, including the Monterey Courts, a venue for performers and artists; the Wayward Winds, temporary housing for women and children; and the Ghost Ranch Lodge, housing for low-income seniors. This is a beginning, but the window of opportunity to reap the benefits of the area's historic resources in achieving a revitalized corridor is limited and funding to help continue this effort is critical.

**Benefits:** Once the active northern entrance to Tucson, historic Miracle Mile faced significant economic disinvestment by the 1970s and has been an ongoing concern of residents, property owners, businesses, institutions, and others. Initially citizen efforts took the form of a partnership of area stakeholders seeking to combat crime and urban decay and to create a better quality of life; this effort was known as The Oracle Project (TOP). The Oracle Area Revitalization Project (OARP) grew out of the TOP as stakeholders recognized the need for a separate effort to establish a longer term vision for the area's revitalization.

The OARP was initiated in late 2007 by the City of Tucson to explore what might be done to help encourage the development of employment opportunities, services to meet surrounding needs, social and recreational opportunities, a variety of housing options, sensitivity to the area's historic character, and overall improvement of the built environment. The City team worked with neighborhoods, businesses, institutions, historic preservationists, and others to develop the revitalization concept documented in the OARP report. A Citizens Steering Committee (CSC) was established and held 21 meetings to discuss and share ideas regarding the future of the area and to assist in the development of principles, goals, and recommendations. A variety of public outreach activities complemented the CSC meetings, including nine workshops -- one with each of the area neighborhoods, one with businesses, and one with social service agencies and institutions.

The area's rich history and historic resources resonated with diverse stakeholders. That theme identified as "Americana" in the OARP report celebrates America's fascination with the automobile as symbolized by the neon signs, the motor courts, and the divided roadway, dubbed "Miracle Mile" in honor of the cutting edge engineering that divided the highway to reduce accidents. The interest in the area's history as a foundation on which to build was further emphasized when the CSC initiated the annual Historic Miracle Mile Open House and Tour to showcase and educate people about the corridor's rich history. This annual event has been held for the past five years and drawn people from all over Tucson and beyond.

**Cost:** $2,000,000

**Bond Funding:** $2,000,000
Other Funding: The historic façade funding is conceived as 2 to 1 (public-private) matching grants for businesses and property owners along the historic Miracle Mile. A similar approach for historic façade rehabilitation has been used successfully in downtown Tucson. The 2M bond dollars would leverage an additional 1M. Collectively the 3M would leverage 20% federal historic tax credits for rehabilitation and state tax credits. This would increase the overall investment to a total of 3.6M. To insure the longevity of public funding value in historic resources, façade easements and local historic designation would be conveyed in exchange for the matching grants. Additionally, the City has committed $150,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for historic signage renovation in FY 2014.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The project start date will be 2017/2018 and will continue until the funds are fully expended.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: No Operating and Maintenance Costs are associated with this project.

Regional Benefits: The historic façade funding is conceived as 2 to 1 (public-private) matching grants for businesses and property owners along the historic Miracle Mile. A similar approach for historic façade rehabilitation has been used successfully in downtown Tucson. The 2M bond dollars would leverage an additional 1M. Collectively the 3M would leverage 20% federal historic tax credits for rehabilitation and state tax credits. This would increase the overall investment to a total of 3.6M. To insure the longevity of public funding value in historic resources, façade easements and local historic designation would be conveyed in exchange for the matching grants. Additionally, the City has committed $150,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for historic signage renovation in FY 2014.

Supervisor District of Project Location: Districts 3 and 5
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: REID PARK IMPROVEMENTS   PR 20

Location: This project is located at 900 S. Randolph Way, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 6.

Scope: Design and construction of improvements to Reid Park including an expanded play area by ramada 1, expanded parking and restroom on 22nd Street and Country Club, a new seating node along the walking path on 22nd Street and Lakeshore, irrigation system improvements based on the established irrigation system master plan, electrical infrastructure improvements, a new picnic area by field 5, internal circulation and pedestrian path system with associated amenities and development of an expanded open, space grassy area near the lake for multipurpose use.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for improved park access, circulation and use of existing parking, improved picnicking, and improved large group gathering space, as identified by the park master plan and in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $2,000,000

Bond Funding: $2,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are regional and will serve the central region of the community, providing improved use of one of the City's most popular park.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: Sentinel Peak - "A" Mountain Park Improvement Project

Location: Sentinel Peak ("A" Mountain) Park and its boundaries with adjacent neighborhoods, Tucson Origins Heritage Park and Tumamoc Hill

Scope: Design and construction of trail system improvements, water harvesting, parking, a shade structure, restroom, visitor amenities, lighting, interpretive signage, wildlife connectivity and accessibility improvements with an emphasis on maintaining the parks historic, cultural and natural significance.

Benefits: Tucson gets its name from the Tohono O'odham word chuk shon, the black (basaltic) base of "A" Mountain where the Santa Cruz River rose to the surface and began 6,000 years of continuous habitation.

For generations Tucsonians have enjoyed the views from Sentinel Peak. In this unique place we have a world-class heritage park that benefits the entire region and is a tourist attraction.

Costs: $5 million

Bond Funding: $2.5 million

Other Funding: Ward I Council funds, RTA bonds (wildlife corridor crossing Grande to Santa Cruz River), Heritage Funds, federal funds

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: Planning currently underway, Design at 13 to 15 months, and Construction at 16-36 months.

Project Management Jurisdiction: City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, City of Tucson Historic Preservation and the City of Tucson Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: None.

Regional Benefits: "A" mountain is a cultural, historical and natural icon holding unrealized potential to enhance Tucson, Pima County and Arizona as a whole.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 5
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: JACOBS PARK RECREATION CENTER

Location: This project is located at 1010 W. Lind, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 3.

Scope: Design and construction of a new center at Jacobs Park at the site of the existing YMCA building. The existing center will be demolished or remodeled. The design will be determined through a public participation process and in accordance with the City’s Standards for centers.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs in this region for indoor recreation and programs, as identified by the center master plan and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan. This project will also provide facilities for residents living in an area with very limited opportunities for indoor recreation, especially as it relates to youth, family and seniors in the region.

Costs: $4,000,000

Bond Funding: $4,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the project. However, the project will have a regional benefit, since it the only one of its kind in the region. It will also provide a benefit in reducing the use of similar facilities outside the service area created by area residents willing to travel long distances to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 3

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: Sunshine Mile - Modernist Corridor Historic Façade Rehabilitation Program.

Location: This project is located along a two mile stretch of Broadway Boulevard between Euclid and Country Club Road (known as the Sunshine Mile). The boundaries of the anticipated Broadway Boulevard Mid-Century Modern Historic District) are within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson (Ward 5 and 6), and therefore within Pima County (Districts 2 and 5).

Scope: Cultural and Historic Resource category. This Historic Preservation project creates a façade restoration project that leverages private dollars, enhances this critical commercial corridor and the eastern gateway of Downtown Tucson, and re-energizes a disinvested commercial corridor to build on the capital community goals as outlined in the recently adopted Plan Tucson. It is consistent with the community-selected performance measures identified as part of the RTA Project. (Report October 2013)

Benefits: Community and regional support for this project is large and growing. Broadway Boulevard, Tucson’s most important modernist architectural corridor, expresses American optimism and the post-World War II economic boom which transformed the nation from the 1950s through the early 1970s. The recent renewed appreciation of modern architecture of the last few years has created expanding interest in protecting and enhancing this historic resource from the recent past.

During the Mid-Century Modern period, Broadway was the key automotive avenue connecting the suburban communities of Tucson to the urban core. Along its edge were constructed some of the region’s most dynamic and innovative architecture of this era. The expressive structures built along its edge supported the new neighborhoods which understood the importance of the corridor as a destination. Broadway reflected the American Dream. An upscale shopping district with new stores met the new demands of the new economy. Furniture, lighting, photographic equipment, shoes, clothes and cars were just some of the businesses along Broadway.

Glass storefronts, geometric designs, new materials and evocative signage combined to create a vision of Tucson as a modern metropolis. In 1953, a contest was sponsored by the East Broadway Merchants to name the commercial strip between Campbell and Country Club. Over 5,000 ideas were submitted; the winning entry was “The Sunshine Mile.”

Interest in this rediscovered historic corridor has grown significantly. In 2012 the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation launched Tucson Modernism Week, a multi-day event celebrating our region’s mid-century Modern era and Broadway’s important part of this story. Thousands of Pima county citizens attended. The events and educational programs focused on the cultural and architectural significance of Broadway. In November 2012, the Arizona Preservation Foundation identified the segment of Broadway from Euclid to Country Club, adding it to its list of our state’s most endangered historic places. That same month, the Broadway merchants officially re-launched the “Sunshine Mile.” Private, public, and non-profit-sector partners have participated in various events and activities along the street. Broad-based support for preserving and revitalizing this corridor has emerged. In early 2013, the neighborhoods along Broadway came together to finically underwrite a National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the corridor (listing anticipated in 2014). In 2013, the second Tucson Modernism Week attracted over 3,500 people to the corridor.

This project is designed to enrich and enhance the RTA Broadway Improvement project. It is critical that with investment into transportation elements, a parallel investment be made into the historic resources along the road so that Broadway becomes not merely a corridor, but a destination. In September 2013, as part of the Broadway Roadway Improvement project, over
250 members of the community attended a public forum. The performance measure voted number one, and most critical to the community, was Historic Preservation.

Cost: $2,000,000

Bond Funding: $2,000,000

Other Funding: The façade funding is conceived as 1 to 2 (private-public) matching grants for businesses and property owners along the corridor. Similar models have successfully been implemented in downtown Tucson for historic facades. $2,000,000 in bond dollars leverage an additional $1,000,000. This $3,000,000 also leverages 20% federal historic tax credits for rehabilitation, and state Tax credits, which increases the overall investment to $3,600,000.

In addition the street-scape, and multi-modal improvements funded by the RTA will significantly enhance bond funding to improve the retail district. To insure the longevity of public funding into the historic resources façade, easements and local historic designation will be convened in exchange for the matching grants.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The project start date will be 2017/2018 and will continue until the funds are fully expended.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: No Operating and Maintenance Costs are associated with this project.

Regional Benefits: This central corridor, the gateway to downtown Tucson, serves employees and students at the University of Arizona, and with revitalization, will regain its original identity as an extension of downtown with a focus on retail. This is the most important concentration of Mid-Century Modern storefronts and commercial buildings in Tucson and the Southern Arizona region. Collectively, the revitalization of this corridor will cultivate small businesses, expand the city’s sales tax base and increase property values within the area, enhance the appearance of the district, facilitate multiple modes of transportation, and encourage heritage tourism, while celebrating our unique historic resources.

In addition, the historic buildings eligible for façade improvements are part of the catchment of the Tax Incentive Financing District that funds Rio Nuevo. The success of this item has broad implications and significant community return.

Supervisor District of Project Location: Districts 2 and 5
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
April 12, 2013

2009 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: KENNEDY PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION PR 46

Location: This project is located at Ajo Way and Mission Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 1.

Scope: Design and construction of improvements at Kennedy Park including field renovations, new lighting systems, new irrigation systems and a concession stand.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs for sports fields at the tournament level and regional park facilities.

Costs: $2,500,000

Bond Funding: $2,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: Expanding and improving this regional park will provide benefits to the community living on the west and south side of Tucson.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 5

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
April 12, 2013

2008 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: MURRIETA PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Location: This project is located at 1400 N. Silverbell Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 1.

Scope: Design and construction of improvements to Murrieta Park based on recent master planning to include a new tournament level sports complex with fields, irrigation, concession stands and bleachers as well as a new pool, multiuse paths and other related park infrastructure.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs within the region for sports fields and park amenities as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $5,000,000

Bond Funding: $5,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the project. 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 to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 5

For Internal Use Only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: UDALL PARK EXPANSION  

Location: This project is located at 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 2.

Scope: Design and construction of improvements in accordance with the Udall Park Master Plan, including new lighted sport fields, ramadas with picnic amenities, restroom facilities, a walking paths, and associated park landscaping irrigation and vehicular parking.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for large group and family-oriented picnicking, adult and youth sports, fitness and more passive recreation, as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $4,000,000

Bond Funding: $4,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The project will provide regional benefits to this area of the community by providing for the growth and ever-increasing demand for more sport fields.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 4

For Internal Use only:  
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: EL PUEBLO CENTER IMPROVEMENTS  \hspace{1cm} PR18

Location: This project is located at 101 W. Irvington Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Construction of an expansion to El Pueblo Activity Center in accordance with the center master plan. These improvements will include a community multipurpose meeting room, arts and crafts facilities and site improvements to enhance pedestrian access and safety. The design is complete and was funded with City of Tucson impact fees. This project is ready to go into construction upon funding availability.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs for facilities identified by the El Pueblo Center Master Plan, which was developed through an extensive public participation process.

Costs: $2,500,000

Bond Funding: $2,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: El Pueblo Center is a regional facility and will have a regional benefit.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2, but will also benefit 3 and 5

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
April 12, 2013

2008 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: QUINCE DOUGLAS CENTER EXPANSION

Location: This project is located at 1575 E. Thirty-sixth Street, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Design and construction of the next phase of the Quince Douglas campus as per the master plan. The expansion will be designed based on a public input process.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs within the park’s service area for family neighborhood resources, youth, family and senior programming, as identified by the center master plan and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $1,000,000

Bond Funding: $1,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the project. 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 to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
2014 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: SILVERLAKE PARK EXPANSION

Location: This project is located at 1575 E. Thirty-sixth Street, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Design and construction of an informal open play turf area, a covered playground, paved paths, a covered basketball court, ramadas with picnic amenities, parking areas and associated landscaping and irrigation in accordance with the park master plan.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs within the park’s service area for family-oriented picnicking activities, youth sports and multipurpose court activities, as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $2,300,000

Bond Funding: $2,300,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the project. 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 to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: CLEMENTS SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION

Location: This project is located at 8155 E. Poinciana Drive, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 4.

Scope: Construction of a senior center at Clements Center at Lincoln Park. The design of this facility was determined through a public participation process to identify the needs of the seniors to be served. Design is complete and ready for permitting. The facility will support senior programming and includes a kitchen, recreation room and other building floor plan elements to support senior programming such as nutrition programs, social events, arts and crafts, games and field trips.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs in this service area for senior adult facilities and associated programming, as identified by the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: $4,500,000

Bond Funding: $4,500,000

Other Funding: City of Tucson funding supported the planning and design of the center. Requested bond funding will support permitting and construction.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: Clements Center is a regional facility and will have a regional benefit.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2 and 4

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: Loft Cinema Renewal & Expansion

Location: This project is located at 3233 East Speedway, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward VI.

Scope: Expansion and Rehabilitation of The Loft Cinema, in accordance with the board-approved strategic plan for a grass-roots capital campaign. Includes preservation of a mid-century modern façade, expansion of public space and rehabilitation of existing space for nonprofit community-based arts organization with full ADA compliance, improvements for traffic ingress and egress for safety and accessibility.

Benefits: This project will ensure the sustainability of 41-year-old Loft Cinema, Inc, a film-based arts organization serving Pima County, providing services for approximately 165,000 people per year (with projected attendance of 250,000 when project is completed). Programming includes first-run foreign and independent films, documentaries and classics, educational programs for all demographics (many of which are free) and community collaborations.

Cost: $2,500,000

Bond Funding: $500,000

Other Funding: $1,500,000 (approximately) raised to date from more than 500 individuals, foundations and corporations.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project start date was June 2010, and the finish date is projected for 2016/2017.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: All Operating and Maintenance costs to be paid by Loft Cinema, Inc.

Regional Benefits: Loft Cinema Inc. is a regionally significant arts organization with evidence of regional benefits, including attendance, relationships and influence.

Supervisor District of Project Location: All
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: PURPLE HEART PARK EXPANSION

Location: This project is located at 10050 E. Rita Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 4.

Scope: Design and construct an expansion of Purple Heart Park per the park master plan, including basketball courts, Little League fields, soccer field, a children's playground, ramadas with picnic amenities, jogging/walking path, volleyball courts, landscaping, irrigation, lighting, and parking.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs within the park’s service area for family-oriented picnicking, youth sports and user fitness, as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan. This project will provide recreation opportunities for residents living in an area with shortage of parks and recreation facilities of the types identified above.

Costs: $1,500,000

Bond Funding: $1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are regional and will provide recreation opportunities to an area of the community experiencing a high rate of growth. The project will provide additional regional benefit in reducing the use of similar facilities outside the service area created by area residents willing to travel long distances to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 4

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: FREEDOM CENTER EXPANSION & POOL IMPROVEMENTS PR19

Location: This project is located at 5000 E. Twenty-Ninth Street, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Design and expansion of Freedom Center in accordance with the center master plan. Includes a senior multipurpose room, preschool childcare facilities with associated kitchen, associated landscaping 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 address the community's needs in this area identified by the Freedom Center Master Plan that 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.

Costs: $2,500,000

Bond Funding: $2,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the center and the pool. 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 to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: LINCOLN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Location: This project is located at 8290 E. Escalante, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 4.

Scope: Design and construction of two soccer fields or a new four field complex with lights and associated amenities at Lincoln Park.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for sport fields, as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10 Year Strategic Service Plan. This project will also provide outdoor athletic facilities in an area of the community with a shortage of sport fields.

Costs: $1,500,000

Bond Funding: $1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: Improving this regional park will provide regional benefits to the southeast area of the community.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:
Project Name: OURY PARK FESTIVAL AREA

Location: This project is located at 600 S. St. Mary’s Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 1.

Scope: Planning, design and construction of a festival area to support regional cultural festivals and commemorative events. The festival area concept is the result of ten years of neighborhood driven master planning to revitalize the Barrio Anita neighborhood and Oury Park. The festival area compliments the existing park as well as planned future nearby amenities such as regional alternate modes transportation corridors, an expanded arterial roadway upgrade at St. Mary’s Road to connect to I-10, neighborhood infill projects, public art and improvements to the historic Oury Center. Bond funding is requested only for the festival area. Other funds will be pursued for nearby amenities. The festival space requires infrastructure to support vendors, performers and the public to include an extensive electrical system and a large, lighted public space with ramadas, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and parking.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s need for the revitalization of a long-time City park and a culturally rich, multigenerational neighborhood at the City’s center. The park master planning process was the result of a grass-root effort by the Barrio Anita neighbors. The long range planning in this neighborhood integrates with the larger community vision of regionally needed public open space for culturally significant events. The more than 400 hundred years of cultural history that the Barrio Anita neighbors want to share with the region tell the story of Tucson’s changing land use patterns and shifts in cultural diversity influenced by national events including European settlement, impacts to Native American populations, western expansion of the United States, the Gadsden Purchase and the Mexican American War.

Costs: $1,500,000

Bond Funding: $1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are regional. However, the project will have a local benefit to neighborhood revitalization.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 5

For Internal Use only:
Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure
Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised May 17, 2013

2014 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: OURY POOL RENOVATIONS

Location: This project is located in Quiroz/Herrera Park at 600 W. St. Mary’s Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 1.

Scope: Design and construction of upgrades to the aging Oury Pool and bathhouse facility. A recent collaborative planning process between the City of Tucson, Pima County and the neighborhood indicates a need for a slide, splash area and zero depth pool entry. Oury Pool has been a culturally significant amenity in the neighborhood for three generations. It is currently in need of significant renovations to be operational. The purpose of this project is to bring the pool up to national design recommendations for pool accessibility and operation, expand the features of the pool to meet the needs of pool users of all ages and interpret the history of the region through public art and signage.

Benefits: This project will address the community’s needs for water-oriented recreation and cultural and historic interpretation as identified in the neighborhood driven master planning process.

Costs: $1,500,000

Bond Funding: $1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

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.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are to the city wide system of pool users. 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 to meet recreational needs.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 5

For Internal Use only:
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February 12, 2014

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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 21st 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:

  o 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.

- Downtown Links Garage (5th Avenue and 7th Street)

The Downtown Links Garage would provide much needed parking for the 4th 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 21st 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