

City Council Budget and Bond Work Session June 17, 2025





• Fort Worth has lower combined resident charges than other large Texas cities

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• A typical Fort Worth household will pay roughly \$1,240 annually for Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Environmental



Solid Waste Fund & Environmental Protection Fund

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Presentation Overview

- Overview of Solid Waste & Environmental Services Funds
- Fund Challenges
- Rate History
- Fee Proposals
- Recommendations & Next Steps

Environmental Protection Fund Overview of Services

- Litter Abatement
- Street Sweeping
- Illegal Dumping
- Illegal Campsite and Nuisance Abatement
- Keep Fort Worth Beautiful
- Air Quality

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- Water Quality
- Soil/Groundwater Remediation
- Buildings, ie: asbestos, lead paints
- Environmental Investigations



Solid Waste Fund Overview of Services

- Residential Collections:
 - Garbage
 - Recycling
 - Yard Waste
 - Bulk Waste
- Drop-Off Stations
- Environmental Collection Center (HHW)
- Dead Animal Collection
- Pedestrian Street Cans
- Code Compliance (Solid Waste Violations)



Environmental Protection Fund

Established 1995

Original

Fund disposal of environmental wastes and environmental programs/services required by state or federal mandates.

<u>2022</u>

Consistent with original intent – operational costs for environmental regulatory compliance and projects associated with pollution control and environmental cleanup.

Current

Consistent with original intent – operational costs for environmental regulatory compliance and projects associated with pollution control, environmental cleanup, litter abatement, illegal dumping, illegal campsite cleanup, and street sweeping. 1995 Original Rates

2023 Rates Increase +\$1.00 Residential +\$20.00 Commercial +\$70.00 Industrial +\$1.50 Nonprofit/Municipal

Rate History

Account Type (%)	Current Monthly Rates	FY26 Estimated Accounts	FY26 Revenue Estimate (No Increase)
Residential (95%)	\$1.50	440,266	\$7,523,981
Commercial (4%)	\$30.00	18,242	\$6,566,943
Industrial (<1%)	\$105.00	2,239	\$2,821,354
Nonprofits (<1%)	\$2.25	1,787	\$48,241

One rate change in 29 years.

Environmental Protection Fund Challenges

• Increase funding capacity beyond current programs:

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- Need for capital funding strategy (e.g., vehicles, equipment)
- Unforeseen environmental cleanups (site remediation projects)
- No capacity for increased demands for service levels (e.g., expanding litter and illegal campsite cleanup efforts, other pilot projects)
- No capacity to support other, related programs (e.g., Good Natured Greenspace Initiative, riparian areas)
- Annual adjustments for allocations and inflation

Environmental Protection Fund Proposed Rate Increases

- Rate increase supports efforts for a clean, safe, attractive city.
- Funding for current and future vehicle and equipment needs.

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- Support for comprehensive and resilience planning.
- Address capital improvements such as street sweeper wash bays and storage.
- Support other project areas like Good Natured Greenspace Initiative and air quality.

Account Type (%)	Current Rates	FY26 Estimated Accounts	FY26 Revenue Estimate (No Increase)	FY26 Proposed Rates	FY26 Revenue Estimate (Recommended)
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Industrial (<1%)	\$ 105.00	2,239	\$ 2,821,354	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,955,704
Nonprofits (<1%)	\$ 2.25	1,787	\$ 48,241	\$ 3.00	\$ 64,321



Established 1995

Original

Fund all Solid Waste Management operations for garbage collection and waste disposal performed by the City.

<u>2022</u>

Original intent + Recycling + Bulk Collection + Yard Waste + ECC + 4 Drop-Off Stations + Mulching + Litter Abatement + Illegal Dump + Illegal Campsite Cleanup + Street Sweeping + Pedestrian Trash

Current

Original intent + Recycling + Bulk Collection + Yard Waste + ECC + 4 Drop-Off Stations + Mulching + Pedestrian Street Cans + Code Enforcement (Solid Waste violations)

Solid Waste Fund

	1982 ORIGINAL RATES	CITY OPERATED
	1984 +\$0.60	
Ŏ	1986 +\$0.35	
	1989 + \$0.50	
	1990 + \$2.00	
	1992 + \$1.15	
	1994 + \$0.50	
	1997 + \$0.70	
	1998 + \$0.50	
	1999 + \$0.25	
	2001 + \$0.75	
T	2002 + \$1.25	
	2003 – VARIABLE RATES	CONTRACTOR OPERATED
ŏ	2004 +\$3.45	
	2006 +\$1.30	
-	2014 -\$0.25*	

Rate History

	Account Type (%)	Monthly Rate (Since 2014)	FY26 Estimated Accounts	FY26 Revenue Estimate (No Increase)
	32-Gallon (~10%)	\$ 12.50	27,637	\$ 4,493,700
	64-Gallon (~58%)	\$ 17.50	166,903	\$ 33,040,710
	96-Gallon (~32%)	\$ 22.75	91,954	\$ 23,351,079
	Small Commercial (<1%)	\$ 38-125	1,515	\$ 1,045,000
2	Additional Carts	\$ 18.53	10,413	\$ 2,814,511

Residential Solid Waste rates have not been increased in 19 years, since 2006.

*Reduced for lucrative recycle market at that time.



- 1. Residential rates do not fully-cover program expenses.
- 2. Residential rates are subsidized by the landfill lease and environmental fees that end with the closure of the landfill in ~11 years.
- 3. No capacity for dedicated capital funding:

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- Need for capital funding strategy (e.g., vehicles, equipment, facilities)
- Need for long-term landfill/waste disposal options (e.g., new landfill, transfer)
- 4. Annual allocations and contractual increases to adjust for markets and inflation (CPI).
- 5. Other cost drivers associated with future markets for waste collections and disposal.

Solid Waste Fund Management Strategy

 Identified the gap between current rates and current true cost of all Solid Waste services.

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- Proposing gradual rate increases to begin closing that gap.
- Implement long-term cost recovery and capital planning strategy
- Incremental increases allow for predictable household budgeting.
- Starting an annual review process with stakeholders.
 - Mirroring the Water Department Utility's model to ensure transparency and engagement with cost of service.

Residential Cart Sizes	Current Rate	Gap: Current Rate and True Cost of Service	True Cost of Service
32-Gallon (~10%)	\$ 12.50	\$ 6.84	\$ 19.34
64-Gallon (~58%)	\$ 17.50	\$ 9.57	\$ 27.07
96-Gallon (~32%)	\$ 22.75	\$ 12.45	\$ 35.20



Solid Waste Proposed Rate Increases

- Rates move toward cost recovery.
- FY26 proposal increases rates by 8.5 13.5% depending on cart size.
- Preserving affordability:

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- Increases range from \$1.25 to \$3.00/month for residential.
- Maintains tiered rate structure, rewarding waste reduction.
- Creating a balanced approach:
 - Reflects incremental progress without a full weigh of cost-recovery all at once.
 - Leaves room for future annual adjustments, potentially via an indexed or stakeholder-informed process.

Residential Cart Size	Cost of Service	Current Rate	FY26 Proposed Increase	FY26 Proposed Rate	% Change
32-Gallon (~10%)	\$ 19.34	\$ 12.50	\$ 1.25	\$ 13.75	10.0%
64-Gallon (~58%)	\$ 27.07	\$ 17.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 19.50	11.4%
96-Gallon (~32%)	\$ 35.20	\$ 22.75	\$ 3.00	\$ 25.75	13.2%
Additional Carts*	\$ 28.90	\$ 18.53	\$ 2.50	\$ 21.03	13.5%
Small Commercial (<1%)	\$18.03 - 89.47	\$ 38 - 125	\$ 4 - 8.27	\$ 42 - 133.27	~8.5%

* Blended rate: Actual rate dependent on cart size selected.

Implications of Not Increasing Solid Waste Fund Rates

• Program costs will out-pace and exhaust all available solid waste revenues.

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- A significant increase will be required for all residential rates upon closure of the landfill and loss of supplemental revenue (~11 years).
- Maintenance and replacement of vehicles, equipment and facilities will remain unfunded.
- There will be no available capital funds for a long-range disposal solutions (landfill, transfer station, etc.).



Develop the FY26 Recommended Budget to include the following fee increases for the Environmental Protection Fund and Solid Waste Fund:

1. Environmental Protection Fund

• Non-Profit: +\$0.75

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- Residential: +\$1.50
- Commercial/Industrial: +\$5.00
- 2. Solid Waste Residential
 - 32 Gallon: +\$1.25
 - 64 Gallon: +\$2.00
 - 96 Gallon: +\$3.00, Additional Cart: +\$2.50
 - Solid Waste Small Commercial- +\$4.00-8.27

Feedback



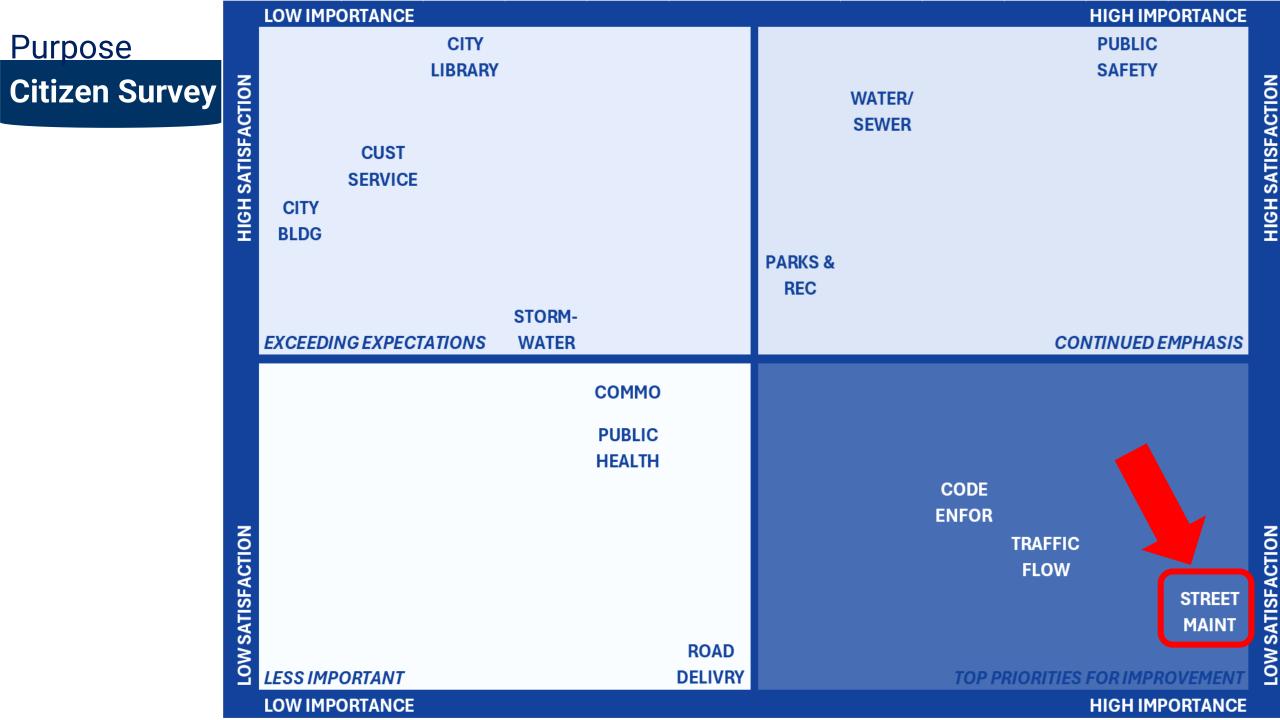
Street Maintenance Funding Funding Options Presentation

June 17, 2025



Outline

- Purpose
- Funding Mechanisms
- Property Tax PAYGO Mechanism
- Street Maintenance Fee Mechanism
 - What is a Street Maintenance Fee
 - Fee Options & Decisions
 - Potential Rates
 - Steps/Timeline for a Fee
- Comparison of Funding Mechanisms
- Combination Approach



Purpose

Funding Overview

2024 FUNDING ANALYSIS

Average Maintenance Need	Average Remaining
Vital Segments*	Funding Need (2024)
\$98 M/Yr	\$66.1M/Yr

			:						
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028				
	EXPENSES (\$M)								
MAINTENANCE ACTIONS									
Preservation Need	\$5.6	\$6.0	\$5.2	\$5.4	\$5.9				
Heavy Maintenance Need	\$82.1	\$87.0	\$104.0	\$91.2	\$95.8				
Total Maintenance	¢07.7	¢02.0	¢400.0	¢00.0	¢404 7				
Funding Need*	\$87.7	\$93.0	\$109.2	\$96.6	\$101.7				
	REVENUE	ES (\$ <i>M</i>)	· · ·						
PayGo Funding	\$28.3	\$30.3	\$31.5	\$32.7	\$34.0				
Additional Funding Need	¢50.4	¢c0 7	¢77 7	¢02.0	¢07.7				
(Gap = Expenses - Revenues)	\$59.4	\$62.7	\$77.7	\$63.9	\$67.7				

* Reconstruction not addressed through maintenance funding. 20

Funding Mechanisms

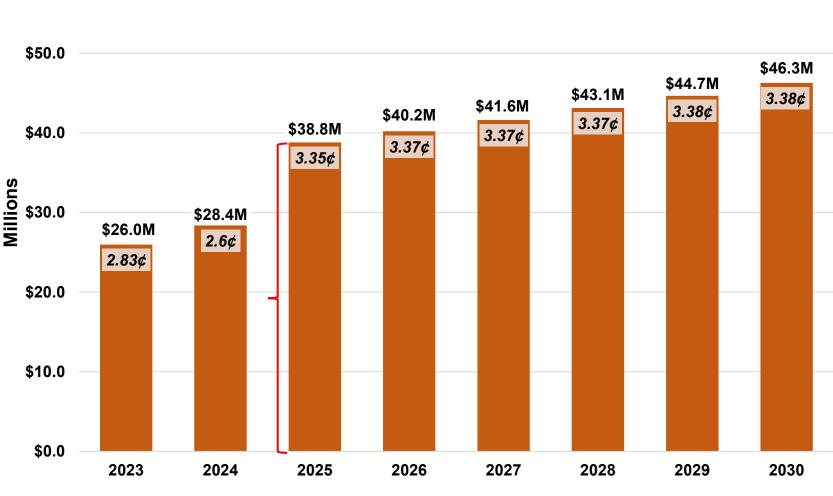
Overview

Sources	Maintenance	Funding Notes	
GO Bonds	Not eligible	 Requires voter approval 	
Roadway Impact Fees	Not eligible	 Limited to growth needs 	
TXDOT, NCTCOG, County	Eligible, but not practical	• Grants, matching funds • Unreliable availability	
Sales Tax (%)	Eligible, but not practical	 Sales tax is maxed out. Requires General Fund revenue offset to maintain CCPD, Transit funding, etc. 	Fxistina
Property Tax (Current PayGo)	Eligible	 Requires General Fund revenue offset or property tax rate increase or less reduction 	\$38.8M
Street Maintenance Fee	Eligible	 Stable revenue stream, dedicated to existing roadways Monthly fee based on land use traffic generation No public vote, requires Council approval 	

Property Tax (PayGo)

PayGo Need

\$60.0



- Total FY25 Streets PayGo Allocation is \$38.8 M or 3.35 cents of the Tax Rate
- The Additional Need for Streets in FY26 is \$59.2M or 4.96 cents of the Tax Rate
- Total Average Street
 Maintenance Funding Need
 is \$98M/Year
 - Entirely Funding Street Need Through PayGo Would Require Increasing the 7.25 Cent Rate

Streets PAYGo

Funding Mechanisms

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Street Maintenance Fee

What is it?





INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAINTAIN





MEASURE OF SYSTEM USE



Street Maintenance Fee

Texas Street Fees



Cities with a Street Fee	Year Implemented
Austin	1992
Lampasas	1992
Bryan	1997
Kingsville	2015
Taylor	2016
Abilene	2017
College Station	2017
Harlingen	2017
Killeen	2018
Sulphur Springs	2019
Borger	2020
Waco	2024

First Fee implemented in Oregon in 1985

Options & Decisions

- Fee Structure Options:
 - <u>Variable Fee</u>: Rates are Variable and Based on Usage of the System.
 - <u>Base Fee + Variable Fee</u>: Common Approach for Water/Wastewater Utilities.
- Category Decisions :
 - Fewer Categories for Simplicity vs. More Categories for Granularity
- Exemption Decisions (*Revenue Loss*)
 - Undeveloped Land Common
 - School or Government Property
 - No vehicle at Residence Requires Administrative Process
 - Senior Citizens

Street Maintenance Fee

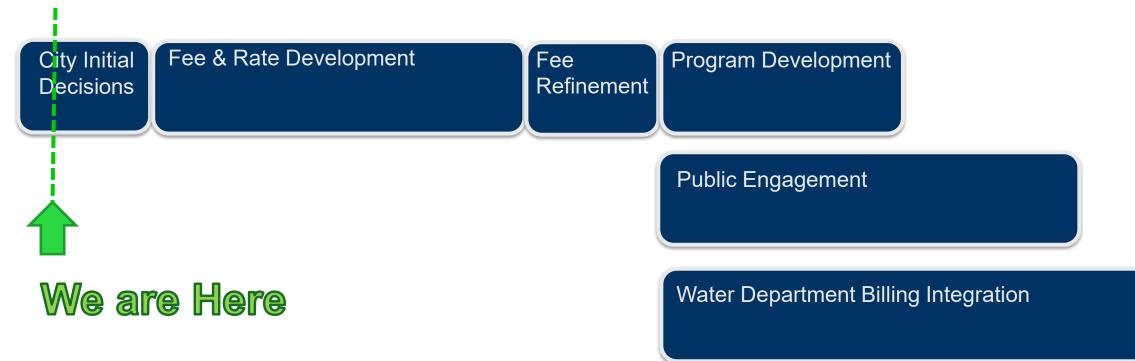
Potential Rates

Category	# of Properties	Unit of Measurement	Quantity of Units	Variable Rate Range (Adjustment for Incomplete Decisions & Analysis)	Revenue Percentage
Single Family	252,418		252,418	\$4.50 - \$6.00	20.4%
Multi-Family	12,503	Dwelling Units	102,794*	\$2.00 - \$3.50	4.0%
Senior Residential	24,682		24,682*	\$1.00 - \$2.50	0.6%
School	384	Students	156,041	\$0.50 - \$1.50	2.6%
Lodging	153	Rooms	19,125*	\$1.50 - \$3.00	0.5%
Office	880		29,030	\$11.00 - 13.00	5.7%
Institutional	5,179		26,050	\$6.00 - \$7.50	3.0%
Industrial	3,853	1,000 sf GFA	128,503	\$2.00 - \$2.75	5.4%
Commercial Low	9,114	1,000 31 01 A	86,939	\$9.50 - \$12.50	15.2%
Commercial High	2,056		62,473	\$37.00 - \$45.00	42.7%
	311,222			\$66.1M	

*Indicates Fields with Known Assumptions for Incomplete Analysis

Street Maintenance Fee

Implementation Steps and Timeline



Timeline Approximately 12-18 Months

Comparison of Mechanisms

Side-By-Side Summary

Street Maintenance Fee

Requires Time & Separate Council Approval

Monthly Collection, Administration

Future Revenue Needs Addressed by Fee Increases

Allows for Specific Exemptions

Stable Annual Revenue

Dedicated Source

Property Tax

Quick to Implement through Budget Process

Annual Collection, Automatic

Future Revenue Needs Require Property Tax

No Specific Exemptions

Annual Revenue Depends on Property Values

Source is Shared with Competing City Needs

Combination Approach

Original 2024 Funding Plan

- FY26 Previous \$20M Increase Unrealistic
- Going into FY27 look to be about \$30M behind the funding plan

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Contracted Maintenance	\$10,972,242	\$31,339,945	\$42,225,264	\$52,225,264	\$62,225,264
Pavement Management Subtota	al \$10,972,242	\$31,339,945	\$42,225,264	\$52,225,264	\$62,225,264
Pavement Preservation Team	\$0	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000
Expanding Existing Teams	\$7,900,000	\$9,222,000	\$7,274,000	\$6,976,000	\$6,976,000
Street Operations Subtota	al \$7,900,000	\$9,590,880	\$11,419,920	\$12,405,120	\$12,848,160
	\$10,400,000				
Cumulative Increase (Funded Gap	· · · ·	\$40,930,825	\$53,645,184	\$64,630,384	\$77,303,424

Combination Approach

Combination Funding Plan

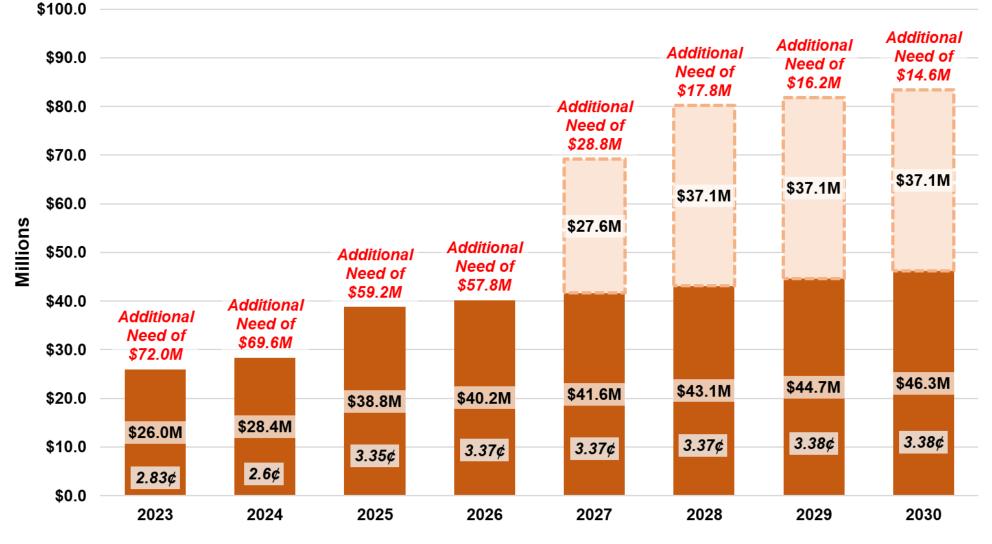
- Includes Continuing to Increase Property Tax PayGo allocation and Using a Small Street Maintenance Fee to Achieve the Proposed Funding Level on Schedule.
- Begin Fee Development Process for Jan 1, 2027 (FY27 9 Month Revenue, FY28 12 Month Revenue)
- Limits Capital Project Increases to \$20M per Year (Scaling Up Delivery)
- Requires All Existing Street Maintenance Funding Allocations be Preserved

Funding Packages	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Preventative Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracted Heavy Maintenance	\$10.4M	\$5M	\$0	\$10M	\$15M
PayGo Fund Subtota	l \$10.4M	\$5M	\$0M	\$10M	\$15M
Preventative Maintenance (25%)	\$0	\$0	\$7.1M	\$2.3M	\$0
Contracted Heavy Maintenance (75%)	\$0	\$0	\$20.5M	\$7M	\$0
Fee Fund Subtota	I \$0	\$0M	\$27.6M	\$9.3M	\$0
Total Annual Additional Funding	\$10.4M	\$5M	\$27.6M	\$19.3M	\$15M
Cumulative Annual Funding Increase (Funded Gap)	\$10.4M	\$15.4M	\$43.0M	\$62.3M	\$77.3M

Combined Approach

PayGo Gap Reduction

*Additional Funding Need to Meet the Average Street Maintenance Need of \$98M/Year based on the 2024 Need Analysis



Streets PAYGo UStreet Fee Annual Revenue - Option 3 Approach

Combined Approach

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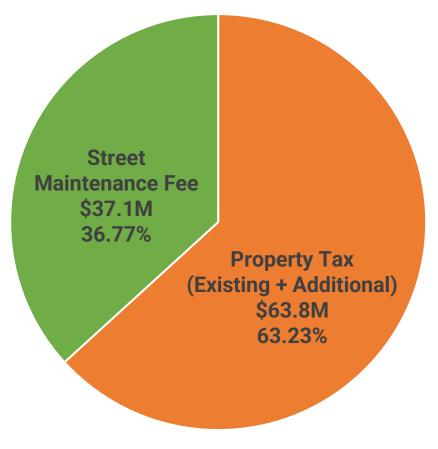
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Combination Approach

Summary

- Majority still funded through property tax
- Flexible Approach that allows for multiple options for future funding increases.
- Fee Mechanism Improves User-Based Equity to align the cost burden towards the users.
- Provides Dedicated funding source that prioritizes street maintenance for the future
- Reduces Reliance on Property Values & Growth to improve funding stability.
- Residents will see timely Resolution of their highest priority issue while preventing additional costs, and reduce future bond funding needs.

Combined Approach Funding Source Distribution



Feedback





Stormwater Management Program FY26 High Priority Needs

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Presented by: Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director Lane Zarate, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director



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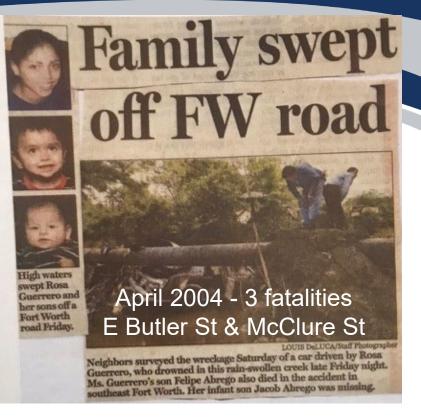
- FY26 Budget Planning Priorities
- Potential Fee Increase

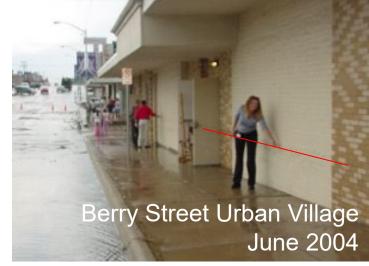




Stormwater Program

- Created in 2006 in response to devastating flooding
- Mission: Protect people and property from harmful stormwater runoff
- Dedicated funding from Stormwater Utility Fee paid based on impervious surface
- All properties in City are subject to the fee except those exempted by State Law
 - State owned properties
 - Public and private colleges/universities







Primary Functions

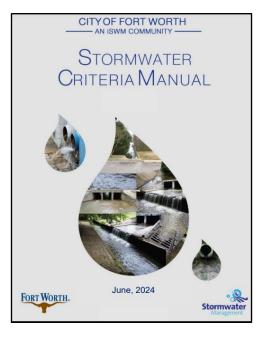
- Maintain Infrastructure
- Mitigate Hazards
- Warn about Hazards
- Review Development













Stormwater Asset Funding Highlights

Asset Type	Units	Total Estimated Cost to Address Critical Capital Needs	FY25-29 Paygo + Bond	Annual Maintenance Needs	Annual Maintenance Funding Amount			
Road culverts at channels & creeks	~4,000	\$265M - \$345M	\$24.34M	\$1M	\$500,000			
Storm Drain Pipes*	~1,085 miles	>\$1B	\$110.86M	\$2.7M	\$1.3M			
Engineered Channels	~230.7 miles	\$81M - \$107M	\$5M \$6.8M		\$2.6M			
Total		>\$1.5B	\$140.2M	\$10.5M	\$4.4M			

*Includes flood mitigation capacity and drainage pipe rehabilitation needs



FY26 Budget Planning Priorities



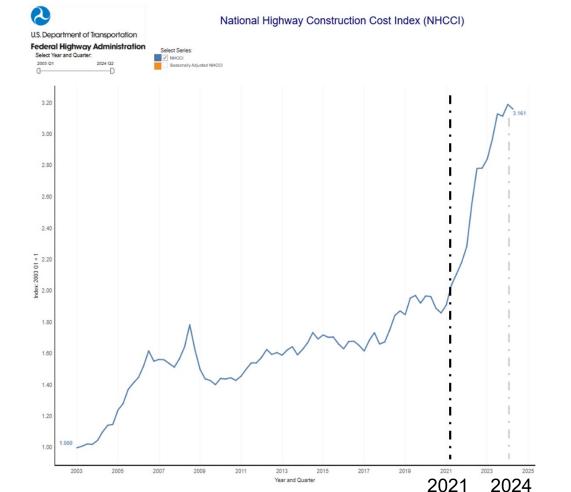
- Increasing costs
 - Construction
 - Professional services
 - Internal operating costs
 - Heavy equipment
- Growing capital channel restoration needs

Since 2021:

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73.3% Increase in national transportation construction costs

23.5% Increase in national vertical construction costs

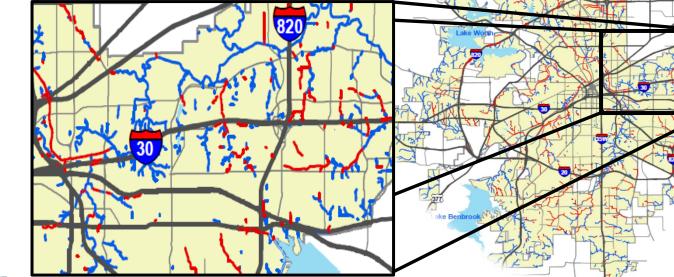


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The Stormwater team is responsible for

- **Maintaining** engineered channels
- **Restoring** the condition to meet design and safety standards

Natural Channels
493 miles No City responsibility
Engineered Channels
230 miles Yes City responsibility









How Channel Needs are Prioritized

Probability of Failure

- Current condition
- Channel type
- Channel location

Consequence of Failure

- Side slope failure impacts
- Proximity to structure (fence, shed, home)
- Proximity to public road or public infrastructure

Probability of Failure x Consequence of Failure = Business Risk Exposure

17,000 feet of capital need identified but the need is likely higher since only 39% of engineered City channels have been condition assessed









Capital Contractor

• Need for:

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- Engineering design
- Easements or property acquisition
- Increased capacity
- Complex location access (Proximity to buildings, ease of access)



Fairfax Channel - CD 11

In House

- Silt and debris removal focus
- Use current engineered
 design





True Channel - CD 2



Bandera Channel - CD 3



Dry Branch Creek - CD 4



John T White Channel - CD 5



Ludelle Channel - CD 11

Glen Garden Creek - CD 8

Sharondale Channel - CD 9

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Capital Channel Restoration

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- Est. cost of capital restoration- **\$4,735 \$6,250 per foot**
- Currently allocate **\$1M/year** for capital channel restoration
- Perform 160 210 feet of capital channel restoration/year
- Condition assessment has identified a backlog of 17,000 feet in need of high priority capital restoration
- It will take us roughly 100 years to tackle the backlog

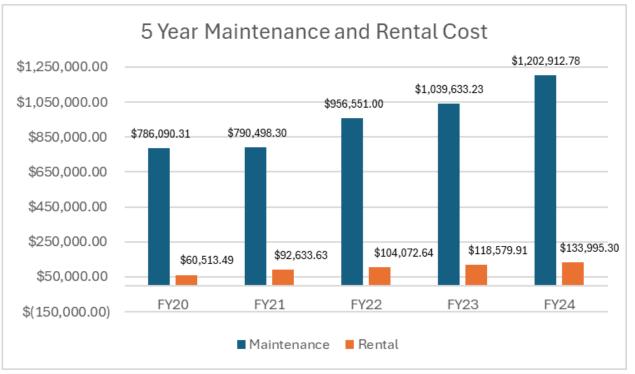






In House Channel Maintenance & Restoration

- Perform **36,900 feet** of channel maintenance and restoration annually
- Internal operating costs are increasing
 - Increasing maintenance costs, up 52% over the past 5 years
 - Increasing equipment rental, up **121%** over the past 5 years
- Equipment replacement cost inflation by 30% over the last 5 years





Channel Restoration Benefits

- Improved public safety
 - Mitigates slope failure to reduce damage to infrastructure and property
 - Reduce flood risk
- Reduced liability
- Opportunities to collaborate on partnerships, although limited



Eastland Channel - CD 5



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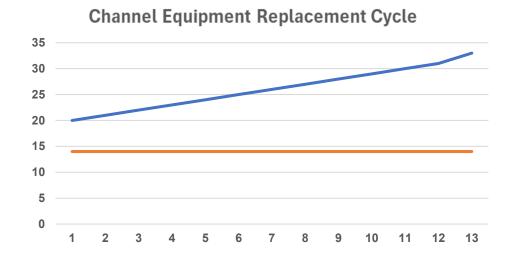
- Based on past stakeholder feedback, recommend to keep the increase small to minimize impact to all rate payers
- A 5% increase would bring in an estimated additional revenue of:
 - \$2.4M PayGo in FY26 (9 mths)
 - \$3.4M in PayGo FY27(12 mths)

Fee Increase Benefits

- Over 3x more capital channel restoration
- Increased efficiency in maintenance
 performance

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- Maintain critical life safety emergency preparation and response
- Employee safety and risk reduction



-Current ----Target

Capital Channel Restoration	Feet of Capital Restoration with Current Funding	Feet of Capital Restoration with Current Funding + Potential Fee Increase			
FY26-FY30 (Next 5 Years)	800- 1,050	2,535 - 3,345			
FY26-FY35 (Next 10 Years)	1,600 - 2,100	5,295 - 6990			

Reminder: We have currently ID 17,000 feet of capital restoration

Assumptions: Channel restoration cost range of \$4,735 - \$6,250 per foot and current funding @ \$1M / year need



Single Family Residential Rate Payer Impact of Potential FY26, 5% Fee Increase

(Includes Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadplex and Manufactured Homes)

Low Occupancy Residential Billing Tier	Billing Unit- Equivalent Residential Units (ERU)	Billing Basis	Current Monthly Rate	5% Proposed Monthly Increase	Potential Monthly Rate, Effective January 1, 2026
Tier 1	0.5 ERU	Up to 1,300 square feet	\$3.47	\$0.18	\$3.65
Tier 2	1.0 ERU	1,300 to 2,475 square feet	\$6.94	\$0.35	\$7.29
Tier 3	1.5 ERU	2,476 to 3,394 square feet	\$10.41	\$0.53	\$10.94
Tier 4	2.0 ERU	3,394+ square feet	\$13.88	\$0.70	\$14.58

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	Rate Payer Impact of Potential FY26, 5% Fee Increase								
Rate Payers		ERUs	Current Monthly Payment \$6.94/billing unit/mth	Monthly Payment Increase \$7.29/billing unit/mth	New Monthly Payment With 5% Increase	Current Annual Payment	Annual Payment Increase	New Annual Payment With 5% Increase	
Sar	nple Small Commercial (1 Acre)	17	\$117.98	\$5.95	\$123.93	\$1,415.76	\$70.79	\$1,486.55	
Sar	nple Medium Commercial (10 Acres)	167	\$1,158.98	\$58.45	\$1,217.43	\$13,907.76	\$695.39	\$14,603.15	
			Top 10) Rate Pay	yers				
1	City of Fort Worth	15157	\$105,189.58	\$5,304.95	\$110,494.53	\$1,262,274.96	\$63,113.75	\$1,325,388.71	
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Note: Stormwater fee credits available for non-residential and high occupancy residential property owners

Fee / Billing **Fiscal** Increase Percent Unit / Mth Year Amount Increase \$2.90 **FY07** \$3.20 +\$0.30 **FY08** 10.3% \$3.75 +\$0.55 **FY09** 17.2% **FY10** \$4.75 +\$1.00 26.7% FY12 \$5.40 +\$0.65 13.7% **FY20** \$5.75 +\$0.35 6.5% FY24 \$6.61 +\$0.86 15% FY25- Current \$6.94 +\$0.33 5% FY26- Proposed \$7.29 +\$0.35 5%

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1 Billing Unit = 2,600 square feet of hard surface

If approved by Council, a FY26 fee increase would take effect January 1, 2026

Fee Account Type	Percentage of Accounts	Percentage of Revenue
Single Family Residential*	95.15%	40.80%
Commercial, Industrial, Apartments, etc.**	4.85%	59.20%

*Includes duplexes, triplexes, quadplex and manufactured homes

**Essentially all other land uses not under Single Family Residential



Questions & Discussion

FORT WORTH WATER UTILITY

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RTH® FY2026 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

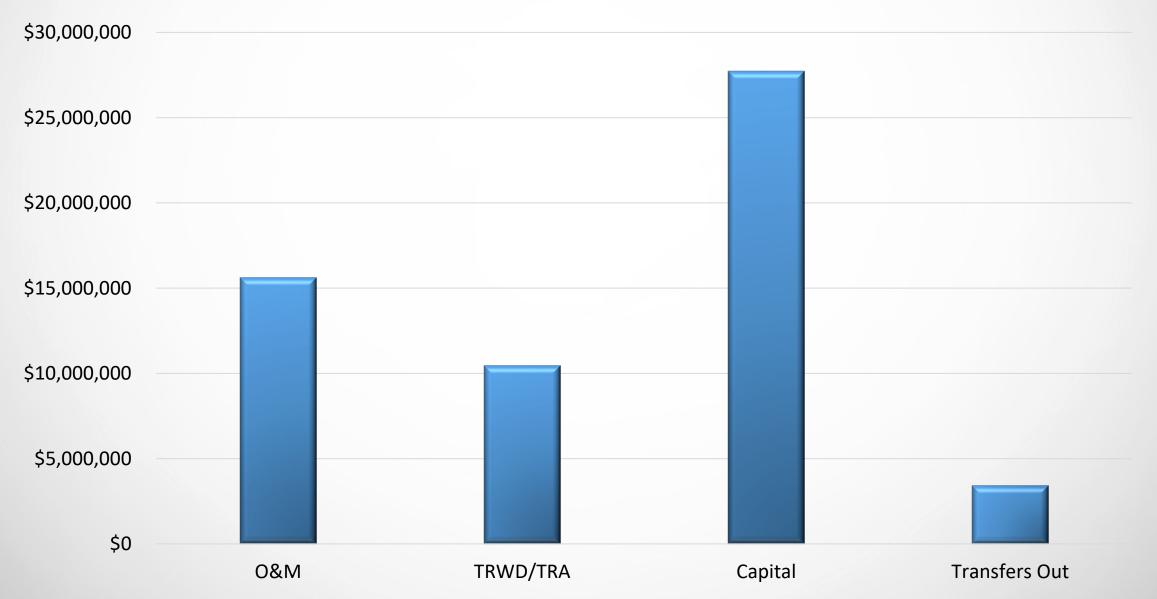


FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

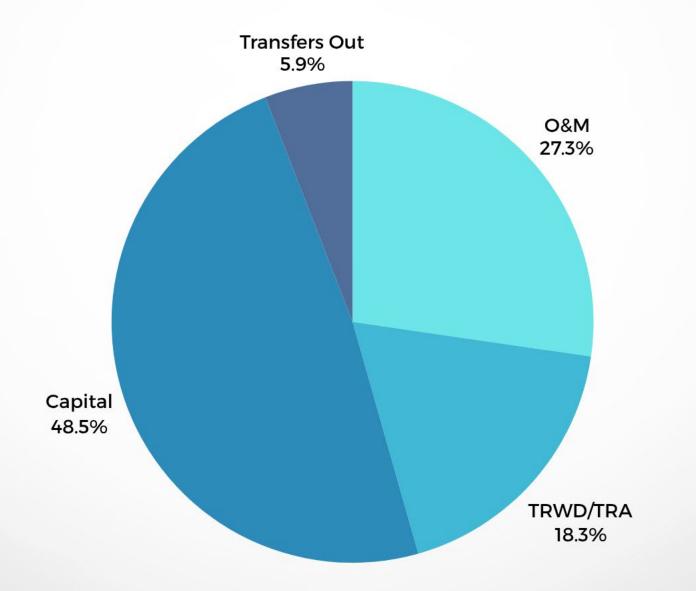
	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Proposed	Change \$	Change %
Water & Sewer Fund	\$616,963,098	\$674,171,145	\$57,208,047	9.3%

+9

FY2025 to FY2026 Increase by Category



Percent of Budget Increase by Category





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Projected System Capital Funding for Fiscal Years 2026-2030*

CIP By Improvement Type	Fisc	al Year 2026	Fisc	al Year 2027	Fis	cal Year 2028	Fisc	al Year 2029	Fisc	al Year 2030	5 Year Total
Water Treatment Plants	\$	155,350,000	\$	6,000,000	\$	10,000,000	\$	-	\$	9,581,280	\$ 180,931,280
Wastewater Treatment Plants	\$	106,512,900	\$	90,000,000	\$	113,150,000	\$	1,000,000	\$	-	\$ 310,662,900
Trinty River Vision, I35 & IH820	\$	14,980,000	\$	8,150,000	\$	10,921,030	\$	150,000	\$	-	\$ 34,201,030
Major Transmission Mains	\$	122,145,988	\$	178,666,647	\$	56,652,760	\$	23,309,982	\$	21,436,752	\$ 402,212,129
Miscellaneous Facilities	\$	53,436,840	\$	108,601,672	\$	83,526,590	\$	55,073,880	\$	40,510,440	\$ 341,149,422
Major Wastewater Collectors	\$	47,450,000	\$	33,400,000	\$	108,390,410	\$	59,582,800	\$	40,567,390	\$ 289,390,600
Community Facility Agreements	\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000	\$	8,000,000	\$	8,000,000	\$	6,000,000	\$ 46,000,000
Rehab and Replacement	\$	25,300,000	\$	37,700,000	\$	44,100,000	\$	58,100,000	\$	66,600,000	\$ 231,800,000
TPW Maintenance, Street CIP, and											
Arterials Program	\$	40,000,000	\$	40,000,000	\$	40,000,000	\$	40,000,000	\$	40,000,000	\$ 200,000,000
Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative	\$	17,500,000	\$	17,500,000	\$	18,025,000	\$	18,565,750	\$	19,000,000	\$ 90,590,750
Total CIP	\$	594,675,728	\$	532,018,319	\$	492,765,790	\$	263,782,412	\$	243,695,862	\$ 2,126,938,111
Total Cash Funding		37%		34%		27%		47%		55%	37%
Total Bond Funding		63%		66%		73%		53%		45%	63%

*Amounts may fluctuate due to changes in need and market conditions



RATE IMPACTS WATER & WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE



CUSTOMER ACCOUNT AND USAGE

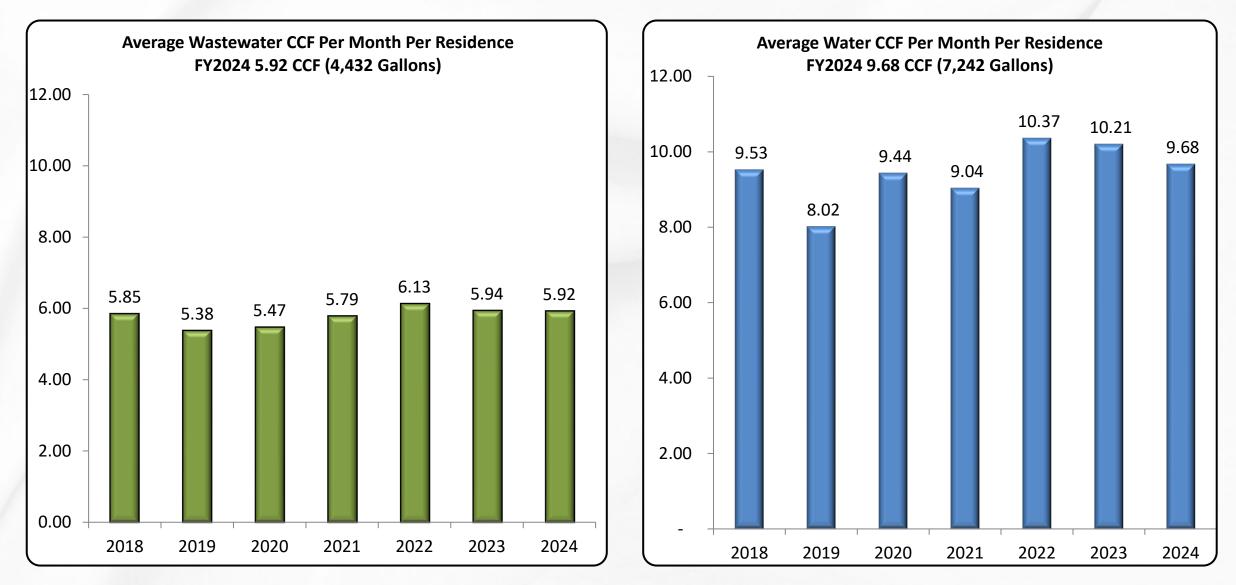
# OF RETAIL ACCOUNTS	+ 2.9%
RETAIL WATER USAGE	+ 5%
RETAIL SEWER FLOWS	+ 4%

SYSTEM REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

+2.01% Water System

+2.14% Wastewater System

USAGE TRENDS



Tiered Rate Volumes in CCF by Benchmark City

(Current)

City	Tier 1	Tier 2 Tier 3 T		Tier 4	Tier 5
Fort Worth	0 - 6	6 - 18	18-30	30+	
Dallas	0 - 4	4 - 10	10 - 20	20 - 30	30+
Austin	0 - 3	3 - 8	8 - 15	15 - 27	27+
Arlington, Tx	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 29	29+
El Paso	0 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25+	
San Antonio	0 - 4	4 - 7	7 - 12	12 - 20	20+
Plano	0 - 1	1-5	5 - 20	20 - 40	40+
Corpus Christi	0 - 2	2-6	6 - 15	15+	
Charlotte, NC	0 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 16	16+	66

Tiered Rate Volumes in CCF by Benchmark City (Proposed)

City	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Fort Worth	0 - 6	6 - 12	12-24	24+	
Dallas	0 - 4	4 - 10	10 - 20	20 - 30	30+
Austin	0 - 3	3 - 8	8 - 15	15 - 27	27+
Arlington, Tx	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 29	29+
El Paso	0 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25+	
San Antonio	0 - 4	4 - 7	7 - 12	12 - 20	20+
Plano	0 - 1	1-5	5 - 20	20 - 40	40+
Corpus Christi	0 - 2	2 - 6	6 - 15	15+	
Charlotte, NC	0 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 16	16+	67

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE STRUCTURE

Current Rate Structure (2016 - Present)

Proposed Rate Structure

<6 ccf >6-12 ccf	>12-24 ccf	>24 ccf
\$2.28 \$3.19	\$4.29	\$5.37

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE

Current Rate

ALL USAGE \$4.26

Proposed Rate

ALL USAGE \$4.30

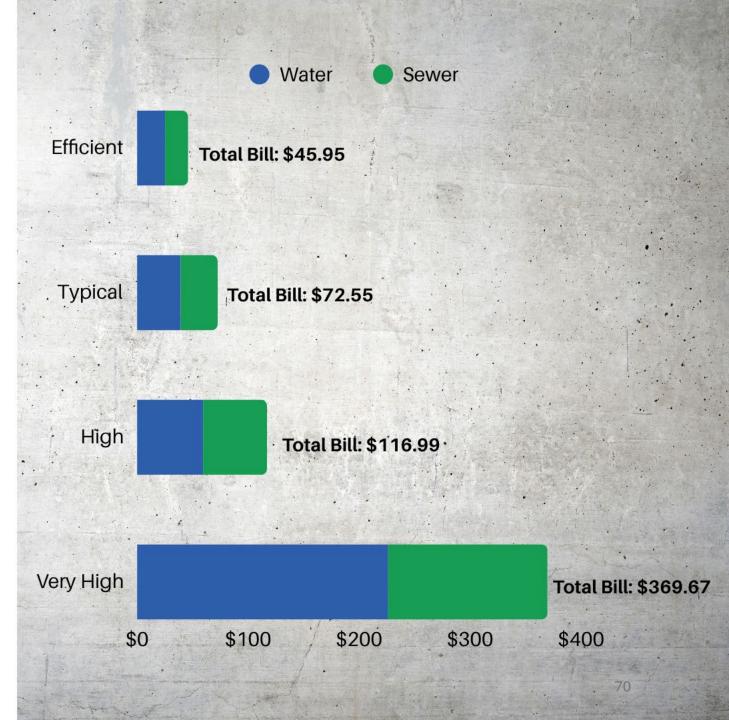
RESIDENTIAL BILL IMPACT

1.EFFICIENT: +\$0.52/MO

2.TYPICAL: +\$0.64/MO

3.HIGH: \$4.45/MO

4.VERY HIGH: +\$15.03/MO





REMAINING TIMELINE

FINALIZE EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

- TRWD Raw Water
- TRA Wastewater
 - Treatment
- Wholesale Rates & Advisory Committee Meeting

QUESTIONS



Next Steps

- Further refine potential recommendations on rates/fees for City Manager's budget proposal
- Analyze the impact of potential rates/fees in overall impact to citizens once appraisal information and sales tax revenue are finalized





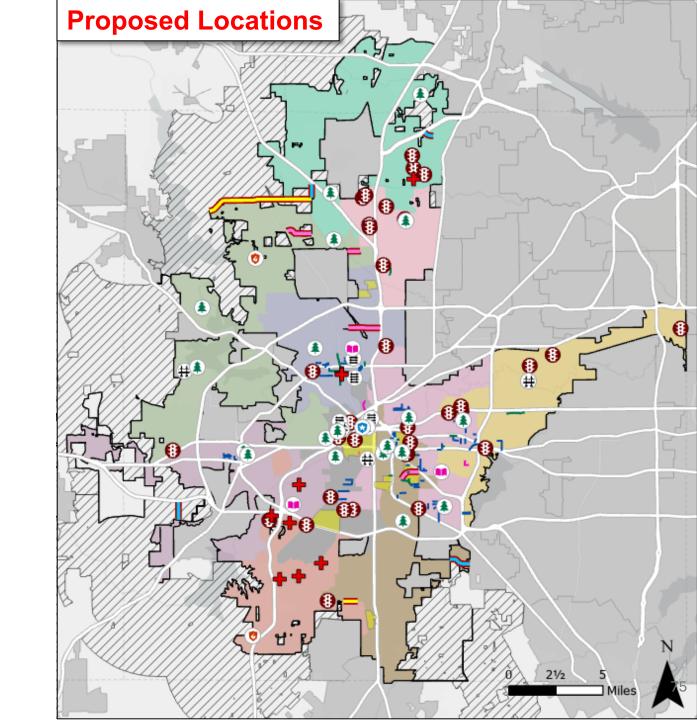
2026 Bond Program

June 17, 2025



Project Locations *(Citywide)*

- 3 911 Communications
- 😻 Fire Station
- 🔹 Parks & Rec
- 😫 Bridges
- Railroad Safety
- Traffic Signals
- Intersections
 - Neighborhood Streets
 - Sidewalks
 - School/Neighborhood Safety
 - Streetlights
- Major Roadways
 - = 2022 Designed / 2026 Construction
 - Construction
 - Design Only

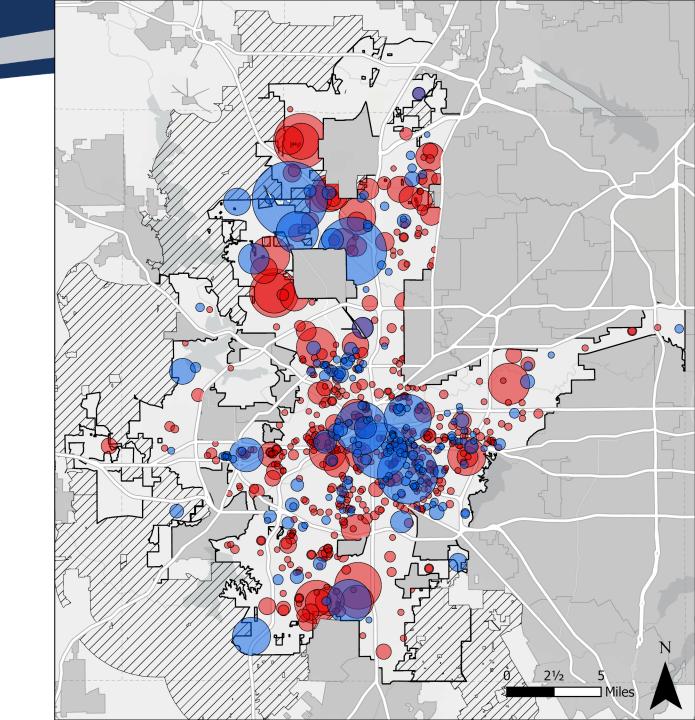




Past & Proposed Bond Funding

Historical 2014-2022 Bond Funding (In 2025 Dollars)

Proposed 2026 Bond Funding





Current Proposed Funding (6/3/25)

Proposition	Name	2026 Proposed Funding	2018 & 2022 Bond Average Funding Ratios	2026 Proposed Ratios	
А	Streets & Mobility Infrastructure Improvements	\$477,100,000	65.7%	59.6%	
В	Parks & Open Space Improvements	\$185,100,000	22.9%	23.1%	
С	Public Library Improvements	\$14,000,000	2.4%	1.8%	
D	Public Safety Improvements (Fire & 911)	\$63,900,000	7.3%	8.0%	
E	Animal Care & Shelter Facility Improvements	\$59,900,000	1.7%	7.5%	



Proposed Funding Scenarios

Proposition	Name	Current 2026 Ratios	60% Scenario	62.5% Scenario	65% Scenario
A	Streets & Mobility Infrastructure Improvements	59.6%	60.0%	62.5%	65.0%
В	Parks & Open Space Improvements	23.1%	22.7%	20.9% 🦊	20.3%
С	Public Library Improvements	1.8%	1.8%	1.1% 🖊	1.1% 🖊
D	Public Safety Improvements <i>(Fire & 911)</i>	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	6.1% 📕
E	Animal Care & Shelter Facility Improvements	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%

For reference: 65% to Streets = \$40M from other propositions



Public Art

FWPA Bond Funding History

2004 Bond: \$5.36M (2% All Propositions)

• 42 Projects

2007 Critical Capital Needs: \$2.67M

• 21 Projects

2008 Certificates of Obligation: \$3M (Streets Only)

• 12 Projects

2014 Bond: \$3.59M (1% Streets)

• 19 Projects

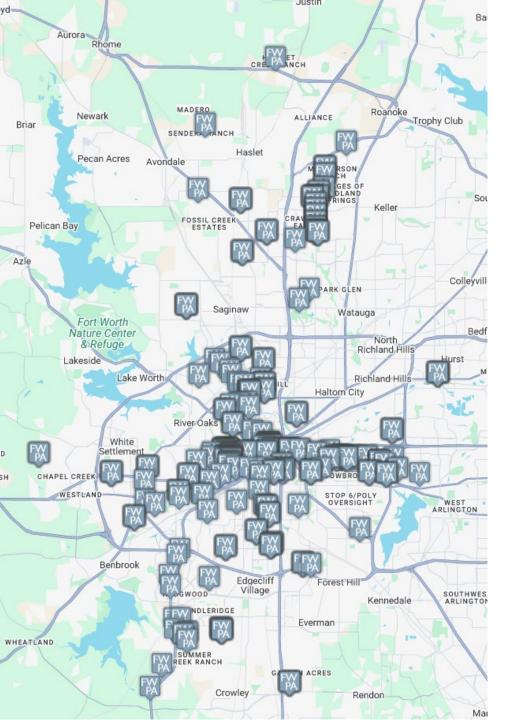
2018 Bond: \$5.29M (1% Streets, includes PM Costs)

• 20 Projects

2022 Bond: \$7.1M (1% Streets, includes PM Costs)

• 17 Projects





Other FWPA Project Funding

(Flexible Funding, Not Bonds)

Water Department: 2002-2016 \$5.60M

- 60 Projects
 - Augmented 17 Bond-Funded Projects
 - 12 Community-Nominated Projects
 - 7 Urban Village Projects
 - 6 Acquisitions

Project-Specific Contributions:

\$3.12M

- Gas Lease, Revenue, & Capital Projects Funds
- Culture & Tourism Fund
- Public Events Capital Projects
- Capital Projects Reserve
- Multiple TIFs
- GCAA & HUD EDI Grants
- Private Donations

Note: General Funds are used for program administration, but no public art projects are funded with those funds.

General Rules for Bond Funds (Per Bond Counsel)

 Allows fewer projects with Funds may be larger budgets pooled • Encourages discernment for art-friendly locations **Funds must** • Example: Cannot use library stay within the funds on a fire station proposition **Public Art must** • Flexibility for street funding to be visible from be used in an adjacent park or infrastructure greenspace. project



Public Art Funding

Current Regulations per City Ordinance §2-61

- 1% of all Streets/Mobility capital improvements
- 2% of all other capital improvements excluding Open Space (i.e., Fire, 911 Communications, Parks & Recreation, Library, Code Compliance...)

2022 Bond Approved Funding: \$7.1M

• \$560M in Total Bond Funding

Current 2026 Bond Funding: \$10.4M (47% increase since 2022)

Public Art Funding (Optional Changes)

1. Place a 1% Funding Cap on All Bond Propositions

• Potential reallocation of \$2.9M towards additional capital improvements

2. Place a Specified Dollar Amount Cap

• Ex: \$8M cumulative funding across all bond propositions

3. Create a new Public Art Improvement Proposition

- Let voters decide if the City should pay for Public Art with Bond funds
- Dollar amount to be set by City Council
- If proposition fails, then this may increase the City's debt capacity to later fund other capital projects (ex: Streets & Mobility) with tax notes



Open Space Conservation Program *Protecting Nature, Building Community*

Allison Docker – Greenspace Initiatives Manager Brandi Kelp – Open Space Senior Planner

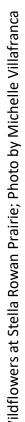
Open Space Conservation Program Mission

Conserve high-quality natural areas as the city grows to provide environmental benefits and recreational opportunities that support economic development and enhance the livability and desirability of Fort Worth.

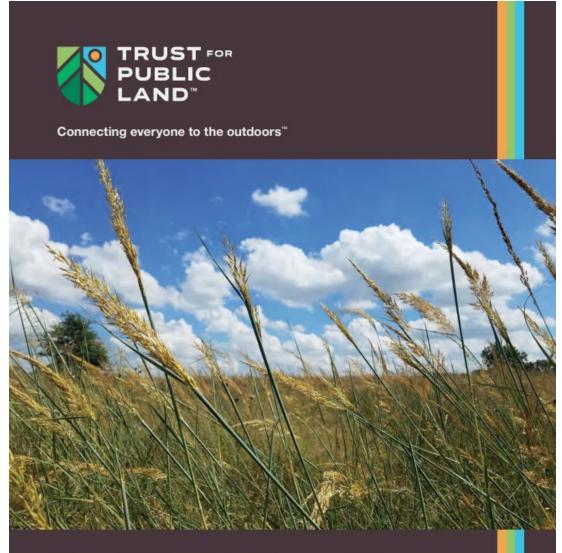


Priority Goal Areas

- Ecosystem Preservation
- Stream, River and Lake Health
- Community Health
- Recreation Opportunities
- Flood Control
- Increased Access to Natural Spaces
- Economic Development







Fort Worth Open Space Strategy Report

PROTECTING NATURE, BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Working Group Strategic Community Partners and Interdepartmental Staff
- Adopted by Council in 2022
- Guiding document for Open Space Conservation Program
- TPL Research & Benchmarking Study
- Data-Driven Approach with Detailed Analysis
- Incorporation of Public & Stakeholder Input
- Identify Potential Funding Options
- Program Recommendations

Public Engagement

Strong Public Support

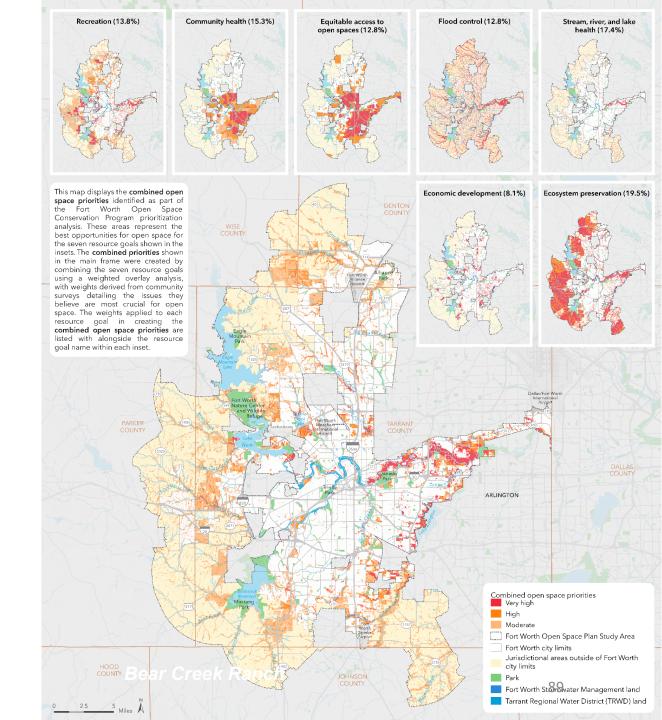
- 96% define conservation of natural areas as *"Very Important"*
- 88% strongly support *dedicating public funding* for land conservation
- 37% willing to volunteer

Top Priorities

- Ecosystem Preservation
- Stream, River, and Lake Health
- Community Health

GIS Mapping Tool

- Prioritized Feedback
- Individual Criteria



Alignment with City-wide Planning

Open Space Top Programs and Activities

- Hiking/Walking
- Bird Watching & Wildlife Viewing
- Educational Programming & Outdoor Education

Top Amenities

- Natural Paths & Trails
- Picnic Areas
- Educational Signage

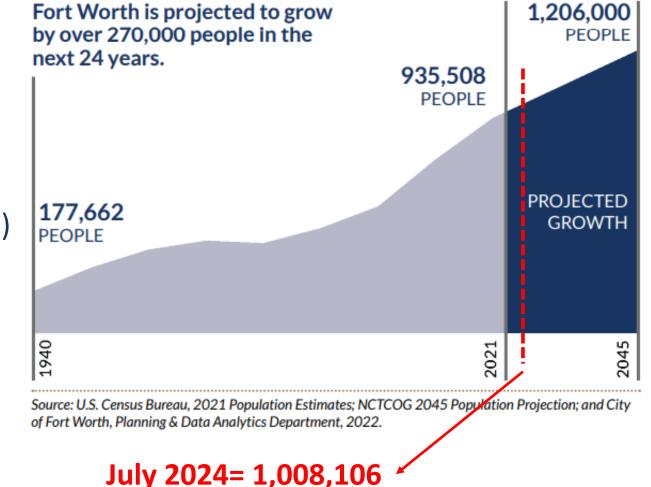


City Growth and Development

- Fastest-developing large city in the US
- Projected population is 1.2M by 2045
- 348.24 square miles in City Limits, additional Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) 275 square miles
- 63,986 acres of developable land 2nd most for large city
- City of Fort Worth is losing 50 acres per week of natural open space to development

FORT WORTH POPULATION, 1940 - 2045

Fort Worth has a larger population than cities including Columbus, Charlotte, Indianapolis, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Washington D.C., and Nashville.



11th largest city in the US

Planning for the Future

• Preserve Quality Ecosystems While They Still Exist If we don't do it now, we won't have the opportunity in the future.

Create an Intentional & Connected Citywide Network

Contiguous greenspace is much more impactful than pieces. Waiting = working with leftovers.

Land Costs are Rising

And will continue for the foreseeable future.

Open Space Alignment with 2024 Council Adopted Priorities





Community Investment

Strong Return on Investment Access to Nature Builds Community

Community Safety

Green Infrastructure

Infrastructure



Intentional & Strategic

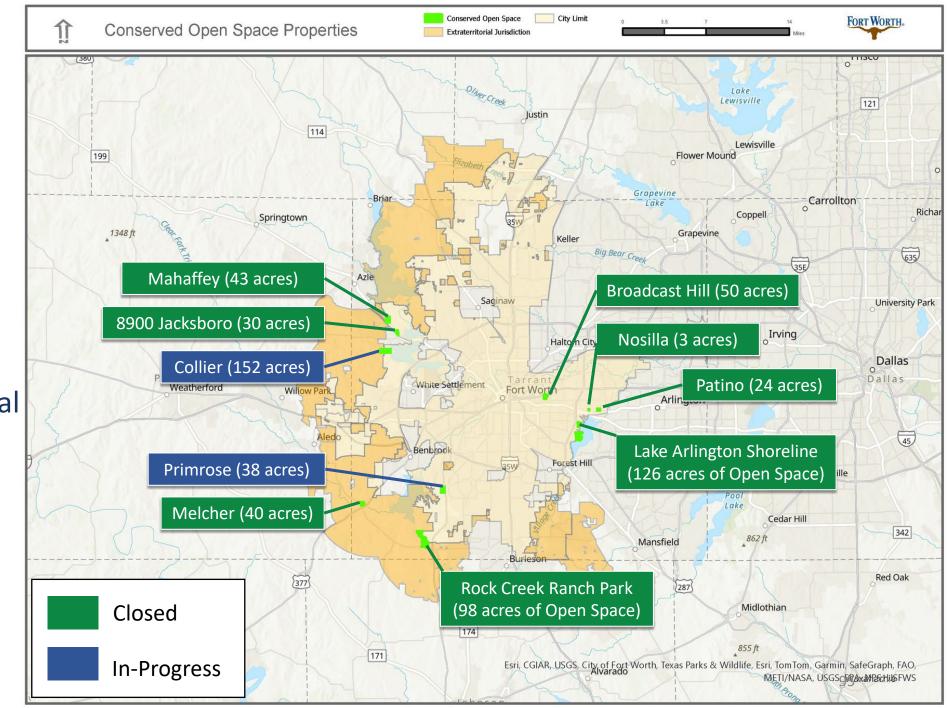
Current Funding & Expenditures

Total Revenue by Funding Source												
2022 Bond	FY20 General G	ias Lease	FY20 Water	Gas L	ease FY	20 Pri	vate Donatio	on	Total			
\$15,000,000	\$8,820,0	00	\$2,885	,000		\$	64,410		\$26,769,4	10		
Acquisitions App	proved by M&C	CD	Acres	2	022 Bond		20 General Gas Lease		20 Water as Lease	_	Private ations	Total
Open Space Pre-	Acquisition		0.0	\$		- \$	250,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 250,000
Emergency Capit	tal Fund		0.0	\$		- \$	50,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 50,000
Broadcast Hill		11 (Prev. 8	3) 50.0	\$		- \$	551,647	\$	-	\$	64,410	\$ 616,057
Broadcast Hill Im	provements	11 (Prev. 8	3) 0.0	\$		- \$	135,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 135,000
Jacksboro Hwy (FWNC)	7	29.5	\$		-	5 3,101,312	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,101,312
Patino		5	23.9	\$		- ;	5 1,507,980	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,507,980
Rock Creek Ranc	h	6 ETJ	40.0	\$		- ;	5 1,000,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000
Bluestone (Lake	Arlington)	5	14.7	\$	1,216,3	11 :	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,216,311
Nosilla		5	2.8	\$	417,0	95 3	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 417,095
Melcher		3 ETJ	40.0	\$	1,376,6	59	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,376,659
Olcott (Lake Arlin	ngton)	5	111.0	\$	4,290,0	00	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4,290,000
Rock Creek Ranc	h Addition	6 ETJ	58.9	\$	1,666,4	29	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,666,429
Primrose Station	l	6	38.2	\$	195,9	04	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 195,904
Collier		7 ETJ	152.0	\$	1,245,0	00	\$-	\$	2,885,000	\$	_	\$ 4,130,000
Mahaffey (FWN	C)	7 ETJ	43.2	\$	1,815,0	00	ś	\$		\$		\$ <u>1,815,000</u>
TOTAL			604.2	\$	12,222,3	98 \$	6,595,939	\$	2,885,000	\$	64,410	\$ 21,767,746

Remaining Funds & Percentage Spent by Funding Source								
2022 Bond	FY20 General Gas Lease	FY20 Water Gas Lease	FY20 Private Donation	Total				
\$ 2,777,602 81%	\$ 2,224,061 75%	\$ - 100%	\$ - 100%	\$ 5,001,664 81%				

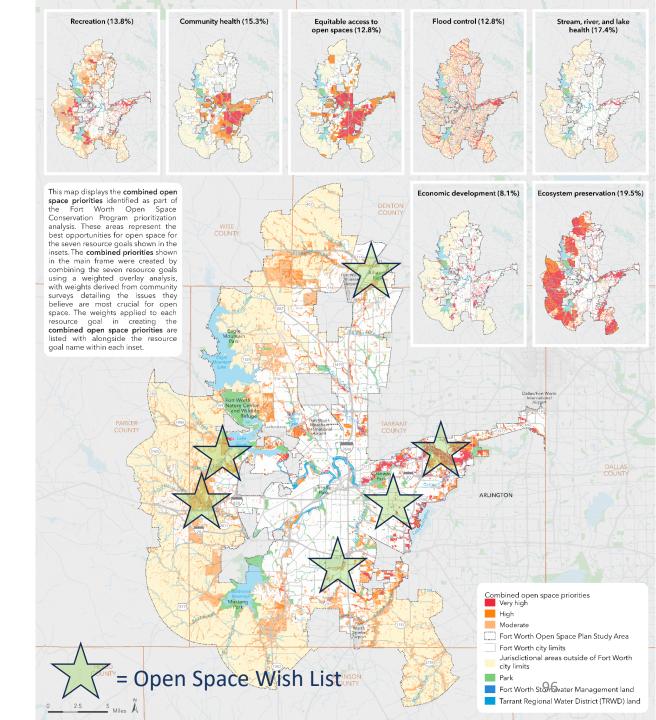
Open Space Properties

- 12 acquisitions
- 604.16 acres
- 81% Bond Funding Expenditure Rate
- On track for additional 100ac by 2026 with 100% Expenditure Rate
- Within City Limits & ETJ



2026 Bond - \$25M for Open Space

- Estimated acquisition of additional 500 – 750ac
- Long **list of quality properties** for potential acquisition
 - High priority acquisition: 250-acre opportunity for \$8.9M (\$34k/acre)
- Leverage Opportunity match from private investment and public partners – potentially *doubling conservation impact*



QUESTIONS?



Affordable Housing

Potential Affordable Housing Bond Program

- Spend bond proceeds through the Fort Worth Housing Finance Corporation (FWHFC)
- The FWHFC exists to help develop and promote affordable housing developments (including construction and reconstruction of buildings and land acquisition) in Fort Worth
- It has experience implementing a variety of housing programs
 - Lending to Developers (e.g. Construction, Infrastructure, etc.)
 - Land Bank Program

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- **o** Infill Housing Program
- Housing Partnerships
- Goals for using the FWHFC include:
 - Promoting quality, accessible and affordable housing, particularly in the Central City
 - Allowing for greater flexibility and partnership/leverage opportunities



Wrap-Up and Discussion

Engagement and Timing

- July 2025 through September 2025 Community engagement meetings in every council district, along with online engagement tools
 - Will showcase a larger Bond list on which the public can provide public comment
- Fall 2025 Finalize project list based on public input with City Council approval by end of calendar year
 - Final adjustments to project costs
- January 2026 City Council calls bond election
- Spring 2026 Public education meetings in every council district
- May 2026 Bond election

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Revised Supplemental List

Proposition	Program	Project Name	Council District	Proposed Funding
Housing	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Citywide	\$10M
Library	New Library	Far West Regional Library	3	\$20M
Library	New Library	History Center Relocation & Seminary Restoration	11	\$5M
Parks & Open Space	Park Infrastructure	Drainage & Erosion Control	Citywide	\$20M
Parks & Open Space	Community Centers	Renovations at Riverside Community Center	11	\$4M
Public Safety	Fire Station Rebuild	Rebuild of Fire Station 12	2	\$15.25M
Public Safety	New Police Station	Central Patrol Division (Land acquisition & Design)	9	\$11.75M
Streets & Mobility	Major Roadways	23 rd St (Design roadway expansion & railway bridge)	2, 9	\$16M
Streets & Mobility	Major Roadways	Sendera Ranch Blvd Design & Construction	10	\$22M
Streets & Mobility	Intersections	Forest Park / Belknap / Weatherford St	9	\$7M
Streets & Mobility	Intersections	E Belknap / Race / Riverside Dr	11	\$6M
			Total:	\$137M

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