



2012 Quality of Life Bond
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Implementation Update: Year One



2013 Notable Activities

- February 2013-City Council authorized **Three Year Implementation Plan**
 - Created roadmap for program implementation
 - Aligns with financial commitments
 - Currently in Year One of implementation (through FY2014)
- **Bond Overview Advisory Committee** increased its meeting frequency to maintain traction and help guide progress
 - From quarterly to every other month
 - In **2013**, six (6) meetings/special meetings were held
- Over **150** stories related to Bond projects featured in media outlets



Recent Project Highlights

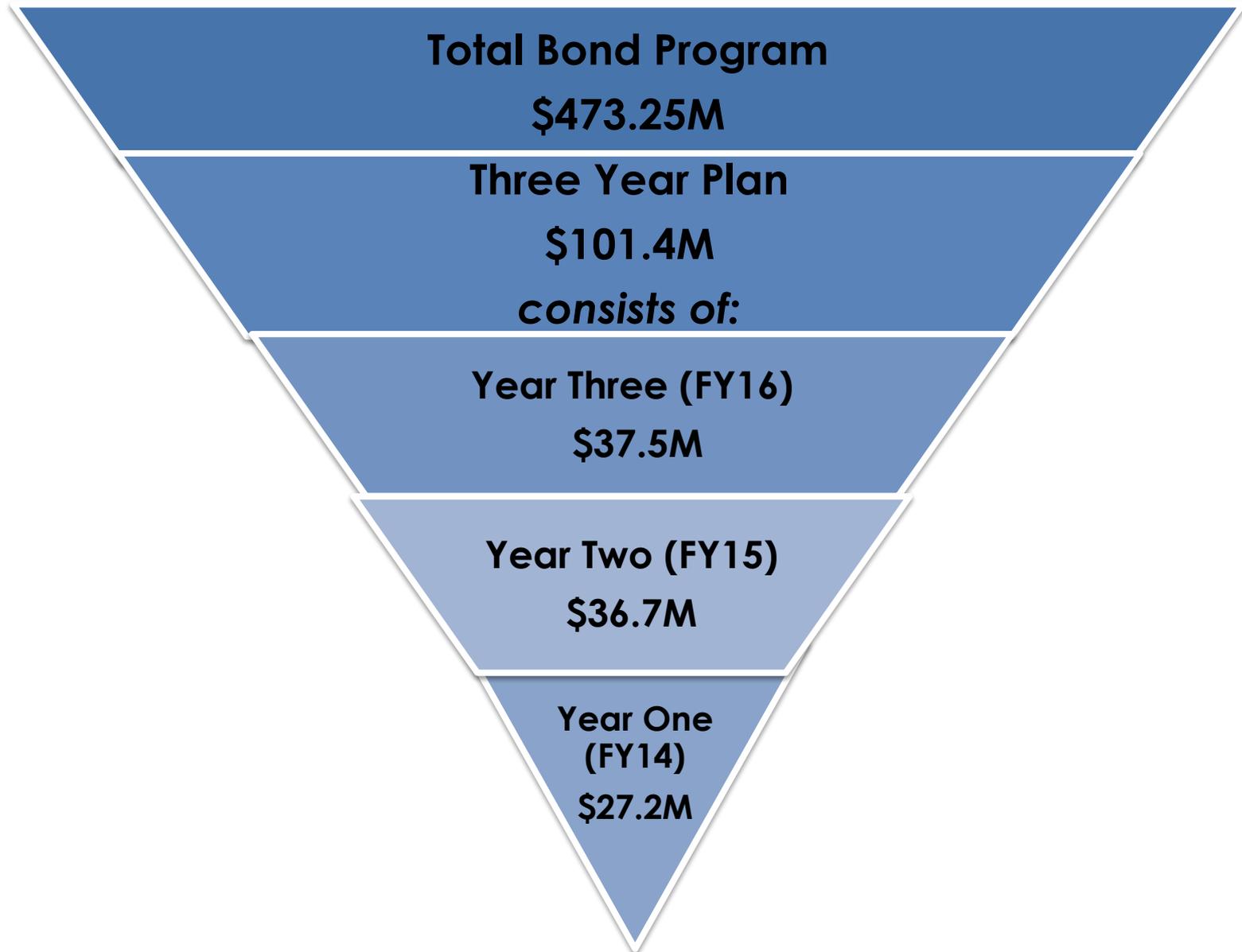
- On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, City Council approved:
 - A contract with The Gibson Group of Wellington, New Zealand, to begin development of **TouchCity digital wall** at the El Paso Museum of History
 - A contract with ECM International Inc., of El Paso to oversee design, bidding, and construction of the **Eastside Regional Park**
 - *Design-Build* project delivery method for the **East Side Sports Complex**
 - A contract to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, of Muscatine, Iowa, to add **outdoor sport field lighting** at Blackie Chesher Park



Program Snapshot



Distribution by dollars (in millions)

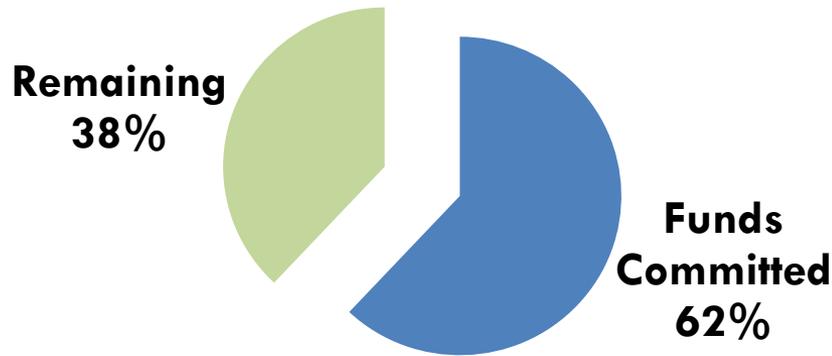




Progress to Date

- **\$ 27.2M** authorized budget for Year One
- Approximately ***\$17M** committed to date
 - Represents **62%** of Year One authorization

Year One at a glance...



**Represents 4% of Total Bond Program Issuance*



Year One by Project Count

Activity	Scheduled	To date
Construction	9	9
Purchase	2	1
Design & Construction	6	5
Design	14	6
Land Acquisition/ Siting	12	9
Total	43 Projects	30 Projects

Year One projects by Activity

Project	Total Budget (\$)	Scheduled Activity	Current Status
Magoffin Park	300,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Winter 2014 (this February)</i>
Northeast Regional Park Phase II (Skatepark only)	3,600,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Spring 2014</i>
Fiesta/ Coronado Balboa Park	400,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Summer 2014</i>
*Barron Park	1,500,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Summer 2014</i>
*Radford Park	1,000,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Summer 2014</i>
*Yucca Park Phase III	1,100,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Summer 2015 (to include Basketball Court component)</i>
*Cheryl Ladd Park	1,750,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Winter 2014</i>
*San Jacinto Plaza Renovation	3,000,000	Construction	<i>Completion by Winter 2015</i>
*Outdoor Sports Fields	5,000,000	Construction	<i>In progress</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual allocation of \$500,000

**Project activity scheduled to extend beyond first year*

Year One projects by Activity

Project	Total Budget (\$)	Scheduled Activity	Current Status
Bookmobile	350,000	Purchase	<i>The Bookmobiles have been purchased and will arrive in June, 2014.</i>
Library Materials	500,000	Purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125,000 allocated for collections in Three Year Plan • 40,000 allocated in year one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds to purchase the collections for the two bookmobiles

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Pedestrian Pathway Phase One Components	6,500,000	Design & Construction	<p>Completion by Spring 2014 of the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durango street enhancements from Franklin to San Antonio • Main street enhancements and intersection improvements at Santa Fe St.
*Paved Trails	6,000,000	Design & Construction	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual allocation of \$200,000
*Trail Head Parking Areas	2,000,000	Design & Construction	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual allocation of \$200,000
*Zoo Support Elements	7,375,958	Design & Construction	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual allocation of \$596,000
Training & Instruction Pool (at Multipurpose center)	450,000	Design & Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design completion by April 2014 • Construction to begin in August 2014

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*Neighborhood Improvement Projects	10,000,000	Design	<i>Design completion by Spring 2014</i>
*Africa Wild Dog	500,000	Design	<i>Design completion by Spring 2014</i>
*Irving Schwartz Library	2,150,000	Design	<i>Design completion by Spring 2014</i>
Pavo Real Pool Enclosure	2,000,000	Design	<i>Scope of work to be reviewed by Aquatics Design Consultant; design completion by Fall 2014</i>
*General Upgrades to all 3 museums	1,500,000	Design	<i>Design completion by Summer 2014</i>
*Digital Wall @ History Museum	3,000,000	Design	<i>Completion by 2014</i>
*Westside Pool	8,000,000	Design	<i>Finalizing design contract; pursuing colocation of amenities</i>
*Westside Community Park, Phase 4	1,900,000	Design	<i>Concept plan has been finalized</i>
*New flat field complex (8-12 fields)	10,000,000	Design	<i>Finalizing documents for transfer of land; design criteria to be developed</i>

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*Zoo canal improvements and covering	3,000,000	Design	<i>Currently in negotiations with El Paso County Water Improvement District</i>
*Reptile Building Completion	550,000	Design	<i>RFQ for design contract to be issued February 2014</i>
*Education Animal Holding Area and Facilities (add & enhance)	615,000	Design	<i>RFQ for design contract to be issued March 2014</i>
*Zoo event tent & restrooms	1,742,500	Design	<i>Design activities to commence Summer 2014</i>
*Eastside Regional Park (AKA Hueco) Master Plan & Design	3,000,000	Design	<i>Master Plan process to commence</i>

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New Recreation Center/Library Combo- Alameda Area	11,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Land acquisition process complete</i>
Ysleta Branch Library-Parking Lot	425,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Land acquisition process complete</i>
New Recreation Center/Library Combo- Chamizal Area	11,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Land acquisition process complete</i>
*Open Space	5,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>In progress</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual allocation of \$500,000
Las Palmas/ Pendale Community Park	5,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Scheduled for Council action on Feb. 25th, 2014</i>
Chelsea Pool	4,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Evaluation of parcels</i>
New Recreation Center- Yucca or Lomaland Area	11,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Evaluation of proposed site</i>
New Park-in Coronado north of Mesa	1,750,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Identifying potential sites</i>
New scattered Flat Fields	5,000,000	Land Acquisition	<i>Pursuing colocation of amenities</i>

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*Children's Museum	19,250,000	Siting	<i>Initial stage of urban planning process underway</i>
*Hispanic Cultural Center	5,750,000	Siting	<i>Initial stage of urban planning process underway</i>
*Multipurpose Cultural & Performing Arts Facilities	180,000,000	Siting	<i>Initial stage of urban planning process underway</i>

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Key Activities over next 60 days

- Urban planning process kick-off in February 2014
 - Hispanic Cultural Center
 - Children's Museum
 - Multipurpose Cultural & Performing Arts Facilities
- Recommended contracts for Project Management Services
 - El Paso Zoo Program in March 2014
- Groundbreaking and construction of San Jacinto Plaza (Phase II) in February 2014
- Project start up and concept development for Digital Wall
- Park projects with pool components under review by an aquatics expert with review completion in April 2014



Broad Outreach Strategy

Demonstrating Project Progression

COMMUNITY MEETING



CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING



MEDIA RELATIONS





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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



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YUCCA PARK CHESS COURT



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IT'S AN EL PASO THING.

By Irene Ramirez
Guest columnist

One year ago this week, El Pasoans went to the polls and voted in quality of life infrastructure in the city's history. The big ambitions expressed by voters translated into a big job for the City of El Paso's Engineering and Construction Management Department which will oversee construction of nearly every component of this program.



Ramirez

In less than 365 days, the engineering team has made profound progress on projects included in the bond program. We've only been able to do so with the guidance of elected officials, cooperation of other city departments, and continued input from El Pasoans - directly and through their appointed representatives on the Bond Overview Advisory Committee. That's why we say the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds are Building Tomorrow Together.

The \$478 million dollars in capital investments authorized by voters will take a decade to fully realize. However, in February 2013, El Paso City Council authorized a list of projects it would like to see advance in the first three years. That's been our road map so far.

That list includes projects that will build on the momentum of downtown revitalization. This week we'll break ground on the \$6 million Pedestrian Pathways project, a first-of-its-kind project for El Paso, which will link the Downtown Arts District and Union Plaza - full of public art, shade, and other amenities. Additionally, work continues on the transformation of San Jacinto Plaza. The bonds are not only paying for new trees, sidewalks, and amenities in the plaza, but the 2012 Quality of Life bonds are funding the restoration of Luis Jimenez's famed Los Lagartos sculpture which will continue to serve as the plaza's focal point.

Elsewhere in the city, bond projects are transforming vacant eyesores into valued amenities. Work will soon begin transforming a medical waste dump on Cheryl Ladd Court in East El Paso into a place where ball fields and picnic tables replace syringes and broken glass.

On the West Side, the bonds are transforming homes ravaged by Storm 2006 into a neighborhood pocket park. In the Mission Valley, a vacant rock field adjacent to Yucca Park is becoming a chess courtyard featuring a human-scale chess board. In the northeast, work continues on the addition of a world class skate park at the Northeast Regional Park.

The city recently acquired property for a new recreation center on Alameda Avenue at Carolina Drive and a new regional park on Pendale Road. Our libraries will be expanded, stocked with new materials, and new bookmobiles have been purchased.

New exhibits and amenities are coming to the El Paso Zoo, as well. All thanks to the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds.

In the future, El Paso City Council and the Bond Overview Advisory Committee will outline their priorities for the fourth, fifth, and sixth years work is already underway to develop business plans, assess locations, and determine the appropriate size for signature projects.

More parks, libraries, and recreational facilities will be completed in the coming years, as well. Each of these projects plays its own role in improving the quality of life for each of us, our children, and our grandchildren. Indeed, we are not simply are building tomorrow together. Keep up-to-date on the progress of projects at BuildingTomorrowTogether.com.

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CURRENT INFORMATION

In 2012, El Paso voters approved \$470 million worth of improvements to parks, libraries, museums, the zoo, and downtown. In February 2013, City Council approved a plan guiding the first three years of activity on projects funded by the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds.



TouchCity Digital Wall

El Pasoans and visitors will soon have a larger-than-life portal to share our unique history with other cities around the world while learning about the distinctive stories of other cities.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, El Paso City Council approved a contract with The Gibson Group of Wellington, New Zealand, to begin development of a 36-foot by 5-foot TouchCity digital wall at the El Paso Museum of History.

"The TouchCity digital wall is a world-class amenity which is already in place in Copenhagen, Denmark, and will soon expand to Cairo, Oslo, Glasgow, and - with this action - El Paso," said Julia Bussinger, director of the El Paso Museum of History. "The wall will allow users to interact with crowd-sourced images, stories, and audio in a curated worldwide conversation. El Paso will be the first in the U.S. to have this kind of innovative technology used at such a large scale." Completion of construction is expected by the end of 2014.

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Barron Park

Construction is underway on playgrounds, athletic fields, basketball courts, and ADA-compliant walkways at Barron Park in Northeast El Paso. Other amenities of the six-acre park will include shade canopies, turf, landscaping, and an irrigation system. Construction is expected to be completed by summer of 2014.



Pedestrian Pathway

The project that will provide connectivity...



Questions/Comments