CITY OF AUSTIN
AQUATIC MASTER PLAN

MY AUSTIN. MY POOL.
EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN

THE CITY OF AUSTIN OPERATES AND MAINTAINS

• 6 Municipal Pools
• 29 Neighborhood Pools
• 3 Wading Pools
• A Waterfront Pool -- Barton Springs
• 11 Splash Pads
• A Rental Facility -- Commons Ford Ranch
EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN

• Most of the facilities were built between 1930 and 1990
• Newest facilities built between 1980 and early 1990
• Average age over 50 years old; Typical useful life is 30 years
EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN
WHY A MASTER PLAN

• Essential part of Austin community and culture since 1927
• Today, more than 1 million people use Austin's public pools
• Aging pools, growth, and funding pressures make strategic planning a necessity
• Advancements in technology, materials, and science can be included in pools system
• Public health and safety issues can be addressed
• Bring pools and facilities up to current code and standards for Americans with Disabilities Act
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• A community planning tool used to define 20-year vision for Austin's aquatic system

• Master Plan to include:
  ▪ ADA accessibility
  ▪ Amenities and features
  ▪ Improvements to existing pools and programs
  ▪ Latest BSP technology
  ▪ Public health and environmental safety
  ▪ Costs for maintenance and new pools
  ▪ Best methods and locations to build new pool facilities

• Final approval by Austin City Council
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YOUR INPUT WILL HELP PARKS & RECREATION

• Decide how to manage aging pools
• Guide installation of new pools where they are most needed
• Influence the team of architects, pool industry experts and city staff as they lay out a 20-year vision for Austin's pools
Aquatic Master Plan

Three Phases

• Phase I — Assessment of facility structures, mechanics, and infrastructure — COMPLETED

• Phase II — Public Engagement — August – December 2015 — COMPLETED

• Phase III — Aquatic Master Plan Development — information and data to develop criteria and planning tools for projecting a future community supported aquatic system — 2016
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THREE PHASES

- Pool Assessment Completed: 2014
- Swim 512 Completed: AUG 2015
- Master Plan Kickoff Meeting: MARCH 2016
- Community Wide Meetings: SUMMER 2016
- Draft Aquatics Master Plan Presented / Community Meetings: FALL 2016
- Final Aquatics Master Plan Presented / City Council Approval (Planned): DEC 2016
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GOALS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM AUSTIN'S CITIZENS, INCLUDING:

• Broad cross section, input from 10 Districts
• Underrepresented populations
• Areas not currently served by public pools
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STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- Technical Advisory Group
  - Watershed Protection
  - Land Development Group
  - Imagine Austin and Code Next
  - Austin Office of Sustainability
  - University of Texas Aquatics
  - Aquatic Construction Specialist
  - AISD

- Aquatic Advisory Board
- District Representatives Group
- PARD Technical Team
- PARD Public Information Office
- COA Public Information office
Phase I – Facility Assessment – Completed (2014)

Addressed all aspects of the pool experience:
• Pool and filtration system condition
• Parking lot and site conditions
• Bath houses
• Restrooms
• Pump rooms
• Access to public transportation
• Historical aspects
• Included cost information for the repair or renovation of the facilities
Phase I – Facility Assessment – Completed (2014)

Findings

- Austin pools are between 25 and 80 years old*
- Structural and maintenance issues due to materials used when facilities were built and age
- New compliance, building, environmental guidelines and requirements for safety measures (Unmet)

* Intended life for an aquatic facility is 30 years.
Engaged with more than 1,000 residents (adults and youth)

- On-Site Community Conversations at 3 municipal pools and 8 neighborhood pools
- Neighborhood Talks at neighborhood association and organization meetings
- Community Focus Groups at recreation centers
• [Insert pictures of Swim 512 public meetings] — Do not have access to these. Could not find in Drop Box.
PHASE II – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – SWIM 512

WHAT WE LEARNED

• Keep pools open and affordable
• Increase hours and swim season
• Improve restrooms, bathhouse, shade, and seating
PHASE III – MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY – 2016
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The Master Plan addresses:

- Accessibility
- Amenities and features
- Improvements to existing pools
- Programs

- Latest aquatic technology
- Public and environmental safety
- Costs for maintenance and new pools
- Best methods and locations to build new pool facilities
Phase III - Master Plan Public Meetings

- March 7 & 8 – City Wide Open House, 4–8 p.m.

- June 20–23 – Regional Neighborhood Meetings, 6–8 p.m.

- August 15 – Public Meeting to Review Draft Master Plan, 4 – 8 p.m. Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

- Oct 11 – Public Meeting on Final Master Plan, 4 – 8 p.m. Presentation at 6:30 p.m.
Give Your Input – Share Your Thoughts

• Join a meeting
• Request a meeting
• Complete a survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/swim512
• Give us a call: 512.895.9591
• Send an email to swim512@austintexas.gov
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