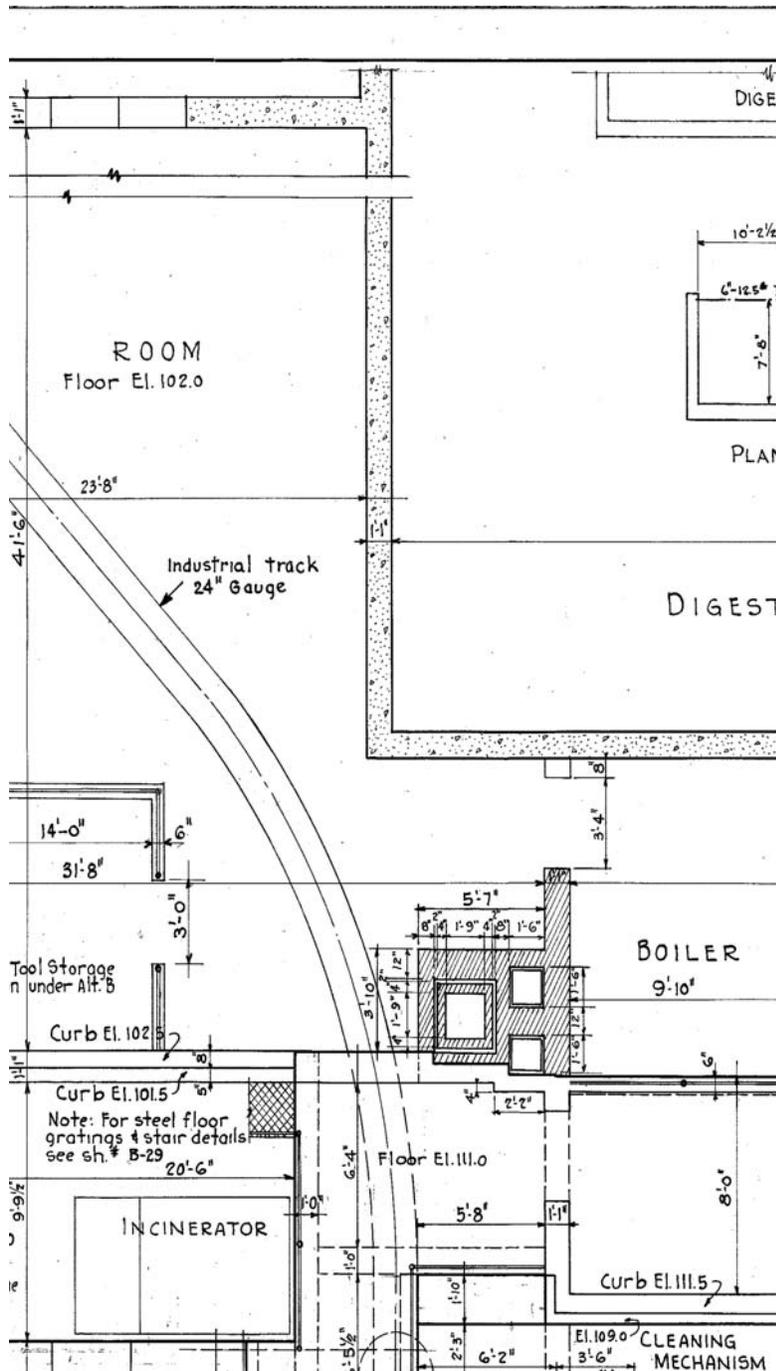


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# THE CAPITAL CONTRACTING OFFICE

## We've made some changes!

To achieve the City's goal of delivering large, complex building and roadway projects to the community with quality and in less time, we are building a more flexible workforce with process improvement capabilities. We restructured our office effective January 22, 2019. Our new business model includes two "end-to-end" procurement divisions: Construction Services Procurement, and Professional Services and Alternative Delivery Procurement providing better customer service to our internal City of Austin Capital Improvement Program (CIP) partners and the consultant and construction contractor community.

As we re-structured, we also added a Performance Optimization work group. This workgroup is focused on alignment with the City's 2023 Strategic Direction (SD23) initiative, evaluating performance metrics, examining internal systems including workflow processes and information systems, facilitating process improvement efforts, leading key departmental initiatives, and implementing best practices.

In addition to reorganizing and adding a performance optimization function, we are looking at how we do things from an equity perspective. We are reviewing our policies, procedures, and practices as a part of the City's equity assessment, which is part of a larger effort to review how City resources are allocated and how services are delivered to city residents.

An Equity Review team was formed, and each member went through an intensive three-day training. The team is working together to develop a plan to examine all CCO activities through the equity lens with the goal of creating equitable opportunities for the team and the customers we serve. An assessment will be completed by May 31, 2019 for review by the University of Texas.

**"CCO WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH THE VENDOR COMMUNITY...TO ASSIST IN MAKING DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY A POSITIVE, USER-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE."**

As we look internally at our processes and systems, we also appreciate and understand the value of our relationships with internal and external CIP partners. The team will continue to work in coordination with multiple departments and offices to improve processes to support capital project delivery. CCO will also continue to engage with the vendor community with the goal of not only providing information and education on current City processes, but also gaining valuable feedback to assist in making doing business with the City a positive, user-friendly experience.

Finally, a new City of Austin (COA) Construction Training Program (CTP) will be implemented effective June 4, 2019. The CTP fosters training in the construction trades in order to develop a pool of qualified, ready-to-work skilled and semi-skilled workers, and to provide economic opportunities to its citizens by:

- Emphasizing the recruitment of trainees who are likely to become members of a contractor's regular workforce upon completion of the Program;
- Emphasizing training in skilled craft classifications;
- Implementing a 15% goal on CIP projects, with significant budgets exceeding \$10 Million, for the use of United States Department of Labor (DOL)-approved Apprentices, DOL-approved On the Job Trainees, or DOL-approved Bilingual Training Program Trainees and/or graduates of DOL-approved training programs; and
- Implementing a Construction Ready trainee program by establishing a pipeline with community agencies who provide pre-apprentice and/or apprentice-readiness training.

Information sessions will be held in the near future and final program documents will be posted on the [Capital Contracting Office website](#).

See table on Page 3 for reference.



**TRAINEE GOALS WILL BE SET FOR EACH CONTRACT USING THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>APPRENTICE/OJT TRAINEE/GRADUATE/CR TRAINEE GOAL</b>
\$500k to \$2.5M	2 Construction Ready Trainees
Over \$2.5 M to \$5M	4 Construction Ready Trainees
Over \$5M to \$10M	6 Construction Ready Trainees
Over \$10M (significant Budget)	OJT/Apprentice Graduate/Trainee 15% of Workforce

**CIP PARTNERS ACADEMY 2019/2020 SESSIONS**

Registration for the 2019/2020 CIP Partners Academy is now available online. Visit [austintexas.gov/departments/cip-partners-academy](http://austintexas.gov/departments/cip-partners-academy) to register. This year all classes will be at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road.

The CIP Partners Academy is a series of seminars designed to provide information, tools, and resources to the vendor community and City staff involved in the delivery of City of Austin CIP Projects. Participants attending all six seminars will receive a certificate of completion from the City of Austin.

**Session dates and topics for the 2019/2020 are:**

- August 21, 2019 - Wage Rates and Payroll Reporting
- October 16, 2019 - Getting Paid – Understanding the City’s Payment Process
- December 18, 2019 - Scheduling and Estimating – City Contracts Requirements
- February 19, 2020 - MBE/WBE Procurement Process
- April 15, 2020 - Construction Training Program
- June 17, 2020 - Contractor/Consultant Evaluation Program



**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

To view our upcoming projects list online visit our website at: [www.austintexas.gov/cco](http://www.austintexas.gov/cco)

**JOIN OUR MAILING LIST**

To stay up-to-date on our CIP Partners Academy, events for Consultants and Contractors, to receive our newsletter, and more, make sure you're on our mailing list. You can sign up online at: <http://eepurl.com/dCasIX>

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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## BUILDING AUSTIN'S MIGHTY SIDEWALKS

The Public Works Department (PWD) serves the City of Austin in many ways that include the building and maintaining of infrastructure (both old and new.) The variety and number of projects PWD manages and delivers is huge! PWD can deliver to their customers thanks to the efforts of their internal divisions and all the many contractors that work with them. Much of what is accomplished is done through partnerships with other City departments, contractors, and neighborhood stakeholders.

The Sidewalks program is a great example of the way PWD has some of its internal divisions work together with external partners to build specialized sidewalks. Shared Use Paths (SUPs) are unique sidewalks or pathways physically separated from motor vehicle traffic that allow a shared space in which bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized users can travel. SUPs provide low-stress environments for bicycling and walking that are separate from regular street traffic. In an outdoor minded city like Austin, these pathways provide a comfortable way for people to be out of their cars and get around on foot or bike.



### CONGRESS AND OLTORF SUP

The 2016 Mobility Bond is funding many of the SUP's being designed and built today in Austin and for the next few years. Within PWD, the divisions contributing to studying, designating and designing where SUPs will be built are Sidewalks Program, Urban Trails, and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS). This group also works with Bikeways from the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) and Cap Metro. As soon as the 2016 Bond was passed, PWD and ATD came together to identify and prioritize mobility/sidewalk projects. Since then, they continue to work together to look for opportunities to share dollars and for collaboration on overlapping construction such as when a new sidewalk intersects with an Urban Trail and access to the trail can be improved.

To view the completed intersection safety improvements click on the following link: [http://draft.austintexas.gov:8080/sites/default/files/files/South\\_Congress\\_Oltorf\\_Map\\_and\\_Flyer\\_072718\\_B.pdf](http://draft.austintexas.gov:8080/sites/default/files/files/South_Congress_Oltorf_Map_and_Flyer_072718_B.pdf)

### SHARED USE PATH (SUP)



### CONGRESS AND OLTORF SUP

Although PWD has Street and Bridge Operations crews that build and maintain many of Austin's sidewalks, that division has many other responsibilities which limits the time and resources they can invest in more complicated projects. City contractors assist with designing and building of more complex sidewalks including SUPs. These include those that have heavier engineering needs such as flood mitigation, utility relocation, geotech studies, handrails and so on. MAC, Inc has served as a sidewalk contractor for Public Works and has built some of the new SUPs among other projects. Brad Bechtol from MAC, Inc says, "MAC is proud of the projects we've delivered for the City. Helping build a better Austin is part of the reason we take on jobs like this."



**GABLE DRIVE  
BEFORE**

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The City's vision and Mobility Bond funding along with contractors make it possible to create sidewalks that we could not have built 10 years ago. Public Works continues to strive to meet the demands of a growing City that values walking, biking and other outdoor activities. We look forward to continuing to build the infrastructure needed to keep our City moving forward or wherever they want to go.



**GABLE DRIVE  
AFTER**



**ADELPHI LANE CREEK CROSSING  
BEFORE**



**ADELPHI LANE CREEK CROSSING  
AFTER**



**ADELPHI LANE CREEK CROSSING  
DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION**



**ADELPHI LANE CREEK CROSSING  
DRAINAGE AFTER**

# SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

*Opening the door to opportunities.*

## Small & Minority Business Resources Department Current Key Initiatives

### Mobility Bond

As you may know, Austin voters passed a \$720M Mobility Bond for transportation and mobility improvements throughout Austin, \$482M of the bond is earmarked for Corridor Improvement Projects.

The City of Austin encourages Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) participation in the Corridor Mobility Program.

The objectives of the MBE/WBE program include:

- Maximizing MBE/WBE firm participation in corridor design and construction projects;
- Increasing the number and capacity of City-certified MBE/WBE firms available to bid on and participate in corridor projects, and
- Engaging local construction community stakeholders in the development of an effective MBE/WBE Outreach Program.



The Corridor Improvement Program anticipates the following Design Disciplines and Construction Scopes of Work:

### Design Disciplines

Civil Engineering  
 Electrical Engineering  
 Geotechnical Engineering  
 Landscape Architecture  
 Structural Engineering  
 Surveying  
 Traffic Engineering

### Construction Scopes of Work

Asphalt Paving  
 Concrete  
 Hauling  
 Landscaping  
 Manholes  
 Reinforcing Steel  
 Street Lighting

## HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

### Register as a vendor on Vendor Registration

- Remember to keep email addresses and phone numbers up-to-date or register an info email address to ensure that more than one person receives email solicitations for the company.

### Attend a Certification 101 workshop

- Attend a Certification 101 workshop and apply for Minority- or Women-Owned Business Enterprise Certification.
- MBE/WBE is a free marketing tool that helps exposes qualified minority- and women-owned businesses to interested prime contractors and consultants.
- Certified firms are also listed on SMBR's Certified Vendors' Directory: [www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/search/vendors/certvendor.cfm](http://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/search/vendors/certvendor.cfm)

### Market Your Business

- Attend pre-bid and pre-proposal meetings and
- Follow-up with interested parties.

### Follow the Mobility Bond online

- Monitor Corridor projects on Project Explorer the online tool: [www.austintexas.gov/2016bond](http://www.austintexas.gov/2016bond)

### Basic User Information

#### ACCOUNT INFORMATION | \* Required Fields

First Name \*

Middle Name

Last Name \*

E-mail Address \*

Phone Number

Username \*

Password \*

Retype Password \*

Submit



## WHAT'S NEW AT SMBR?

### MBE/WBE Program Rule Changes

- MBE/WBE certification no longer requires annual updates.
- MBE/WBE certification terms have increased from three years to four years.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Certification Division has hands-on workshops every two weeks

- Visit our website to check the schedule at [www.austintexas.gov/smbr](http://www.austintexas.gov/smbr)

The 3rd Annual Central Texas Small Business Conference (CTSB) May 17th. For more information:

[https://ctsb\\_smallbusinessconference2019.eventbrite.com](https://ctsb_smallbusinessconference2019.eventbrite.com)



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# CORRIDOR PLANNING OFFICE

## 2016 Mobility Bond: Our Progress 2 years into an 8 year program



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**austin  
MOTION**

It has been just over two years since Austin voters approved the 2016 Mobility Bond, and so far about 100 projects have been constructed to improve mobility, safety and connectivity for the community. That includes the reconstruction of four intersections, 50 sidewalk projects, 15 Safe Routes to School projects and much more.

Meanwhile, improvements on 87 miles of corridors are either being designed or planned for future funding and Preliminary Engineering Reports for major roadways like Spicewood Springs Road and Anderson Mill Road have been completed.

Check out more highlights by clicking the following link for a full summary.

[www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Capital\\_Planning/2016\\_Bond/2019\\_CCP\\_What\\_We\\_Accomplished\\_Newsletter\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Capital_Planning/2016_Bond/2019_CCP_What_We_Accomplished_Newsletter_FINAL.pdf)

As always, you can view our progress on all of the 2016 Mobility Bond projects and program in Project Explorer, our interactive project website here: <http://capitalprojects.austintexas.gov/>

The purpose of the 2016 Mobility Bond is to put Austin in motion through projects that enhance mobility, safety and connectivity throughout our city. We are doing this by keeping the Contract With Voters and investing in a variety of infrastructure, including roadways, intersections, sidewalks, bikeways, urban trails and more.



## 2 YEAR BOND HIGHLIGHTS



### Sidewalks



**\$11M+** spent on 2016 Local Mobility Sidewalk projects

**50** Sidewalk projects completed to-date

**80** Projects expected to launch in fiscal year 2019

### Intersection Safety/ Vision Zero



**4** Projects completed:

- Pleasant Valley Rd/Elmont Dr
- Congress Ave/Oltorf St
- 45th St/Red River St
- Slaughter Ln/ Cullen Ln

**2** Projects in construction phase with anticipated summer 2019 completion

- Slaughter Ln/ S 1st St
- I-35/ Braker Ln

### Safe Routes to Schools



**15** Projects complete

**101** Walk Audits at elementary and middle schools

### Corridors



**87** miles of corridors in planning or design

**7** New Corridor Mobility Plans initiated or completed

**\$24M** of grants secured

### Urban Trails



**4** Trail connectors completed:

- Balcones Park Walnut Creek Trail Connection
- 51st St Mueller Trail Segment
- Boggy Creek Trail Connection to Webberville
- Country Club Creek – Low Water Trail Crossing

**3** Preliminary Engineering Reports complete

**4** Project designs complete

### Substandard Streets/ Capital Renewal



Fallwell Lane - Final Preliminary Engineering Report completed Aug. 2018

William Cannon Bridge Extension over Union Pacific Railroad- Preliminary Engineering Report completed Aug. 2018

## SINCE NOVEMBER 2016 - KEEPING THE CONTRACT WITH VOTERS

9 Corridor Mobility Plans for key Austin corridors revisited and updated to conform to the region's most recently adopted transportation plans, policies and standards

Developed a Corridor Construction Program made up of improvements for 9 key Austin corridors based on the Contract With Voters and community feedback

Design of Corridor Construction Program improvements underway on all corridors

\$24 million in grants already secured and seeking additional funding through grants, partnerships and coordination

200 private developments coordinated with to leverage funds