

December 22, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Council
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Honorable Mayor and Council:

This month our Committee has reviewed the options for the Performing Arts Center, as well as the Living Streets Alliance's Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements project. Below are our comments:

Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) Comment on Performing Arts Center:

While this item is currently listed for \$1M on the County bond, a more recent estimate suggests that \$1.5 M is needed to bring this building to a pre-tenant improvement, shell condition. We recommend that the request for this item be increased to \$1.5 M.

We support the inclusion of this project in the Pima County bond program. However, we are concerned about the potentially large operations and maintenance expenses associated with the ongoing operation of the facility. Because of the regional nature of the project, we recommend the Mayor and Council strongly consider conveying the property to the County if and when the project is approved by the voters.

BPAC Comment on Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements:

The BPAC has reviewed the latest materials provided by the Living Streets Alliance for this item. The project has been substantially revised and includes new information as to the positive impact of these improvements on the regional economy. This project will improve the quality of life for Pima County citizens across many neighborhoods and jurisdictions, and could serve as a model for expanded strategic investment in pedestrian improvements by Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority in the future.

To date, the City's bond projects are listed below in priority order with the exception of the Fort Lowell Park Improvements which was added by the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (PCBAC) and was not ranked by the BPAC:

Not ranked: Fort Lowell Park Improvements - \$5M

1. PR-35 Sports Fields & Lighting - \$11.2M
2. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape - \$28M
3. PR-34 Urban Greenways - \$15 M
4. N-13 Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit - \$3.75M
5. ~~N-16 Historic Miracle Mile - \$2M, New Project removed by PCBAC~~
6. South 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor - \$3.2M
7. PR-220 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion - \$12M
8. Public Safety Training Academy: Judgmental Firearms Training Facility - \$4.1M
9. PR-20 Reid Park Improvements - \$2M
10. Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility - \$11.7M
11. ~~N-17 Sunshine Mile Commercial District - \$2M, New Project removed by PCBAC~~
12. Public Safety Training Academy: Driver Training Facility - \$3M
13. PR-267 Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Improvements - \$2.5M
14. PR-5 Jacobs Park Recreation Center - \$4M
15. PR-46 Kennedy Park Improvements/ Expansion - \$2.5M
16. Murrieta Park Improvements - \$5M
17. PR-18 El Pueblo Center Improvements - \$2.5M

18. Jesse Owens Improvements - \$1M
19. PR-4 Udall Park Expansion - \$4M
20. PR-42 Quincie Douglas Center Expansion - \$1M
21. PR-11 Clements Senior Center Expansion - \$4.5M
22. PR-14 Silverlake Park Expansion - \$2.3M
23. PR-29 Purple Heart Park - \$1.5M
24. Temple of Music and Art Rehabilitation - \$900,000
25. PR-28 Lincoln Park Improvements - \$1.5M
26. PR-19 Freedom Center Expansion - \$2.5M
27. PR-44 Oury Park Cultural Festival Area - \$1.5M
28. PR-201 Oury Pool Renovation - \$1.5M
29. HP-126 Dunbar School Rehabilitation - \$1.5M
30. HP-128 Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation - \$1M

Total \$140M

The following City projects will be discussed at the PCBAC meeting on January 9, 2015:

1. South 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor - \$3.2M
2. Public Safety Training Academy: Judgmental Firearms Training Facility - \$4.1M
3. Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility - \$11.7M
4. Public Safety Training Academy: Driver Training Facility - \$3M
5. HP-128 Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation - \$1M

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Rangel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Liz Rangel
Bond Project Advisory Committee Chair