

Tentatively Approved Projects with Changes Submitted 2013

September 9, 2013

The City of Tucson proposed bond projects below are revisions of projects that were originally submitted to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee for consideration in 2007 and were tentatively approved for inclusion in the bond issue. In April 2013 these projects were revised by changing either the scope or the funding request and re-submitted to the Bond Advisory Committee in response to the committee's request for new project considerations from all Pima County jurisdictions. The Bond Advisory Committee has not met to comment on these projects since the April 2013 submittal.

Project Name	Pima County Bond Category
El Pueblo Center Expansion	Parks and Recreation
Freedom Center Expansion and Pool Slide	Parks and Recreation
Lincoln Park Expansion	Parks and Recreation
Oury Pool Renovations	Parks and Recreation
Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit	Parks and Recreation

Project descriptions for each of these projects are attached.

ATTACHMENT 2

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: EL PUEBLO CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

PR18

Location: This project is located at 101 W. Irvington Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Construction of an expansion to El Pueblo Activity Center in accordance with the center master plan. These improvements will include a community/multipurpose meeting room, arts and crafts facilities and site improvements to enhance pedestrian access and safety. The design is complete and was funded with City of Tucson impact fees. This project is ready to go into construction upon funding availability.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for facilities identified by the El Pueblo Center Master Plan, which was developed through an extensive public participation process.

Costs: \$2,500,000

Bond Funding: \$2,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities.

Regional Benefits: El Pueblo Center is a regional facility and will have a regional benefit.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2, but will also benefit 3 and 5

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

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Project Name: PR 18 El Pueblo Center Improvements

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

El Pueblo Activity Center is a bustling center on the southwest side of Tucson used by 54,988 participants in 2012. User visits at the adjacent senior center totaled 12,791 in 2012. Summer programming for kids is fully attended and the indoor exercise track and work out facility are especially popular and used by a broad range of citizens.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

El Pueblo Center is a regional facility on the southwest side of Tucson. It is part of a large complex of community facilities and programs including a pool, a senior center, adult education facilities, a community health clinic and a federal assistance facility. El Pueblo Center is the only large recreation facility on the southwest side of Tucson.

In Fiscal Year 2012, 98 children participated in summer KIDCO, a recreation program for school aged kids under age 11, and 46 kids participated in the In Betweeners Club (ages 11- 14). 57 kids were on a wait list for those programs.

In Fiscal Year 2013, 106 kids participated in summer KIDCO and 40 kids in the In Betweeners Club with 58 on a waiting list.

3. Partnerships:

Partner agencies providing programming at the center include:

- EL Pueblo Westside Senior Nutrition Program
- Su Voz Vale (SACSA) - a bilingual and bicultural program offering services to victims of sexual violence from Tucson's south, west and southwest areas and the City of South Tucson.
- Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse
- Henry Quinto Early Learning Center
- City of Tucson/Community Services Department-Housing Management Zone # 4
- Pima Community College – adult education

- El Rio Health Center - providing accessible and affordable healthcare primarily to underserved populations
- Pima County Public Library El Pueblo Branch

In 2012, the total number of participants in the partnering agency programs at the center was 103,572.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

Design of the El Pueblo Center expansion has been completed with City of Tucson impact fees.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Pima Community College Adult Education offers literacy and education programs for adults. Americorp offers community service work for adults helping others meet critical community needs focusing on education, public safety, health care and environmental protection.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

Any building facility delivered by the City of Tucson is required to meet LEED Silver standards. In general, sustainable building methods beyond LEED silver are incorporated in the design and construction of City facilities although a gold certification through the LEED certification program is sometimes not pursued due to budget constraints.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The proposed bond project is an expansion of the existing El Pueblo Center and part of the publicly supported master plan.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The proposed bond project is a capital improvement.

ATTACHMENT 3

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: FREEDOM CENTER EXPANSION & POOL IMPROVEMENTS PR19

Location: This project is located at 5000 E. Twenty-Ninth Street, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 5.

Scope: Design and expansion of Freedom Center in accordance with the center master plan. Includes a senior multipurpose room, preschool/childcare facilities with associated kitchen, associated landscaping and vehicular parking. Improvements to Freedom Pool including a new slide, installation of non-slip decking, modernized pump room and vessel upgrades.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs in this area identified by the Freedom Center Master Plan that was developed through an extensive public participation process. The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan identified this area of the community as a high priority area for park and recreation facilities.

Costs: \$2,500,000

Bond Funding: \$2,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are primarily limited to the service area of the center and the pool. However, the project will have a regional benefit in reducing the use of similar facilities outside the service area created by area residents willing to travel long distances to meet recreational needs

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

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Project Name: PR 19 Freedom Center Expansion

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

Broad public support for the Freedom Center Expansion was demonstrated during the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee's Parks Subcommittee review process. Many members of the 29th Street Coalition, a coalition of neighborhoods, spoke to the parks subcommittee and sent letters of support. Their support was for the expansion of Freedom Center and for a new slide at Freedom Park pool.

This project has been re-submitted after the Bond Advisory Committee tentatively approved the original submittal. The new submittal includes an additional \$500,000 to accommodate the inclusion of the pool slide and a reconsideration of an updated projected construction cost of the center expansion.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

In 2012, Freedom Center served 9,202 patrons and provided recreational programming to 109 KIDCO participants in a high stress area of town.

Programming at the center serves a broad range of citizens in a high stress area including:

- A meal program for youth 18 and under provided by the Community Food Bank.
- A program for 3rd-5th graders to learn about making positive choices. Provided by Teen Program A.C.T.I.O.N. Youth ages 13-18 can also participate by becoming mentors and filmmakers.
- Youth open drop in recreation for youth 7 years and older.
- Senior Programming.
- Monthly adult educational presentations provided by the Pima Public Library.

3. Partnerships:

Marana Health Clinic: A community health care agency that operates centers throughout the community and has a clinic housed in Freedom Center.

29th Street Coalition: Consist of five neighborhoods that have united to fight crime, repair homes and assist low income residents. Freedom Center is home base for this important community organization.

Our Family Services: Provides shelter for homeless children and young adults. Helps some of Tucson's highest-risk children learn to read and troubled families cope with addiction. 600 youth participated in 2012.

Urban League: Offers a youth employment program and employment information.

Pima Council on Aging: Provides a daily lunch program for seniors. The food is contracted through Catholic Social Services for preparation. Over 10,000 meals were served in 2012.

Ayuda: Provides job training programs for Hispanic seniors and immigrants. A total of 6 Ayuda staff was housed at Freedom Center in 2012.

Arizona Nutrition Network: Provides educational information for all center participants. 210 people participated in 2012.

Sun Tran: Provides information on transportation and a bus pass program.

Community Assistance Network: A non-profit that helps elderly and disabled neighbors remain independent through assistance with transportation, social issues and home retrofits. 80 participants were helped in 2012 by 50 volunteers who donated approximately 3,500 volunteer hours.

Pima County Youth Workers: Offers youth employment programming. Each summer Freedom Center houses 2 staff from Pima County Youth Workers.

Good Neighbor Ventures: A neighborhood community action group that works with residents, schools, churches and resources to create action plans guiding social and economic development programs.

Yes 2 Kids Handball program: A non-profit organization providing Freedom Center youth the opportunity to learn and play handball. Participants are required to maintain a minimum grade point average. This program has produced nationally ranked youth handball players.

Freedom Senior Club: work together to provide extra activities for seniors.

October Crime Prevention Fiesta: Annual special event in Freedom Center and Park that showcases crime prevention and social services programs.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

Not applicable.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Junior Staff Training Program: Job Training program for teens.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

Any building facility delivered by the City of Tucson is required to meet LEED Silver standards. Sustainable building methods beyond LEED silver are incorporated in the design and construction of City facilities.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The proposed Freedom Center Expansion project is phase two of the master planned facility.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The proposed bond project is a capital improvement. It expands the existing Freedom Center.

ATTACHMENT 4

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised January 2012

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: LINCOLN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PR28

Location: This project is located at 8290 E. Escalante, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 4.

Scope: Design and construction of two soccer fields or a new four field complex with lights and associated amenities at Lincoln Park.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for sport fields, as identified in the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10 Year Strategic Service Plan. This project will also provide outdoor athletic facilities in an area of the community with a shortage of sport fields.

Costs: \$1,500,000

Bond Funding: \$1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities.

Regional Benefits: Improving this regional park will provide regional benefits to the southeast area of the community.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

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Project Name: PR 28 Lincoln Park Improvements

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

The Lincoln Park master plan was developed based on a series of well attended public meetings. The park is heavily used and serves as a regional facility for the east side of the Tucson community.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

Lincoln Park is a regional park on the east side of Tucson. Existing facilities include two 4 field softball complexes, concession building, 2 soccer fields, a performing arts/special event facility (Children's Outdoor Performance Area), the southern segment of Atturbury Greenway, Clements Pool, a covered basketball court, ramadas and restrooms. The scope of the bond project includes sport field development that helps to address a regional shortage of fields.

3. Partnerships:

Ward IV: The annual Back to School Bash Event. This event attracts over 2000 participants and provides free school supplies for hundreds of elementary school age children. This event utilizes the outdoor basketball court and Children's Outdoor Performance Area (COPA) in Lincoln Park.

Tucson Audubon Society: Planted 1000 trees in Lower Lincoln as part of the recent Water Restoration Project in the Atturbury Wash. The Water Restoration project was a grant project funded by the Arizona Water Protection Fund. This Grant was funded for \$380,000 and focused on mitigating erosion and re-vegetation in the Atturbury Wash and it's floodplain in Lincoln Park. Over the six years of working on this restoration project, the Tucson Audubon Society developed a strong working partnership with the Tucson Parks & Recreation Department. As a result of this relationship with TAS, bird watching and nature walks have become popular activities in Lincoln Park.

Lincoln/Groves Neighborhood Association: Members volunteer numerous hours weekly to maintain the Michael Lyman-Atturbury Wash Animal and Bird Sanctuary, located along the east section of Lincoln Park.

Tucson Invitational Games: This is an annual collegiate event held during the month of March at both softball complexes using all 8 fields. There are approximately 2,000 female college athletes (softball players) who participate in this event. This event has a significant economic impact on the Tucson community.

CHET-SE – Home school Association: Annually utilize the soccer fields, softball fields (one complex, Julie Reitan Complex), Outdoor basketball court, outdoor volleyball courts and open park space for recreation. This group has become a responsible park stakeholder participating in park clean up projects.

Pima Community College, East Campus: Year round use of Atturbury Wash Greenway Path for fitness classes and a professional agency partner on numerous park projects.

United States Marine Corp.: Year round use of Lincoln Park for endurance training.

Sahuaro Baja: This is a youth Softball organization for girls 6yrs. – 18 yrs of age. This type of partnership has made the Lincoln Park Softball complex an integral part of youth softball for female athletes in Tucson.

USA Youth Sports and AYSO : These youth soccer leagues offered for boys and girls has made Lincoln Park one of the key sites for youth soccer in our community.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

Lincoln Park is an impact fee eligible park. Previous phases of the park's development have been funded in part by impact fees. Impact fees continue to accumulate and will be brought to the project as supplemental funding.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Not applicable.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

Reclaimed water is used for irrigation at Lincoln Park. Park development associated with this bond funded project will incorporate water savings through the use of water efficient irrigation design and a centralized control system that monitors flow, alerts staff to leaks and automates timed watering cycles. Landscaping will include drought tolerant plant material. New sports lighting is about 50% more efficient than older lighting systems and is automated to turn off and on based on scheduled use.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The scope of this proposed bond project furthers the build out of the Lincoln Park master plan. 2004 Pima County bond funds supported the development of a 4 field softball complex.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The proposed bond project is a capital improvement.

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Revised May 17, 2013

2014 Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: OURY POOL RENOVATIONS

Revised PR201

Location: This project is located in Quiroz/Herrera Park at 600 W. St. Mary's Road, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 1.

Scope: Design and construction of upgrades to the aging Oury Pool and bathhouse facility. A recent collaborative planning process between the City of Tucson, Pima County and the neighborhood indicates a need for a slide, splash area and zero depth pool entry. Oury Pool has been a culturally significant amenity in the neighborhood for three generations. It is currently in need of significant renovations to be operational. The purpose of this project is to bring the pool up to national design recommendations for pool accessibility and operation, expand the features of the pool to meet the needs of pool users of all ages and interpret the history of the region through public art and signage.

Benefits: This project will address the community's needs for water-oriented recreation and cultural and historic interpretation as identified in the neighborhood driven master planning process.

Costs: \$1,500,000

Bond Funding: \$1,500,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities.

Regional Benefits: The direct benefits of this project are to the city wide system of pool users, The project will have a regional benefit in reducing the use of similar facilities outside the service area created by area residents willing to travel long distances to meet recreational needs

Supervisor District of Project Location: 5

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

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Project Name: PR 201 Oury Pool Renovation

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

A recent collaborative planning process between the City of Tucson, Pima County and the neighborhood indicates a need for a slide, splash area and zero depth pool entry. Oury Pool has been a culturally significant amenity in the neighborhood for three generations. It is currently in need of significant renovations to be operational. The purpose of this project is to bring the pool up to national design recommendations for pool accessibility and operation, expand the features of the pool to meet the needs of pool users of all ages and interpret the history of the region through public art and signage.

Pools City wide enjoy broad public support as demonstrated by the high rate of visitors to existing pools.

This project has been re-submitted to reflect a revised scope derived from a 2013 master planning process with area residents. The original submittal was a request for \$620,000 for repair of the existing pool. After public meetings revealed a community vision of a modern, recreational pool, the scope was revised to include a renovation to reflect current, industry standard amenities.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

The direct benefits of this project are to pool users City wide. The project will have a regional benefit in reducing the use of similar existing facilities and reducing travel time to aquatic recreation.

Renovation of the pool has other regional benefits in addition to aquatic recreation. The pool at Oury Park has been a cultural focus of the neighborhood for more than three generations. With its renovation comes cultural and historic interpretation of the neighborhood that reflects the broader story of Tucson, its origins and development over time.

3. Partnerships:

None identified at this time.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

None identified at this time.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Not applicable.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

The bath house will meet the City's requisite LEED silver standard.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The pool renovation is part of the Oury Park and Barrio Anita Master Plan developed by a team of neighbors, elected officials from the City of Tucson Ward 1 and Pima County District 5, the Drachman Institute, the Tucson Pima Historic Commission and the Primavera Foundation.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

This project is a capital improvement.

ATTACHMENT 1

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
February 22, 2013

PR6

2014 Bond Election Proposed Project

Priority: A

Project Name: REID PARK ZOO HIPPO EXHIBIT

Location: This project is located at 3400 East Zoo Court, which is within the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Tucson, Ward 6, however, this is an attraction that draws over 500,000 visitors from the entire County/region.

Scope: In accordance with the zoo's master plan, this project involves the design and construction of a new hippo exhibit including animal holding structures, outdoor exhibit areas, containment fencing, multiple public viewing areas, water feature including underwater viewing, and water treatment facility.

Benefits: This project will address the community's need for special recreational facilities and as identified by the Zoo Master Plan and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Service Plan.

Costs: \$ 7,500,000

Bond Funding: \$3,750,000

Other Funding: Reid Park Zoological Society capital fundraising campaign.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities.

Regional Benefits: Reid Park Zoo is a unique and highly popular regional facility that attracts residents and visitors alike. Expanding the zoo will enhance this regional facility which attracts over 500,000 visitors each year.

Supervisor District of Project Location: All

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Project Name: PR 6 Reid Park Zoo – Hippo Exhibit

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

Tremendous public support for Reid Park Zoo is demonstrated by a high visitation rate, enthusiastic participation in Zoo programming, and significant contributions from private donors that contribute to Zoo expansions and improvements. A 2000 survey of 3,600 households in Tucson determined that the Zoo had been visited by more than half of Tucson households over the previous two years. Through the dedication of the Reid Park Zoological Society, over \$7 million in private donations were raised to match public funding for expansion projects associated with the Zoo's 2002 Master Plan including the Conservation Learning Center and Expedition Tanzania, the new elephant exhibit.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

The Zoo is the most visited attraction in Southern Arizona with over 607,000 visitors in 2012 – a record for the Zoo. Reid Park Zoo is a recognized tourist attraction and local destination for spending quality family time. The majority of visitors are from Pima County. The Zoo covers 24 acres, with a diverse collection of over 300 animals representing habitats throughout the world. Reid Park Zoo has earned a reputation as one of the finest small zoos in the country, but ongoing improvements are essential for maintaining the standards and quality expected of a modern Zoo.

3. Partnerships:

The Zoo is a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). As an AZA partner, the Zoo is held to the highest standards of animal care, conservation science, and education programming. The addition of hippos, for example, is being cooperatively planned between Reid Park Zoo experts and AZA's scientifically guided Species Survival Plan to ensure the Zoo is filling an essential conservation and education need. Accreditation is maintained through a formal peer review and a lengthy site inspection every five years. An ambitious Master Plan, which includes the hippo habitat, has been identified as an essential element for accreditation inspection in 2014.

The Reid Park Zoo has a long standing partnership with Reid Park Zoological Society, a non-profit membership and fund-raising organization. The Society's only goal is to support Reid Park Zoo and the community through education, financial resources, and public awareness. The Society has taken a leadership role in fundraising to support capital projects. The recent update to the Zoo's Master Plan was an investment in the Zoo by the Society.

Reid Park Zoo also maintains education partnerships with the University of Arizona, local school districts, and other informal science institutions and attractions. Conservation partnerships are maintained with field researchers throughout the world to help protect animals in their wild habitats.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

The requested \$3.75 million in Pima County bond funds will be matched with funds raised by Reid Park Zoological Society.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Reid Park Zoo's diverse collection and programs are an essential science education resource for the community. The Zoo provides student tours and classes, professional development teacher workshops, outreach programming, and expert STEM content support for schools throughout Southern Arizona. The Zoo consciously supports local education initiatives and supports *Next Generation Science Standards* that provide a cohesive approach to K–12 science instruction.

The Zoo's teen volunteer program, internships with the University of Arizona, and 1-year Zoo Keeper Apprentice positions all provide a hierarchy of learning to support the local development of future animal conservationists and educators for the professional Zoological community.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

As a conservation organization, Reid Park Zoo is committed to sustainability and green practices. The Zoo uses reclaimed water, powers buildings with photovoltaic panels, utilizes solar hot water heaters, examines all purchasing for environmental impact, utilizes environmentally friendly food packaging, has paved with pervious concrete and designs new filtration systems for water conservation measures. The list of on-going conservation initiatives is extensive, and can be provided in detail for consideration.

Most notably, the Zoo is a leader in green building practices. The recently opened Conservation Learning Center was the first USGBC certified LEED Platinum building in southern Arizona – and the first in any AZA Zoo or Aquarium nationwide. The award-winning project set a new standard for how the Zoo approaches capital projects. The new Click Family Elephant Care Facility is an example of how an animal exhibit – although not eligible for LEED rating, can meet the same rigorous standards for green building. The proposed hippo habitat will consider every possible feature for sustainability and environmental impact.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The Hippo Exhibit is one of the next elements of the Zoo's Master Plan. Also included in the early phase of the Master Plan is a new animal Health Center and public education exhibit. The Zoo Health Center will be 100% funded through private funds raised by the Zoological Society. Due to the planned location of the hippo exhibit, construction can occur before, after, or in conjunction with the Health Center.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

Normal Zoo operating costs are expected with a new hippo habitat, including a zoo keeper, a maintenance worker, filtration specialist, veterinary care and food. These expenses would be associated with any new large-scale exhibit, and are expected costs as the Zoo meets the ever-improving standards and practices for a quality zoological facility.

Major Zoo improvements increase visits. The Zoo is currently experiencing record attendance upon completion of the new elephant exhibit. Associated gate revenue can cover the majority of operating expenses associated with a major Zoo improvement.

Reid Park Zoological Society provides financial support to meet Zoo goals. For example, the Society funds positions for education and provides funding for cashiers and increased veterinary hours. Although basic Zoo operation remains a City expense, partnering with the Society supplements operation costs for improvements.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The hippo exhibit is a capital project. It is a new full-scale exhibit that fills a currently empty area of the Zoo.