### City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 11/11/25 **M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-1022

LOG NAME: 032022GO BOND PROGRAM SERIES 2025 APPROPRIATION

#### **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Appropriations in the 2022 Bond Program Fund in the Amount Up to \$14,210,000.00, for the Purpose of Funding Expenditures Associated with 2022 Bond Projects; and Amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing appropriations in the 2022 Bond Program Fund, in the amount up to \$14,210,000.00, from proceeds of the General Purpose Bonds, Series 2025, for expenditures associated with 2022 Bond Program projects: and
- 2. Amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate the proceeds of the recent bond sale to allow projects to keep moving forward until the next bond sale in spring of 2026.

#### **Background**

In May of 2022, Fort Worth voters approved issuance of \$560,000,000.00 in bonds across five propositions.

Prior to 2014, the City would issue voter-authorized bonds in advance, which often resulted in large amounts of proceeds sitting idle in bank accounts for projects that were not yet ready to move forward – an approach that resulted in a more complicated arbitrage rebate process and the incurring of borrowing costs before bond dollars had been put to work. Beginning with the 2014 Bond Program, the City began a process of issuing bonds in arrears by (1) adopting an official reimbursement-intent statement, (2) utilizing available pooled cash balances to commence work, and (3) issuing the bonds in a series of annual installments with proceeds used to repay the interim funding source and provide a modicum of funding for the upcoming year's projects.

Due to the size of the 2022 Bond Program, it was determined that pooled cash alone would be insufficient to sustain the in-arrears approach. In response, staff recommended and City Council approved an Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) program (M&C 22-0607) as a flexible short-term liquidity facility, resulting in \$300,000,000.00 of appropriation authority allocated among the five propositions (M&C 22-0599) and subsequently readjusted (M&C 22-0772 and M&C 22-0772R). The ECP Program extends sufficient liquidity and appropriation authority to the City as interim financing for bond projects, to be repaid with proceeds from subsequent long-term bond sales. The ECP authorization is structured as the greater of \$300 million or the remaining authorized but unissued bond amount, ensuring continuous capacity to fund voter-approved projects.

Since the ECP Program's implementation, the City has executed three bond sales totaling \$357,290,000.00:

- General Purpose Bonds, Series 2023, authorized for sale on April 11, 2023 in a total amount of \$85,600,000.00 (M&C 23-0252). The
  appropriation of proceeds was authorized by Mayor and Council Communication on August 08, 2023 (M&C 23-0611).
- General Purpose Bonds, Series 2024, authorized for sale on April 23, 2024 in a total amount of \$160,190,000.00 (M&C 24-0313). The
  appropriation of proceeds was authorized by Mayor and Council Communication on May 14, 2024 (M&C 24-0438).
- General Purpose Bonds, Series 2025, authorized for sale on May 13, 2025 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$111,500,000.00 (M&C 25-0405).

Of the Series 2025 proceeds, approximately \$95,790,000.00 reimbursed the ECP Program for prior project expenditures and \$14,210,000.00 remains available for appropriation.

The action of this M&C is intended to appropriate \$14,210,000.00 from proceeds of the General Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 and make necessary adjustments to maximize all available resources. With the completion of this appropriation, the City will have fully appropriated all funds authorized under the 2022 Bond Program, aligning ECP usage, long-term financing, and voter authorization.

The following chart depicts how the funds from the previous and recent sale are being appropriated:

Purpose	Amount Authorized	Revised ECP Appropriation	Series 2023 Appropriation (Bond)	Series 2024 Appropriation (Bond)	Current Series 2025 Appropriation (Bond)	Unappropriated Balance
Streets and Mobility	\$369,218,300.00	\$229,830,293.00	\$68,774,000.00	\$56,404,007.00	\$14,210,000.00	\$0.00
Parks and Recreation	\$123,955,500.00	\$33,886,921.00	\$11,270,500.00	\$78,798,079.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Library	\$12,505,200.00	\$1,681,709.00	\$712,500.00	\$10,110,991.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Safety	\$39,321,000.00	\$19,601,077.00	\$4,843,000.00	\$14,876,923.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Natural Area and Open Space	\$15,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$560,000,000.00	\$300,000,000.00	\$85,600,000.00	\$160,190,000.00	\$14,210,000.00	\$0.00

<sup>\*</sup>Table above propositions A, B, C, and D exhibit slight variances in the M&C table from 13GENERAL PURPOSE BONDS SERIES 2025 (M&C 25-0405) due to the rounded number presented in the bond sale M&C.

The following chart depicts the ECP Program reimbursement balance:

Purpose	ECP Program Allocation (M&C 23-0611)	Current Series 2025 Sale	Remaining ECP Program Reimbursement Balance	
Streets and Mobility	\$229,830,293.00	\$(39,507,300.00)	\$190,322,993.00	
Parks and Recreation	\$33,886,921.00	\$(20,000,000.00)	\$13,886,921.00	
Public Library	\$1,681,709.00	\$(1,681,700.00)	\$9.00	
Public Safety	\$19,601,077.00	\$(19,601,000.00)	\$77.00	
Natural Area and Open Space	\$15,000,000.00	\$(15,000,000.00)	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$300,000,000.00	\$(95,790,000.00)	\$204,210,000.00	

The action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025. Attached in Exhibit A are the projects and funding to support this appropriation.

The 2022 Bond Projects are located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the specified projects. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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