

Bond Projects Summary Document

General Obligation (GO) Bond

Overview

The GO Bond funds will provide Salt Lake City with the opportunity to build on our existing investments to expand and enhance our public lands system in line with the goals of the Reimagine Nature Master Plan and the Mayor's 2022 Plan.

The following projects were selected for funding based on these priorities:

1. Alignment with the Transformative Projects identified in the Reimagine Nature Master Plan and the Mayor's 2022 Plan
2. Geographic distribution and equity in level of service across the city
3. Community identified priorities through preliminary polling in improving quality of life, specifically air quality, water quality, and access to open space

Using these priorities, the following seven projects have been identified for funding in the GO Bond. These projects are listed below in order of Public Lands staff prioritization:

1. Glendale Regional Park
2. Jordan River Corridor Improvements and Activation
3. Allen Park Revitalization and Access
4. Reimagine Neighborhood Parks
5. Fleet Block New Park
6. Liberty Park Playground
7. Folsom Trail Completion and Landscaping

All projects listed will require significant public engagement before deciding what work and amenities will be completed. These projects build off existing and planned work by the city.

Glendale Regional Park



Ask: \$27 million

Description: The Glendale Regional Park project takes place on the Glendale Water Park site on 1700 S. The site is currently in a master planning process to develop the plan for the final park development. Funding from the bond would substantially build out the vision proposed in the Master Plan.

Outcomes: The project is currently funded for Phase One which will complete an active recreation element by spring of 2024, including an all ages playground with accessible design and assistive technologies. The bond funding would substantially complete the build out of the site. The public engagement for the project has informed the design and amenities of highest interest include hiking/biking trails, playgrounds that support play at all levels of ability, water features, a skatepark, food truck infrastructure, basketball and pickleball courts, riverside recreation and access and community gathering space. This project will improve the connectivity and cohesion of the green space in the area, including 17th South Park, Glendale Neighborhood Park, and the Jordan River.

Justification: This project is specifically called out in the Master Plan, and it is also supported by the master plan goal to Revive Our River. This project will improve safety and accessibility on the site while also improving air and water quality through increased vegetation. This project is also critical for ensuring that Salt Lake City can continue to provide accessible green spaces as we continue to grow. The 2019 Public Lands Needs assessment called for an additional 94 acres of green space to accommodate expected growth at the current level of service.

Current process: Public Lands is currently finalizing the Master Plan document for the site. It is projected for completion and adoption in Fall 2022.

Jordan River Corridor Improvements and Activation



Ask: \$9 million

Description: The Jordan River is a key asset in the valley that touches a diversity of communities and provides unique opportunities to recreate. This project will enhance the trail as well as adjacent park spaces. In addition, the Jordan River lands are adjacent to many underserved communities and investment in high quality maintenance and recreation infrastructure can help bring more equitable service to Westside neighborhoods.

Outcomes: This project will improve local water and air quality by installing irrigation systems for trees along the Jordan River trail at five key locations. Stormwater outfall and green infrastructure improvements will also be incorporated. This project will also implement improvements to develop consistent and welcoming park spaces along the Jordan River corridor that foster community gathering and highlight the Jordan River as a desirable recreation destination. Specific projects include, nature play areas, pollinator gardens, public art, paddle share program, bike pumptrack and enhanced natural areas at open spaces along the river. All park improvements will include the addition of multilingual signage.

Justification: This project is supported by the Master Plan goal Revive Our River and will focus on the strategies listed in the Plan. This project will improve local water and air quality by enhancing the tree canopy and plant biodiversity along the river, while also installing water-wise irrigation systems. Additions of new amenities along the river will improve our distribution of services and accessibility of the river.

Current Process: This project builds on the strategies listed in the Master Plan. This work is also supported by the Emerald Ribbon Master Planning Process that will begin in 2022 which will guide future development of the Jordan River Corridor.

Allen Park Revitalization and Access



Ask: \$9 million

Description: Allen Park is a recently acquired, 7-acre park located off 1300 E established in 2020. This project would implement a community supported vision and improvements for Allen Park and the

preservation of iconic structures and landscapes that exist within the park. This project would improve public park access by restoring historic structures, bridges and the road, and would improve climate resiliency through stream bank, floodplain and landscape restoration.

Outcomes: This funding would complete Phase 2 of improvements at Allen Park. The bond would fund stabilization, renovation, and restoration of the main Allen Lodge, to open for public use, preservation of artworks, and stream corridor improvements for air and water quality. Improvements will also include irrigation and native plantings, road repairs and stabilization of other structures as applicable and feasible.

Justification: This project is supported by the Master Plan transformative project Sustaining Our Stories. Allen Park is a highly historic and cultural site in need of immediate preservation and rehabilitation to maintain integrity. Waterwise native plantings and trees will improve air quality and lower temperatures of the surrounding urban area. Stream restoration and rehabilitation, as well as removal of potentially hazardous infrastructure can improve stream and environmental quality.

Current Process: Public Lands is in the final stages of completion of the Allen Park Cultural Landscape Report. (Anticipated Completion in Fall 2022.) Engagement for the Adaptive Re-use and Management Plan for Allen Park that will guide the future of this unique public park will begin Fall 2022. This project would implement community supported vision and improvements for Allen Park and the preservation of iconic structures and landscapes that exist within the Allen Park.

Reimagine Seven Community and Neighborhood Parks



Ask: \$7 million

Description: Neighborhood parks are smaller scale parks located throughout our communities. These parks have a small service area which creates the opportunity for local, targeted revisioning to restore and enhance these parks. This project identifies seven parks, one in each city council district, to undergo a visioning process and make identified improvements. These parks were identified through Public Lands information about the condition and utilization of parks in each district. The proposed parks are:

- District 1: Madsen Park
- District 2: Poplar Grove Park
- District 3: Warm Springs Park
- District 4: Reservoir Park
- District 5: Jefferson Park
- District 6: Donner Trail Park/Rotary Glen Park
- District 7: Fairmont Park N. Entry/McClelland Trail

Outcomes: This funding would replace failing assets, increase elements of placemaking based on community input and desires, and multilingual wayfinding signage.

Justification: Reimagine Neighborhood Parks was one of the most important transformative projects identified by the community in the Master Plan. Investing in these parks throughout the city will improve access and activation while also weaving in elements of community identity offering higher-quality park experience for users.

Current Process: This funding would kick off district-specific public engagement to determine the specific amenities, improvements and placemaking elements that will be incorporated into each park.

Fleet Block New Park

Ask: \$5 million

Description: The Fleet Block is a 10-acre city block owned primarily by the city. The Granary District is a greenspace desert in one of the lowest served areas in the city. This district has less walkable park access than any other planning area, it has the highest population density and is slated to receive the highest levels of residential growth. In 2020, the unused building on Fleet Block became home to murals of individuals lost locally and nationally to police violence which transformed the space into a key memorial and gathering space. There is an opportunity to preserve and enhance the existing memorial space in the next iteration of Fleet Block through the thoughtful design and creation of a park on the block.

Outcomes: This funding will support the creation of a new park, play area and pathways in an area of SLC that currently has few places to play. Public art and sport courts have been identified by current public engagement and will be constructed as part of this bond. In addition, the project will add much needed green space which will increase the level of service for the city and this community.

Justification: This project is further supported by the Master Plan transformative project Sustaining our Stories. The Central Community Master planning area is one of the city's highest needs areas with the least access to green space. Integration of a green park space would improve air quality with plantings

and trees, reduce temperatures and the effects of urban heat island in the heart of the city, and begin to fulfill the need for access to open space in this area. Further, there has been unanimous desire from the public around the need for significant open space and recreation opportunities on the site.

Current Process: A current process is underway from the Mayor's Office to rezone the Fleet Block for development and create a community vision. Years of community engagement have called for significant open space and recreation opportunities on the Fleet Block.

Liberty Park Playground



Ask: \$2 million

Description: The current Liberty Park Rotary Playground is nearing the end of its useful life and will be in need of replacement for the safety of the users. This project will seize the opportunity to re-envision this site to ensure it remains a popular and community-serving asset for decades to come. The future of this site will be rooted heavily in community input and will reflect the desires of users citywide.

Outcomes: This funding would fully replace the existing playground and associated amenities for the surrounding area. The new flagship playground would be customized for Liberty Park and state-of-the-art design to honor the popularity and use of the site.

Justification: This project is supported by the Master Plan transformative project Coming to a Park Near You. This project will improve safety for users and give Salt Lake City the opportunity to incorporate a unique playground that stands out in the state. Liberty Park is the most utilized park in the city by far and will continue to be a beloved community asset for years to come.

Current Process: Community engagement will guide the vision and redevelopment of this play space and will be conducted upon funding to determined specific amenities and playground design.

Folsom Trail Completion and Landscaping



Ask: \$5 million

Description: The Folsom Trail is an off-street, paved walking and bicycling path. Significant sections of this trail were completed in 2021, but due to issues with Union Pacific property the section of trail from 1000 W to the Jordan River was not completed. This phase would complete the final phase and fund additional landscaping improvements throughout the corridor. This project will improve east-west connection across the city and will provide easier access to public spaces for those utilizing alternative transportation. In addition, the landscaping and tree plantings of Phase 1 will be drought tolerant, native plants and trees that take into consideration our arid climate to conserve water and improve air quality.

Outcomes: Completion of the paved walking/biking path from 1000 West to the Jordan River Parkway (approximately .5 miles), and Phase 1 landscaping along street intersections at 600 W, 800 W, Jeremy, 900 W and 1000 W along the trail.

Justification: This project was identified in the Master Plan. The Folsom Trail will provide key walking and biking opportunities. Planting native and drought tolerant species will improve air quality while conserving water.

Current Process: Daylighting feasibility and preliminary designs are underway, including cost estimating, and anticipated to be completed by Oct 2022. Daylighting is not included in this project-- anticipated daylighting costs are \$15-\$20 Million.

Revenue Bond

Pioneer Park



Ask: \$10 million

Description: The Pioneer Park vision plan identified specific projects for improvements and amenities at Pioneer Park based on robust community engagement. The vision plan was complete in 2021 with over 1000 participants weighing in on the vision. As funding becomes available, phased implementation of the community priorities outlined in the vision plan will be possible.

Outcomes: Public Lands currently has just over \$3 million for Phase 1 of implementation. The bond funding would allow for expansion of Phase 1 and would make significant progress towards the complete build-out of the vision plan. Potential amenities that were ranked highly among participants of public engagement included a misting water feature, improved dog park, playground and state-of-the-art custom pavilion. This project will increase climate resiliency with native, waterwise plantings, increase access to active recreation and open space through park development, and incorporation of new tree plantings will work towards improving air quality.

Justification: The Public Lands Master Plan identifies a need for investment in Pioneer Park to transform it into a vibrant, flagship downtown park. The 2019 adopted Public Lands Needs Assessment found that the downtown and central city neighborhoods have the fastest rate of population growth with the lowest level of park service. In fact, the average level of service throughout the city is 3.5 acres of parkland and 8.6 acres of natural land per 1,000 residents. In the downtown/Central City area, that number is 2.8 acres of parkland and 0.0 acres of natural lands.

Pioneer Park is the only community-sized park in downtown Salt Lake City. The acres of parks we do have in this area have a larger weight to carry, with 37,000 employees commuting into the city every day, and should be designed to encourage use and accommodate many different needs. Pioneer Park can meet these needs for green space with investments that will improve activation and combat community dissatisfaction in the park.

Current Process: The Pioneer Park Vision Plan has been completed and funding has been secured for Phase 1. Public engagement for the vision plan is complete, and the park is ready for construction document design.

Cemetery Roads & Irrigation

Ask: \$11.2 million

Description: The Salt Lake City Cemetery is in need of infrastructure replacement that has been identified both in the Cemetery Master Plan and in the Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan. This project would consist of an irrigation overhaul, including replacement of mainlines, control wiring and valves on the east portion of the Cemetery, and would additionally replace approximately 70% of the failing roads within the Cemetery, equating to approximately 5.4 miles of new road.

Outcomes: Completion of these projects would improve access to the Cemetery, as well as climate resilience. Currently, the irrigation at the cemetery is outdated and is not efficient in conserving water and keeping vital vegetation alive during draught. The new irrigation system would allow for more water-conscious watering practices while keeping trees in the nationally accredited arboretum, alive. Additionally, the roads have the potential to pose safety risks into the future as they are failing and in need of repair.

Justification: Community engagement was conducted through the Cemetery Master Planning process and has informed these specific priority projects within the Cemetery. Additionally, the Public Lands

Master Plan identifies this work as providing a connection between the public and accessible green space. The plan specifically calls for the city to protect the cemetery as an iconic site and invest to promote it as a public, open space asset.

Current Process: Cost estimating for these projects has been outlined in the Cemetery Master Plan and has resulted in an \$11.2 million request. Public engagement is complete and both projects are ready for construction document design.

Urban Wood Reutilization Program

Ask: \$2 million

Description: The Public Lands Urban Wood Reutilization Program will allow the city to begin the process of reusing wood from fallen and removed trees throughout the city, as playground mulch and building materials, etc. to minimize landfill impacts, and provide sustainable reuse of materials and result in cost savings.

Outcomes: The completion of this project would include construction of site and storage for the equipment needed to operate a wood reutilization program, which may include a horizontal grinder, sawmill, mini loader, storage and operations structure, fleet awning and forestry yard. Bond funding would not be used for the purchase of operations equipment and separate one-time funding would be needed to complete the project. Ongoing costs include the addition of one FTE and basic office supplies and equipment. Completion of the project would result in cost savings for the city (in hauling and dumping as well as purchase of mulch) and would decrease waste in city landfill and increase the sustainability of our Urban Forestry practices.

Justification: This project was specifically identified in the Master Plan. Additionally, with repurposing of wood, reducing trips to the landfill, and repurposing materials in-house, this project will contribute to better air quality and more sustainable operations for Public Lands.

Current Process: Public Lands has been investigating this program for several years. The 40 acres adjacent to the Public Lands building has been identified as a preferred location for the Urban Wood Reutilization Program. However, recent development proposals of this property have prompted investigation into alternative sites. If the Urban Wood Reutilization Program is not able to be housed at the Public Lands building, the alternative preferred location would be at the Salt Lake City Modelport (7595 West California Avenue).