

Measure T1 General Obligation Bond – Fact Sheet

Background

In November 2016, Berkeley voters approved a \$100M Infrastructure Bond Measure. The vote required 2/3 support to pass and received % 86.5. The original ballot question read:

Shall the City of Berkeley issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$100,000,000 to repair, renovate, replace, or reconstruct the City's aging infrastructure and facilities, including sidewalks, storm drains, parks, streets, senior and recreation centers, and other important City facilities and buildings.

Programming Schedule

Measure T1 was initially programmed to have three 4-year phases for project selection, bond sale and project execution because the workload would be achievable with existing staff. Ultimately, projects selection was combined into two phases because of the readiness of projects, with the bonds being sold in three rounds. Each phase had a community process to select projects: Phase 1 in 2017 with \$35M bond sale, and Phase 2 in 2020 with \$45M bond sale, which required approval by the two Lead Commissions (Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront) and the City Council. The third bond sale (\$20M) will occur June of 2026, and this funding is fully allocated to existing projects. All projects are estimated to be completed by FY28.

Public Communication

In addition to the 70 public process meetings that helped select the projects for Phase 1 and 2, some of the public-facing projects had up to 15 public meetings to discuss the project scope with residents. To keep residents updated, quarterly reports were emailed out to a large list of interested residents, and were posted on the City's Measure T1 website.

Management and Oversight

Since the bond measure passed ten years ago, the City's Bond Management Team has met bi-weekly and is comprised of leadership and staff from the Public Works (PW) and Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) Departments. This staff includes Directors, Deputy Directors, Manager of Engineering, Senior Management Analysts, Fiscal Managers and Civil Engineer Project Managers. The administration of the program is supported by a T1-funded Associate Management Analyst. A subset of the Management Team oversees the overall T1 program budgeting, expenditures, and bond administration. To complete the projects, five full-time equivalent (FTE) project manager positions are funded by Measure T1 and are distributed across 10 existing City project managers. Staffing levels are adjusted as design and construction projects get completed. Note that Measure T1 is charged only for actual staff time worked on T1 projects. General administrative and Citywide support costs (e.g., executive management, I.T., HR, Finance) are not charged to Measure T1.

In 2017, the City developed a **Measure T1 Bond Policies and Procedures Manual** which guides the administration of the bond program. Any changes in projects must be reviewed by the two Lead Commissions and approved by the City Council. Every two years, an external consultant conducts an independent audit of the T1 program to insure the funds are being spent correctly; each audit is published on the City's Measure T1 website.

Civic Arts Allocation

One percent (1%) (or \$1M) of bond proceeds has been reserved for functional art integrated into Measure T1 projects, as required by City Resolution No. 67,795-N.S.

Measure T1 website: <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/bond-revenue-measures/measure-t1>

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T1 Phase 1 Project List

T1 Phase 1 Project List - By Category

FACILITIES/BUILDINGS	STATUS	BUDGET	
Citywide Restroom Assessment	Completed	149,000	
Old City Hall/Vet's Building	Completed - Planning Study only	376,000	
Frances Albrier Community Center	Completed - Planning Study only	247,000	
Tom Bates Fieldhouse/Restroom	Completed - Planning Study only	305,000	
Willard Clubhouse	Completed - Planning Study only	170,000	
Live Oak Community Center Seismic and Programatic Renovations	Completed	7,479,000	
North Berkeley Senior Center Seismic and Programatic Renovations	Completed	10,443,000	
Strawberry Creek Park Ages 2-12 Play Area & Restroom	Completed	1,075,000	
Berkeley Mental Health Building Seismic and Programatic Renovations	Completed	7,794,000	
CITYWIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS			
Corporation Yard (Electrical)	Completed	1,150,000	
Marina Corporation Yard (Electrical)	Completed		
Berkeley Health Clinic (Electrical)	Completed - Planning Study only	7,000	
Public Safety Building (HVAC)	Completed - Planning Study only	5,000	
PARKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS			
Aquatic Park: Main Tide Tubes Clean Out and Repair- Phase 1A	Completed	813,000	
Municipal Pier Feasibility Study	Completed - Planning Study only	691,000	
Rose Garden Drainage Improvements	Completed	4,648,000	
Rose Garden Trellace, Tennis Court, and ADA Pathways	Completed		
Cordonices Creek Restoration	Completed	1,027,000	
Citywide Irrigation Controler Replacement	Completed	529,000	
George Florence Park Ages 2-5 and 5-12 Playstructures	Completed	607,000	
San Pablo Park Ages 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structure and Tennis Courts	Completed	2,569,000	
Tom Bates Sports Complex- Artificial Field Turf Replacement	Completed	1,461,000	
COMPLETE STREETS & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE			
Adeline Street - Derby to Ashby	Completed	4,764,569	
Hearst Street - Milvia to Henry			
Euclid Street at Rose Garden			
West Street - Allston to End			
Ward St - San Pablo to Acton			
Monterey Avenue – Alameda to Hopkins	Completed	4,976,774	
Green Infrastructure:			
* Page Street between Fourth & RR Tracks			
* Channing Way at the RR Tracks			
* Piedmont Avenue Median between Durant Avenue and Channing Way			
* Piedmont Avenue Traffic Circle			
* Dwight Way between Fourth Street and the RR Tracks			
* Grayson Street near the RR Tracks			
University Ave, Marina Blvd, Spinnaker	Completed	8,202,000	
Total		59,488,343	

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T1 Phase 2 Project List - By Category

FACILITIES/BUILDINGS	STATUS	BUDGET
MLK Jr. Youth Services Center Siesmic and Programatic Upgrades	In Progress	14,478,193
South Berkeley Senior Center Seismic and Programatic Upgrades	In Progress	5,350,000
African American Holistic Resource Center (New Building)	In Progress	14,100,000
Restrooms at Telegraph & Channing	Completed	604,700
Restroom at Adeline & Alcatraz	Completed - Design Phase only	
Restroom at University & San Pablo	Completed - Design Phase only	
Cazadero Camp Dining Hall & ADA Improvements	Completed	400,000
Willard Clubhouse and Restroom Replacement	Completed	9,041,675
Tom Bates Sports Complex: New Restroom, Community Space, Soccer Field and Pickelball Courts	In progress	9,104,196
Harrison Park - Restroom Renovation	Completed - Design Phase only	24,711
Ohlone Park - New Restroom	Completed	1,274,563
Ohlone Park - New Lighting	Completed	
1947 Center Street Improvements- New Windows	In progress	2,420,000
Fire Station #2 Improvements Upgrades	In progress	1,742,222
Fire Station #6 Improvements Upgrades	In progress	1,782,134
Corporation Yard Wash Station Upgrades	In progress	200,000
Corporation Yard: Green Room Lockers, Bathroom, Training Room, Floor, Cabinets	In progress	1,955,000
Corporation Yard: Storage Room and Bldg H Renovations	In progress	835,870
Telegraph Channing Garage Restroom Improvements	In progress	300,000
PARKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS		
Ohlone (Milvia) Park: Ages 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures, Mural Garden	Completed	1,427,720
John Hinkel Park: Amphithreate, Ages 2-12 Play Structure, picnic, parking	Completed	1,747,633
Grove Park Playstructure Ages 2-5 and 5-12	Completed	2,983,967
Aquatic Park Tide Tubes (Soil Removal), Phase 1B	Completed	173,870
Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements	Completed	1,688,381
Adeline- Alcatraz Dog Park & Landscaping	In progress	446,930
Santa Fe Right of Way 4 Block Conversion to Park	In progress	9,639,883
King Pool Tile and Plaster Replacement	Completed	515,049
WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS		
Misc. Piling Replacements -	Completed	3,434,768
D and E Dock Replacement	In progress	10,041,312
K Dock Restroom Renovation	In progress	678,879
F & G Dock Renovation	In progress	565,500
Cesar Chavez Park - New Restroom on Spinnaker	Completed - Design Phase only	194,988
COMPLETE STREETS		
Bollard Conversion to Landscaping	Completed - Design Phase only	3,199,311
SIDEWALKS & PATHWAYS		
Sidewalks Maintenance & Safety Repairs: 50-50 Program	Completed	2,569,076
Pathway Repairs/Improvements	In progress	499,897
STORM DRAINS		
Storm Drain Imprv -Marin, Virginia & Spruce	Completed	1,166,237
John Hinkel Storm Drain Repairs	Completed	1,343,250
Total		105,929,914