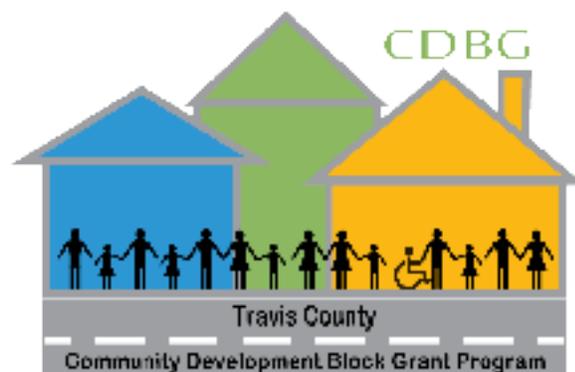


PY17

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #1
TO THE PY17 ACTION PLAN



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I. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) initiative is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides annual grants to cities and counties to carry out a variety of community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis.

The administration of the CDBG program follows a cycle that includes the drafting of a Consolidated Plan, an Action Plan, and an annual evaluation. The Consolidated Plan identifies the County's community and housing needs and outlines the strategies to address those needs over a five-year period. The Action Plan defines the specific activities and projects to be undertaken during each program year. The annual evaluation assesses yearly accomplishments.

According to Travis County's Citizen Participation Plan as required by HUD rules, a substantial amendment is required if any of the changes represent 1) a change in the location or beneficiaries of a project proposed under the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan; 2) a change in the scope of the project by more than 25%; or 3) a change in the funding of a new project that was not originally subject.

Travis County is proposing to amend its Program Year 2017 (PY17) Action Plan.

II. Public Engagement

During the week of June 4, 2018 Travis County published a Public Notice announcing the availability of the draft Substantial Amendment, the public comment period, and the public hearing at Travis County Commissioners Court. The notice appeared in several area newspapers of general circulation. Copies of the notices may be found in *Attachment A* (English) and *Attachment B* (Spanish). Public notices were also posted at the seven Travis County Community Centers, on the Travis County Website, the HHS Department webpage, the CDBG website (English and Spanish.) Email and postal mail notices were provided to people who attended public hearings previously or who requested to be on the notification list.

Travis County HHS presented the proposed Substantial Amendment to the Travis County Commissioners Court on May 24, 2018. The Substantial Amendment will be posted for public review and written comments prior to final approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

The comment period was held from June 27, 2018 to July 26, 2018. Additionally, a public hearing was held at Travis County Commissioners Court on July 17, 2018. The public had the opportunity to submit comments in writing via email or postal mail, or verbally at the public hearing. The draft Substantial

Amendment was posted on the Travis County CDBG website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG), and copies of the document were available for review at the seven Travis County Community Centers.

III. Amendment to the PY17 Action Plan

The Program Year 2017 (PY17) Action Plan covers the time period from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Travis County Commissioners Court approved the PY17 Action Plan on August 8, 2017. Travis County’s CDBG allocation for PY17 is \$1,108,778.

Alternate Projects

The PY17 Action Plan includes approved alternate projects. The inclusion of alternate projects allows for flexibility in the event of unforeseen incidents, and allows the CDBG program to utilize any unspent PY17 project savings in a timely manner by reprogramming them to an approved alternate project. Two additional alternate projects are being added to the PY17 Action Plan.

Figure 1: Alternate Projects	
Project	Allocation
Austin’s Colony Street Improvements	\$1,066,450
Forest Bluff Street Improvements	\$978,170

Alternate Project # 7: Austin’s Colony Street Improvement—\$1,066,450

Project Description: The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project would include removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for maintenance. Design, engineering, environmental review and construction costs are included in the funding for this project.

The improvements impact 5,505 people, of which 53.86% are considered low to moderate income. If implemented, the first phase includes design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed during the first and/or second phase of the project depending upon funding.

- The project supports construction on the following streets:
 - Austin’s Colony Boulevard, Peavey Drive and Crownover Street- estimated \$296,900;
 - Amy Francis- estimated \$130,250
 - Cottingham- estimated \$129,950
 - James Vincent- estimated \$129,300
 - Hartsmith- estimated \$110,500
 - Oliphant- estimated \$146,800

Figure 2: Alternate Project 7 – General Project Information

CDBG Funding	\$1,066,450
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date	TBD
Location	Austin’s Colony, see Map 1.

Figure 3: Alternate Project 7 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information

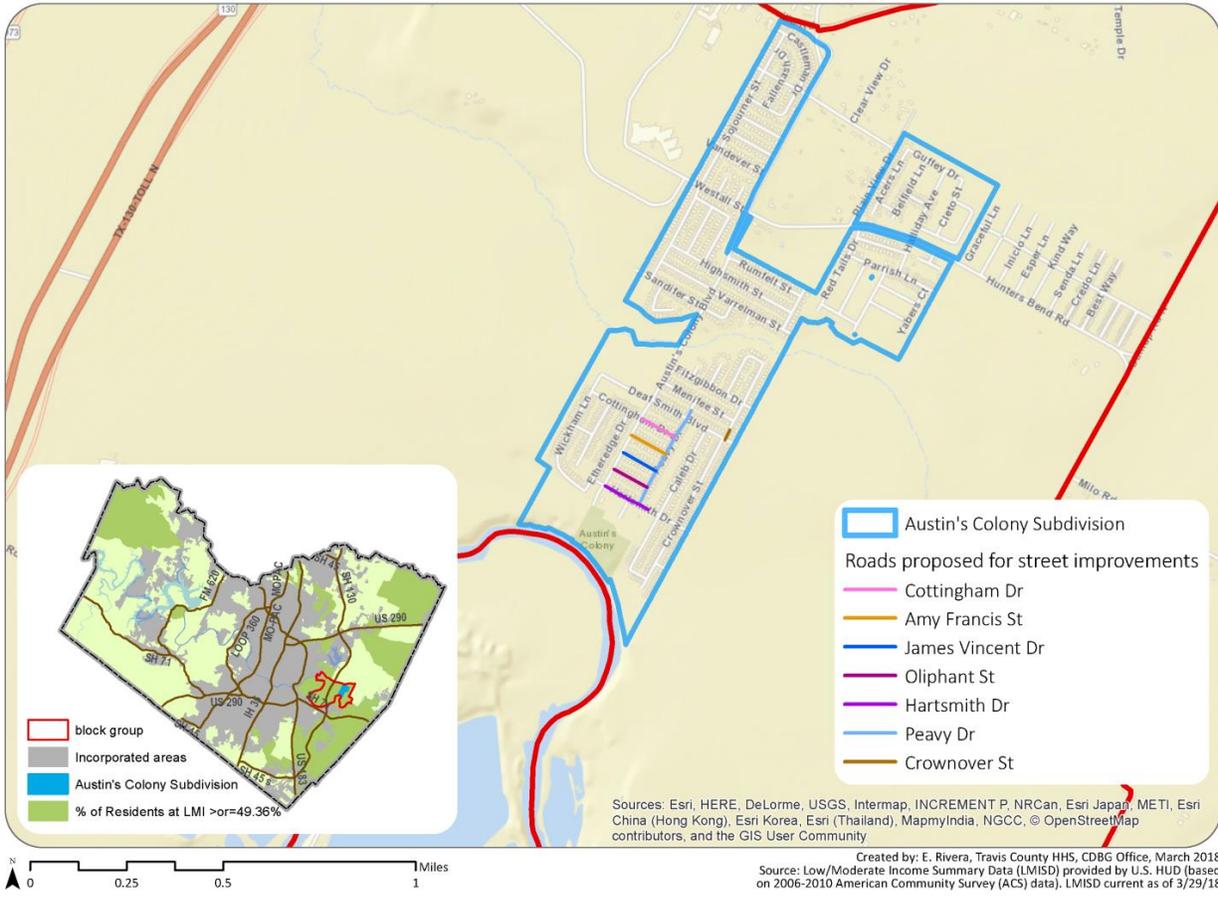
(HUD–prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Infrastructure	Project	Street Improvements
Eligible Activity	Street Improvements	Outcome Category	Sustainability
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	Specific Objective	Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income persons
Citation	§570.201 (c)	Accomplishment	5,505 individuals
Eligibility	LMA	Matrix Code	03 K Street Improvements

Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD
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Program Year 2018, Area of Benefit (AOB) Map for: Austin's Colony Street Improvements

Area of Benefit = Block Group 2, Census Tract 22.07 LMI for the block group = 53.86%; Total # of persons to benefit = 5,505
 Since the LMI for the Area of Benefit is 53.86%, street improvements within Austin's Colony are eligible under the Travis County CDBG program.



Alternate Project # 8: Forest Bluff Street Improvements—up to \$978,170

Project Description: The sidewalks in this neighborhood were built to pre-ADA standards and have not been accepted by Travis County TNR for road maintenance. The roads in this subdivision are not adequately maintained causing accelerated neighborhood roadway deterioration. This project would include removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, intersection sidewalk ramps and pavement overlay to achieve ADA compliance, and repair roadway to acceptable standards for maintenance. Design, engineering, environmental review and construction costs are included in the funding for this project.

The improvements impact an estimated 2,060 individuals. A primary survey of resident income needs to be conducted to confirm area meets LMI eligibility requirements as Census data does not currently indicate it is a low to moderate income level area. This project will only be considered upon successful completion of a primary survey and results which comply with LMI eligibility requirements.

If implemented, the first phase includes design services and environmental assessment. Construction will be completed during the first and/or second phase of the project depending upon funding.

- The project supports construction on the following streets:
 - Arizona Oak-estimated \$209,100;
 - Bigelow and Catsby-estimated \$181,500;
 - Delta Post-estimated \$175,100;
 - English Ave-estimated \$124,000;
 - Stave Oak-estimated \$175,900.

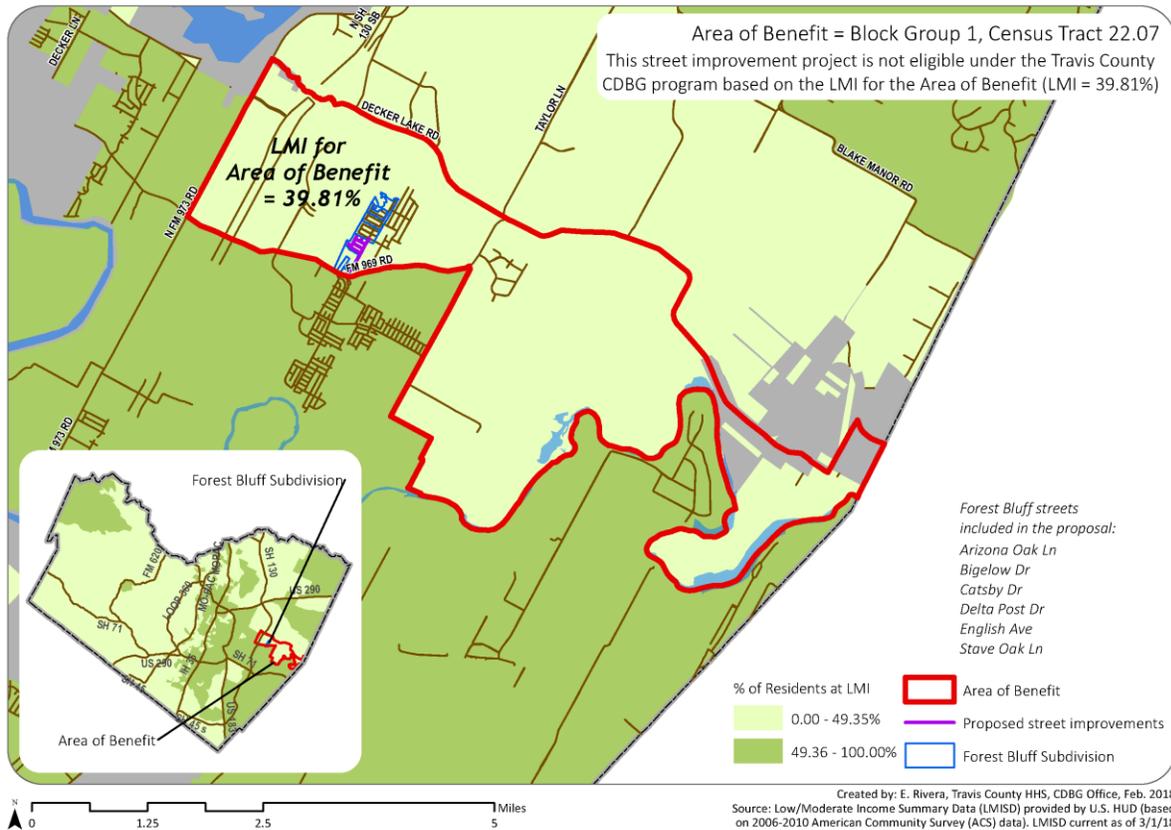
Figure 4: Alternate Project #8—General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	Up to \$978,170
Leverage Funding	N/A
Program Delivery	Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services
Estimated Start/Completion Date	TBD
Location	Forest Bluff, see Map 2.

Figure 5: Alternate Project #8—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)			
Priority Need Category	Infrastructure	Project	Street Improvements

Figure 5: Alternate Project #8—Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

Eligible Activity	Street Improvements	Outcome Category	Sustainability
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	Specific Objective	Improve quality of public infrastructure for lower income person
Citation	§570.201(c)	Accomplishment	2,060 individuals
Eligibility	TBD	Matrix Code	03 K Street Improvements
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

LMI Concentration for the Area of Benefit for
TNR Road Improvement Proposed Project
in Forest Bluff Subdivision, Travis County, TX Precinct 1



IV. Results of Participation Process

The draft substantial amendment was posted for public comment from June 27 to July 26, 2018.

Summary of Public Comments Received during Public Comment Period

The comment period for the substantial amendment was concurrent with the comment period for the PY18 Action Plan. One comment was received at the public hearing on July 17, 2018 and was in support of the proposed use of funds in the PY18 Action Plan. The comments were provided verbally and in writing.

Testimony received at the July 17, 2018 Public Hearing

Judge Eckhardt: Do we have anyone -- come on down. Is there anyone else who would like to give testimony or ask questions with regard to our CDBG program? Good morning. It's good to see you.

Stuart Harry Hersh: Good morning. Judge and Commissioners, my name is Stuart Harry Hersh. I don't really live in precinct 2; I live in council district 2, but precinct 4. It shows you what happens when you do your own editing. I support the recommended 2018-2019 Action Plan that Travis County staff has offered for adoption by the Commissioners' Court. Particularly carry-forward funding for home repair for low-income homeowners is particularly important for the poorest among us who have to choose often between a home they can afford and a home that is safe. Travis County funded affordable housing could benefit from code changes recommended by the city planning commission as part of the CodeNext process. I encourage everyone to remain engaged in the city council decision-making process so that scarce private and public resources can produce the maximum number of housing units that serve underserved communities whether those units are inside the city limits or in unincorporated Travis County. Again, congratulations to county staff for creating an appropriate plan that balances our needs and our resources. Thank you very much.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you.

Judge Eckhardt: Thank you very much. And we're working hard to also develop through our multiple tools including our corporations' affordable housing units throughout Travis County in high opportunity -- high and moderate opportunity areas.

Stuart Harry Hersh: Thank you for that good work.

Commissioner Shea: Thank you sir.

Judge Eckhardt: Is there anyone else? I'll take a motion to close the hearing.

Commissioner Gomez: Move the public hearing be closed.

Commissioner Shea: Second.

Judge Eckhardt: We have a motion by Commissioner Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Shea. All in favor? That passes unanimously.