



NOVEMBER 10, 2023

WEEKLY REPORT

TO: MAYOR MITCHELL AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

All meetings will be held at Kyle City Hall Council Chambers, 100 W. Center St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream on Kyle10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

ELECTION CANVASSING MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT 6 P.M.

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT TBD

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

The Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, November 20, 2023 to accommodate Thanksgiving travel plans.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT TBD

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT TBD

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

Due to Public Notices, the December 19, 2023 Meeting cannot be moved to another day.

II. OCTOBER 2023 BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATS

Staff Contact: Kelly Stilwell

Below are the building stats for October 2023:

- Inspections: 2952
- New permit applications: 479
- New permits issued total: 380
- New single family issued: 155
- Commercial permits issued: 10
- Commercial permits finalized: 9
- Certificate to Occupy: 8
- Temporary Certificate to Occupy: 7 (may include extensions)

III. COMMS TEAM WINS 5 AWARDS AT TATOA

Staff Contact: Rachel Sonnier

I'd like to take a moment to brag about the awards our Film and Audio Production Manager Grant Bowling won last week at the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (TATOA) 2023 Conference & Government Programming Awards.

- 1st Place in Best use of humor for KPD sets up a sting to catch the Grinch
- 2nd Place in community Event Coverage for the Costco Ribbon Cutting
- 3rd & 4th Place in Event Promotion for the Pirate Treasure 2023 Promo and Conversation between 2 Texans for Kyle Fair
- 4th Place in Military with The Wall That Heals



IV. TEAM KYLE UPDATE

Staff Contact: Sandra Duran



Congratulations to Giovanni Arias! Giovanni was promoted to Water Technician II for the Public Works Department.

V. CIP/ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Staff Contact: Leon Barba

La Verde Park:

- Project 97% complete
- Punchlist walk took place on deficient and punch list items.
- Nighttime lighting review and evaluation/punch list held on site
- Substantial Completion issued 11/08/2023



Indian Paintbrush Lift Station:

- Based on pay request, overall progress is 87%
- Coordination to start new lift station
- Adjusting the location of the odor control panel
- The pre-start up of the new lift station is planned for Wednesday 11/08/2023

Schlemmer & Porter Phase II:

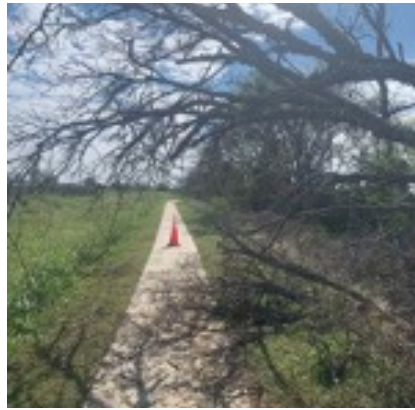
- Based on pay request, overall progress is 94%
- Contractor working on miscellaneous project close-out items
- Contract ratification for additional paving on City
- Agenda for 11/14 meeting
- Final completion on schedule for late November



VI. BEAUTIFICATION & FACILITIES WEEKLY UPDATE

Staff Contact: Chance Padier

The Beautification and Facilities Team cleaned up the tree line along CR158 as well as removed a tree that fell on fence on Bellair Drive.



CR158 tree line clean up



Tree fell on fence at Bellair



VII. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council requests from the dais will be documented in the Friday Report until completion.

Date of Request	Request	Status
6/20/23	Google Fiber Right of Way Agreement	Tentatively scheduled for second meeting in November
6/23-25/23	Demolition of current Kyle Police Department on Front Street; Buildings at 300 W. Center; and VFW Building on Front Street	Assigned to Amber Schmeits RFP posted and selection of contractor expected at 11/14/23 meeting
6/23-25/23	Evaluate Downtown Area Utilities to determine what upgrades are required	Assigned to City Engineer. Presentation Fall 2023
6/23-25/23	Engage Architect/Design Consultant for Concept Plan for Downtown Area	Assigned to Will Atkinson. Presentation Fall 2023
6/23-25/23	Downtown TIRZ – Develop boundaries, concept plan for TIRZ, project plan	Assigned to Will Atkinson. Presentation Fall 2023
6/23-25/23	Pursue land acquisition for public parkland	Fall 2023
6/23-25/23	Combined facility Senior Center/Library/Rec Center feasibility	Presentation Fall 2023
6/23-25/23	Staff Update on JDs at Hwy 21 and FM 150	9/21/23 Update: A traffic impact analysis is under review by TxDOT. Site plan submittal to City will occur following approval of traffic impact analysis
6/23-25/23	Consider potential expansion to Goforth to connect northern and southern portions of Goforth to accommodate a grocery store	Assigned to Leon Barba Staff to develop a plan to consider by Fall 2023. Funding in the budget to design extension of Goforth, water and wastewater utilities
8/1/23	Bring back information regarding panhandlers in the City	Staff is continuing to work through legal options. Ordinance for consideration scheduled for 11/14/23 City Council Meeting

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS CONTINUED

Date of Request	Request	Status
8/15/23	Discussion on Cultural Events	To Be Determined
8/15/23	Water Conservation Programs	9/19/23 City Council Meeting for rebate program. – Completed. City Council asked P&Z to look at amendments to the landscaping requirements. Spring 2024
9/5/23	Resolution to create a task force	A task force was created 9/19/23 consisting of Council Member District 4, Council Member Bear Heiser, and a possible third Council Seat to be considered at a later date
10/2/23	Direct the city manager and staff to go back, revisit what we had, so that we can look at sidewalk priority, metrics, ranking systems, conduct sidewalk audits for repairs, so we can get feedback on how to build better connectivity and walkability throughout the city	Fall 2023
10/2/23	Direct staff to work with Chief Barnett and the police department to conduct a two-week traffic study to gage speed and direction on Opal Lane.	November 2023

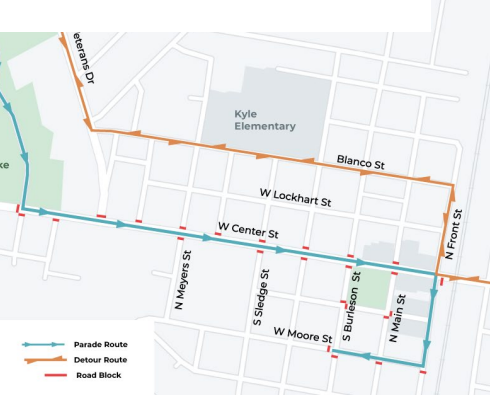
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THIS SATURDAY VETERANS DAY PARADE & MARKET DAY



Detour and Parade Route
Parade Route Closed Starting 11:30 AM



NEXT SATURDAY!



Live Music Schedule:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
2:00-2:30 p.m.

Wyzer - 2:30 p.m.

Broken Arrow - 4:30 p.m.

PARKING: La Verde Park is located at 3901 Burnham, but attendees are encouraged to park at the Hays Performing Arts Center, 979 Kohlers Crossing.

Fall Fest Competitions

Fall Fest Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, November 18. Registration and a fee of \$30 is required to participate. The event will take place from 2:00-6:00pm. Register at <https://teamsideline.com/kyle>.

Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, November 18. Registration and a fee of \$20 per team is required. Teams must be a minimum of 2 players and maximum of 3 players, 18 years or older. The tournament will be double-elimination play. Team check-in and warm up begins at 2pm, games begin at 2:30pm. Register at <https://teamsideline.com/kyle>.



Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting

December 1st 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Lights and the Christmas Tree turn on at approximately 5:45 p.m.

FREE photos with Santa Dec 1st!

The holiday lights will display nightly starting at 5:30 p.m. from December 1st-January 2nd at Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park as well as a light trail at Lake Kyle Park. Lake Kyle Park will also feature an ice skating rink

Mary Kyle Hartson Park Features Programming on the Weekends:

- **Sunday, Dec. 3rd** - Sweet Sunday: Includes vendors selling sweets and pastries, hot chocolate, enjoy a social media scavenger hunt to holiday music.
- **Thursday, Dec. 7th** - Noche de Amor: Includes Mariachi performances
- **Friday, Dec. 8th** - Grinch games and activities; Letters to Santa
- **Sunday, Dec. 10th** - Sunday Funday: Includes lawn games, social media scavenger hunt, food vendors, holiday music.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14th** - Slow Jams Thursday: Includes Jazz performances
- **Friday, Dec. 15th** - Fairytale games and activities; Letters to Santa- Featuring our Castle Display
- **Sunday, Dec. 17th** - Sip and Stroll: Join us in the park and sip on hot cider, hot chocolate, or coffee and enjoy a social media scavenger hunt to holiday music.
- **Thursday, Dec. 21st** - Throwback Thursday: Includes Dj with throwback jams
- **Friday, Dec. 22nd** - Gingerbread games and activities; Letters to Santa

Shopping Saturdays: Vendors, lights and live music!

Social Sundays: Take pictures of you and your loved one and share it with the hashtag #KyleParksandRecreation.

Lake Kyle Park Features A Lighted Trail and Ice Skating:

The ice-skating rink will be open Sunday-Saturday 5pm-9pm. Pre-registration will be required. To reserve an ice-skating time slot, register at <https://teamsideline.com/kyle> beginning Monday, November 13th. 18 & up \$5/resident; \$7 non-resident. 6-17 \$3 resident; \$5 non-resident. 0-5 FREE

Entry to both parks is free.

Professional Photographs (photo package fees vary):

Fridays: Lake Kyle

Saturdays/Sunday: Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park

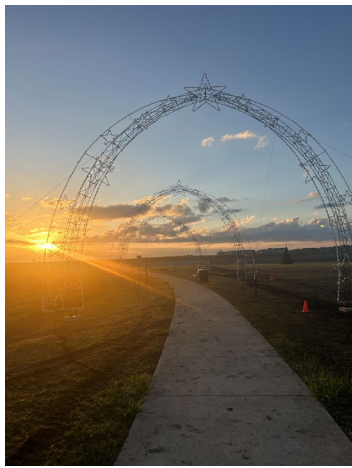
RECREATION DIVISION:

- Veteran's Day Parade and Market Day this Saturday, November 13th!
- Registration for the Christmas Dance for people with disabilities is now open.
- Polar Bear Splash registration is now open.
- Registration for December 1st Gingerbread Competition is open.
- Coed Softball, Men's Softball, and Coed Kickball are in season.
- Planning for November Paint N. Sip, Senior Bingo, Fall Fest/Chili Cook-Off, 25 Days of Christmas, Santa's Arrival, Santa Visits Kyle, Movie In the Park, Polar Bear Splash, Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp.
- Registrations are open for: November Paint & Sip, Veterans Day Parade, Santa's Arrival, Fall Fest Chili Cook Off and Cornhole Tournament and the Santa Arrival Gingerbread Competition.
- The job posting for the Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist is now posted.
- The job posting for the Recreation Coordinator-Aquatics is now posted.
- Recreation Division staff are decorating the fountain at Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park and the parking barricades at Lake Kyle Park.
- Next KAYAC meeting will be held Monday, November 13th 6:30 p.m. at City Hall (rescheduled from Wednesday, November 15th).
- KUDOS to the Recreation Coordinators, Shane Boyer and Brooke Collins, for securing a sponsorship from Academy for the Fall Festival Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cook-Off.
- Recreation Coordinator, Sheba Aligaweesa, will attend the Annual Texas Festivals and Events Association Conference next week in San Antonio.



PARK MAINTENANCE:

- Installed four light arches at Lake Kyle Park, installed the large wreath and large traditional Christmas Tree.
- Repaired a water leak at Heroes Memorial Park.
- Cleanscapes continued to repair warranty issues at Heroes Memorial Park.
- Continued working with Environmental Services and Trades to install electricity.
- Replaced the flags at Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park.
- Picked up 65 yards of trash.
- Mowed 75 acres of acres.



ADMIN DIVISION:

- This week’s reservations:
 - Steeplechase Park Soccer Fields- 1 reservation; 50 guests
 - Waterleaf Park Soccer Fields- 1 reservation; 40 guests
- Started decorating the gazebo at Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park Gazebo.

SPECIAL DESTINATION EVENTS:

- Completed planning for La Verde Ribbon Cutting.
- Planning for Kyle Fair.
- Planning for 25 Days of Christmas entertainment and programming.

PARD Updates: *Park Bond Projects are highlighted in yellow.*

KRUG Activity Center	Complete. New tables and chairs have arrived and been unloaded for use.
KAYAC	Next meeting will be held Monday, November 13 th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
Ash Pavilion Improvements New Floor New Scoreboard	Complete. New bleachers have arrived. Staff are addressing concerns regarding the floor getting wet when it rains.
Gregg Clarke Park NEO 360	The part arrived, but it is the incorrect part. A new part has been ordered.

Gregg Clarke Park Skate Park	The Final Concept Plan is complete. Construction is tentatively scheduled for late Spring/Summer 2024.
Gregg Clarke Park Splash Pad	Estimated Completion: Mid November Due to the drought and approaching holiday season, the Splash Pads are scheduled to open for use to the public in 2024.
Steeplechase Park Splash Pad	Estimated Completion: Mid November Due to the drought and approaching holiday season, the Splash Pads are scheduled to open for use to the public in 2024.
Plum Creek Trail Improvement	The Trails Committee met June 1 st at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and made recommendations to proceed with trail equipment and a trail restroom for the Plum Creek Trail.
Post Oak Community Garden	The Community Gardens Committee met on June 1 st at 6:00 p.m. and discussed revisions to the layout of the garden, fencing, and soil testing.
Aeration at Cool Springs and Lineberger Lake	RFP closed 9/6/23. The contract will be on the November 20 th City Council Agenda.
Inclusive Playground	Play pieces and surfacing are installed. RFP for shade structure and additional amenities to post 11/15/23-12/6/23. Estimated completion: Spring 2024.
Park Cameras	RFP closed. The contract will be on the November 20 th City Council Agenda.
Park Restrooms	Restrooms are in final construction. Estimated Completion: late November-Mid December 2023
Ballfield Improvements & Ballfields Light Inspections	Oh hold.
Lake Kyle Dam Repairs	The lake is full. Staff are working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife on getting fish back at Lake Kyle. The process for restocking and establishing a new fish population is a gradual process that can take over a year to complete. However, TPWD is working to "jump-start" the process by possibly bringing larger fish from another reservoir (In January). Once the new fish population is established, TPWD will stock Largemouth Bass and Catfish.
Lineberger Lake Fishing Pier	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP Posting TBD.
Kensington Trail Development	Approved for FY 23-24. Staff to begin work in January.
Heroes Memorial Park Restroom	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP to post in November.
Parking Lot Improvements	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP Posting TBD.
Pickle Ball Courts	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP Posting TBD.
Tennis Courts	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP Posting TBD.
Bike BMX Park	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP to post in November.
Pool Improvements	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP to post in November.
Masonwood Park	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP TBD.
Lineberger Lake Improvements	Approved for FY 23-24. RFP Posting TBD.

KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHECK IT OUT!

**KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR:**



KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CLOSURES



VETERAN'S DAY - FRIDAY, 11/10
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON - 11AM-1PM,
WEDNESDAY, 11/15
THANKSGIVING - THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY, 11/23+24

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*Help those in
need this
holiday season*

Kyle Public Library

SOAP SACK

DONATION DRIVE
December 1st through December 15th

Attention community helpers! The library is collecting soap and soap sacks, which will be donated to charities serving the homeless. What is a soap sack? It's a hand crocheted or knitted sack in which you can store, transport, and use a bar of soap.

MORE INFO

GUIDELINES

- ✓ All soap sacks **MUST** contain one UNOPENED box of bar soap.
- ✓ All soap sacks **MUST** be made from 100% cotton or cotton/bamboo blend yarn.

Library website
<https://www.cityofkyle.com/library/library-soap-sack-donation-drive%C2%A0>

Soap S.A.C.K. website
<https://www.soapsacks.com/>

Library Statistics

KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



OCT 2023

CIRCULATION

15,647 PRINT +
2,138 DIGITAL
=17,785

PATRONS

6,711

NEW CARDS

274

PROGRAMS

97

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

2,399

INCREASE IN PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS 79 IN SEP

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE 1,786 IN SEP

FUN STATS!



CHECK OUT OUR SEED LIBRARY STATS!

HOOPLA 886

NUMBER OF SEED PACKETS GIVEN BY

Kyle Public Library's SEED LIBRARY

APRIL

141



MAY

166



JUNE

181



JULY

115



AUGUST

142



SEPTEMBER

347



OCTOBER

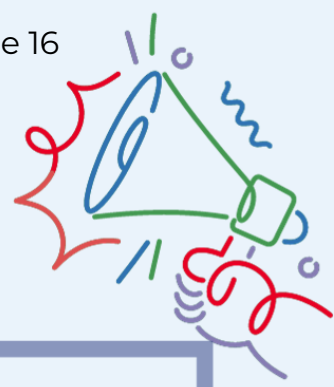
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KEEP ON GROWING!



THE KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ENGAGED BLGY ARCHITECTS TO ASSIST WITH AN UPDATE AND RE-DESIGN OF THE LIBRARY. THE UPDATE WILL INCLUDE NEW PAINT, NEW FLOORS, SOUND PANELS, AND A RE-DESIGN OF THE SHELVING CONFIGURATION TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY. THE BLGY ARCHITECTS WERE THE ORIGINAL ARCHITECTS OF THE KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.



Announcements!



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M E M O R A N D U M

November 7, 2023

To: City of Kyle
From: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Re: Akin's Report of Activity for October 2023

Throughout October, Akin monitored the appropriations process—including the election of Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA). Moreover, Akin facilitated and participated in two debriefs with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Transportation. Finally, Jamie Tucker and Jose Borjon coordinated with Bryan Langley to outline previous and upcoming Department of Transportation funding opportunities.

Congressional Updates

Appropriations

After three Republicans failed in their bids for Speaker of the House—including Reps. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Jim Jordan (R-OH), and Tom Emmer (R-MN)—Rep. Johnson secured speakership with a vote of 220-209. The House is now tasked with catching up on the 22 days without a Speaker, including funding the government before November 17 when the current continuing resolution (CR) expires.

Of note, the newly empowered Speaker is considering a stopgap funding package to last through January or April 15. Moreover, the Speaker encouraged the House Appropriations Committee to find consensus on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee and Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee bills. The Speaker additionally proposed the following schedule to consider appropriations bills on the House Floor:

- *Week of October 23* – Energy and Water Subcommittee
- *Week of October 30* – Legislative Branch, Interior and Environment, and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittees
- *Week of November 6* – Financial Services and General Government and Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittees
- *Week of November 13* – Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Agriculture Subcommittees

As suggested by the Speaker, the House approved the Energy and Water Subcommittee proposal on October 26 with a vote of 210 -199. The House additionally approved the Legislative Branch and Interior and Environment Subcommittee bills on November 1 and

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November 3, respectively. However, GOP leadership pushed consideration of the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittee bill to the week of November 6.

Meanwhile, on November 1, the Senate passed the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development appropriations bills as part of a bipartisan appropriations package. The bills were passed through Senate Appropriations over the summer and represent the first appropriations measure to clear either chamber this year. While Senate Appropriations Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) has acknowledged that an additional CR may be necessary to complete Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations, she has indicated that the Committee is discussing the next set of bills to move in the Senate.

It is unlikely that the federal government will shut down after November 17, as it is generally understood that the Speaker has support for an additional CR. However, disagreements regarding financial aid to Israel may create complications. The House passed the *Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act* ([H.R. 6126](#)) on November 2 with a vote of 226 to 196 to provide \$14.3 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations to Israel. However, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has committed that the bill is dead on arrival to the Senate as the chamber seeks to pass a bill that pairs aid to Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan along with language to address the U.S.-Mexico border crisis. Ultimately, it remains to be seen how the House and Senate work to provide foreign aid and ensure the federal government remains open.

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization

Michael Whitaker was confirmed as the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Administrator in October, filling a vacancy that has been open since April 2022. The new Administrator will now be tasked with navigating the FAA reauthorization process as the Administration's authority will expire at the end of the year. However, the process is still held up by the Senate due to disputes over pilot training rules.

As such, the House has increased pressure on the upper chamber. Notably, Speaker Johnson committed to kicking off negotiations to resolve differences in FAA reauthorization language as soon as the Senate passes its iteration. Further, House Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Sam Graves (R-MO) is rumored to hold a hearing to push the Senate to act on FAA reauthorization.

Senate Commerce Chair Maria Cantwell (D-WA), however, is hopeful that the newly confirmed Administrator will alleviate the pilot training rule stalemate. Moreover, Commerce

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Committee Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-TX) signaled that he may have the votes to ease pilot training requirements.

Agency Updates

U.S. Department of Energy

On October 30, the Department of Energy (DOE) released its triennial [National Transmission Needs Study](#). The Study highlighted the need for additional electric transmission infrastructure, particularly in areas with high within-region congestion, including Texas. This comes as the DOE committed \$1.3 billion of [Transmission Facilitation Program](#) funds to support [three transmission lines](#) across six states. The DOE anticipates a second round of Transmission Facilitation Program funding in the first half of 2024.

On October 19, the DOE [opened](#) applications for the [Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program](#). Funded through the *Inflation Reduction Act* ([P.L. 117-169](#); IRA), the program aims to expand access to cost-saving clean energy projects—with a focus on solar and wind energy—in underserved communities. Fiscal Year 2023 applications are open for 30 days and on a rolling basis beyond.

On October 13, the DOE [announced](#) the \$7 billion launch of seven regional clean hydrogen hubs. Funded by the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* ([P.L. 117-58](#); IIJA), the regional hydrogen hubs are intended to accelerate the commercial deployment of low-cost, clean hydrogen. The DOE's awardees include the Gulf Coast Hydrogen Hub, dubbed the HyVelocity H2Hub, in the Houston, Texas region. The hub is slated for large-scale hydrogen production by leveraging natural gas with carbon capture and renewable-powered electrolysis. The project received \$1.2 billion from the DOE and is anticipated to create 45,000 direct jobs.

On October 13, the DOE [awarded](#) \$30 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program funds to advance clean energy and infrastructure upgrades. Of note, Harris County, Texas received approximately \$1.6 million to facilitate community engagement related to climate justice planning, oversee recycling pilots at public facilities, and deploy an off-grid, solar electric vehicle station. Moreover, Montgomery County, Texas was awarded about \$450,000 to update public lighting fixtures to boost energy efficiency and minimize county energy use.

On October 6, the DOE [announced](#) the availability of \$5.2 million in Industrial Assessment Centers Implementation Grants. Funded through the IIJA, the program aims to improve facilities to conserve energy and slash greenhouse gas emissions. The first round of funding will be awarded to 41 projects with a focus on onsite solar, geothermal heat pump, biomass boiler installations,

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improvements for lighting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and electrifying industrial equipment and fleets. The initial application deadline is December 31, 2023.

U.S. Department of Transportation

On October 26, 2023, the Department of Transportation (DOT) began [to solicit applications](#) for the Savings Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment funding opportunity. This grant will encourage the deployment of V2X technology to further advance connected and interoperable vehicle technologies. The notice of funding opportunity details that the funding opportunity may provide up to \$40 million in award funding and closes on January 17, 2024.

On October 13, 2023, the DOT [rolled out](#) \$5.1 million in competitive grant funds to support the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) research initiative to utilize advanced digital construction management tools to boost transit construction projects. Eligible applicants for the program include transit agencies, state and local governments, academic institutions, as well as private for-profit and non-profit organizations. The funding opportunity closes on February 10, 2024.

On October 11, 2023, the DOT [announced](#) the availability of \$197 million to replace aging rail cars to ensure reliability, safety, and accessibility to the rail system. The funding opportunity—slated to close on December 18, 2023—is open to transit and state agencies.

Environmental Protection Agency

On November 2, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) state and tribal grant allocations for the Underground Injection Control Class VI program's \$48 million total in funding. The program seeks to ensure that groundwater resources are protected while further the sequestration of carbon dioxide to limit greenhouse gas emissions. EPA Administrator Michael Regan previously invited states, tribes, and territories to submit letters of intent to indicate interest and Texas submitted a response.

On November 1, the EPA [launched](#) the Community, Equity, and Resiliency initiative to assist communities in navigating the Agency's IRA investments and funding opportunities. As such, the EPA will host a [national virtual open house](#) on November 6, 2023, to discuss how to address environmental pollution and climate change through the EPA's funding opportunities.

On October 24, the EPA [awarded](#) 186 projects \$128 million in [Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement](#) and [Environmental Justice Government-](#)

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[to-Government](#) dollars. These funds will support disadvantaged communities that have historically had limited access to clean air and water and encourage climate resilience solutions.

Bureau of Reclamation

On November 2, 2023, the Bureau of Reclamation [released](#) applications for the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. The opportunity seeks to support small-scale, on-the-ground projects that conserve, better manage, or make more efficient use of water supplies. Applications are due on January 16, 2024.

Akin is available to address any questions or discuss relevant federal action at the City of Kyle's request.

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2022 Bond Program

Weekly Project Status Report Updated: 11/8/2023



Project ID	Council District	Project Name	Project Status	Contract (Task Order) Amount	\$ Paid to Date As of 10/25/23	% of Contract paid to Date	Project Descriptions
In Design							
1a	6	Kohlers to Seton (IH 35)	16% Complete schematic Phase. Conceptual Schematic due 1/1/2024 . Kickoff meeting held on 10/24/2023. Project currently on hold, pending the DCC meeting with TxDOT to be scheduled.	\$ 2,158,287.27	\$193,800.42	9.0%	New location roadway, 0.13 miles of overpass or underpass from IH 35 SBFR to NBFR
1b	6	Kohlers to Seton (off-system)	50% Complete schematic Phase. 90% Geometric Schematic submitted 10/31/2023 . Open house scheduled for 11/8/2023 at Gemstone Palace.	\$ 1,101,207.34	\$458,887.25	41.7%	New location roadway, 1.07 miles of 4-lane minor arterial and 3-lane collector from IH 35 NBFR to Seton Pkwy
2a	6	Beebe Road (West)	80% Complete schematic Phase. 90% Schematic submitted 10/20/2023 . Open house scheduled for 11/8/2023 at Gemstone Palace.	\$ 436,194.96	\$274,829.74	63.0%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 1 mile of 4-lane minor arterial from IH 35 NBFR to Dacy Lane
2b	6	Beebe Road (East)	80% Complete Schematic Phase. 90% Schematic submitted 10/20/2023 . Open house scheduled for 11/8/2023 at Gemstone Palace.	\$ 788,221.88	\$447,806.24	56.8%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 1.8 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from Dacy Ln to E. of Green Pastures Rd
3	2, 4	Old Stagecoach Road/Center Street (Off-System)	35% Complete Schematic Phase. 50% Preliminary Schematic due 11/27/2023, delayed from 10/9/2023 . Open House scheduled for 11/9/2023 at City Hall.	\$ 1,067,346.60	\$168,174.94	15.8%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 2.2 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from FM 2770 to Veterans Dr
4	2, 4	Center Street (FM 150) (On-System)	40% Complete Schematic Phase. 50% Schematic due 11/8/23, submission pending coordination with TxDOT . Open House scheduled for 11/9/2023 at City Hall. Project currently on hold, pending the DCC meeting with TxDOT to be scheduled.	\$ 939,225.52	\$338,845.10	36.1%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 0.4 miles of 2-3 lane minor collector from Veterans Dr to Main St
5	6	Kyle Parkway/Lehman Road Extension	40% Complete PS&E Phase. 60% PS&E due 8/15/2024 delayed from 5/18/2024 . Open House scheduled for 12/4/2023, location TBD.	\$ 2,794,679.68	\$611,232.40	21.9%	New location roadway, 1.3 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from Dacy Ln to Bunton Creek Rd
6	6	Marketplace Avenue	30% Complete PS&E phase. 60% PS&E submittal due 12/1/2023 . Open House scheduled for 11/9/2023 at City Hall.	\$ 781,960.00	\$246,230.61	31.5%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 0.6 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from FM 1626 to Marketplace Ave (Existing)
7	2, 6	Bunton Creek Road	55% Complete schematic Phase. 90% Schematic submitted 11/8/2023 . Open House scheduled for 12/4/2023, location TBD.	\$ 947,810.00	\$471,794.41	49.8%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 1.2 miles of 4 lane minor arterial from Lehman Rd to Porter Cove
8	6	Windy Hill Road	45% Complete schematic phase. 50% Schematic submitted 11/7/2023 . Open House scheduled for 12/4/2023, location TBD.	\$ 654,882.90	\$340,931.37	52.1%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 0.6 miles of 4 lane minor arterial Purple Martin Ave to IH 35 NBFR
				\$ 11,669,816.15	\$3,552,532.48	30.44%	