

# City of Austin Budget and Community Input Process

City of Austin  
July 10, 2009



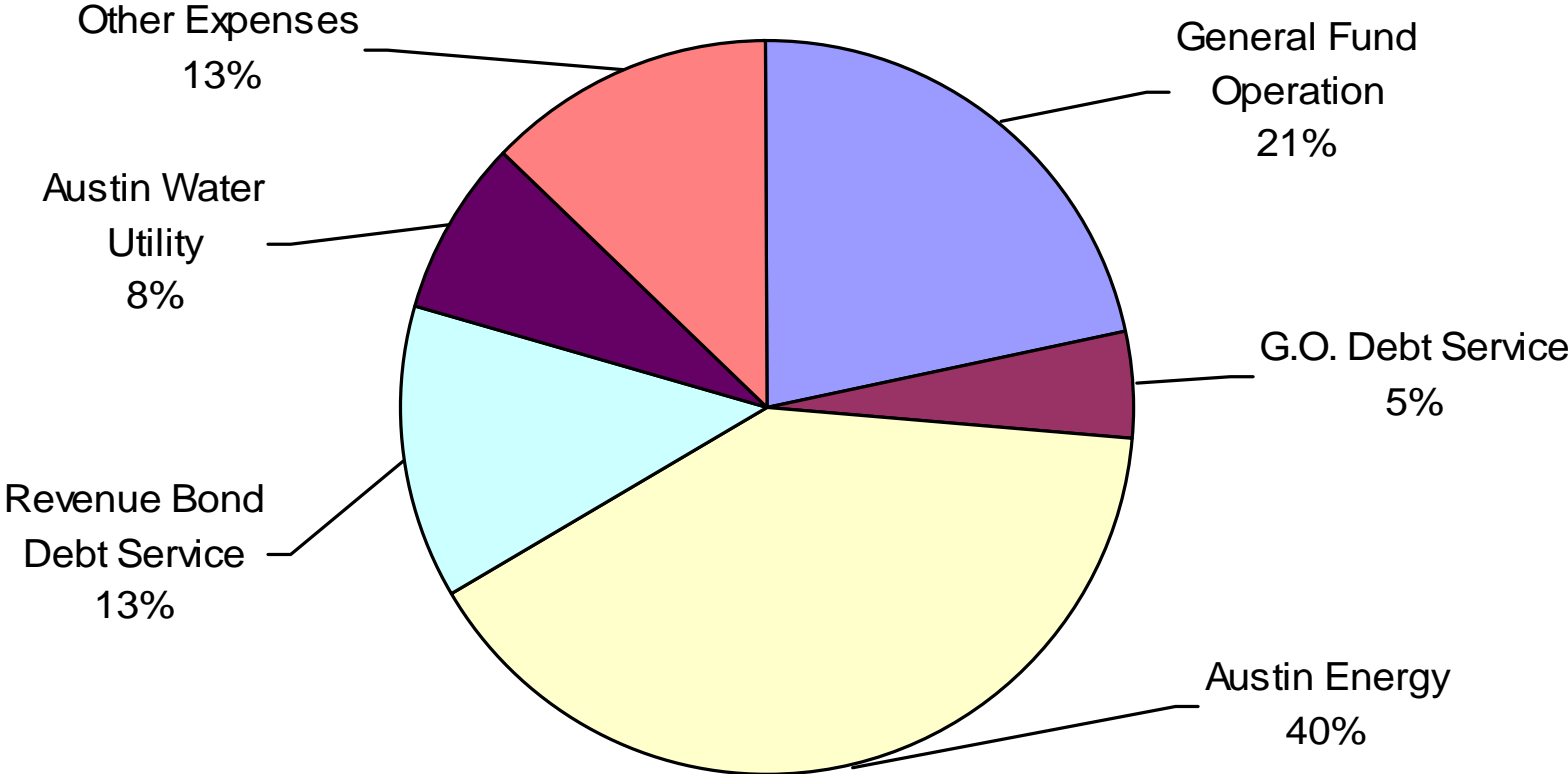
# Today's Presentation

- Budget Overview
- Budget Process and Public Engagement
- Summary of Potential Budget Reductions
  - General Fund
  - Support Services and Other Departments
  - General Fund Transfers
  - Corporate Options
- Next Steps



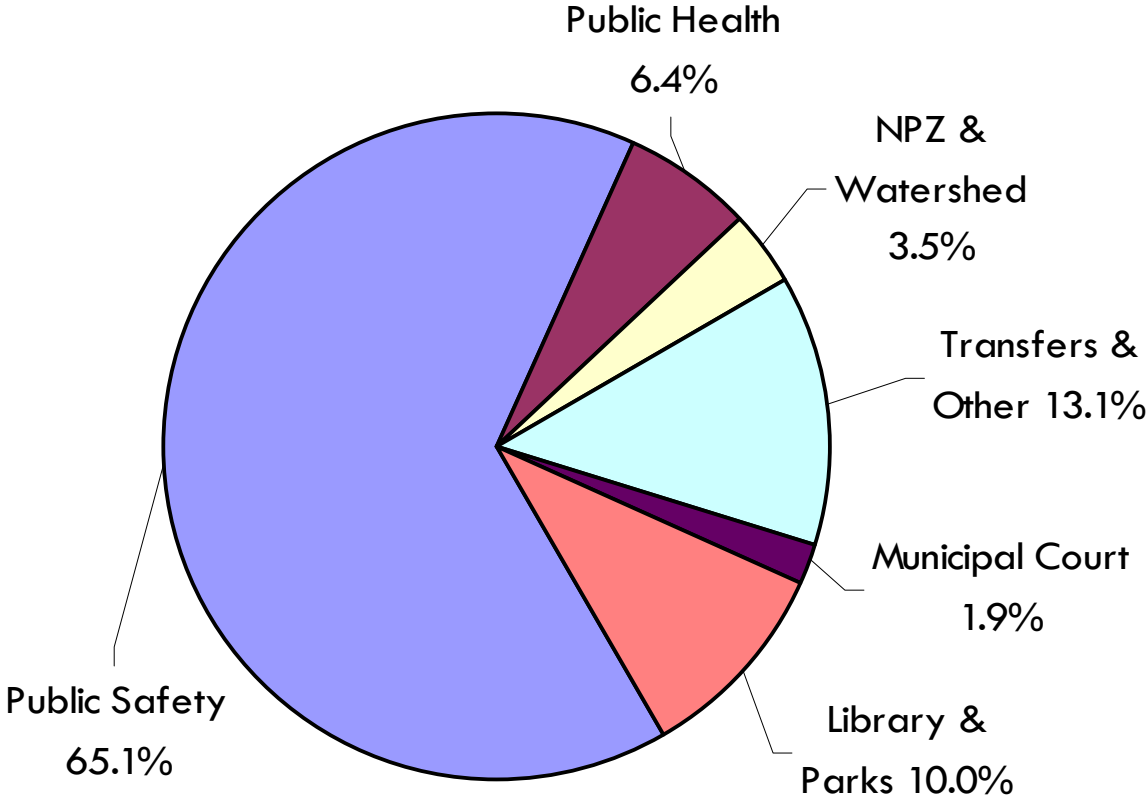
# Budget 101 – All Funds Budget

**FY 2009 All Funds Budget  
\$2.8 billion**



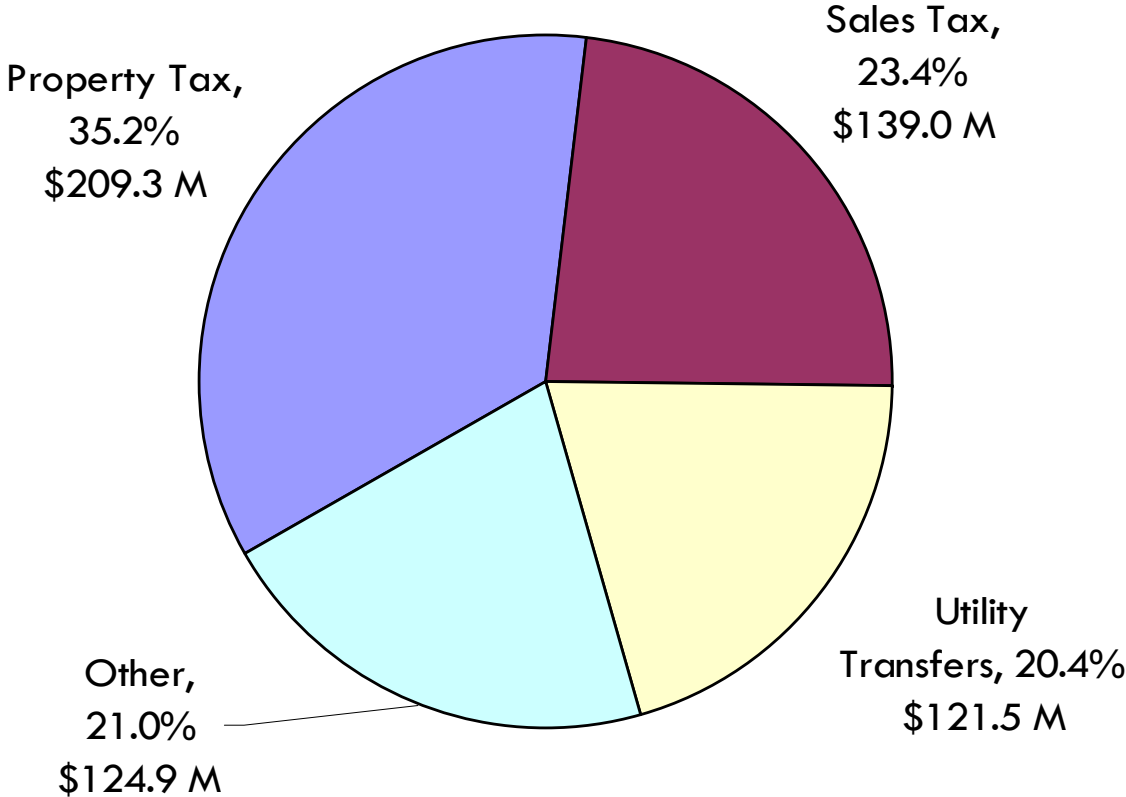
# Budget 101 – General Fund Budget

FY 2009 General Fund Budget : \$621 million

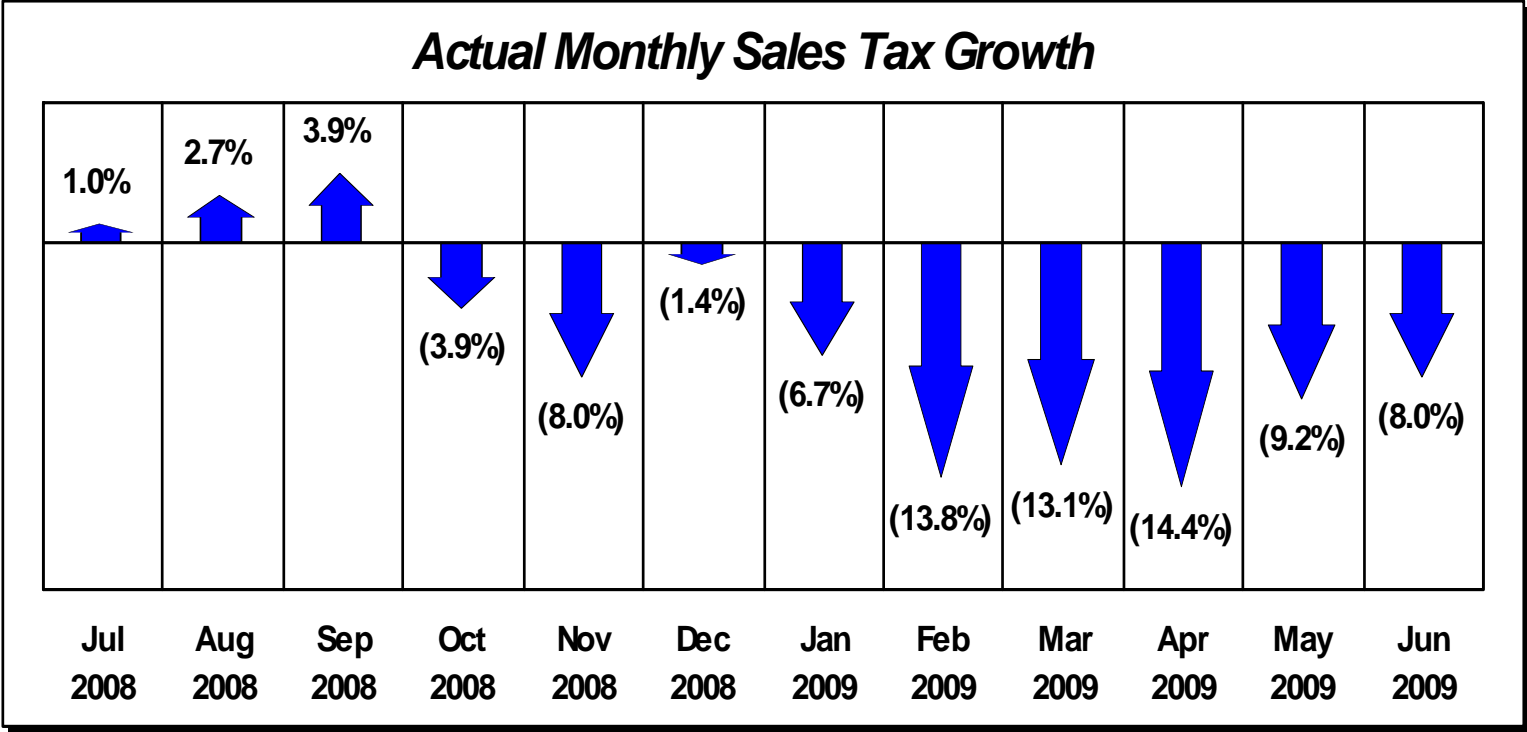


# Budget 101 – General Fund Revenue

**FY 2009 Estimated General Fund Revenue: \$594.7 Million**

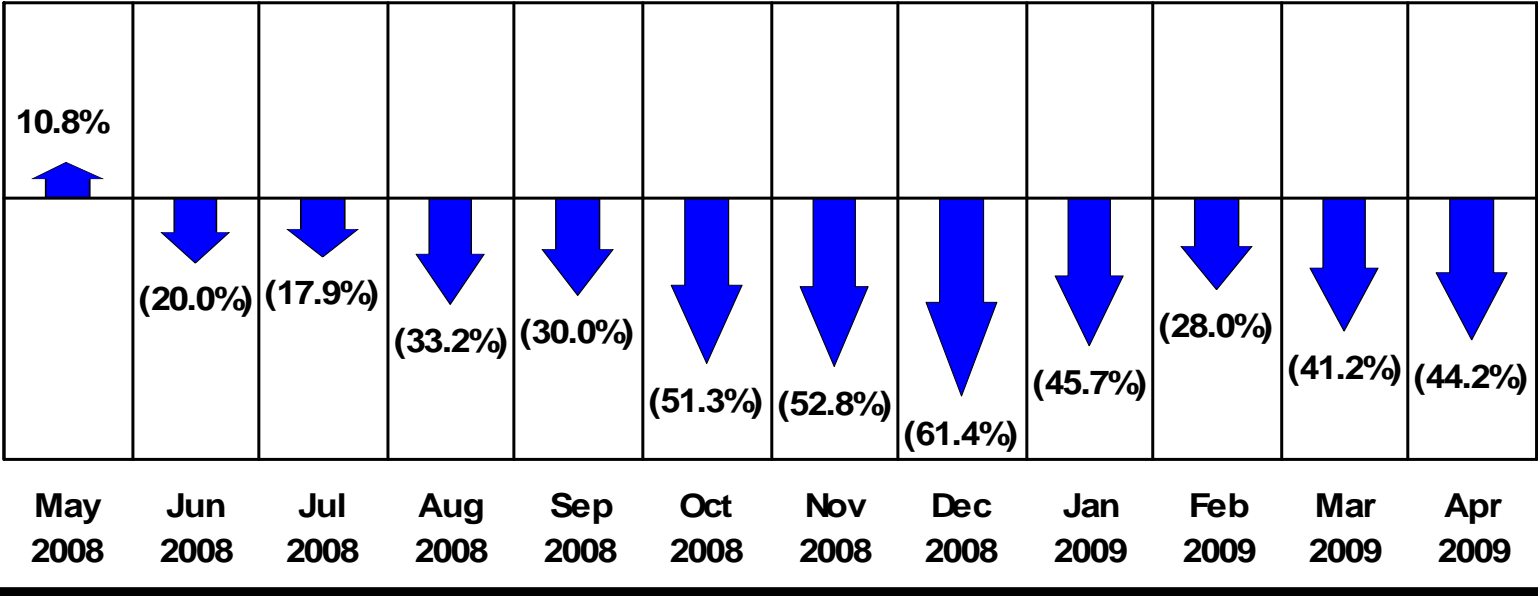


# Sales Tax – Monthly



# Development Activity – Monthly

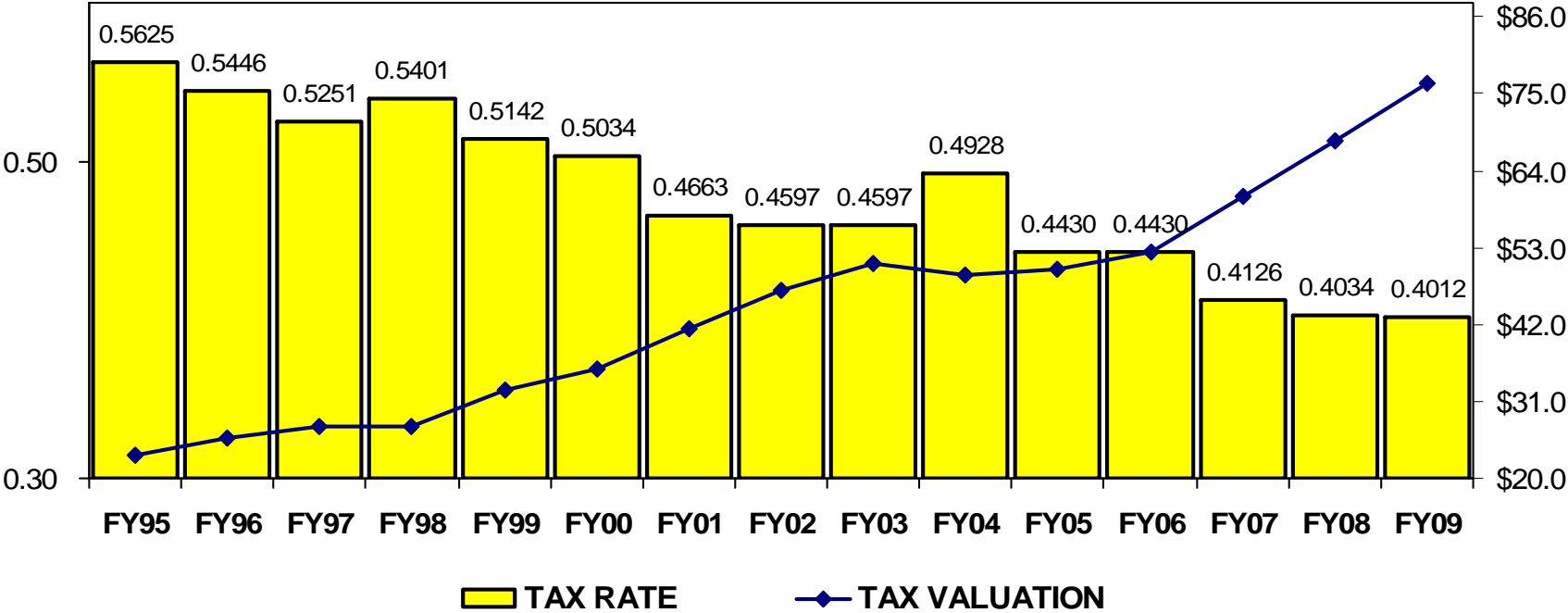
*Residential Permit Growth*



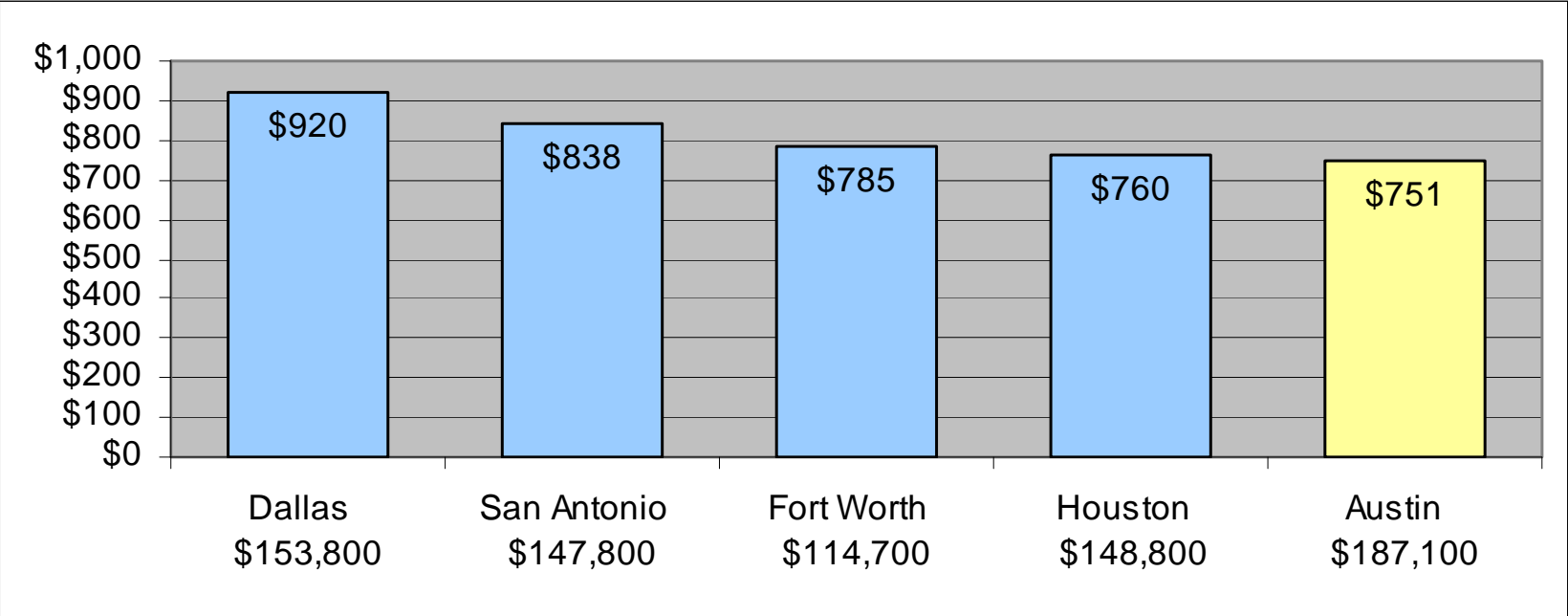
# Property Tax History

### AUSTIN PROPERTY TAX COMPARISON

\$ Billions



# Property Tax Comparison – Median Priced Homes Last 12 Months



Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Center



# Revenue to Expenditures – 2010

## Revenue

Property Tax at Rollback Rate	234.0
All Other Revenue	381.4

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<b><i>Total Revenue</i></b>	<b>615.4</b>
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## Expenditures

Departmental	556.2
Transfers / Other Requirements	88.8

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<b><i>Total Expenditures</i></b>	<b>645.0</b>
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## Excess / (Deficit)

<i>At Rollback Tax Rate</i>	<b>(29.6)</b>
<i>At Effective Tax Rate</i>	<b>(43.1)</b>

# Budget Balancing Efforts to Date

- No pay increases in FY 2010 (tentative agreements police officers and paramedics)
- Postponed planned compensation study
- Initiated FY 2009 costs savings plan
- Implemented a rigorous hiring review process
- Conducted Dollars and Sense campaign
- Developed menu of potential departmental budget reductions
  - 3.5% for public safety departments
  - 7.0% for all other departments

# Summary of Potential Budget Reductions

<b>Category</b>	<b>Million \$</b>
General Fund	24.7
Support Services	7.1
Transfers to Enterprise Departments	5.9
Corporate Options	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.0</b>

# Public and Employee Engagement

- Completed:
  - 27 meetings with Boards and Commissions
  - dollars and sense program
  - 6 employee focus groups
  - citizen survey
  - 5 town hall meetings including teen town hall
  - budget suggestion hotline and e-mail
  - briefings with media and editorial board
- All presentations and reports available online at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/budget/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/budget/)

# Next Steps

- Analyze pros and cons of each budget reduction option and formulate budget recommendation
- July 22 Deliver Proposed Budget to City Council
- August 5, 19, 26 Council Deliberations on FY 2010 Proposed Budget
- Sept 14 – 16 Budget Approval Readings

Questions / Comments / Discussion

