IMLA 2020 University Cities Virtual Summit

City of College Station

COVID-19 ISSUES for University Cities

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Background

College Station, Texas population: 125,000

Twin City Bryan, Texas population: 87,000

Higher Education Facilities:

a. **Texas A & M University (“TAMU”)**
b. **Blinn Community College**
c. **Rellis Campus (partnership of TAMU and Blinn)**

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Texas A & M University (“TAMU”)
70,000 students; 5,500 acres





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Blinn Community College: 19,000 (some are both TAMU and Blinn students)



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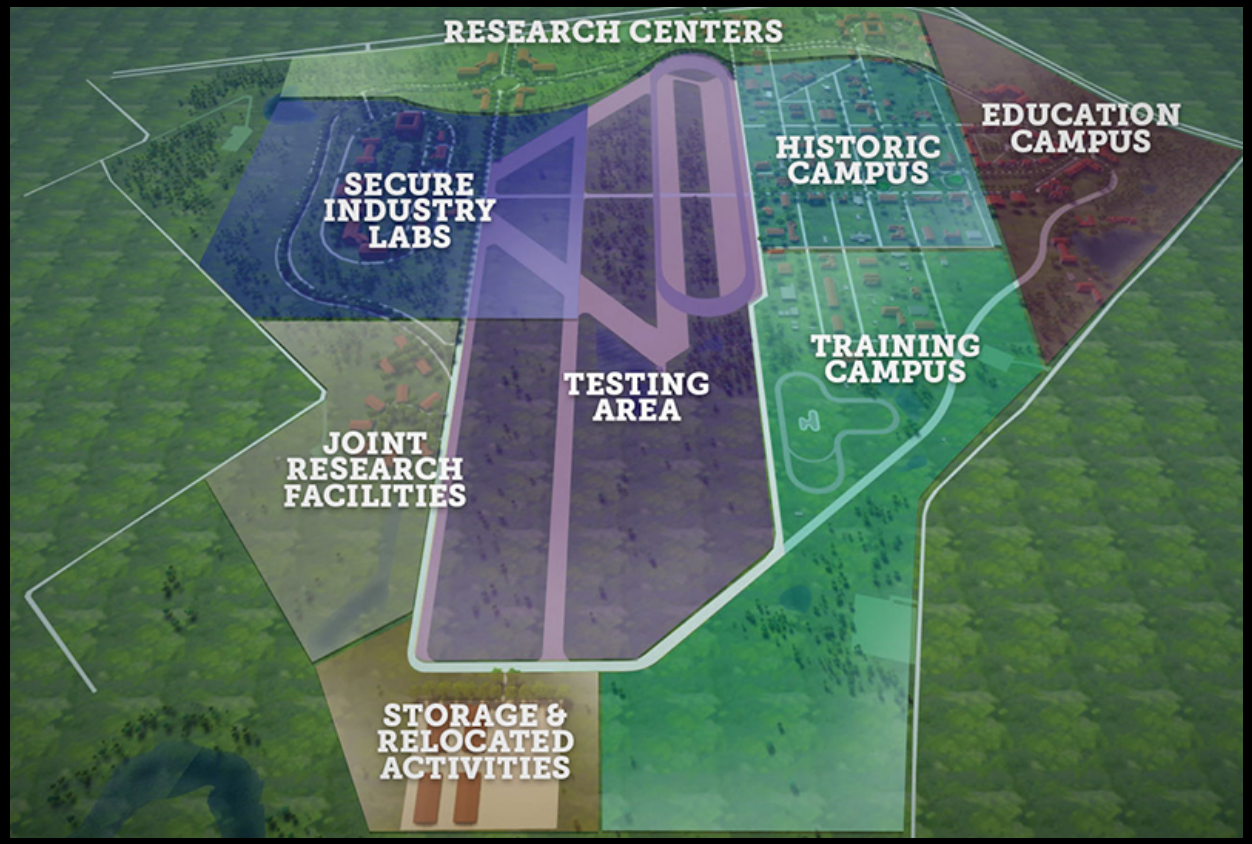
Rellis Campus;
(partnership of TAMU and Blinn)





2,000 acres

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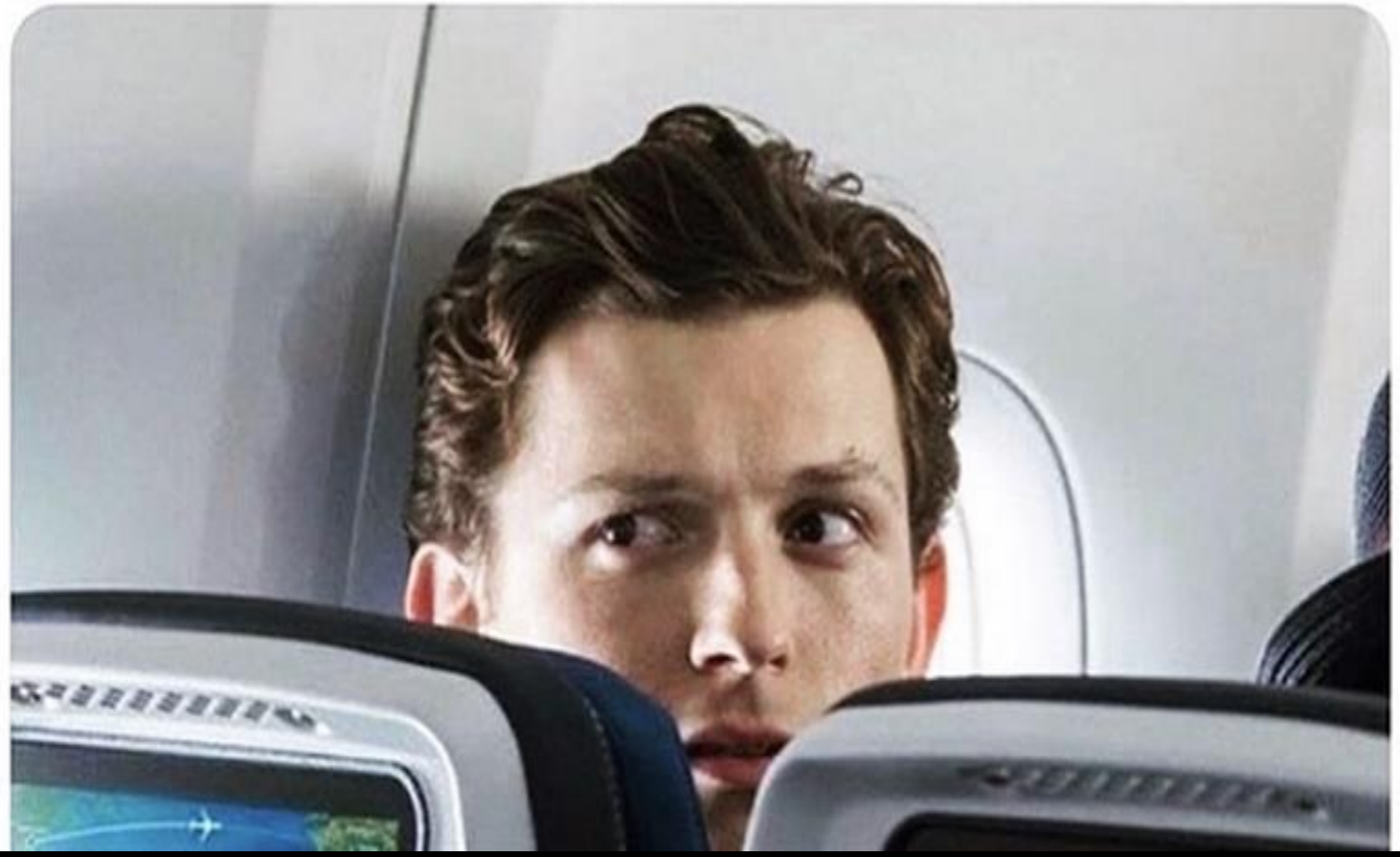
me after hearing someone cough on my $8 round trip flight to italy



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FY20 Approved Net Budget Summary		
Fund Type		**Approved Net Budget**
Governmental Funds	$	105,121,872
Enterprise Funds		145,961,724
Special Revenue Funds		18,908,969
Subtotal O&M	**$**	**269,992,565**
Fund Balance/Working Cap Transfer to CIP		13,306,581
Capital Projects		57,864,506
Total Net Budget	**$**	**341,163,652**

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FY 20 GENERAL FUND YEAR END ESTIMATE - COVID 19 EFFECT
Sales Tax Impact

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Sales Tax Impact

	Optimistic (12%)	Base (15%)	Worst (20%)
Sales Tax over budget – pre Covid	527,000	527,000	527,000
Estimated Loss of Sales Tax	($2,480,000)	($3,157,000)	($4,308,000)
Possible Sales Tax Impact	***($1,953,000)***	***($2,630,000)***	***($3,781,000)***
Impacts from prior page	*(956,000)*	*(956,000)*	*(956,000)*
Total Revenue Loss to Address	***($2,909,000)***	***($3,586,000)***	***($4,737,000)***

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FY 20 GENERAL FUND YEAR END ESTIMATE
Mitigation Strategies

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Mitigation Strategies	
Hiring freeze and departmental expense reductions	$ 3,300,000
Suspend funding of OPEB Trust	862,000
Move street maintenance to roadway maintenance fund	475,000
Eliminate summer programs in Parks	680,000
Total Mitigation Strategies	***($5,317,000)***

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FY 20 GENERAL FUND YEAR END ESTIMATE
Mitigation Strategies - In Reserve

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- Eliminate equipment replacement fund departmental contributions
- Utilization of penny saved from FY20 Tax Rate
- Remove various compensation allowances
- Reduce Executive Pay

Mitigation Strategies in Reserve	***~ ($4,200,000)***

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COVID 19 Financial Impact as of June 2020 (exclude sales and HOT)

Loss of Revenue related to COVID 19:

Parks	($813,000)
Court	($611,000)
Lower investmt earnings	($78,000)
Facilities rental	($81,000)
PD misc fees	($4,000)
	($1,587,000)

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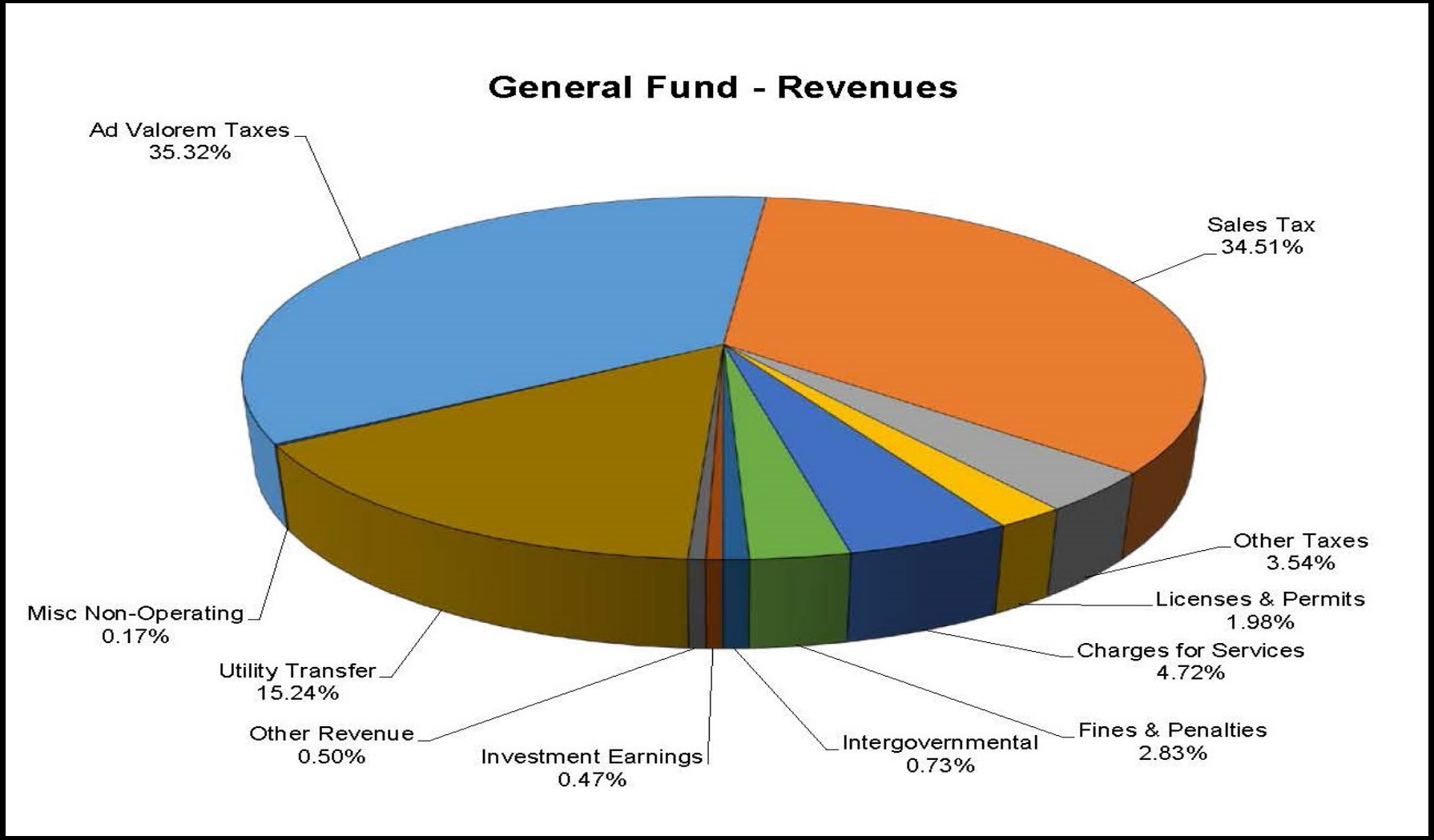
Revenue



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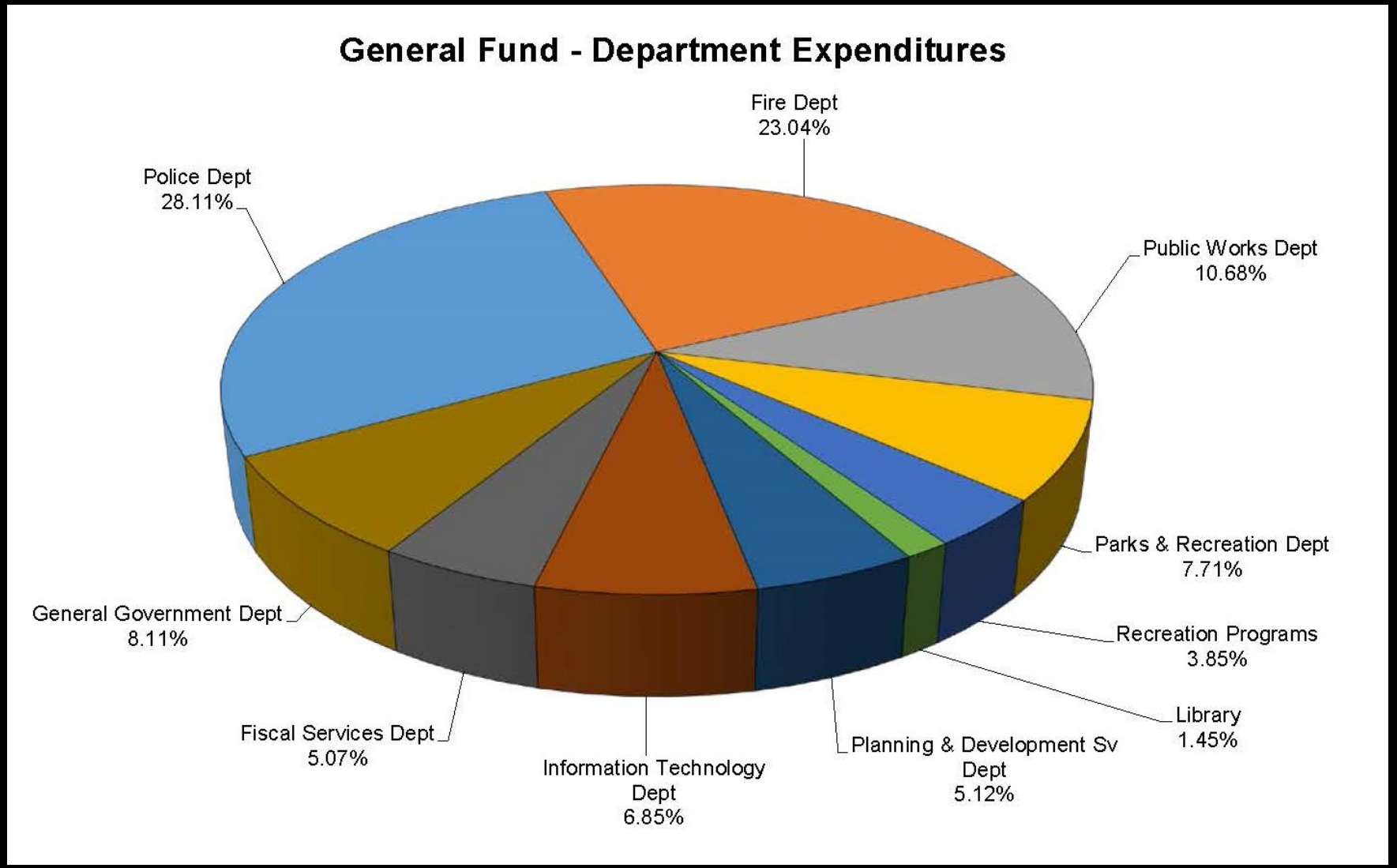
Expenditures



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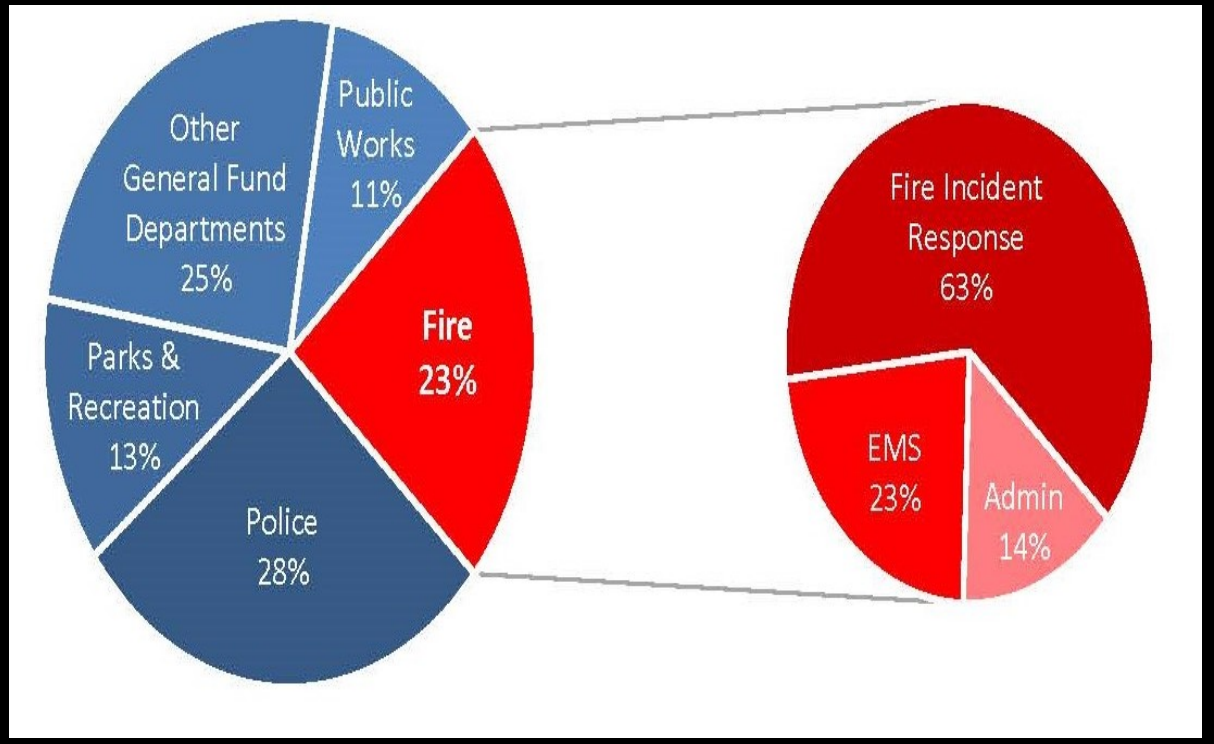
Fire Department-current





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SURVEY

Per survey of 20 university towns:

Average Fire Department Budget: $21.9 mil

Average % of Operational Budget: 24%

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Services provided by FD to TAMU

-Fire Supression

-Standby Emergency Ambulance Service

-EMS

-Airport Rescue



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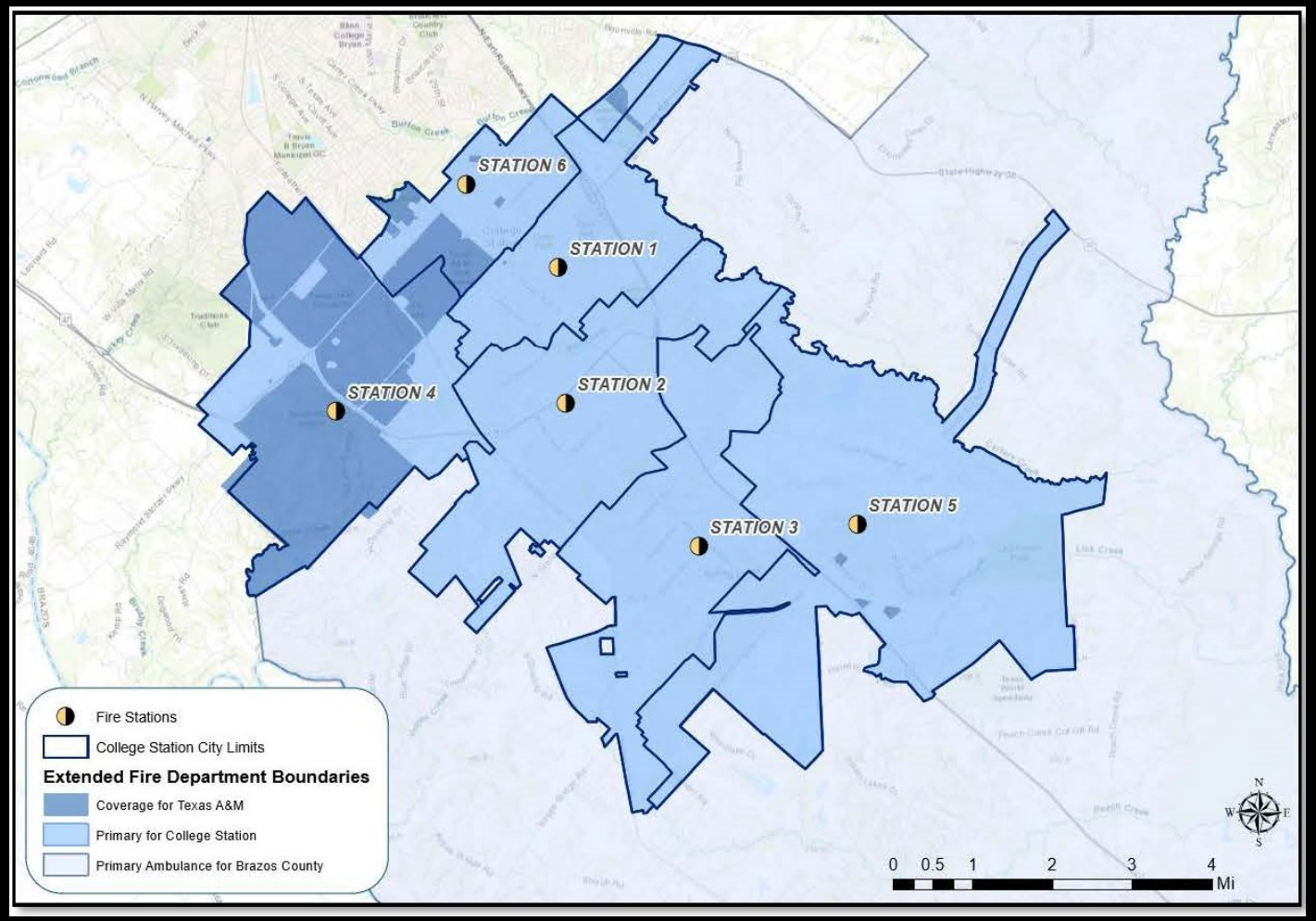
TAMU impacts FD operations

- LOCATION of Fire Stations



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TAMU impacts FD operations

- Type and number of apparatus and personnel



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Table 5: Buildings within College Station City Limits with Over Two Floors

Category	3 Floors	4 Floors	5 Floors	Over 5	Total
University Buildings:	29	69	12	12	122
Non-University Buildings:	23	11	9	3	46
Buildings Total:	52	80	21	15	168
% TAMU Buildings:	**56%**	**86%**	**57%**	**80%**	**73%**

TAMU impacts FD operations

- High-Risk Facilities





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TAMU impacts FD operations

Kyle Field



Zachry Engineering Complex



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TAMU partial offset

- Shared costs of airport
- Texas A&M Athletic Dept standbys
- -TAMU EMS
- -1971 agreement for fire suppression services



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TAMU partial offset

- 1971 Fire Suppression agreement



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TAMU impacts FD operations

- Growth of facilities and number of students.





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Efforts to Date

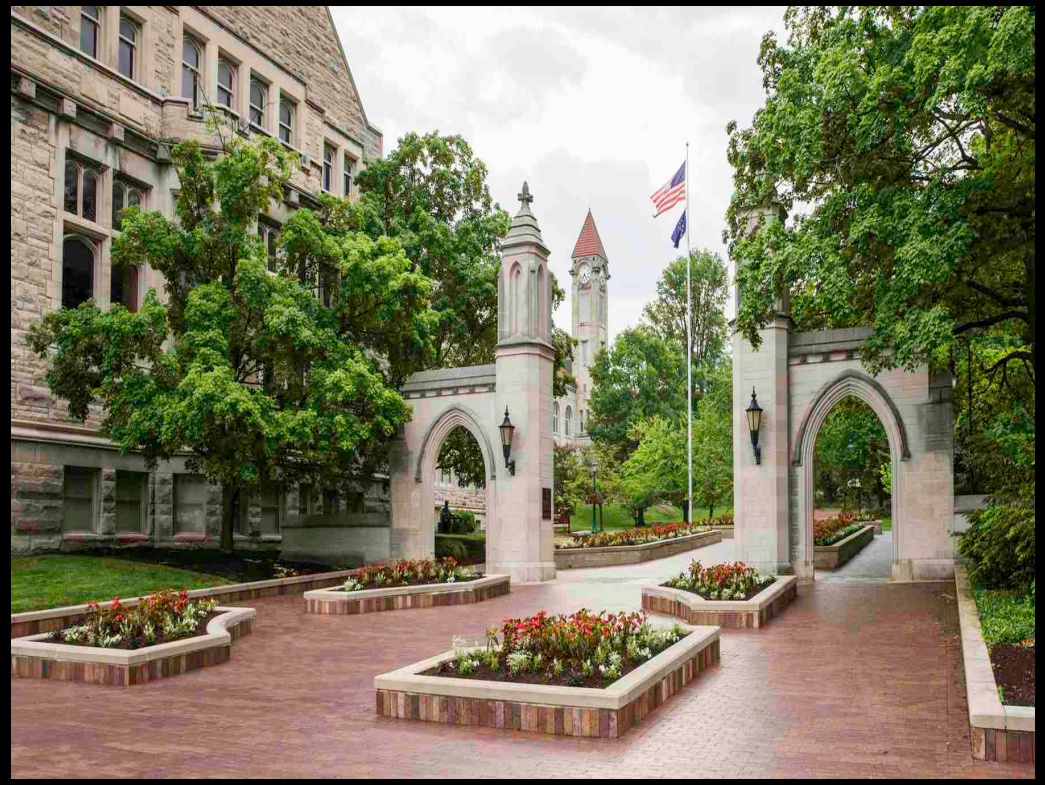
- Fire Audit Part 1 Recommendations:
  - Renegotiate 1971 Fire Suppression Agreement to recoup some of costs
  - Renegotiate the Airport Rescue and Firefighting agreement to accurately reflect costs to City
  - Enter into formal agreement for EMS standby services
  - Develop a strategic plan for providing EMS services to TAMU

Other University Cities

Champaign, Il



Bloomington, IN



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Other University Cities

- Auburn, AL
- Iowa City, IA





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- Greenville, NC



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QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

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