

KUT Issues and Programs List

2nd Quarter 2018

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II. Responsive Programing

- A. Energy/environment

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/6/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:45
Texas environmental protections that that were suspended in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey have been reinstated by Governor Greg Abbott. As KUT's Mose Buchele reports the move came after outcry from public health and environmental groups.			
4/16/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:46
West Texas has moved from Abilene to Fort Worth. That is, if you ask climate scientists. A new study says the "100th Meridian" - the line that divides America's dry, desert West from its more lush eastern regions - has moved slightly east because of climate change. And as Travis Bubenik reports, the trend's expected to continue.			
4/26/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:42
State lawmakers are pressing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be tougher on pollution rules. As Houston Public Media's Travis Bubenik reports, the push comes as a response to the pollution spikes caused by Hurricane Harvey.			
5/16/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:36
The U.S. is sending a growing amount of oil to other countries. In fact, exports just reached their highest-ever total for a single week. And it could get more expensive to do that in the years ahead. As Travis Bubenik reports, the reason has to do with the size of the ships.			
5/29/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:44
The Texas power grid has hit new records for peak demand for the month of May. And as Heather Claborn reports, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, known as ERCOT, anticipates setting a new record this week, possibly more than once.			
6/1/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:19
It's official: last month was the hottest May ever recorded in the Austin area. If that makes you worried about what the summer's got in store. Well, you have very good reason to be, as KUT's Mose Buchele reports.			
6/21/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:46
The oil and gas industry is releasing much more methane into the atmosphere than the government thought. KUT's Mose Buchele reports that's bad news for global climate change.			

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B. Health

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/2/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:43
Travis County's healthcare agency is trying to cut down on excessive emergency room visits by dedicating more money toward housing homeless individuals. KUT's Syeda Hasan reports.			
4/11/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:00
Texas nursing homes are facing a crisis – they are having a hard time hiring and keeping nurses. A new study from a group representing nursing homes says that problem is set to become even worse as the population ages in the coming years.			
5/9/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:01
Seton Healthcare and Dell Medical School have drastically reduced the amount of opioids prescribed for women who just had a baby. For the past year, a group of Seton hospitals in Central Texas have been trying a new protocol for treating pain – and it's led to big results.			
5/14/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:37
Central Health is seeking public input today on how to deal with some of the health care challenges facing residents of Eastern Travis County. KUT's Ashley Lopez reports the local hospital-taxing district wants to hear community ideas about how to help people forced to move further east because of gentrification.			
5/30/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:55
Texas hospitals are starting to calculate their uncompensated care costs – that's the health care they provide to people who don't have insurance. Those reports will be used to figure out how much the federal government will reimburse them. Experts say they expect those costs to be up in Texas.			
6/22/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	5:58
About 70 million people worldwide stutter. Experts say four factors contribute to the development of stuttering: child development, neurophysiology, family dynamics and genetics. But just a handful of clinicians in the U-S offer treatment for stuttering. One program at UT-Austin is trying to fight those odds... at summer camp.			
6/26/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:52
The opioid crisis is being made worse by the increasing prevalence of a synthetic form of the drug. The threat posed by Fentanyl has the Texas Department of Public Safety changing its procedures to protect troopers.			

C. Politics/voting/elections

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/4/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:56
A federal judge is ordering the state of Texas to comply with the National Voter Registration Act and motor voter laws. A voting rights group sued the state two years ago, saying Texas treats some voters differently than others.			
4/12/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:56
U.S. Senator John Cornyn of Texas is standing up in defense of the Department of Justice and the FBI. And as KUT's Trey Shaar reports, it's after criticism from people including the President of the United States.			
4/23/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:49

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The city of Austin clerk has deemed valid a petition with at least 20-thousand signatures of registered voters calling for an election on major changes to the land development code -- zoning rules that govern what can be built where. The city is going through a major rewrite now called CodeNEXT. KUT's Audrey McGlinchy says some legal experts have told the city they do not have to acknowledge the petition.

4/25/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:41
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Governor Greg Abbott is asking former Republican Congress member Blake Farenthold to help pay for the special election being held to fill the seat he vacated. That district stretches from Corpus Christi to Bastrop and Caldwell Counties. Farenthold resigned earlier this month after revelations the federal government had paid an 84-thousand-dollar sexual harassment settlement on his behalf.

5/8/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:45
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The two candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Texas Governor will debate this Friday in East Austin. The debate between Lupe Valdez and Andrew White had been teased for almost a week.

5/11/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	1:02
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A federal judge ruled against Texas election officials today – forcing the state to comply with the National Voter Registration Act, known as the motor voter law. The ruling could affect an estimated 1.5 million Texans.

5/22/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:44
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Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is planning to appeal a recent court order forcing the state to comply with the National Voter Registration Act. Right now, the state is not registering people to vote who update their driver's license online, but it is registering people who show up in-person. And as KUT's Ashley Lopez reports, voting rights groups say that's illegal.

6/14/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:45
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Thousands of Texas Republicans are starting the main portion of their party convention in San Antonio. KUT's Ben Philpott is there and says President Trump's name is much more visible compared to the last state convention two years ago, which was held shortly after Senator Ted Cruz lost the nomination to Trump.

6/25/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:38
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The U.S. Supreme Court upheld today all but one of the contested Texas voting district maps. A group of Texas voters challenged the Texas House and congressional boundaries – saying they were drawn to discriminate against minorities. But as KUT's Ashley Lopez reports, a majority of high court justices did not agree.

D. Education

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/10/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:31
The future of Mendez Middle school in Southeast Austin is the focus of local school board members tonight. AISD trustees will hear competing plans from two community groups with proposals on how to turn around academic outcomes at a campus that has failed to meet state standards for the past four years.			
4/17/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:35
The Austin Independent School District is hosting a community forum tonight to hear from people about how to rename five district buildings named after men who worked in the Confederate military or government. KUT's Claire McInerney reports on the timeline for this process.			
4/19/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	4:43

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High School students nationwide will walk out of class tomorrow to protest school shootings and to ask for more gun control laws. Locally, students planned and organized an event that will take place at the Texas Capitol. KUT's Claire McInerney reports on how some students and teachers see political issues like gun control as an opportunity to learn about civic engagement.

5/1/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:22
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The Austin school board talked about the possibility of consolidating schools and not giving teachers raises at last night's board meeting after getting an assessment of the budget for next school year. Their reserve fund is being used to balance a budget shortfall approaching 30-million dollars, while close to a third of their tax revenue is being sent back to the state under the so-called Robin Hood law for redistribution to other school districts.

6/18/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:42
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The Austin school board is scheduled to vote tonight on a 1-point-4 billion-dollar budget paid for mostly with tax revenue collected from Austin homeowners. That includes a so-called "recapture" payment to the state of 670 million dollars to help subsidize other school districts.

E. Housing and development (local)

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/24/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:46
The City of Austin is asking people to participate in a new survey on their experiences finding housing. As KUT's Syeda Hasan reports, the information will help guide the region's first-ever fair housing assessment.			
4/30/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:45
The Austin City Council has approved a new program to educate homeowners who are being targeted by house flippers. As KUT's Syeda Hasan reports, residents in gentrifying neighborhoods are speaking out about what can feel like constant pressure to sell their homes.			
5/4/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:59
Last week, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – or HUD – unveiled a plan that could raise rents for millions of people who get federal housing assistance. Here in Austin, local housing authorities and watchdog groups say the changes could hurt some of the most vulnerable residents.			
5/10/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	1:07
The Austin Independent School District is planning major campus improvements made possible by a bond voters approved last year. As KUT's Syeda Hasan reports, the Austin City Council wants to protect historic properties that may be affected by school construction.			
6/5/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:48
The city of Austin is looking at revising or abolishing rules that target homeless people, including ordinances that prohibit camping or aggressive panhandling.			
6/8/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:56
More than a third of Travis County residents have to pay a large chunk of their monthly income just to afford housing.			
6/12/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:49
The Austin City Council resumes its discussions on CodeNEXT this week. If adopted, the rewrite of the land development code would help shape construction and growth in the city for decades to come. Today's meeting will be the first of two council discussions on CodeNEXT this week.			
6/13/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:14

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Austin's population has increased by 40-percent over the past 15 years and the City of Austin may be adding fire stations to accommodate underserved areas sooner rather than later.

F. Business/labor

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/13/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:42
McGlinchy /Fair Chance Comment Period: The City of Austin may soon be ready to penalize companies violating its fair chance hiring ordinance. But as KUT's Audrey McGlinchy reports, first it's seeking public comment.			
4/27/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:19
Numbers from the Texas Workforce Commission and U.S Labor Department show the unemployment rate in Central Texas is really low. Sounds like a good thing, right? But most of the unfilled jobs require higher skilled workers. So what happens to the people who don't meet that description?			
6/6/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:45
Employment in Austin's high tech industries is outpacing job growth in the city as a whole, according to a recent study from the Austin Chamber.			
6/20/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:53
The United States and China are fighting over trade at the moment. Tariffs on Chinese imports announced by Donald Trump on Friday were met with Chinese threats to tax some US products. U.S. crude oil is on the list. KUT's Matt Cutler looks at how that could affect Texas.			

G. Crime/police/public safety

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/2/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:54
Travis County authorities are investigating the deaths of two jail inmates over the weekend. As KUT's Trey Shaar reports, the two were found dead on the same day.			
4/3/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:00
The City of Austin is currently without permanent Fire and Police Chiefs. And as KUT's Audrey McGlinchy reports, we still don't know the process for hiring either of those positions.			
4/9/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	3:09
A couple dozen Austin students held a town hall meeting yesterday with local lawmakers to talk about ways to reduce gun violence – particularly at schools. The town hall was a direct response to a Parkland, Florida high school shooting survivor and activist who called for town halls across the nation this weekend.			
4/18/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:44
Last year, the University of Texas detailed how prevalent sexual assault and misconduct was on campus. UT President Greg Fennes called the report QUOTE "a wake-up call" and promised to make improvements. A year later, KUT's Nadia Hamdan reports on one of those changes.			
5/7/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:50
The City of Austin's hosting tonight the first of two community forums on the future of Austin's police department. At the meetings - residents can weigh-in on whether Interim Austin Police Chief Brian Manley should get the permanent job.			

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5/21/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	1:03
As he promised after Friday's school shooting, Texas Governor Greg Abbott will host a series of roundtable sessions starting tomorrow. As KUT's DaLyah Jones reports, the governor says he wants to hear from people who support and people who oppose more regulations on firearms.			
6/4/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:49
Law enforcement plans to watch students' social media more closely after the Santa Fe High School shooting. Laura Isensee has reaction to Governor Greg Abbott's proposal to use technology to find threats online as part of his school safety plan.			
6/11/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:46
State senators started hearing testimony today about ways to improve security at Texas schools.			
6/15/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	1:03
The Austin City Council is taking steps to reduce racial disparities in policing.			
6/27/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:32
The city of Austin wants to improve its system of local police oversight. KUT's Syeda Hasan has more a new report highlighting what the Austin Police Department is doing right and what needs to be improved.			
6/29/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:00
Texas leads the nation in flash flood deaths. Over seventy five percent of those deaths happen on roads at low water crossings. Now, city workers have been visiting those crossings in Austin to install some new technology to try to make them safer.			

H. Transportation

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
5/15/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:53
Capital Metro is preparing to make major changes to the region's public transit system. As KUT's Syeda Hasan reports, more than half of all routes in the system will be altered.			
5/17/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:52
A landslide next to Shoal Creek a couple weeks ago destroyed a section of hike and bike trail and put some properties in the Pemberton Heights neighborhood at risk. Now, as KUT's Mose Buchele reports, it could also make driving along Lamar Boulevard more dangerous in the event of heavy rains.			
5/18/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	2:11
It's been two years since the City Council passed an ambitious traffic safety plan called Vision Zero — with a goal of having zero deaths or serious injuries on city streets by the year 2025. As KUT's Audrey McGlinchy reported these stories, she started thinking about how blame is assigned when pedestrians are killed.			
5/28/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:41
City leaders are asking residents to take part in an ongoing survey on Austin's transportation needs. As KUT's Syeda Hasan reports, the findings will help inform a new city-wide mobility plan .			

I. Immigration

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
4/5/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	3:29

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Late Wednesday, President Donald Trump signed a proclamation directing the deployment of National Guard troops as a quote “immediate deterrent” to illegal immigration along the U.S. - Mexico border. This comes after days of tough talk from President Trump on immigration enforcement, including Tweeting that he’d secure the border through military force until his proposed border wall is complete.

4/20/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:40
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A majority of Texas voters support the use of the National Guard to patrol the U.S. Mexico border, but they don’t support building a wall.

5/2/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:44
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Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has joined six other states in a lawsuit against the federal government to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

5/25/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	6:00
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There’s a growing number of American children foregoing services like Medicaid and even food stamps in the U.S. because their PARENTS are undocumented. It’s a problem that has been concerning public health experts in Texas for a while now. And as KUT’s Ashley Lopez reports, there’s even more concern following a proposed Trump Administration immigration policy.

6/7/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:45
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It’s been more than a month since officials at the U-S Health and Human Services Department admitted to Congress that they had lost track of nearly 15-hundred migrant children. The children had been separated from their parents after being caught trying to cross the border illegally. And as Andrew Schneider reports, Senator John Cornyn says he has a way to prevent this from happening again.

J. Media

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
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5/3/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:51
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A former CIA director says conspiracy theories about a 2015 military exercise in Central Texas were — at least in part — the product of a Russian disinformation campaign.

5/23/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:45
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Austin-based conspiracy theorist Alex Jones is facing another lawsuit over his claims that the Sandy Hook massacre was a hoax. And as KUT’s Trey Shaar reports, the legal actions are not stopping the Jones media operation from expanding.

6/28/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:46
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Public access to records showing when re-sold surplus police guns were used in crimes is the subject of a lawsuit heard today in federal court. Reveal with the Center for Investigative Reporting filed the suit against the Department of Justice after KUT’s Alain Stephens was denied records while working on a story about police departments selling weapons to gun stores.

K. Arts and Community

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
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4/19/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	:30
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Austin cultural organizations are hoping to get in on the funding included in a possible bond proposition this fall. Chad Swiatecki has been writing about this for the Austin Monitor. He says there’s concern that spending

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for cultural organizations could come at the expense of others, including proposed music hubs for artists faced with disappearing performance spaces.

5/27/2018	Morning Edition	6am-10am	:50
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Several hundred people gathered at a football stadium in Santa Fe last night (Wednesday) ... where they grieved and tried to understand the recent school shooting that killed ten people.

5/31/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	6:49
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A bus stop at the southeast corner of the intersection at 12th and Chicon streets in Austin has a new art installation that pays tribute to the neighborhood's African American history.

6/19/2018	All Things Considered	4pm-6pm	4:00
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On this Juneteenth, people in Austin got a chance to get a taste of history. The holiday celebrates news of the Emancipation Proclamation arriving in Texas in 1865, two and-a-half years after President Lincoln signed it. Juneteenth is now the most prominent Emancipation Day in the U.S. and is celebrated around the world. To mark the occasion in Austin, the George Washington Carver Museum hosted the Juneteenth Lunch and Learn.
