

Appendix A: Public Meeting Summaries

CBAC Manor Public Comment Summary

Michael Ray: A Manor resident who after reviewing all the transportation maps doesn't believe the proposed road improvement project will solve the morning/evening rush hour traffic. The US 290 corridor is bottlenecked from Lexington Street to George Bush Street. Anything that can help relieve the traffic would be helpful. The intersections at US 290 and FM 973 and US 290 and Lexington Street need to be improved.

Drivers are making illegal U-turns and running red lights to get through the bottleneck. Minor improvements would be helpful such as a designated right turn lane from US 290 service road onto Parmer Lane. The exit from Manor Tech High School is only a right turn lane onto US 290 and that is a dangerous area.

Carol Fletcher, Pflugerville ISD Board Member: Wants the county to straighten the S-curve on Hoddie Lane will save lives and be cheaper to fix now and will save the county money in the long run. Wants the county to plan ahead and improve the road capacity on any roadways that run east and west like Cele Road. Bike/pedestrian improvements on roads that lead to parks would be nice.

Larry Beard: Taken aback that the extension from Braker Lane to Taylor Lane over to Burleson Manor Road is functioning at a Grade D level. This Braker Lane extension needs to have a divided four lane with a bicycle path since the Command Center is on that road and the area is growing. Wants the county to reevaluate the connection from Taylor Lane and Burleson Manor Road since the land owners in that area including Mr. Beard is donating the land.

Anne Brockenbrough: As a resident of Precinct 1, Ms. Brockenbrough wants the commissioners to preserve more land in the northeastern portion of the county through the conservation easement program.

Vernugene Mott: Would appreciate any county safety road improvements in the northeast county. Also, would like road improvements at the intersection of Hoddie Lane, Weiss Lane and Cele Road. Additionally, straighten the intersection at Cameron Road, Cele Road and Engelmann Lane. Wants road improvements near the new Manor high school that will be built at FM 973.

Rod Castilleis: The northern part of Gilbert Lane needs to be extended to FM 969.

CBAC Lakeway Public Comment Summary

Don Canata, Jr.: Sports field space is limited in the Lakeway/Lake Travis area. Our children and future children need a safe place to play.

Emmabeth Newman: The two sport fields conditions are in terrible shape. I would be very happy to have a clean and safe sports field for children like me to play on.

Shiloh Newman: There are 1,500 children that play on two soccer fields. Since 2011, the growth rate has been 75% and the children need a park to play soccer.

Jerri Brown: The scale of the proposed 70-acre sports field will cost \$25 million, and the negative effect on the adjacent properties and Bee Creek is troubling. Ms. Brown is concerned about how much water will be needed to maintain the turf. The lights on 30 sport fields will have a negative impact on the adjacent properties. Wants the project scaled back and the land that is adjacent to Bee Creek be designated as parkland. Ms. Brown is requesting a comprehensive environmental study and cost breakdown before the project commences.

Zach Griggs: The importance of sports fields for children outweigh the impacts of surrounding properties. Memories and health benefits for us children are more valuable than money.

Dana Rieder: The growth in this area has been explosive and the sports fields are needed. Parents shouldn't have to change diapers in a porta potty.

Scott Clark: Sports fields are needed in this area. The ten-year growth rate estimates are 10,000 children will be living in this area. The county needs to plan for current needs and future demand.

Andrew Douglas: As the field scheduler in Lake Travis he often must turn teams away. The current demand is much greater than the two fields can handle. Please support the sports field project.

Jeffrey Johnson: As of 2016 there is currently 6,000 children who use two fields. The proposed sports fields will have artificial turf and will not waste water resources.

Alexander Thompto: This area desperately needs a public pool and sports field. Most of the children don't have access to a public pool and we really need a pool.

Gene Darling, President of Cypress Ranch Water Control & Improvement District #1: The Reimers Peacock Road needs to be built. There is only one exit for the middle school.

Jim Korne: Representing the Hamilton Pool Road Matters non-profit group. The group opposes the Reimers Peacock Road; the area needs to remain rural.

CBAC Lakeway Public Comment Summary Continued

Robert Winovitch, Director of Facilities & Construction for Lake Travis ISD: The School District purchased and is in the process of closing on a 188-acre property to build a middle school and high school. West Cypress Hills only has one access point, and once the middle school is built the neighborhood will have a second access point. Safety for the school children and surrounding neighborhoods is the biggest concern for the school district.

Hank Smith: Travis County has doubled the population every twenty years since 1860. As the project engineer who worked on the West Cypress Hill development, it was designed with three access points. Commissioners blocked two of the access points, one of which was near Reimers Ranch. Growth won't stop and we need the road to be built for current residents and plan for future residents.

Johnny Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Lake Travis ISD: Has worked for Lake Travis for the last 10 years. The school district commissions a growth study every two years. If anyone wants to read the study it is available on the school district's website. The district has grown by 76% in the last 10 years. The current projection determines the district will grow another 65%. We need safe access and more roads for the students and residents.

Carole Willard: Hamilton Pool Road is dangerous and improvements on this road need to be a priority. People take their lives in their hands trying to make left hand turns. The congestion has gotten worse now that people coming from Dripping Springs cut down RM 12 to Hamilton Pool Road to access SH 71.

Hugh Winkler: Nobody wants six lanes for Hamilton Pool Road. What is needed are minor improvements such as bike lanes and turn lanes.

Rick Wheeler, President of Malone/Wheeler Engineering: He is the consultant for Lake Travis ISD. Part of the 188 acres of land the school is about to purchase will include a ¼ mile right-of-way for Reimer Peacock Road. He also is the engineer for property owners who have a 1,500-acre property that has all the entitlements and approvals to build 1,200 single-family homes and commercial units. The Reimers Peacock Road will be a much needed improvement in this rapidly growing area.

Mara Eurich: Lives on Hamilton Pool Road and will be affected by the impacts of Reimers Peacock Road and opposes the road.

Bernadette Johnson: I live off Hamilton Pool Road and support the proposed Reimers Peacock Road project.

Gene Lowenthal: Opposes Reimers Peacock Road and wants the money spent on conservation easements instead.

CBAC Lakeway Public Comment Summary Continued

Bob Huthnance: His wife Ann Peacock's family purchased Peacock Ranch in the 1940s. Just in the last five years there have been five deaths and several major accidents along their property. Safety improvements are needed and we support Reimers Peacock Road.

John Sparke: Traffic has increased and the commissioners need to reexamine the CAMPO plan to include wider roads and include bike/pedestrian facilities. Growth is happening.

Mike Prather: Speaking on behalf of Lake Travis Fire Rescue. In 2011, Steiner Ranch experienced a fire disaster, and the fire rescue had a challenging time trying to evacuate residents while trying to bring in much needed resources into the development with only one access point. This area needs road improvements/expansion.

Bruce Perkins: Speaking on behalf of Pedernales ESD, and they support the Reimers Peacock Road project.

Paula Vogrin: Representing the Westminster Glenn neighborhood which has 225 homes. The adjacent neighborhood, River Place cuts through her neighborhood to avoid getting on RM 2222. There are no sidewalks in the neighborhood and we need a safe route for the children to walk.

Bill Goodwin: Resident of Bee Cave and speaking against the proposed bridge that will be built over the low water crossing at the Great Divide. The surrounding neighborhoods are split 50/50 for and against the project.

Megan and Caitlin Henry: They live in Steiner Ranch and Steiner Ranch Blvd. is very dangerous. The bus stop was removed and now children must walk in the road. Please add lighting and crosswalks. The Bond Committee asked them to talk with Charlie Watts so he can include that project on the Bond list since it's a new proposed project request.

Thomas Griffith: New roads encourage new development. RM 12 has two different issues. Safety is the biggest concern east of RM 12, and bike/pedestrian facilities and left turn lanes need to be added. West of RM 12 needs to stay rural. The proposed road will only serve large land owners, not the current residents.

CBAC Del Valle Public Comment Summary

A.J. Rizzo: Road safety issues around Del Valle are his biggest concern. There are no evacuation routes. During the flood from two years ago, there were three fatalities during the evacuation on FM 812, which is not a proper evacuation route. There needs to be some public transportation for the residents and during events around COTA and the music venue. New businesses won't invest in the area because of the lack of transportation infrastructure and public transportation options.

Austin Eddins: Safety issues along FM 812 need to be addressed. He lost his leg riding on a motorcycle on FM 812. Several times he has been run off the road by speeding vehicles. Evacuation was difficult during the flood two years ago and something needs to be done about proper evacuation routes.

Richard Franklin: Building bike/pedestrian facilities on FM 969 and Decker Lane is not a priority for residents. We need parks in our neighborhood and roads to access the parks.

Rebecca Birch, President of Del Valle ISD: According to Central Health the reason this area doesn't have a pharmacy is because of the lack of infrastructure. Please increase the road capacity in this area. We need safe roads to get school buses in and out. Harold Green Road needs to be a priority so it can be improved.

Edgar Farrera: Supports two projects in this area: the extension of Elroy Road to Kellan and the extension of FM 812 west towards William Cannon. Road capacity needs to be funded first.

Ann Heuberger, Del Valle ISD Board Member: Precinct 4 has been neglected and there is a serious equity issue compared to other precincts. During the floods two years ago some of our teachers and students were stranded and the county refused to rescue them. I'm tired of my tax dollars being spent on bike/pedestrian facilities instead of improving road capacity in this part of the county.

Al Matts: Biggest concern is safety in this area. Vehicles have difficulties driving on the roads because of the current conditions.

Steven Duke: Improve the safety and capacity on all the roads south of SH 71.

Susanna Woody, Del Valle ISD Board Member: This area is an economically disadvantage area and the focus should be on road improvements to help the community.

Name not provided: Asked a question to staff and Bond Committee. How do you delineate the type of vehicles in the traffic study? Greer: The traffic count only calculates vehicles travelled, not the type of vehicle. Resident: Trucks create a lot more damage than a car and it should be noted in the studies.

Another name not provided: The flooding in this area is because of COTA. Ross Road needs improvements more than Elroy Road.

CBAC Del Valle Public Comment Summary

Another name not provided: Road capacity is not a COTA issue, it's the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods who drive on the roads.

CBAC Northwest Travis County Public Comment Summary

Sandra Schmidt: Westminster Glenn resident. The neighbors have safety concerns with the children who walk to and wait at the bus stop. A sidewalk would help improve the conditions of the neighborhood.

Jody Branson: The Westminster Glenn neighborhood is dangerous to walk in because there aren't sidewalks. I am very concerned for the children and residents who walk for exercise because the cars speed through the neighborhood.

Courtney Young: Investing in conservation easements is more important to balance all the growth that is occurring.

Amanda Teodecki: Lives in Steiner Ranch and would like more parks and a sports complex for the children. There is a large parcel on RM 620 across from Steiner Ranch that is for sale and would be an ideal location for the sports field and park.

Susanna Woody, Del Valle ISD Board Member: The development and roads in this area are beautiful, unlike Del Valle. Please consider us when you are asking for \$200 million for a park project. The children in Precincts 1 and 4 are having to deal with serious safety issues daily. During the flood two years ago, some children and teachers were stranded in the school because of the lack of road capacity.

CBAC 700 Lavaca Public Comment Summary

Marc Tucci: The city refuses to provide a park for our area. There is a high demand for parks in the northeast and southeast areas. Concerned because the southeast metro park was omitted from the plan. To save money there is no need to have lights and build bleachers in the northeast metro park. That way parkland can be built in both areas.

Norma Garcia: Opposes the road improvements on Elroy Road. Instead, improve Ross Road because there are three schools the road services and there isn't even a turn lane. Also, expand Pearce Lane and add a new park in the area.

Dick Kellerman: The region is growing and the infrastructure isn't keeping up with the pace. Hamilton Pool park now requires reservations and Jacobs Well is at capacity by 9:00 a.m. We need more parks and conservation easements to balance the growth.

David Johns: Wants more money for conservation easements to balance the rapid growth and to build partnerships with the City of Austin for conservation projects.

Vera Massaro: Thanked the commissioners for finally paying attention to the eastern portion of the county, particularly Precinct 4.

Susanna Woody: Please prioritize the lives of the children in the eastern portion of the county by choosing road safety over bike lanes.

CBAC Wells Branch Public Comment Summary

Emily Berver: Supports the Grand Avenue extension. She lives ¼ mile from Grand Avenue Parkway on Wells Port Drive. There are a lot of semi-trucks that park on some of the residential streets that are closest to the business and light industrial park. There are two elementary schools and two charter schools near where these trucks are driving. They use the residential streets to avoid congestion on Grand Avenue Parkway. Please complete the Grand Avenue Parkway.

Tomasita Louviere-Ligon: As the county grows they need to work with the city to prioritize safe routes for cyclists.

Charles Walters: Important to get the Grand Avenue Parkway completed and stop the heavy truck traffic that uses the residential neighborhood. Wells Branch Parkway is deteriorating in some parts and need repairs. Also, we need some signs along Wells Branch Parkway prohibiting trucks on the right-of-way. Build safe bike lanes from Wells Branch neighborhood to the Howard Lane train station.

Aaron Shaw: Grand Avenue Parkway extension needs to be completed. He is also requesting a bike/pedestrian route along Wells Branch Parkway, a sidewalk on Jacks Pond Road, and a greenway that meets up with Walnut Creek Park.

Debby Thompson, representing the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association: They want the Grand Avenue Parkway extension completed. Install a hike and bike trail to connect with the city's Walnut Creek trail.

Jim Phipps: The county lacks flood control management and they need to coordinate with the city to resolve the flooding issues.

Garry Brown: Speaking as a former Precinct 3 employee of Commissioner Huber. He says he has personal knowledge that Reimers Peacock Road should not be built. If the road is built more development will occur. Onion Creek Meadows was not built with the proper drainage, and any improvement would be beneficial to the neighborhood.

Dan Barnekow: Grande Avenue Parkway extension needs to be completed.

Appendix B: Transportation Written Comments

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date:

6-21-17

Name:

Cindy Randolph

Address:

~~2011 Redwood Road~~

City, Zip:

Manor Tx 78653

Email:

~~c.randolph@traviscountytx.gov~~

Project Name:

Taylor Lane extension to Hwy 290

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov. **Thank you for input.**

Comments:

So much development in our Area in Precinct #1.

We need 973 extended to by-pass Manor so badly.

The Blake Manor / Taylor Corridor is so crowded and dangerous. No lighting at night, no

shoulders on ~~the~~ narrow roadway, it's scary to drive even during the daytime.

It's past time for attention to be given to eastern Travis County transportation

problems. Thank you!

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM
Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 0/26
Name: NOLAN MARTIN
Address: AUSTIN City, Zip: ~~78701~~
Email: _____
Project Name: RCP 16 = RCP 25 ELROY ROAD

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

SUPPORT THE FUNDING OF THE ELROY ROAD PROJECTS

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/26/17

Name: Holly Peterson

Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project Name: 2017 CBAC

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I am increasingly concerned about safety on the roads in & around Del Valle. Specifically FM 812 (AKA. "The Death Trap"), Kellam, Elroy & 183. I also just recently purchased a house in Easton Park w/the confidence that the County^{state} will improve those surrounding roads (William Cannon, McKinney Falls, FM 812, etc.). The success & growth of these areas - whether it be businesses or residential - almost solely depends on making these improvements.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6-26-2017

Name: Jason Asci

Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: Austin 78700

Email: [REDACTED]

Project Name: FM 612

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

Please consider improving FM 612/extension. I travel this roadway everyday and have seen numerous accidents over the past several years. I am concerned with my safety as well as the flooding concerns in case of an evacuation. I pass by memorials and crosses and if there is any indication repairs or improvements are needed, this is it! Thank you for consideration. This is so important.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM
Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6-26-2017

Name: Roxy McDonald

Address: _____ City, Zip: 78726

Email: _____

Project Name: 2017 Potential projects Precinct 4

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I would like to see 812 widened where the entrances are
and also Elroy Rd. It would make traffic flow in and out
less of a headache, and hopefully relieve accidents on 812.
There have been too many lives lost or injured.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date:

11-21-17

Name:

Hannah Rizzo

Address:

City, Zip:

Austin, 78748

Email:

[REDACTED]

Project Name:

2017 CABAC

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I commute from South Austin to Del Valle 5 days, if not, 7 days a week for the last 3 years now. I have witnessed numerous accidents on FM 812 and have been in one which me & my co-workers were not at fault. I have never felt safe driving on FM 812. I recently found out I was pregnant and feel like it would be hard to return and a new job we drove out of my way to arrive to work safely. I fear everyday for my life driving these roads as well as all of my co-workers. FM 812 & Elroy need drastic improvements for me to feel comfortable driving them again. These roads flood quickly & without notice and we lost a co-worker in these floods near the tollway. Please make changes for the people of Del Valle!

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/26/17

Name: Jessica Kaizer

Address: _____ City, Zip: Austin, 78723

Email: ~~_____~~

Project Name: 2017 CBAC

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I have worked in the Del Valle Community for 3 yrs now. In that time, I have witnessed countless accidents due to the lack of updates & developments on Elroy Rd. & 812. These roads are unsafe with no room for error. 812 in particular is so high traffic, and in a 2 mile stretch there are no less than SIX roadside memorials. One is for a former coworker of mine who lost his life in a flood on 812 & 130 due to improper drainage. My work family and I drive these roads every day, at all hours of the day. We want these improvements



to foster the safe growth of the Del Valle
community. Everyone deserves to make it
home.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/26/2017

Name: Jake Woese

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Email: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Project Name: 812 / Elroy

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I have lived in Austin for 1 year now after moving from Minneapolis. The first thing I noticed is the lack of roads for the population growth. It is very uncommon to hear of a traffic death in Minneapolis because the roads are well maintained and kept up with population growth. I have two sons who are about to get their drivers licenses and I fear for their safety. It is often that I hear of a traffic death caused by flooding or unsafe road conditions. I can teach my boys safe driving habits, but I expect that the roads they travel be safe. I happen to work at circuit of The Americas and the area around the race track is of great concern. There have been times where I have

(over)

suggested to my wife that "tonight might not be very safe" and "If you come tonight, PLEASE be safe" I shouldn't have to worry about my family's safety when they use the roads around my place of employment. I also often schedule my trip to and from work based on when I think it will be the safest time to travel.

I have driven in major cities all over the country and have never feel a sense of unsafe conditions like I do in the Austin area. This is especially the case when I travel the Southeast areas of Austin. Flooding or poor run off shouldn't be something people should have to worry about when leaving their house every morning just because there might be a chance of rain that day.

Public Outreach Meeting SPEAKER REQUEST FORM
2017 Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date:

6-26-17

Name:

WILLIAM ARCHER

Email:

~~william.archer@jgarcia.com~~

TOPIC:

Please extend and improve E1 Roy + 81a.

Thank you for your time and testimony.

Jhanda

Written
Testimony

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6-27-17

Name: Deb Groom

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Email: ~~deb.groom@traviscountytx.gov~~

Project Name: DPX13 Fritz Hughes Park Rd @ Bear Creek

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov. **Thank you for input.**

Comments:

My concern is that this project be planned &
carried out to consider the recent development up
the creek & the property owners down the creek.
Property below the bridge currently experiences flooding
during times of heavy rainfall. The development of the
multi-family housing on the land at the front of
Steiner Ranch will affect the amount of water flowing
down the creek during heavy rains & that affect has
not yet been seen.

I would like to see plans for this project
that will be able to accommodate the increased
water flow without inundating private property any

more than before the multifamily development ~~is~~ was built.

I am concerned that if a new bridge is built, that Travis Co. will abandon the existing bridge,

increased flooding will occur in the neighborhood.

Again, I ~~would like~~ ^{would like} to see a plan that will offer a safe bridge, while keeping the inundation of floodwaters to a minimum, as well as a plan to handle future floodwaters & minimize future erosion caused by heavy rains & the recent development at the front of Steiner Ranch.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/28/2017

Name: David Voegtle

Address: ~~1111~~ ~~1111~~ ~~1111~~ City, Zip: Austin, ~~78705~~

Email: ~~XXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.COM~~

Project Name: Harold Green / Austin Colony

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I just wanted to say that I greatly appreciate the prioritization of the Harold Green project in Austin's Colony. After the 969 expansion project (currently ~~under~~ in process) this is the single most likely to help ~~reduce~~ severe congestion. Having an alternate route out of the neighborhood that does not rely on 969 is critical.

I'd also like to suggest the Parks group look into adding fenced off leash dog areas for eastern Travis, which has no nearby facilities of this type.

Public Outreach Meeting SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

2017 Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Written
Testimony

Date: 6-28-17

Name: William Archer

Email: ~~XXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.COM~~

TOPIC: Please extend Elroy to 8/12

Thank you for your time and testimony.

Thanks

June 20, 2017
Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee
CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov

Committee Members:

I am a resident of Hamilton Pool Road community, and I have lived here since 1986. This spectre of the Reimers Peacock Road project and the development of the Reimers Peacock tract rises to the surface of the development issues every few years, then disappears, only to rise again a few months or years later. It is only one of many rumors of developments that float around here, but as we all know, many of these rumors are now substantial bricks-and-mortar developments that have exponentially increased the population and the burden on resources, both natural (water) and infrastructure (roads, services) of this area.

I am not politically-oriented, or financially savvy, so many of the arguments for and against this project go right over my head. However, I am not dumb, and I know a specious argument and a self-serving motivation when I see one, especially after watching the theatre of development in western Travis County for the last 15-20 years. It has done us very little good to argue for the environmentally sensitive nature of the region – fragile water quality, limited groundwater, expensive and scarce surface water and sensitive wildlife habitat. Though we have raised those objections regularly over the years time and time again, there appears to be no understanding of those kinds of issues that defy monetization. That doesn't mean those issues cease to exist, but arguing them seems to get us nowhere.

What I CAN definitively argue is the statement that Reimers-Peacock is necessary for fire and safety reasons. This is a moot point; I sold 3 acres to the ESD6 in 2012, and the plans to develop the fire station across from the entry to Rocky Creek Ranch and Belvedere will be built in the next two years, according to Bobby Abbott, ESD6 fire chief. Two years from now, we won't need Reimers-Peacock as an avenue of fire safety access.

Secondly, if solving serious road safety issues is the mission, the dangers of the far western stretch of HPR pale in comparison to the dangerously overcrowded eastern portion of HPR from 71 to 12.

Thirdly, I want to take issue with the fundamental assertion – always tacitly behind development plans – that people should be able to do whatever they want to do with their own property, and who are we to tell property owners who wish to develop that they can't do it? That fundamental argument is basically the age-old argument for natural rights, articulated most famously by Thomas Hobbs, the English political philosopher. Yes, humans always like to believe that they have a right to do anything they want, but Hobbes' cautionary warning (that we in this county tend to forget) is that only strong government and strict - even draconian - measures instituted by that government stand between humans exercising their natural rights and lives that would, for all of us, end up "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." Strong government is supposed to save us from ourselves, not enable a few to make lots of money by ruining the neighborhood for all of us. County government needs to be strengthened in its resolve and given the tools to do the right thing by ALL of us, not just a few cronies who stand to make money by developing out here.

Sincerely,
Paula Priour



RCP3

THE PEACOCK-REIMER'S EXPANSION:

1) PROPOSAL INDICATES IMPROVED EMS RESPONSE TIME BY 5 MIN TO MY AREA WHICH IS NEGLIGIBLE.

2) FACILITATES RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA.

3) TAXES SCARCE WATER RESOURCES

4) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH HIGH UNIT DENSITY WILL INCREASE TRAVEL TIME & JEOPARDIZE PUBLIC SAFETY BY INCREASING TRAFFIC VOLUME

5) NATIVE + PROTECTED SPECIES WILL LOSE VITAL HABITAT

6) TAXPAYER RESOURCES WILL BE BETTER UTILIZED BY ACQUIRING & MAINTAINING PROTECTED PARKLAND FOR GENERATIONS TO ENJOY & USE FOR EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE.

BENEFITS OF IMPROVING REIMERS-PEACOCK ROAD

Comments by Gene Darling, President, Cypress Ranch WCID#1

- Improving Reimers-Peacock Road provides better access for West Cypress Hills' residents to the County Park and Hamilton Pool. Both are accessed by Hamilton Pool Road. The park actually abuts West Cypress Hills. We have homeowners that share a common fence with the public park lands but the only access to the park is via US 71 to Hamilton Pool Road. Thus it is over 20 miles and 30 minutes to get to a park that is next door.
- The roadway design was approved by the citizens of Travis County on a previous bond election and the design was completed and the construction was included in the CAMPO plans when the West Cypress Hills subdivision was being developed. Reimers-Peacock Road was intended to provide secondary access into and out of the subdivision.
- Verbena Parkway within West Cypress Hills was included in the preliminary plan and has been built as a road to connect the County Park to Reimers-Peacock Road.
- Lake Travis ISD owns property adjacent to West Cypress Hills that will front on the extension of Verbena Parkway. It is designated as a future middle school site at a location that will be adjacent to the existing elementary school. Cypress Ranch Boulevard is the only current access to this site and is not designed to be the sole access for the middle school if Reimers-Peacock Road is not built.
- The LTISD middle school property was acquired based on Reimers-Peacock Roadway being built as it was listed as a CAMPO roadway and the design of the road was approved by voters and completed at the time of the acquisition.
- It improves emergency access and overall transportation flow for existing residents and developments within this area.
- With the proposed high school property acquisition it will be critical to have this roadway built for the safety of the high school students who will attend that school and it will enable residents of West Cypress Hills to drive to the high school without having to travel on State Highway 71.
- Traffic is the #1 issue for residents in Travis County and this roadway will help alleviate traffic on both SH 71 and Hamilton Pool Road
- Emergency Services need this roadway to reduce response times and to provide better services to the residents of western Travis County that rely on access along SH 71 and Hamilton Pool Road

June 29, 2017

Travis County Citizens Advisory Board Committee

Greetings Commissioners,

We are grateful to have this opportunity to speak to you this evening and for your recommendations to the Commissioners.

As most of the older residents of Travis County know, Hamilton Pool road has always been a beautiful drive as it winds its way through the hill country on the way to Hamilton Pool and now Reimers Ranch Park. We that live along Hamilton Pool Road came for the drive experience and stayed for the natural beauty of the area. The Pool itself has always been a regional natural attraction, if not statewide. But, unfortunately, suburbia has reached us and begun to have its impacts. Increased traffic is by far the most and we can only count on it getting worse.

We know you have little or no control over growth, but you do have a voice through recommendations: recommending this road be labeled special, as it belongs in a parks and recreational category as well as a primary arterial road for local traffic.

Since January of this year our Home Owners Association has been seeking guidance from our County and State road authorities concerning the ever increasing dangerous driving conditions existing on Hamilton Pool Road/RM3238, between Highway 71 and Ranch Road 12.

We have contacted Scott Lambert, TNR, Engineer; Charlie Watts, Long Term Plans; Chiddi N'Jie, PE, short term plans; and Mark Mikulenka, PE, Transportation Engineer, South Travis Area Office, TxDOT.

In his email response of February 17, 2017, to our Home Owners Association, Mark Mikulenka stated that there were no current roadway improvement projects planned for this portion

of the road. The CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan shows an upgrade from Minor Arterial to Principal Arterial between 2010-2040. We are almost half way through this Plan's phase and we are now experiencing extremely dangerous driving conditions along this corridor.

These conditions include an increased volume of traffic at peak hours that the existing roadway was not built to handle; four steep S-curves with no paved shoulders on a very narrow roadway; heavy construction truck traffic that frequently cross the double yellow line at 55+ MPH, impatient drivers who pass on the double yellow line and increased weekend recreational traffic generated by motorcycle club rallies, cyclists and other citizens seeking recreational activities at Hamilton Pool and Reimers Ranch Parks.

With future developments of new subdivisions along Hamilton Pool Road, these unsafe conditions will only increase and put our community and especially our children, at risk.

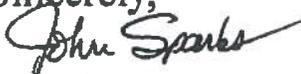
What are we to do? That's why we are here asking you to address this serious and unsafe condition.

Please re-evaluate the CAMPO 2040 plan and increase the capacity to a Four Lane Divided roadway with free right and left turn lanes where needed; include wide walk paths; bicycle lanes; guard rails at dangerous shoulders and safe access to parking for Verdes Restaurant and other retail uses that locate along this roadway. Longer range, any plans should include the Parks Department, TxDOT, and CAMPO, for their valuable ideas and resources.

We hope you can address some of our immediate safety concerns now and work with us to achieve longer range plans for this special road.

Thank you for your time this evening and we hope to hear from others who use Hamilton Pool Road.

Sincerely,



John Sparks

Chairman

Transportation Safety Committee

West Cave Estates Home Owners Association


 SEARCH

- WHO WE ARE
- ACTIVITIES
- FIND A PARK
- RESERVATION & FEES
- EXPLORE
- MASTER PLAN

Home > Find a Park > Hamilton Pool Preserve

General Information

Address

24300 Hamilton Pool Rd.
Dripping Spgs, TX
78620

[Map & Directions](#)

Hours of Operation

Reservations required May 1
September 30. 9:00 am to 1:00
pm and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
daily, weather permitting.
Recreational activities, such as
swimming, end 30 minutes prior
to end of reservation period.
Call (512) 264 2740 for daily
updates

General Information

Acres: 232

Park Fees

(reservation fee required in
addition to park entrance fee)

Nearby Parks

- [Pace Bend Park](#)
- [Reimers Ranch](#)

Travis County Parks

HAMILTON POOL PRESERVE



News & Alerts

For updated information about Hamilton Pool Preserve please call our public information line at (512) 264 2740. The message is updated daily at 8:30 am, or when rain changes our status during the day. Remember the preserve sometimes closes to all visitors due to recent rains and hazardous trail conditions.

Summer Reservations - Reservations are required to enter Hamilton Pool from May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. You can make your reservation now

Hamilton Pool Preserve is fully booked through at least the next five weeks. If you do not have a reservation for today, please do not drive to the preserve.

PLEASE NOTE: All reservations are final. They cannot be refunded or rescheduled. Swimming is not guaranteed with your reservation.

For more information about the reservation system and the preserve in general click on the link to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

[Please Click Here to Make a Summer Reservation](#)

SWIMMING STATUS: Hamilton Pool Preserve is currently NOT allowing swimming due to high bacteria levels. The earliest swimming might be allowed is Saturday, July 1. You can call our Public Information Line at that time for up to date information. The number of our Public Information Line is (512) 264 2740. It is updated daily by 8:30 am, and when rain changes our status during the day.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

What To Know Before You Come

1. Calling the Public Information Line will let you know the current status of the preserve, whether we're allowing swimming and hiking. Remember the preserve sometimes closes due to recent rain and hazardous trail conditions. The phone number is (512) 264 2740. It is updated daily at 8:30 am, or when rain changes our status during the day.
2. Reservations are required to visit on dates starting May 1 and ending September 30. You make reservations online by clicking on the link shown above on this web site. You may pay your reservations with a credit card, and pay an additional entrance fee in cash when you arrive at Hamilton Pool Preserve. If you are located outside the United States, Canada or Mexico then you may encounter Network Errors while attempting to access our Reservation website. If this is the case, you may call 1-800-926-1463 for technical assistance.

To: John Robertson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "jrs [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
"dela [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>,
" [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, 'David Russell'
<[REDACTED]>, David Barger <[REDACTED]>,
Victor Vargas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Road Improvements along CR3238 & RM12

Mr. Robertson.

I have searched our project database for proposed roadway improvement projects within your area of interest on RM 12 between Fitzhugh Rd. and RM 3238 (Hamilton Pool Rd.) and on RM 3238 (Hamilton Pool Rd.) between RM 12 and SH 71. Unfortunately, TxDOT does not currently have any projects planned for those areas. As you are probably aware, funding for the types of roadway improvements that your subdivision may be most interested in seeing constructed continues to be a challenge to secure.

TxDOT does now require that new developments connecting to the State roadway system provide a traffic analysis to determine what type of highway intersection improvements (if any) need to be provided by the developer to accommodate the increased traffic generated by the proposed development.

In this case, contacting your local officials may be a good step in getting their attention that your subdivision has concerns about increased traffic on RM 12 and RM 3237. Local officials regularly contact our (TxDOT) offices to relay concerns such as these for further investigation. They may also be able to offer resources for partnering with TxDOT to address these types of issues.

If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reply.

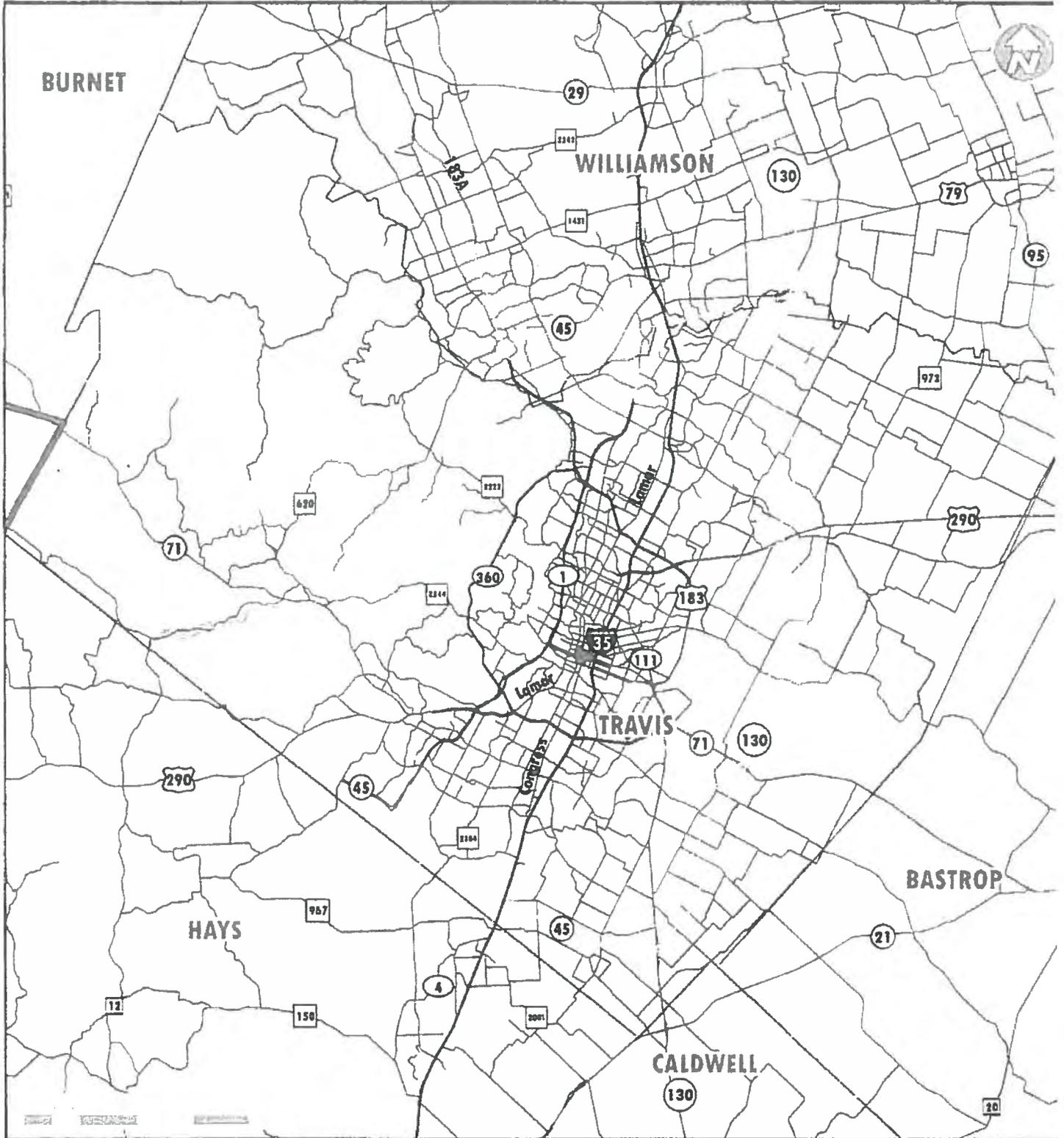
Thank you.

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Mark Mikulanka, P.E. | Transportation Engineer
South Travis Area Office
Austin District
[REDACTED], Austin Texas [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED] Direct: (512) 393-2408
Email: [REDACTED]

Road Types 2010

Travis Coun
Date: 4/7/20

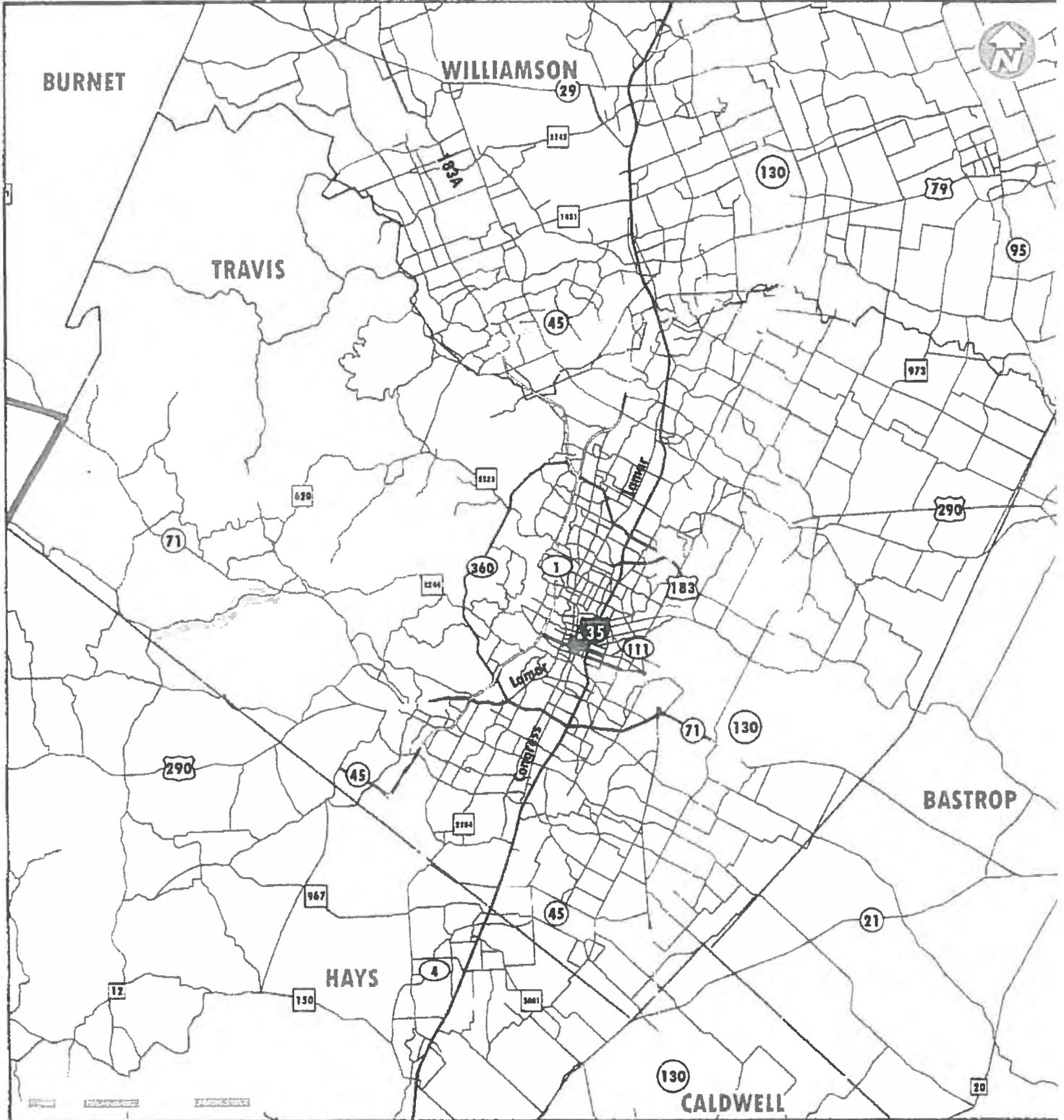


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| — Interstate | — Minor Arterial |
| — Freeway/Expressway | — Collector |
| — Tolloed | — Local |
| — Principal Arterial | — Ramp/Frontage/Direct Connector |
| | — City Limits |

Road Types 2040

Travis County
Date: 4/7/2015



Road Type

- Interstate
- Freeway/Expressway
- Tolloed
- Principal Arterial

- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Local
- Ramp/Frontage/Direct Connector
- City Limits

Which One of These is Not Like the Others?

(7) Old Lockhart Road Bicycle Safety Project

- \$3,260,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(6) Old San Antonio Road Bicycle Safety Project

- \$4,020,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(5) Fitzhugh Road Bicycle Safety Project

- \$3,700,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(4) Hamilton Pool Road Bicycle Safety

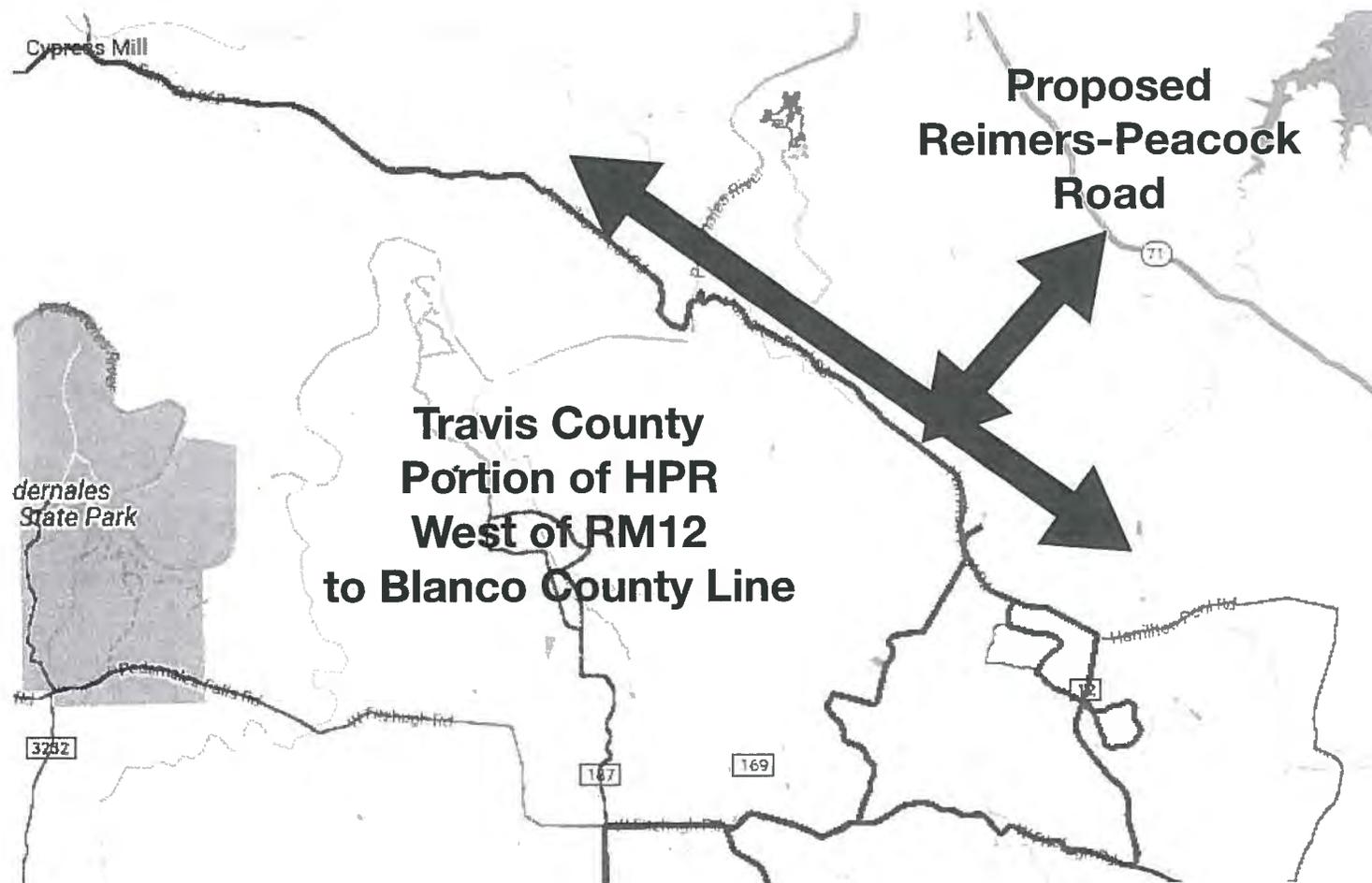
- \$17,700,000
- Construct 6 foot wide outer shoulder (both sides)
- Project currently under safety improvement study to determine cross section

	Shoulder width, ft	Cost
Old Lockhart Rd	2-4	\$3.3M
Old San Antonio Rd	2-4	\$4.0M
Fitzhugh Rd	2-4	\$3.7M
Hamilton Pool Rd	6	\$17.7M



"Which one of these is not like the others?"

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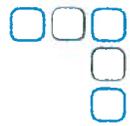
This is a Strava heat map of my bike rides. I *may* be the person who rides his or her bike the most on this stretch of HPR. HPR west of RM 12 is safe for cyclists.



Sunday Afternoon
June 2017
Hamilton Pool Rd
Near Proposed Reimers-Peacock Rd
Pretty darn safe.

- Reimers-Peacock Rd will promote sprawl
 - Fragile environment like Hamilton Pool
 - County has no land-use authority to steer sensitive development
 - Will increase load on HPR
 - We have great access to emergency services now
 - Developers want county to build and own road, or else they create a HOA liability — diminishes value

- Hamilton Pool Rd “Bicycle Safety” Project is absurdly over-engineered
 - \$17M cost is more than three similar projects combined (Old Lockhart, Old San Antonio, Fitzhugh)
 - **Six-foot shoulders** when other projects have 2 to 4 foot
 - This isn’t for bicycle safety. It’s for converting HPR to a high volume arterial funneling traffic from Peacock Ranch developments
 - Repaint the lines and those two six-foot shoulders will become third lane
 - Developers require these changes to have salable lots
 - They will be reluctant to build without these changes



Mr. Ron Wattinger, Chair
Mr. John Langmore, Vice-Chair
Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
PO Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Sirs,

Improving regional mobility is an implicit goal of our jurisdictions as demonstrated through ongoing collaborative efforts to improve mobility associated with improvements to Rowe Lane and Weiss Lane. This letter is to substantiate recommendations in which a resolution of support will also be requested from the City Council on its July 11, 2017 meeting.

On June 1st, staff presented information to the Committee offering a staff perspective for projects to be included in a future bond package which included:

- E. Pflugerville Parkway Extension as a roadway capacity project and the Jesse Bohls Road realignment as a roadway safety project
- Cameron Road (E of SH 130) as a roadway safety project
- Cele Road safety improvements (Weiss Ln to Melber Ln) are not included on the 2017 Bond Project List, but should be given consideration

In addition to the aforementioned roadway improvements, we also recommend including resources for corridor studies for the development of a north-south corridor between SH 130 and SH 95, and an east-west corridor connecting Pflugerville and Elgin via an extension of FM 1100 to SH 130. Additional lanes on SH 130 between US 79 and US 290 will be added beginning this fall.

Growth happens throughout Travis County, and growth is occurring rapidly not only in Pflugerville but in Pflugerville's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) as well. Additional, sustained housing construction in the ETJ (917 starts since October 2015) has generated a warrant for addition school facilities to serve the exploding population with the newest campuses located in the ETJ, changing traffic patterns, driving additional growth and highlighting safety concerns. Thank you for your consideration of these needs.

Sincerely,

Brandon E. Wade
City Manager



E Pflugerville Pkwy

Weiss Ln

Legend

- Addresses
-  Pflugerville
-  Pflugerville ETJ

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From: [Charlie Watts](#)
To: [Laura Seaton](#)
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} RE: Pflugerville City limits confirmation
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 8:51:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Weiss Lane.pdf](#)
[Pflugerville Parkway.pdf](#)
[Weiss & Pflugerville Parkway.pdf](#)
[City Limits Property Lines.pdf](#)
[Special Warranty Deed.pdf](#)

This is additional info David received, he may have sent it to you, if not, make it available also.

From: Trey Fletcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 8:15 AM
To: David Greear
Cc: Charlie Watts; Morgan Cotten; Amy Giannini; Tom Word
Subject: {EXTERNAL} RE: Pflugerville City limits confirmation

David,

Pursuant to the first item regarding the alignment, I am providing a few exhibits to substantiate that the ongoing improvements to Weiss and more particularly to Pflugerville Parkway support the extension of Pflugerville Parkway east of Weiss Lane in the future consistent with the corridor study that was completed several years ago by the County. Additional attachments, more specifically address the future alignment area as being within the city limits:

1. Weiss & Pflugerville Parkway: Shows snap shot of property based on actual survey on the ground including the fence, property lines, and City Limits. A CAD file of the survey if necessary. The pdf also shows (in blue) proposed Weiss improvements at the intersection.
2. City Limits Property Lines: Shows city limits and property lines per GIS
3. Special Warranty Deed: Provides the field notes for the City Water Treatment Plant property confirming the City's ownership.

From a planning standpoint, we have long anticipated the extension of Pflugerville Parkway east of Weiss Ln to track immediately north of the water treatment plant. As far as the City's commitment to donate the property necessary for ROW for the roadway extension and additional funding, we will discuss with the City Council on Tuesday evening.

Funding would be subject to identifying the project for a future bond election, in which we have discussed with the City Council regarding the notion of a November 2018 bond election utilizing a bond committee that would likely be identified soon after the November 2017 election cycle.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Trey Fletcher, AICP

Assistant City Manager
City of Pflugerville

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 78691-0589
[REDACTED]

512-990-6301 direct



From: David Greear <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Trey Fletcher <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Charlie Watts <[REDACTED]>; Morgan Cotten <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Pflugerville City limits confirmation

Trey,

As you are aware, Travis County is looking at a possible project to extend E. Pflugerville Pkwy east of Weiss Lane and eventually merge with Jesse Bohls Road. I was looking at TCAD and the property lines that belong to the City of Pflugerville and wanted to confirm that what we show for the city limit line and for the property owned by you guys is correctly represented on the map attached. There is a fence line along the north edge of the water treatment plant that doesn't seem to line up with the property lines in TCAD. This is important, as we need to make sure the extension of E. Pflugerville Pkwy directly east of Weiss is indeed within the property owned by the City of Pflugerville. We also need to gauge the City's interest in donating the ROW for this roadway extension at a minimum and possibly providing some funding towards design and construction. Anything you can give me by EOD Thursday would be great. This may affect the probability of getting this project on the 2017 Bond list for voters.... Right now, the project is on the cusp.

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That under the threat of condemnation by the City of Pflugerville, Texas, **OTTO WERCHAN and SHIRLEY WERCHAN** ("Grantor"), for a full valuable cash consideration to Grantor in hand paid by the **CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS**, a Texas home-rule municipality ("Grantee"), whose mailing address is P.O. Box 589, Pflugerville, Texas 78691, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the payment of which no lien, express or implied, is retained against the property and premises hereby conveyed, has GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents does GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY, unto Grantee the following described real property in Travis County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon, to wit:

24.372 acres of land, more or less, out of the Joseph Wiehl Survey No. 8, Abstract No. 802, in Travis County, Texas, more fully described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto Grantee, Grantee's successors and assigns, forever; and Grantor does hereby bind Grantor and Grantor's heirs, executors and administrators, to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the Property unto Grantee, and Grantee's successors and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise, except, however, that this conveyance is made subject to the liens securing payment of ad valorem taxes for the current and all subsequent years, as well as to those matters set forth on Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Executed this the 18 day of February, 2003.

Otto Werchan
OTTO WERCHAN

Shirley Werchan
SHIRLEY WERCHAN

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS,
a Texas home-rule municipality

By: Steve Jones
Steve Jones, City Manager

EXHIBIT "A"

FIELD NOTES
FOR

24.372 ACRES (WERCHAN TRACT)

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND OUT OF THE JOSEPH WIEHL SURVEY NO. 8, ABSTRACT NO. 802 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CALLED 24.60 ACRES AS CONVEYED TO OTTO WERCHAN AND SHIRLEY WERCHAN BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 2001019557 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a ½ inch iron pin found at the Southwest corner of said Werchan Tract, being at the Northwest corner of a 2.0 acre tract as described in Volume 11526, Page 796 of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, being in the East r.o.w. line of Weiss Lane, for the PLACE OF BEGINNING hereof;

THENCE along the West line of said Werchan Tract, being along the East r.o.w. line of Weiss Lane, N 27°41'42" E for a distance of 405.18 feet to a ½ inch iron pin found at the Northwest corner of said Werchan Tract;

THENCE along the North line of said Werchan Tract, S 62°33'16" E for a distance of 2607.71 feet to a ½ inch iron pin found at the Northeast corner of said Werchan Tract;

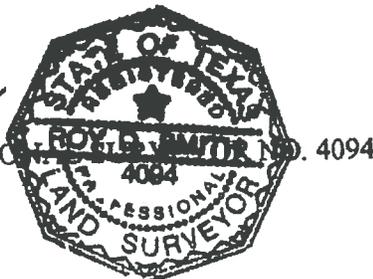
THENCE along the East line of said Werchan Tract, S 27°41'42" W for a distance of 409.64 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of a 16.00 acre tract as described in Volume 4727, Page 393 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, for the Southeast corner hereof;

THENCE along the North line of said 16.00 acre tract, N 62°26'25" W for a distance of 2085.60 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe found at the Northwest corner of said 16.00 acre tract, being in the South line of said Werchan Tract;

THENCE along the South line of said Werchan Tract, N 62°30'49" W for a distance of 261.40 feet to a ½ inch iron pin found and N 62°31'43" W for a distance of 260.70 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 24.372 acres of land, more or less.

SURVEYED BY:
Roy D. Smith Surveyors, P.C.

Roy D. Smith
ROY D. SMITH
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
August 30, 2002



SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That under the threat of condemnation by the City of Pflugerville, Texas, **MARGIE CHERRY, also known as MARGIE WALDINE CHERRY, and the ESTATE OF ERNEST GLENN CHERRY, DECEASED** ("Grantor"), for a full valuable cash consideration to Grantor in hand paid by the **CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS**, a Texas home-rule municipality ("Grantee"), whose mailing address is P.O. Box 589, Pflugerville, Texas 78691, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the payment of which no lien, express or implied, is retained against the property and premises hereby conveyed, has GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents does GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY, unto Grantee the following described real property in Travis County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon, to wit:

24.596 acres of land, more or less, out of the Joseph Wiehl Survey No. 8, Abstract No. 802, in Travis County, Texas, more fully described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto Grantee, Grantee's successors and assigns, forever; and Grantor does hereby bind Grantor, and Grantor's heirs, executors and administrators, to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the Property unto Grantee, and Grantee's successors and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise, except, however, that this conveyance is made subject to the liens securing payment of ad valorem taxes for the current and all subsequent years, as well as to those matters set forth on Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Executed this the 18 day of February, 2003.

Margie Cherry
MARGIE CHERRY, also known as
MARGIE WALDINE CHERRY

ESTATE OF ERNEST GLENN CHERRY,
DECEASED

By: Margie Cherry
Margie Cherry, also known as Margie Waldine
Cherry, Independent Executrix

EXHIBIT "A"

FIELD NOTES
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24.596 ACRES (CHERRY TRACT)

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND OUT OF THE JOSEPH WIEHL SURVEY NO. 8, ABSTRACT NO. 802 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THAT SAME TRACT OF LAND CALLED 24.60 ACRES AS CONVEYED TO ERNEST CHERRY AND MARGIE CHERRY BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 2001019555 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron pin found at the Southwest corner of said Cherry Tract, being at the Northwest corner of that certain 24.60 acre tract of land described in Document No. 2001019557 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, being in the East r.o.w. line of Weiss Lane, for the PLACE OF BEGINNING hereof;

THENCE along the West line of said Cherry Tract, being along the East r.o.w. line of Weiss Lane, N 27°42'03" E for a distance of 410.72 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pin found at the Northwest corner of said Cherry Tract;

THENCE along the North line of said Cherry Tract, S 62°33'21" E for a distance of 2608.91 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pin found at the Northeast corner of said Cherry Tract;

THENCE along the East line of said Cherry Tract, S 27°52'02" W for a distance of 410.80 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pin found at the Southeast corner of said Cherry Tract;

THENCE along the South line of said Cherry Tract, N 62°33'16" W for a distance of 2607.71 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 24.596 acres of land, more or less.

SURVEYED BY:
Roy D. Smith Surveyors, P.C.

Roy D. Smith
ROY D. SMITH
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR
August 30, 2002



EXHIBIT "B"

PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS

1. Electric transmission and/or distribution line easement located along Weiss Lane, granted to Texas Power & Light Company, by instrument dated September 29, 1936, recorded in Volume 551, Page 441, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, as shown on the survey dated October 2, 2002, revised October 8, 2002, prepared by Roy D. Smith, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 4094 (the "Survey").
2. Location of improvements and fence outside property boundaries as shown on the Survey.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS,
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By: Steve Jones
Steve Jones, City Manager

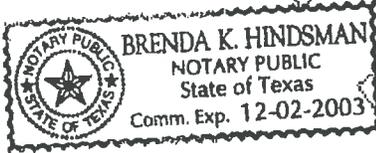
ATTEST:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on February 18, 2003, by Margie Cherry, also known as Margie Waldine Cherry, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Ernest Glenn Cherry, Deceased.

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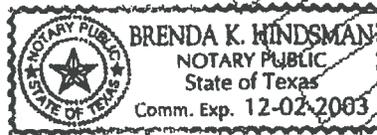


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2. Area in conflict, as shown on the Survey.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

~~Karen Thompson, City Secretary~~

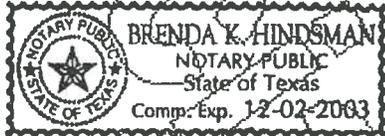
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on February 18, 2003, by Otto Werchan.

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary Public Signature



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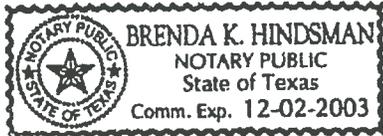
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on February 18, 2003, by Shirley Werchan.

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Notary Public Signature



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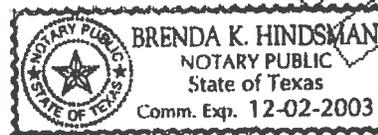
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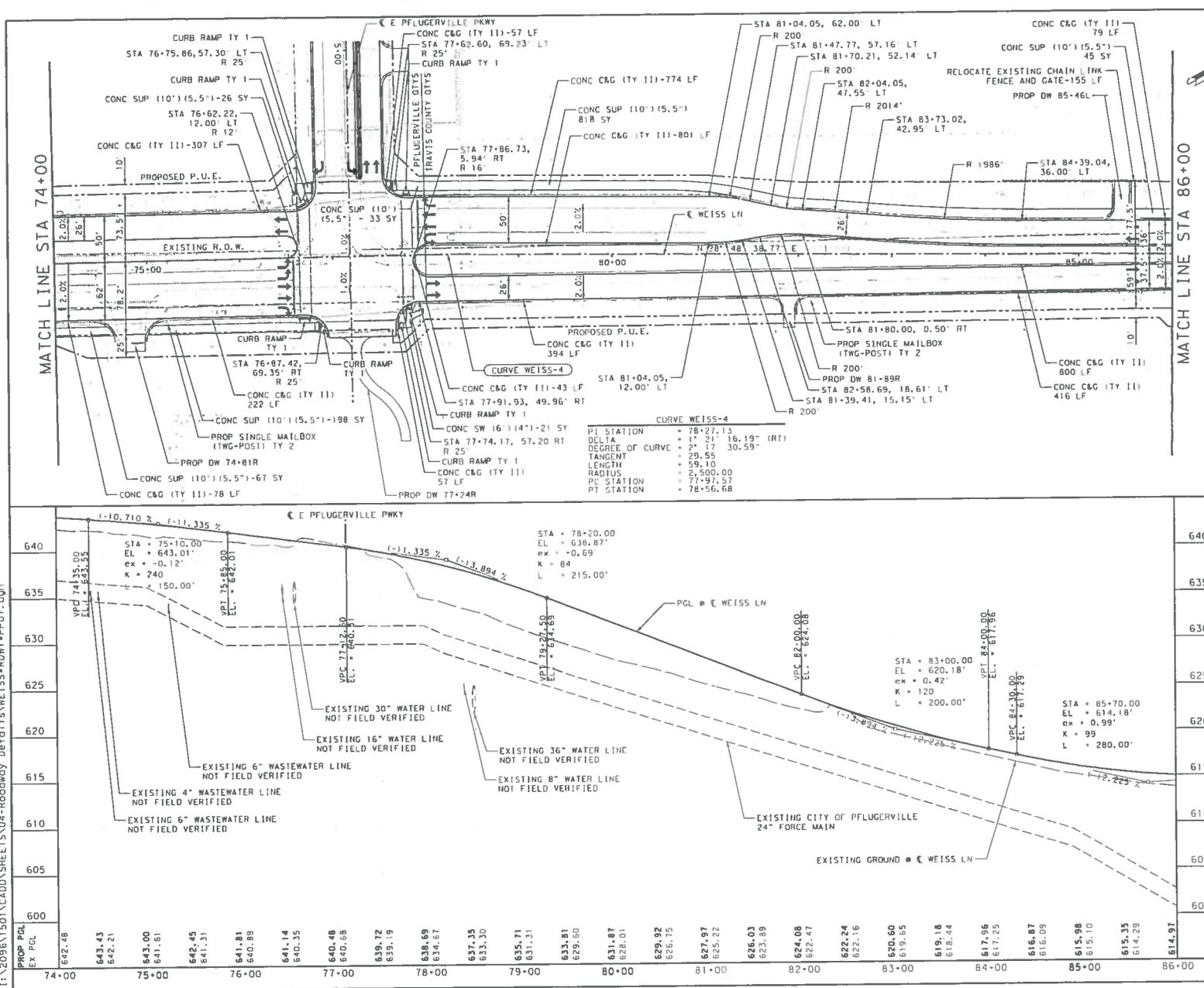
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- PROPOSED R.O.W.
- PROPOSED P.U.E.
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- CONCRETE RIPRAP W/SURFACE TREATMENT (HERRINGBONE)
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- SIDEWALK AND SUP SHALL TYPICALLY FOLLOW THE BACK OF CURB. MINOR VARIATIONS SHALL BE FIELD LOCATED AND SHALL MEET ADA REQUIREMENTS.
- SEE DRIVEWAY SUMMARY TABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- SEE MISCELLANEOUS ROADWAY DETAILS FOR SUPERELEVATION DATA.
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PAGE: 133

Braker Lane Extension to Bureleson Manor Road

From: Steven Manilla <[redacted]>

To: [redacted]

Cc: Morgan Cotten <[redacted]>; Anna Bowlin <[redacted]>; Charlie Watts <[redacted]>; Scheleen Walker <[redacted]>

Subject: Braker Lane Extension to Bureleson Manor Road

Date: Thu, Jul 28, 2016 5:43 pm

Larry Beard,

TNR is supportive of the subject project as shown by our recommendation to include it in the CAMPO 2040 plan (ID#238) BRAKER LA
It is also included on TNR's draft list of projects that we will be submitting for consideration in the next County bond referendum. That could occur as early as November 2017. As you know we have a lengthy draft list of projects that will need to be prioritized by a bond advisory committee. One of their charges will be to pare the list down. Although there will be several worthy projects TNR believes the Braker project has special importance towards establishing a robust network of roads to serve a high growth area and ultimately provide much needed connectivity southward to a crossing of the Colorado River. Those potential projects are also included in the CAMPO 2040 Plan (ID#242 and ID#243). Thank you for your continued interest in the transportation needs of our community.

Regards
Steve Manilla, P.E.
County Executive-TNR

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Beard Real Estate Development Larry R. Beard

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Austin, Texas 78724

"Larry Beard Braker Lane 1000 2017" 6/26/17

DEVELOPMENT

Whisper Valley home sales underway

\$2 billion subdivision being developed as highly energy-efficient.

By Shonda Novak
snovak@statesman.com

The first of hundreds of new homes are under construction in northeastern Travis County's Whisper Valley community, which is set to become the nation's largest energy-saving housing development.

The \$2 billion subdivision is being built on a 2,062-acre site just east of Texas 130 at FM 973 and Braker Lane, about 3 miles south of Manor. The community will be powered solely by geothermal and solar energy.

Though it's not the first project to feature sustainable, energy-smart homes, Taurus officials said Whisper Valley is the largest project of its kind to have "energy neutral" homes that are capable of producing as much energy as they consume.

Taurus said it also is the nation's first master-planned community to be equipped with Google Fiber's 1-gigabit internet service.

Two builders, Avi Homes and Pacesetter Homes, are now pre-selling homes at Whisper Valley. The first of about 30 homes in the project's 237-home first phase should be ready for buyers to move into in August.

Homes in the first phase will range in price from the low \$200,000s to the \$370,000s. "This is the first opportunity

Homes continued on B6

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rates SXSW Interactive from SXSW Film and SXSW Music.

In all, SXSW said about 421,900

people participated in SXSWweek, with 70,696 attending the interactive film and music conferences this year.

In 2016, SXSW reported 37,660 interactive participants, 19,942 film participants and 30,369 music participants for a total of 87,971, but SXSW has always noted that due to gold and platinum passes, there's overlap for those who attended more than one conference. Film festival attendance for 2017 was 70,574. SXSW said 285,804 attended festival events - this includes single-ticket admissions to music

SXSW continued on B7

Interim CEO T/A&M's fund

interim CEO Mark Warner, who had led the fund in an interim capacity after former CIO Bruce Zimmerman

RETAIL



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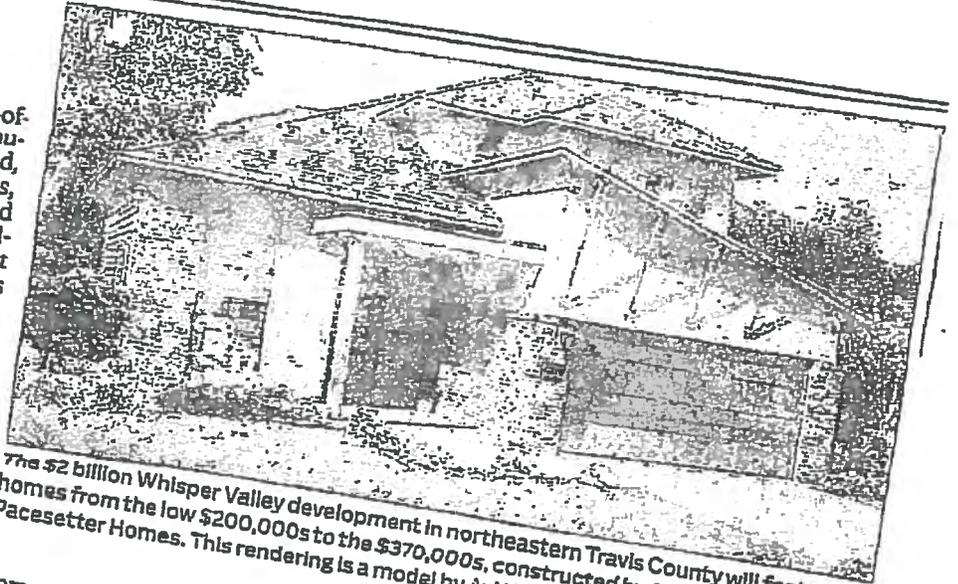
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to purchase in this one-of-a-kind sustainable community," said Douglas Gilliland, president of Taurus of Texas, a subsidiary of Boston-based Taurus Investment Holdings. "We are seeing a great response from homebuyers who want the latest technology and most energy-efficient homes at an amazingly affordable price. We've already got over 250 prospective homebuyers on our interest list who are choosing plans and going through the prequalification process." The second and third phases could bring an additional 700 homes.

When completed over the next decade or so, Whisper Valley is expected to have up to 7,500 homes and apartments, plus more than 2 million square feet of retail and neighborhood services, restaurants and commercial space. Whisper Valley's homes will be equipped with geothermal pumps for heating and cooling; roof-mounted solar panels; energy-efficient appliances; and other green-building technologies, Taurus said. Taurus officials say the cost of living in a Whisper Valley

home will be less than similarly priced homes in some other master-planned communities in the Austin area due to the zero-energy features. Those features will help the city of Austin achieve its aggressive carbon-emissions targets for new homes, Taurus says. The city has set a 2050 target to reduce carbon emissions to zero for all buildings and houses. Taurus formed a subsidiary, EcoSmart Solution LP, to develop and implement the alternative energy programs that Taurus will incorporate at Whisper Valley. EcoSmart



The \$2 billion Whisper Valley development in northeastern Travis County will feature homes from the low \$200,000s to the \$370,000s, constructed by Avi Homes and Pacesetter Homes. This rendering is a model by Avi Homes. CONTRIBUTED BY AVI HOMES

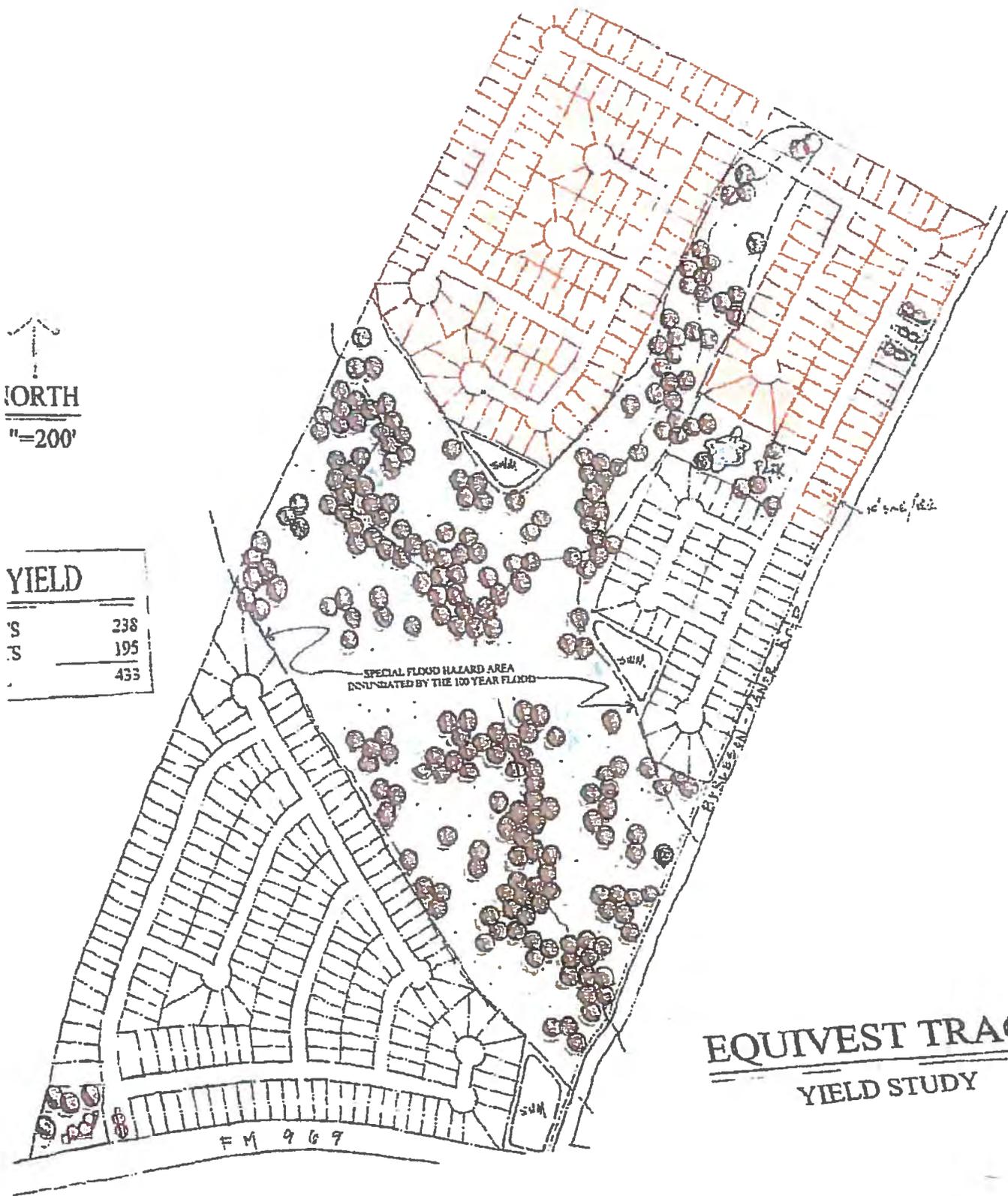
has built a network of companies that will be putting their energy-saving products and systems in place at Whisper Valley, as well as other Taurus projects around the country. Taurus intends for Whisper Valley to serve as a model for other such sustainable developments. EcoSmart partners include Bosch - which will include its energy-saving kitchen appliances, geothermal heat pumps and high-efficiency water heaters in the homes - and Google Nest, which will be supplying its smart thermostats and other products.

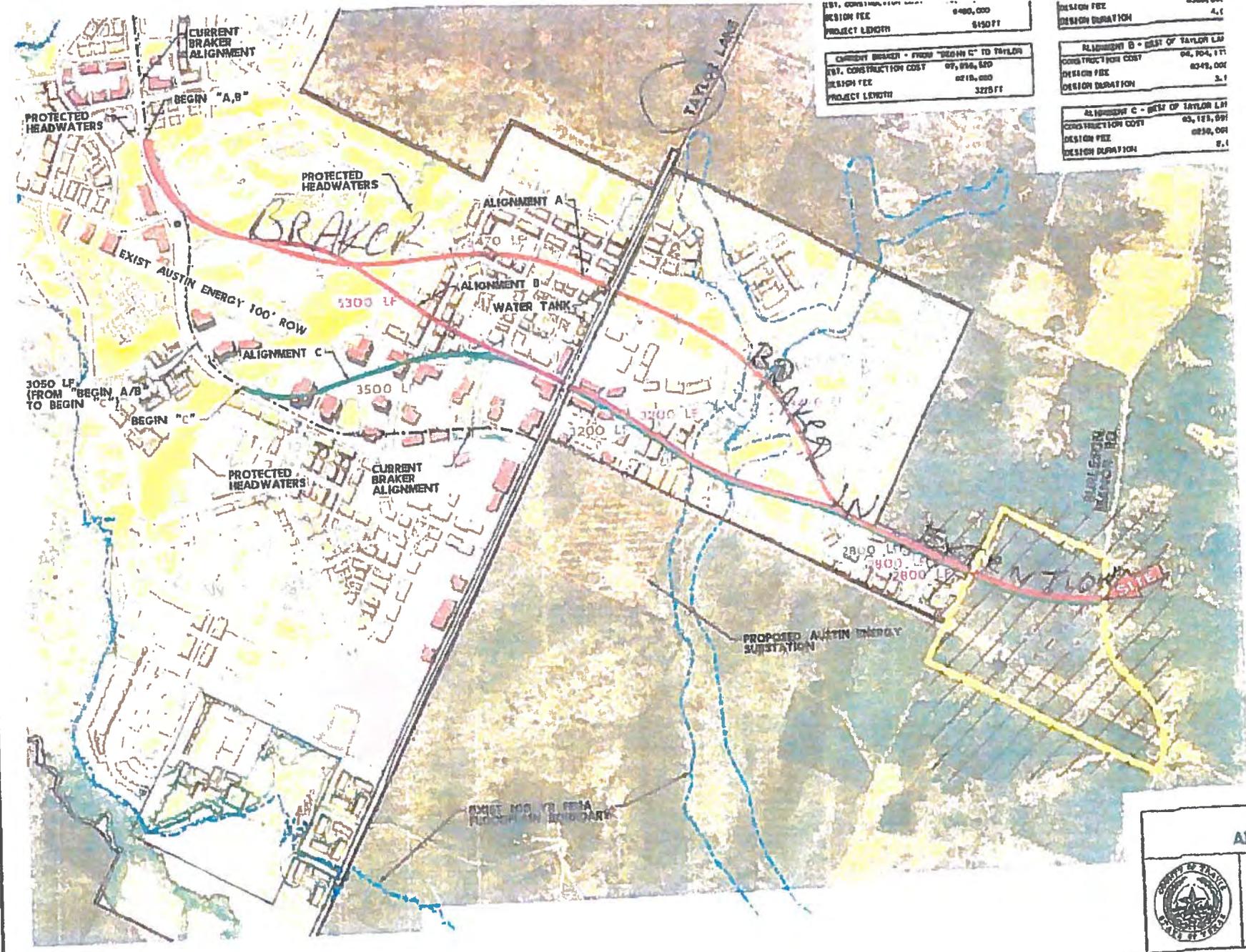
EcoSmart partners are making the installation investment upfront. Buyers can then roll it into a mortgage, or finance it over 25 years with a no-down loan, with their energy savings helping to offset the cost. Amenities at Whisper Valley will include a community center, resort-style pool, play areas, a fitness center, hiking and biking trails and a 600-acre park. Plans eventually also call for two schools, a transportation hub and a fire station.

Contact Shonda Novak at 512-445-3856.

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CONSTRUCTION COST	63,123,891
DESIGN FEE	1630,000
DESIGN DURATION	2.1



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D	Roadway Safety	Wolf Lane Improvements	3	\$4,400,000		
D	Roadway Safety	River Hills Road	3	\$4,400,000		
D	Roadway Safety	Taylor Lane	1	\$4,050,000		
D	Roadway Safety	Taylor Lane	4	\$2,600,000		
D	Roadway Safety	Rodriguez Rd Reconstruction	4	\$2,600,000		
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				D+? Subtotal:	\$90,950,000	\$240,461,410
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Appendix B Notes:

- *1 = One or the other of these projects, but not both
- *2 = Scope/cost overlap with safety project
- *3 = Priority Pending

From: [Amy Miller](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Charlie Watts](#); [Tom Mattis](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Elgin
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:46:04 PM
Attachments: [LETTraycobond62717.pdf](#)
[Elgin Texas County Line Developments.docx](#)

Please accept the attached as public comment for the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee.

Let us know if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Thank you

Amy

Amy Miller
Community Development Director
City of Elgin

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June 27, 2017

Ron Wattinger, Chair
John Langmore, Vice-Chair
Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
P.O. Box ~~588~~
Austin, Texas ~~78767~~

Dear Sirs;

The City of Elgin corporation limits include areas in both Bastrop and Travis Counties; and new housing growth we are experiencing is primarily located in Travis County. Those residents are primarily employed in the greater Austin metro area and are dependent on the regional road network for access to their employers.

The attached map identifies subdivision activity that is underway or proposed to begin in the next year. Elgin High School and Neidig Elementary School are located in Travis County on County Line Road. The existing subdivision Westwind, is in the city limits and Elm Creek which is a MUD are both located in Travis County. Austin Community College, Elgin Campus, located on County Line Road, is expanding this year to include a new building for Veterinary Technician and Sustainable Agriculture programs.

As the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee considers funding priorities, we hope that you will consider funding for corridor planning. For example, FM 1100 offers a partial alternative to HWY 290 for those traveling westbound. We would like to offer our support for a future extension of FM 1100 that could continue this alternative west bound / eastbound route, and for additional east west and north south regional connectors.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Mattis
City Manager

Elgin, Texas Subdivision Development on County Line Road June 2017



"Citizen Comm - Westminster Glen Updated Presentation" 6/6/17

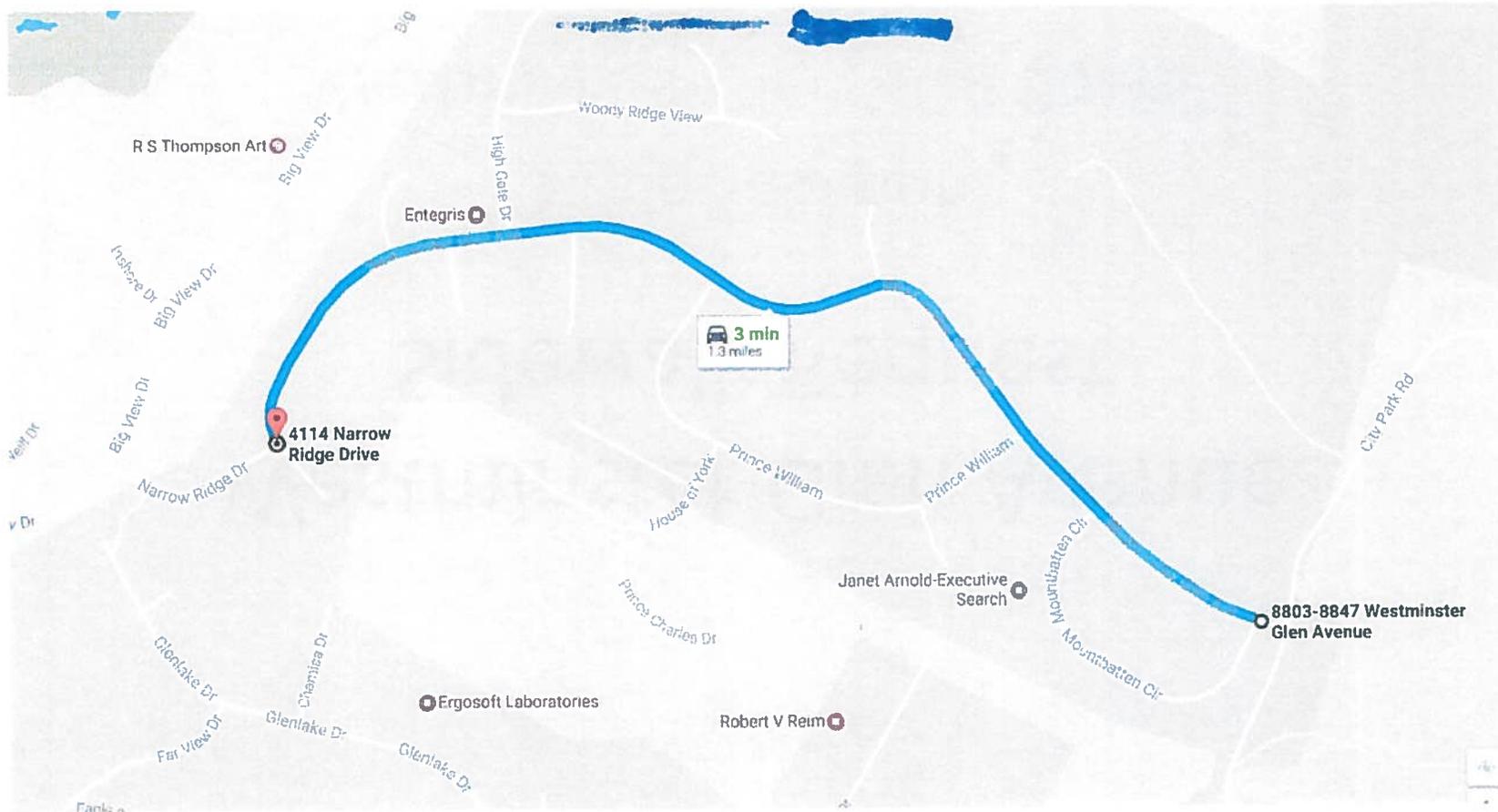
Westminster Glen Avenue Sidewalk Request

Linda Salomon

Westminster Glen HOA Board



The requested sidewalk would run the length of Westminster Glen Avenue from the eastern entrance of Mountbatten Circle to Narrow Ridge Drive (indicated in blue), on whichever side of the street the engineers deem appropriate.



Current Situation...

- Westminster Glen is a neighborhood of 225 homes with over 750 citizens in residence.
- Traffic has dramatically increased over the past few years as Austin has grown and commuters use the neighborhood as an alternative to 2222 and to access 360.
- The River Place neighborhood is just to the west and connects to Westminster Glen via Narrow Ridge Drive and has almost 1800 homes and many use Westminster Glen Avenue to head east towards hwy 360 and avoid 2222 traffic jams.
- 15 school bus stops for elementary, middle and high school students are along the 1.3 mile route which are in the dark in the fall, and has no place for students to stand but on the road or in the gutter.
- 5 years of radar sign data show average speeds well in excess of 40 miles per hour and a large percentage of cars in excess of 50 miles per hour daily with at least one vehicle per day in excess of 60 miles per hour. Posted speed is 30 mph.
- Annually ~ 3 stone mailboxes are destroyed by cars swerving on the road and hitting them with force until they crumble.
- January 2017 survey of residents showed this as a top priority
- Westminster Glen is half in ETJ and half in a limited purpose annexation area, which means we have no ability to access funds from the Austin Mobility Bond. Travis County is our only means of relief.
- LISD Superintendant and Chief Facilities and Operations Officer have deemed Westminster Glen Avenue **TOO DANGEROUS FOR NORMAL SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS** (see attached letter)

What we have tried on Westminster Glen Avenue....

- Westminster Glen HOA pays \$20k per year collected from residents to pay Travis County Sheriff's to patrol for speeding and school bus passing
- Over 90% of drivers who are caught speeding are not residents of the Westminster Glen neighborhood
- Paid for reflective puck's and their installation down the center of Westminster Glen Avenue
- Paid for white outer lines painted near street gutters
- Paid for radar speed signs (\$10k each x 2) plus ongoing maintenance
- Requested stop sign, speed humps, cross walks and all were denied, even when we offered to collect money to pay for them

Request and Support

- We request the installation of a sidewalk along the 1.3 mile stretch of Westminster Glen Avenue from the eastern entrance of Mountbatten Circle to the intersection of Narrow Ridge Drive which connects to the River Place neighborhood. River Place has sidewalks throughout their entire development, we are only asking for one road.
- Letters of Support attached:
 - Leander ISD
 - Austin City Council Member Alison Alter
 - CONA 2222 (Coalition of Neighborhood Associations)



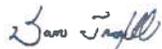
May 4, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

Leander ISD has a "walk to bus stop" practice for students riding school buses. This means that elementary school age students do not walk more than two-tenths of a mile and for secondary students it is one-half of a mile to a bus stop. In Westminster Glen subdivision, the lack of sidewalks creates unsafe conditions for the students to walk to a bus stop. Therefore, Leander ISD has adjusted this practice so that buses stop at numerous homes in order to allow a safer way for children to enter and exit their bus.

Leander ISD fully supports the installation of sidewalks along Westminster Glen Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.


Dan Troxell, Ph.D.
Superintendent


Jimmy Disler
Chief Facilities and Operations Officer

Leander ISD

LeanderISD.org





City of Austin

May 4, 2017

Travis County Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee
700 Lavaca Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Sidewalks on Westminster Glen Avenue

Dear Travis County Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee,

As a Travis County resident and new Austin City Council Member, I want to thank you and your fellow Commissioners for your hard work. I am writing to express my support of the Westminster Glen neighborhood's request for the installation of sidewalks along Westminster Glen Avenue.

This road has become an increasingly transited arterial serving traffic from the River Place neighborhood to FM 2222 and Texas State Highway Loop 360. The neighborhood has been a good collaborator and spent considerable effort and expense to control speed on this road and are looking for collaboration from a public entity. The pedestrians, many of whom are schoolchildren walking to and from bus stops, will continue to be at risk as long as there is no sidewalk along this road. In order to allow children to safely use the many bus stops along Westminster Glen Avenue, it is my sincere hope that a sidewalk will be added.

Thank you again for your consideration for funding this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison B. Alter".

Council Member Alison Alter

District 10

CC: Westminster Glen HOA Board

Austin City
Council
Member for
District #10
Alison Alter

May 3, 2017

Linda Salomon
Westminster Glen HOA
~~4922 Elgin Road, Suite 200~~
~~Westminster, CO 80030~~

Dear Linda,

The 2222 CONA Board of Directors fully supports Westminster Glen Home Owner's Association request for a sidewalk along Westminster Glen Avenue.

The increase in traffic volume and continued problems with speeding coupled with a neighborhood with residents with active lifestyles and many children who wait for school busses make this a much needed safety improvement for the residents.

We wish you the best of luck in securing the funding for your project.

Sincerely,

Laurie Moore
Board Member
~~2222 CONA~~

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From: [Buddy Crain](#)
To: [Peter Einhorn](#); [Bob Moore](#); [Josh Davies](#)
Cc: [T...](#); [Lauren Hill](#); [Peter Einhorn](#); [Stacy Moore](#); [David Greear](#); [Laura Seaton](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County ESD#10 Support of Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee Recommendations
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 3:09:24 PM
Attachments: [20170601150846493.pdf](#)

Good day all,

Attached please find a letter from my office, on behalf of myself and my Board of Commissioners, supporting safety improvements along Cuernavaca Drive and River Hills Road.

My Commissioners Board will likely pass a formal resolution supporting these projects, but they were afraid they would not have a chance to do so before the deadline for comments.

Thank you.

bc

Chief Buddy Crain
Travis County Emergency Services District #10
CE-Bar Fire Department

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Austin, Texas [Redacted]
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"Citizen Comm - Travis County ESD #10 Support Cuernavaca" 6/6/17



TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT#10

June 1, 2017

Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC)
Travis County, Texas

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of myself and the Board of Commissioners of Travis County ESD#10, please let this letter serve as a **Letter of Support** for the proposed safety improvements along Cuernavaca Drive and River Hills Road.

Completion of these projects will undoubtedly improve public safety for pedestrians/cyclists and motorists alike. It will also likely serve to increase property values in the area, resulting in increased ad valorem tax revenues for the county and district.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or concerns the Committee may have regarding the impact of these projects on our neighborhood.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our support.

Best regards,

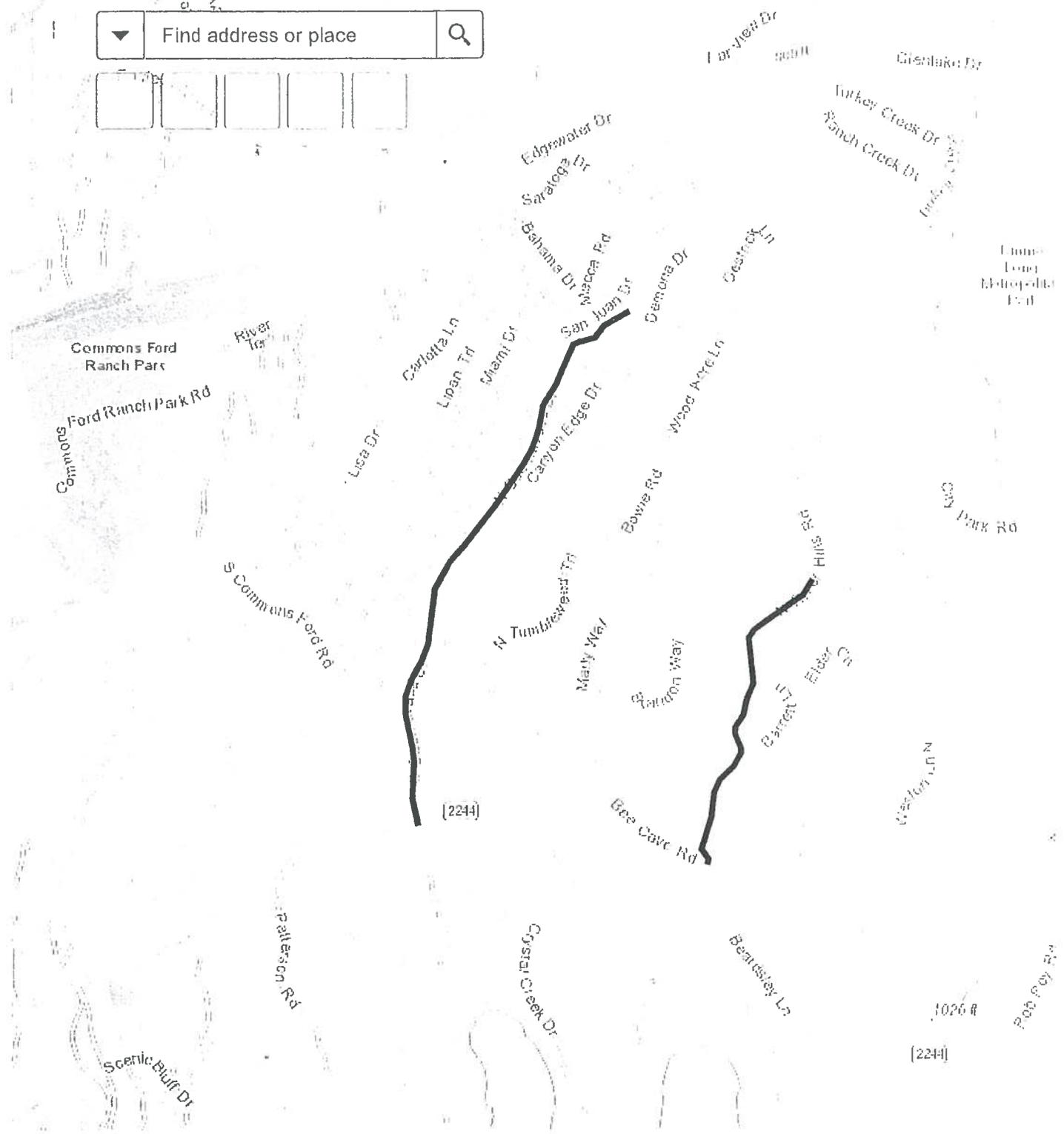
Buddy Crain
Chief

Cc: Travis County ESD#10 Board of Commissioners
Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt
Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty
Travis County Executive of Emergency Services Josh Davies

Attachment

Austin, Texas ~~78743~~

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To: Judge Sarah Eckhardt
Travis County, Texas

From: Travis County ESD#4
Peter Torgrimson, President of the ESD Board
David Bailey, Fire Chief

Re: Letter of Support for Transportation Bond request no. 18; Extension of Austin's Colony Blvd.

Judge Eckhardt-

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the funding of RCP no. 18, the extension of Austin's Colony Blvd. to Harold Green Rd.

Lost in the success story that is Austin's Colony impressive growth, has been the troubling aspect that beyond the bridge which spans Elm Creek, it remains a one way in and one way out neighborhood.

Threats to the neighborhood such as flooding streams that make the bridge unusable, or fast moving, wind-driven wildfires call for swift and effective evacuations. But with no roads approaching from the south and the single exit north becoming blocked- the possibility of hundreds of homeowners being stranded in between Elm Creek to the north and the Colorado River to the south becomes very real.

The developers of Austin's Colony are continuing to press for even more development in Phases 9-13 thus making the situation worse, while refusing to include improvements. The International Fire Code makes it very clear that housing developments over 30 homes should have a second access road. However, an approved site plan from 2005 has so far allowed the continual expansion.

The growth and development into eastern Travis County are certainly positive occurrences; but without the accompanying infrastructure such as connector roads there are some concerning negatives as well.

We at ESD4 urge the Bond Committee to approve this transportation project.

Sincerely-

David Bailey
Fire Chief, ESD4

6/6/17
"Citizen Comm - ESD4 support of Transportation Bond - Austin Colony's Blvd extension"

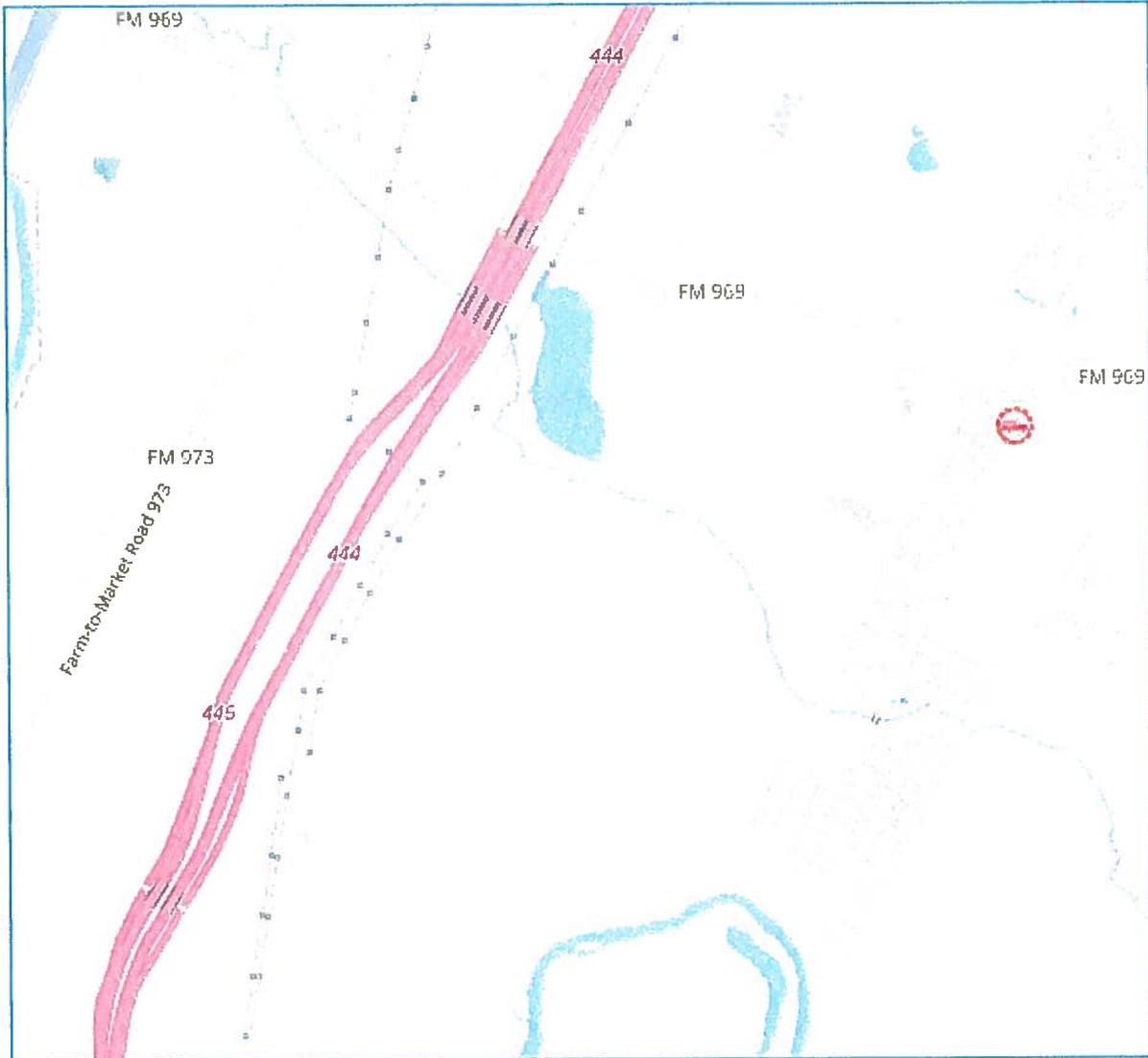


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Figure 1 <http://www.austintexas.gov/floodpro/>

From: [Melissa Velasquez](#)
To: [David Greear](#); [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Laura Seaton](#); [Kristian Caballero](#)
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} Fwd: Westminster Glen HOA needs assistance.
Date: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 4:25:37 PM
Attachments: [Sidewalk request.pdf](#)
[CONA 2222 letter of support.docx](#)
Importance: High

David, Commissioner Shea just received this request for sidewalks from Westminster Glen HOA to be considered for recommendation by the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Shea expresses her support for their request, and the residents of Westminster Glen may be in attendance for Thursday's meeting.

Thank you,

Melissa Velasquez
Policy Advisor
Office of Brigid Shea, County Commissioner Precinct 2
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

From: Kristian Caballero
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Melissa Velasquez
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} Fwd: Westminster Glen HOA needs assistance.
Importance: High

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Salomon [REDACTED]
Subject: Westminster Glen HOA needs assistance.
Date: May 3, 2017 at 11:51:13 AM CDT
To: [REDACTED]

Hi Kristian,

I am on the board of the Westminster Glen HOA and commissioner Shea is speaking to our group in September.

Travis County traffic engineering told me about the opportunity to present to a citizens advisory council on Thursday afternoon. They are making recommendations for a county bond proposal, which is the first since 2011. I have attached my brief presentation.

I have attached my short presentation, and you will see on the last page we highlight the support of Alison Alter, LISD and CONA 2222. I would like to add Commissioner Shea to that list and to get a very brief letter supporting our

"Westminster Glen HOA needs assistance" 7/6/17

position which I will submit as an attachment to my presentation. If you could just email it to me by noon on Thursday that would be REALLY appreciated! I have attached the draft letter that I wrote for CONA 2222 to make it easy for them. They just tweaked it, signed, and sent back. You obviously don't need to use that, but you will see I just want to show the council that we have support.

We have spent tens of thousands of dollars trying to make our neighborhood safer and we truly believe a sidewalk is what is called for.

Please let me know if this works for you and Commissioner Shea, and thank you again!!! I think this might be our last chance to get this done.

Linda Salomon
Westminster Glen HOA Treasurer
c. 











The City of Lago Vista

*To provide and maintain a healthy, safe, vibrant
community, ensuring quality of life.*

May 31, 2017

Steven Manilla, P.E., County Executive
Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
P.O. Box [REDACTED]
Austin, TX [REDACTED]

RE: Response to Transportation Improvements along Lohman Ford Rd. and Other Areas within City of Lago Vista Limits and ETJ

Mr. Manilla:

In consultation with the City Development Services Director, David Harrell, it is his understanding that the County has created a County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee for road improvements within unincorporated Travis Co. and the potential to assist the City for roadways within the City. It is also his understanding that an additional \$15 million in Certificates of Obligation for each year on top of the \$150 million over a three year period are earmarked for transportation improvements within the County.

Our Director in phone consultation with representatives of your Department, a Mr. Charlie Watts and Mr. David Greer, on May 31, 2017 understands the County is intending to make improvements to Lohman Ford Rd. within unincorporated Travis Co. roughly from Boggy Ford Rd. to Sylvester Ford Rd. These improvements include center turn lanes and general improvements to the roadway. The City is supportive of the County making these improvements in our ETJ, in particular to making Lohman Ford Rd. a future four-lane roadway similar to the portions north of Boggy Ford Rd. within our City limits. This is in accordance with our 2030 Comprehensive Plan passed in May 2016, see attached Transportation Element along with the Future Land Use Map.

We believe it is important to coordinate improvements along this roadway and wish to further explain improvements that will be undertaken within our jurisdiction. The City Council has approved bonds for infrastructure improvements earlier this fiscal year. Although most of the funding is going to needed water-wastewater improvements, \$400,000 has been earmarked for signalization of the intersection of Lohman Ford Rd. and Boggy Ford Rd. and minor intersection improvements consisting of limited turn lanes. A contract will be awarded at the June 1 City Council meeting to begin replacement and upgrading guard rails on Lohman Ford Rd. within the City Limits. With potential developments, such as The Falls and Waterford, becoming active and adding up to 1,250 dwelling units in the area between Boggy Ford Rd. and the Village of Point Venture this will exacerbate the entire traffic situation along the corridor. Improvements at the Arkansas Bend Park allowing for RV related traffic will also add to this situation on both Lohman Ford Rd. and Sylvester Ford Rd.

PO Box [REDACTED], Lago Vista, Texas [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] Fax
Website: www.lagovistatexas.org

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Figure 29. Future Transportation Map



- Minor Arterial Undivided
- Future Minor Arterial
- Future Collector
- Collector
- Residential Street
- Lake Travis
- Lago Vista City Limits
- Lago Vista ETJ



City of Lago Vista

Recommendations

The following section outlines recommendations related to the following topics:

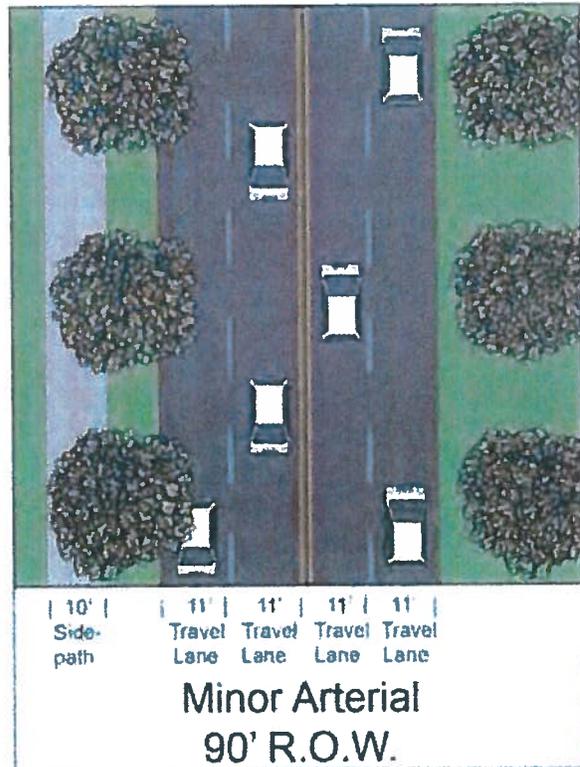
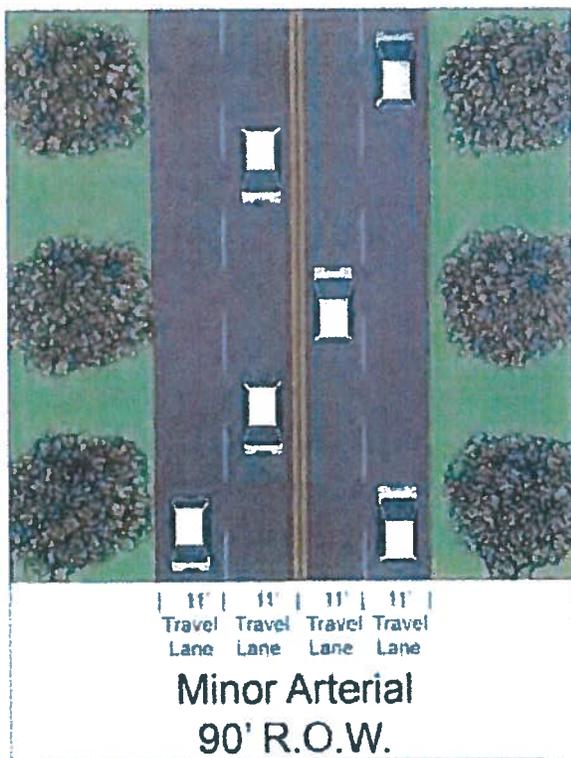
- Future Transportation Network
- Roadway Safety and Maintenance
- Alternative Transportation

Future Transportation Network

Arterials

Roadways identified as arterials are designed to convey relatively heavy volumes of traffic. These roadways are primarily intended to provide mobility, and because of the speed and volume of traffic, access to properties should be minimal. To accommodate bicycles, minor arterials should have separate multi-use paths that tie into the City-wide trail system when feasible.

Figure 25. Minor Arterial Cross-Sections



Collector Streets

Collector streets are generally designed to distribute traffic from local access streets and funnel it to major thoroughfares (i.e., from residential developments). Collectors are intended to provide more mobility than collectors, and collectors are intended to provide more access than secondary thoroughfares. Collectors should provide access to adjacent land uses, but access should still be managed through the use of shared driveways and other techniques that minimize disturbance of the free-flow of traffic. These types of roadways should carry lighter volumes of traffic than arterials. To accommodate bicycles, collectors should have striped bike lanes on higher volume streets to increase safety. On lower volume collectors, sharrows could be an alternative to a bike lane. Sharrows could also be added to existing roads that cannot be feasibly widened. All bike lanes and sharrows should tie into the City-wide trail system.

Figure 26. Major Collector Cross-Sections

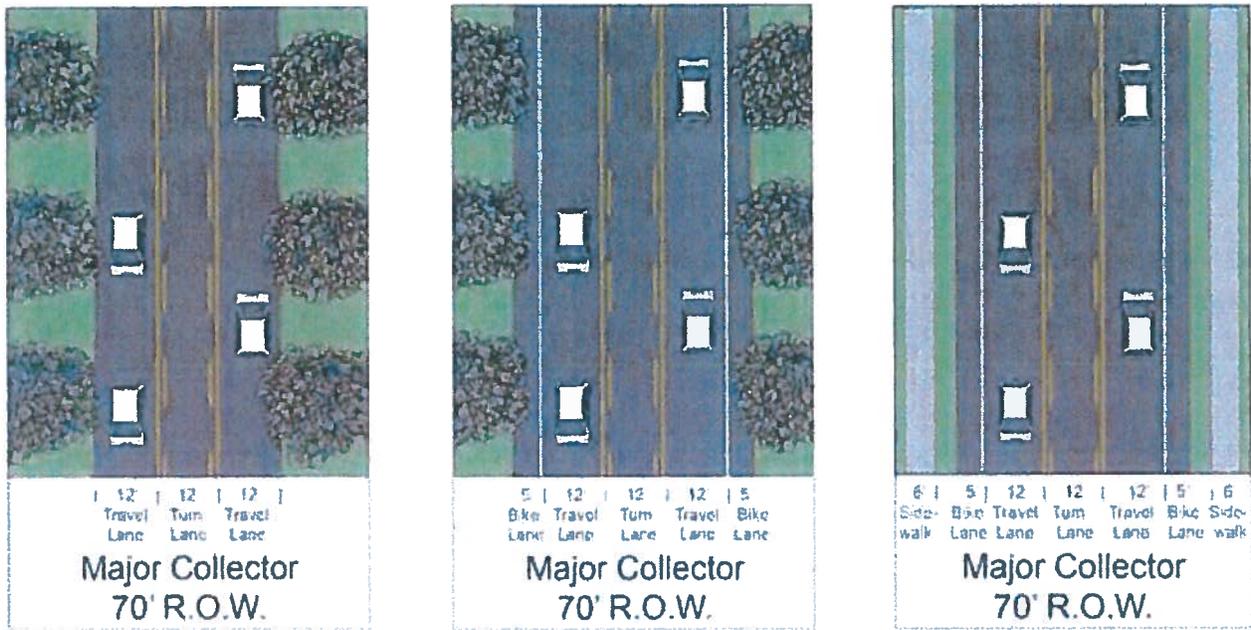
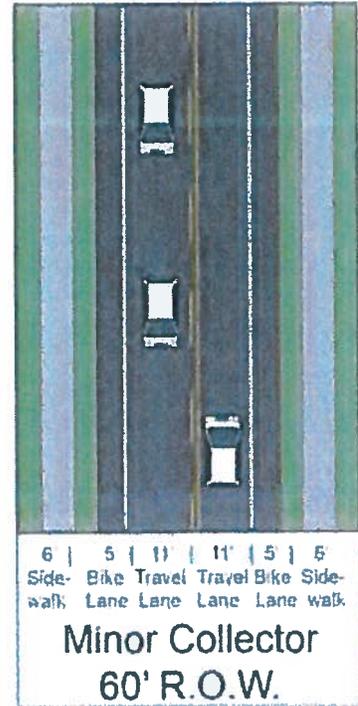
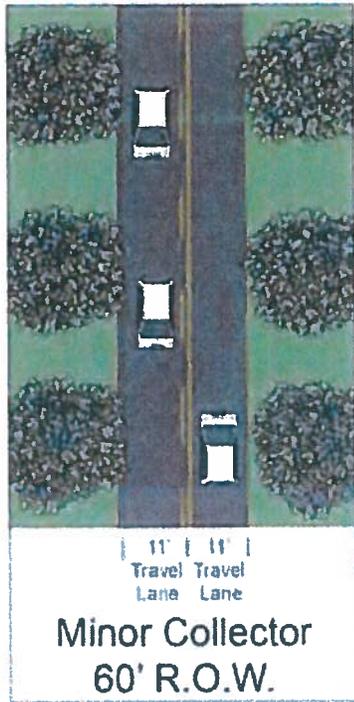


Figure 27. Minor Collector Cross-Sections



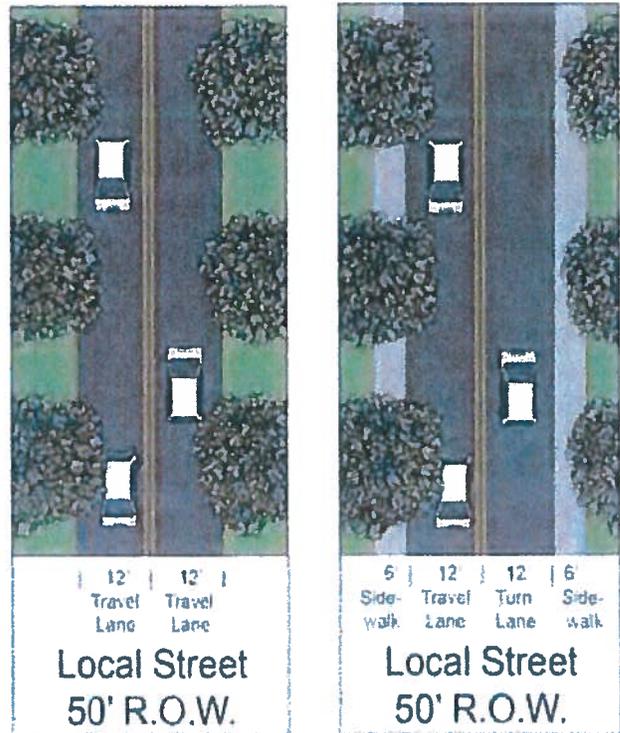
Local Streets

Whereas the principal objective of arterials is to provide mobility, the principal objective of local streets is to provide access to adjacent properties. The mobility aspects of minor streets are secondary to accessibility. Due to the fact that local streets are generally constructed within residential areas, safety is an important issue. To ensure that these roadways are not used a great deal for mobility purposes and to ensure their ability to provide access safely, local streets should be configured to discourage through-traffic movement by using traffic calming elements such as offset intersections, curvilinear streets, discontinuous streets, and stop signs. Local streets are also referred to as minor streets.

Bridges

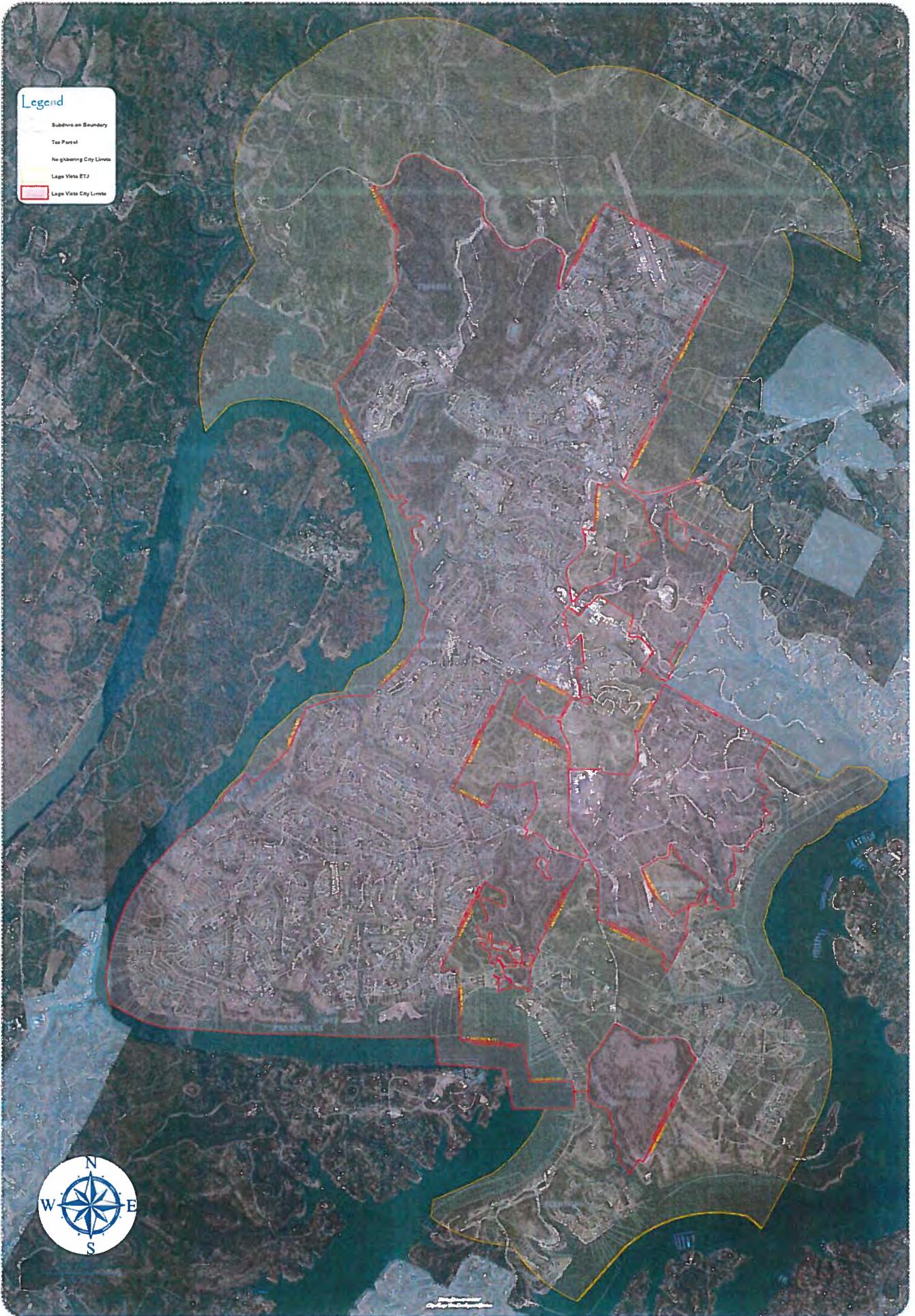
The bridge locations shown in **Figure 29** are conceptual locations for planning purposes. A bridge across Lake Travis would provide regional mobility and access into and out of Lago Vista in times of emergency. The locations on the map are conceptual and would require coordination with other regional transportation agencies like TxDOT and CAMPO. The actual bridge locations would be determined at the time of planning and design and would need to consider topography and access, among other constraints.

Figure 28. Local Cross-Sections



Action Items

Transportation Goal: Overcome physical constraints to meet the community’s needs by enhancing corridors, providing safe and walkable routes, and continuing regional coordination.	
Recommendation Topic	Action Item
Future Transportation Network	Coordinate transportation efforts with all regional transportation agencies to ensure better regional connectivity and partnerships, and evaluate the feasibility of a bridge across the lake for better mobility and access to surrounding communities. One or more of the bridge options, shown on the Future Transportation Network Map , should be pursued in the long-term.
	Begin long-range planning to construct a roadway extending from FM 1431 to the northeast to allow for better access into Lago Vista.
	Ensure that roadways provide sufficient access and mobility for all EMS and fire services.
	Improve roadways along lakefront near Tessera and Mahogany to ensure sufficient access to the potential hotel/civic center area
Roadway Safety and Maintenance	Identify intersections in need of safety improvements and upgrade two per year.
	Revise the subdivision ordinance to ensure that traffic calming techniques are permitted and encouraged.
	Develop a list/map of specific roads to be vacated and converted into trails, which allows maintenance efforts to be targeted toward the more traveled roadways.
	Add directed lighting and pedestrian enhancements at key intersections, and a signal at Lohman Ford Road and Boggy Ford Road.
Alternative Transportation	Update codes to allow for golf carts to be operated on certain City roadways.
	Identify partnerships and funding for a community-wide shuttle system.
	Require sidewalks in future developments when feasible based on topography and other site constraints.
	Develop a detailed sidewalk plan that indicates areas that are appropriate for retrofitting efforts. Allocate budget and identify incentives for retrofitting sidewalks in target locations.
	Formally adopt a roadway cross-section to allow on-street bike lanes and/or off-street multipurpose trails.



Legend

- Subdivision Boundary
- Tax Parcel
- Neighboring City Limits
- Lago Vista ETJ
- Lago Vista City Limits



From: [Mike Ray](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Precinct 1 traffic concerns
Date: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:57:57 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Ray <[REDACTED]>
Date: June 25, 2017 at 9:53:48 AM CDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Precinct 1 traffic concerns

Highest areas of concern.

The 290 eastbound and westbound stretch from Gregg Manor Rd to FM 973 between morning and evening rush hours. It begins from 6:15am to 8:45am M-F. In the evening, it goes from 4pm - 6:30pm.

This stretch should take less than 5 minutes but consistently will take 3x as long during normal rush hour. That backlog will continue to get worse as expansion continues along the Manor to Elgin 290 corridor. I understand Travis County plans to extend Howard Lane from 130 to Gregg Manor Rd. The city of Manor needs to finish the job by adding a road to connect Gregg Manor Rd to Lexington St north of 290. This would create an alternative east/west route in Manor which is desperately needed. It would also allow much of the school traffic that backups at Gregg Manor at 290 to have another option which would reduce backups at that light.

- The 290 Tollway needs to be extended to bypass Manor. Any extension must go beyond FM 973. The backlog begins at that intersection.

The following intersections are dangerous that repeatedly have accidents.

- 290 at FM 973
- 290 at Lexington St.
- 290 WB at Parmer Ln exit. This is due to the large number of vehicles that do not merge into the exit lanes until the last moment causing a potential accident. A turn only lane should be added after Gregg Manor Rd on 290 WB to assist with this.
- 290 EB service road at Joyce Turner Dr. The 290 EB service road goes from 3 lanes at 130 and then down to 2 lanes at Parmer Ln and finally down to one lane at this spot. This is a nightmare backlog spot during evening rush hour. It has caused vehicles to go straight

"Precinct 1 traffic concerns" 7/5/17

in the turn only lane and there is a high potential accident spot for cars leaving Manor New Tech High School to be hit. I would prefer 3 lanes be allowed to go straight along 290 EB at Parmer Ln and install physical barriers at this turn only spot to ensure vehicles leaving the high school can safely do so. It is not good to have 3 lanes of traffic be pinned down to one lane.

Simple improvements

- Turn on green after yielding lights are needed at neighborhoods Shadowglen and Presidential Meadows. Vehicles exiting 290 to enter these neighborhoods will stop at the red light but expecting them to wait multiple minutes to turn is ridiculous. Vehicles will run the light instead of waiting as long as it takes to get to their homes. 90 seconds is the max someone should have to wait when the system is working properly.
- Adding on ramp lanes from neighborhoods Shadowglen, Greenbury and Presidential Meadows. The neighborhood Presidential Glen has what we need and we just want it added so we can safely get out our neighborhoods to merge onto 290 WB.
- Extend the right turn only lane on 290 WB at FM 973 to the same spot when the left turn only begins. Since traffic backs up at this intersection, some cars merge onto the shoulder approaching FM 973. These cars then collide with vehicles that merge when the turn lane becomes available. This accident has happened multiple times.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jannine Farnum](#)
To: [Bruce Byron](#)
Cc: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#); [Bobby Ramthun](#); campo@campotexas.org
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: RM 2222 restriping at RM 620
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 1:10:18 PM

I'm hoping it's as easy as I think it is Bruce do you mind letting me know either way?
Thx

Sent from Jannine's awesome iPhone 7

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”

On Jun 28, 2017, at 12:19 PM, Bruce Byron <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Jannine – This is a TxDOT responsibility. At first glance, it does look like a reasonable and inexpensive way to expedite traffic. We will run it by our traffic operations people to see if we are overlooking anything. Thanks for your idea!

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Bruce Byron | Public Engagement Officer
Austin District
PO Box [REDACTED] (mailing), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Austin, TX [REDACTED]
Phone: ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED]

From: JANNINE FARNUM <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:35 PM
To: CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov
Cc: Bobby Ramthun; Bruce Byron; campo@campotexas.org
Subject: we need roads

My wish is simple adding roads or expanding the roads we have for four points area. I had a thought of improving traffic flow on 2222 heading west. use the existing two lanes of 2222 as the lanes that will turn left on 620 and add a 3rd lane near the HEB gas station or further back as the right turn only lane. Currently the right turn only has a dedicated lane which very few use because most people turning right on 620 have already taken four points drive to do so. I tried to draw it in yellow. The point would be if you are in the right lane on 2222 and you stay in it, it will turn into the middle lane at the light. If you need to turn right you move out of that lane and into the new right lane. That couldn't cost that much but would improve traffic flow. I'd suggest those picket things on the solid lines of the new formed lanes to get people to understand the new lane path.
thanks for your time. I've cc'ed txdot in case this is their project.

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“RM 2222 restriping at RM 620” 6/28/17

From: JANNINE FARNUM
To: Citizens Road Advisory Committee 2017
Cc: Bobby Beatham, Bruce Bivins, cbarnes@campanella.com
Subject: (EXTERNAL) we need roads
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 8:35:48 PM
Attachments: Screen Shot 2017-06-27 at 8:11:29 PM.png

My wish is simple adding roads or expanding the roads we have for four points area. I had a thought of improving traffic flow on 2222 heading west use the existing two lanes of 2222 as the lanes that will turn left on 620 and add a 3rd lane near the HEB gas station or further back as the right turn only lane. Currently the right turn only has a dedicated lane which very few use because most people turning right on 620 have already taken four points drive to do so. I tried to draw it in yellow. The point would be if you are in the right lane on 2222 and you stay in it, it will turn into the middle lane at the light. If you need to turn right you move out of that lane and into the new right lane. That couldn't cost that much but would improve traffic flow. I'd suggest those picket things on the solid lines of the new formed lanes to get people to understand the new lane path thanks for your time. I've cc'ed txdot in case this is their project.



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} NE Travis County Road Hodde Lane
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:54:49 PM

To the TC Bond Committee:

The TC Transportation staff has met with local resident and done an in-depth study of the motorists concern for safety on the dangerous "S" curve on Hodde Lane. Like many parts of TC, the explosive population growth and number of vehicles traveling the roads of "yesteryear" pose a serious safety issue. This road followed the old property lines which divided farms in the Blackland Prairie. Now there are dense housing neighborhoods and schools in this area. Also due to heavy traffic on I35, resident seek the paths of least resistance for commuting to/from Austin. So early morning/late afternoon traffic is heavy.

I(a TC resident for 74 years) and my many Travis County neighbors strongly support a quick remedy to the dangerous "S" curve on Hodde Lane.

Secondly, consideration of the Weiss Lane, Cele Road, Hodde Lane(3 way) intersection. Larger Stop sign on Hodde, caution signs on north Weiss/East Cele traffic as well as westbound Cele approaching Hodde/Weiss.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this "S" Curve Project.

Charles Mott

P.O Box [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"NE Travis County Road Hodde Lane" 7/5/17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support for a specific project for the 2017 bond election
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:54:12 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to write in support of the project to extend Harold Green 130 to Austin's Colony Boulevard in Precinct 1 for the upcoming 2017 bond election project approval. We have lived in the Austin's Colony subdivision for nearly 15 years and this road extension is badly needed to alleviate traffic congestion from our subdivision into the Austin Metro area and south of Austin as well. Please consider this request in your final decision. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

John Martinez

"IN FAVOR - Harold Green" 7/5/17

From: [modell4](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Austin's Colony to Harold Green
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:58:54 AM

Hello,

Please approve the project connecting the traffic from the Austin's Colony and surrounding neighborhoods to Harold Green Rd. (SH 130, FM 973). Population is moving east. Traffic is already horrendous on FM 969. We need another "way out".

Thank you,
Melia O'Dell

Sent from my Sprint Phone.

"IN FAVOR - AUSTIN'S Colony to Harold Green" 7/5/17

From: [Joyce Thoresen](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Arterial A
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:14:46 PM

Please make sure Arterial A is fully funded.

I served on the 2011 Citizens Bond Committee, and, at that time, Arterial A was deemed important enough to fund the design and land acquisition. Six years later and after a 20+ year effort, Arterial A is not even close to completion.

Arterial A and the Rundberg extension are badly needed, now more than ever. The route is important. It should not be too far east.

Please, please fund Arterial A for earliest possible construction.

Joyce Thoresen
President
Walnut Place Neighborhood Association

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Joyce Thoresen



"IN FAVOR - Arterial A" 7/5/17

From: [Jeff Arnett](#)
To: [Gerald Daugherty](#)
Cc: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Bond Projects
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:10:29 AM

Commissioner Daugherty:

Would there be any consideration of a third traffic lane between Camp Craft Road and 360 in Travis County's next bond program? If so, please let us know how the school district could help validate that need in any county conversations.

Sincerely,



Jeff Arnett, Ed.D. / Deputy Superintendent
[Redacted] (cell)

Eanes Independent School District
[Redacted] (office)

[Redacted]

"Eanes ISD - Camp Craft Road" 7/6/17

Scheleen Walker

From: Adrienne Inglis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Charlie Watts
Cc: Bob Moore; David Greear; Cynthia McDonald; Morgan Cotten; Steven Manilla; Scheleen Walker
Subject: Re: {EXTERNAL} bike/ped on Lohman Ford Rd

Thanks! The stretch of Lohman Ford Rd. that is most dangerous for cyclists is outside of the Lago Vista and Point Venture city limits.

Adrienne

On Mon, Apr 10, 2017 at 4:45 PM, Charlie Watts <Charlie.Watts@traviscountytexas.gov> wrote:

Bob- We will be keeping a separate list from the current project needs list that will show the additional projects that were identified and developed out of the bond committee process. I will pass this on to David Greear and Morgan to determine how they want to manage the additional projects.

Thanks,

Charlie Watts

Planning Project Manager

Travis County, Transportation and Natural Resources

P.O. Box 1748

700 Lavaca Street, 7th Floor

Austin, Texas 78767-1748

Ph: [\(512\) 854-7654](tel:5128547654)

charlie.watts@traviscountytexas.gov

From: Bob Moore
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 3:46 PM
To: adrienne.inglis@gmail.com; Charlie Watts <Charlie.Watts@traviscountytexas.gov>

Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} bike/ped on Lohman Ford Rd

Charlie would you add this to future potential bond packages. Adrienne this could prove to be challenging to make the list, make it thru the bond committee and then be voted on County wide

For approval. The other option is for this project to make the Bicycle Task force list for future Commissioners Court consideration which has limited funding. At this time there are no plans or finances for

Granting your request for Lohman's Ford, but future options do exist though challenging...Adrienne do you know where your neighbors would position themselves on this issue.

Bob Moore

The Office of Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Prct. 3

700 Lavaca, Suite 2.400, Austin, Texas 78701

[512-854-9387](tel:512-854-9387) direct

Bob.Moore@Traviscountytx.gov

From: Madison Gessner **On Behalf Of** Gerald Daugherty
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Bob Moore
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} bike/ped on Lohman Ford Rd

From: Adrienne Inglis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 08, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Gerald Daugherty
Subject: {EXTERNAL} bike/ped on Lohman Ford Rd

Commissioner Daugherty,

I live along Lohman Ford Rd between Lago Vista and Point Venture. I can't get anywhere except by car. I would dearly love to be able to ride my bike to Lowe's Market for a quart of milk or Sun Hardware for a mouse trap. But the road is too dangerous. There is essentially no shoulder south of Boggy Ford Rd. Please request that a safe bike lane or bike/ped path be installed the entire length of Lohman Ford Rd.

Thank you,

Adrienne Inglis

Lago Vista, Texas

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Adrienne Inglis

[Redacted signature]

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Adrienne Inglis

[Redacted signature and address]

From: [Nancy](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond input
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:51:21 AM

Widen Nameless Rd.

With the Travisso development quickly advancing to Nameless Rd. the traffic is increasing, and will continue to do so. Please widen that road.

Thank you,
Nancy Wheeler

✓
"Widen Nameless Road" 7/5/17

From: [Cary Peele](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} input/comments/questions
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:54:27 AM

Greetings:

My comment is regarding roads in western Travis county. As a relatively new resident to the 620 corridor near Mansfield Dam I am amazed that nothing has been done in years to alleviate traffic congestion on RM 620 and RM 2222.

The intersection at four points is more often than not a nightmare.

Hopefully there are plans to fix this situation. For example, at the Walgreens at 620 and 222 heading north on 620 the right turn lanes should be extended all the way to Steiner.

Additionally, bridges are desperately needed at various locations along Loop 360 and RM 620. It is completely unrealistic to think we are still living in the 80s when these roads were adequate. Our county leaders need to be held accountable for the atrocious road planning or lack thereof.

Thanks for listening,

Sincerely,

Cary S. Peele



"Vision without execution is hallucination." - Thomas Edison


"Western Travis County" 7/6/17

From: [Hem Ramachandran](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis county appraisals too high
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:14:41 PM

Hello,

I wanted to express my dismay about the travis county appraisals

It has gone through the roof making it miserable for us to live in our homes.

Our salaries or income hasn't increased the way the county appraisal has and it is squeezing us financially with having to tighten our belts in living.

Will this absurdity of having to collect more and more taxes every year ever end?

Hem Ramachandran

Travis county appraisals too high " 7/11/2017

From: [Greg Becker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Tax Payers
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:43:56 PM
Importance: High

So if Travis county makes much money in their new park upgrade ventures, where do the collected fees go?

Does the money go to subsidize the tax payers that have already paid for the land, the government and the development?

Greg Becker

From: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: [Archived Attachment Removed] - Help plan a future Travis County bond election!

The following archived files were deleted:
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Help plan a future Travis County bond election!

Travis County invites you to participate in the planning of a future bond election that addresses county **mobility, parks, land conservation, and drainage needs**. The 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) appointed by the Commissioners Court is currently reviewing staff recommendations and receiving input from county residents. The public may speak to the CBAC during Citizen Communications when they meet on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building located at 700 Lavaca. Citizens Communication is at the beginning of every regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. If you arrive after the scheduled time, the Committee will do all they can to provide an opportunity for testimony.

County residents may also send questions and comments to CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. More information about this process is available at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/cbac>.

To unsubscribe, reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

"Tax Payers" 7/1/17

From: [edesields](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:42:21 AM

A government entity only goes after bond funding when there is a definitive need that cannot be satisfactorily met using normal funding methods. There is never, but never, a need to form a committee to look at possible new ways to spend tax payer monies utilizing bonds. If you have a WORTHWHILE need, publicize it and let the voters decide, otherwise stop this foolishness.

Ed Deshields / 

"Stop this Foolishness" 7/1/2017

From: [Diane Nousanen](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond issues
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 5:35:30 PM

Any bond proposal should include a summary of existing bonds and their costs (both total and per household), when they were let and when they'll be completed. It would also be nice to list any recently complete bonds, and when they were completed.
Diane Nousanen

"Previous Bond issues" → 7/16/17

From: [Mari Cornelius](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond = Tax
Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017 7:15:37 AM

To the Advisory Committee,

Please, no bonds, no taxes. May you take your job so seriously that you not only find ways to NOT raise our taxes via bond measures, but you take monies we already give you each year and LOWER our taxes by CUTTING programs that we have not asked for. LOWER OUR PROPERTY TAXES, CUT SPENDING. Thank you for your consideration.

Mari Cornelius

"Bond=Tax" 7/16/17

From: [Lisa Brown](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Voting Bond Elections
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:47:20 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Why is it that NON Property Owners get to vote on the bonds that RAISE Property Taxes???

This is not right!!!

"Voting Bond Elections" 7/15/2017

From: Fran
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} voting 2017
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:57:38 AM

This message is to state that I will be taking a leave of absence from voting in any Travis County Election 2017.

There has been no accountability from Travis County Elections Division about the ballots rejected following the November 2016 General Election. Over five thousand ballots were rejected including both mail in and provisional ballots.

There should be no need for provisional ballots when a resident has valid ID. Temp workers are not trained to correct errors in the data base. The focus has been on moving the line along in a fast process.

There is no non-partisan monitoring of the rejection process at the end of the election date.

✓
" Voting 2017 "

From: [edeshields](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} CBAC meeting agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:14:35 PM

Improving Roads, lowering the cost of Water/Sewage has to be the number 1, 2, 3, etc. objectives because they are the number 1,2, 3, etc. problems in ALL of Travis County. I am not against other projects fitting into a reasonable budget, however; I am highly opposed to an increase in taxes to cover someone else, or my, pet projects with expanded tax monies. I am also sick of that approach and will compete in the public arena with great gusto against all that take follow that path. Way too many of us have been quiet for way too long – it is time for a Travis County tax rebellion against personal benefit spending projects.

Ed Deshields – Bee Cave, TX

✓
"TAXES" 7/11/2017

From: [Mike Oneil](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} PUC building in my neighborhood!
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:33:31 AM

Sirs, this would have a dangerous impact on everyone's livelihood in Northwest Hills. It would put a lot of in-needed traffic to the area, which means more road maintenance and a danger to the small neighborhood schools. There also would be less peace and quiet because of the noise & I really see no need for it(the buildings).
Sent from my iPhone

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"Disruption in my neighborhood!"

From: [Mari Cornelius](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} No bonds please
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:41:46 PM

Greetings, and thank you for asking for input from citizens, especially property owners who fund the tax base here in Travis county.

NO bonds. Bonds are a nice way to disguise taxes, and Travis County has more than enough money to fund county related projects. The rest of us must make our home and business budgets work every year, and if we want to spend money in one area, we must decrease spending in another. I suggest eliminating pet projects and services that can be donated by private or church organizations. There are many groups out there helping; we don't need more government in our lives.

Thank you for caring enough to ask. Ideally, please LOWER our taxes so we have more to keep for our families and OUR choices in life.

Mari Cornelius

✓
"NO BONDS" →

From: [Du](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} About 2017 bond elections
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:29:53 PM

No more bonds! I am against it as we already paid too much property compared to anywhere in the country!

Thanks
Du Q Wang

Sent from my iPhone

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(No ...)



From: [Margo R](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond election
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:27:07 AM

I do not support a bond election. We approved the last bond with the project of a new bridge and improvements to Old San Antonio Rd. For our area All we got was stuck with deliberations between the city, TXDOT and county. We have dangerous conditions on our road with all the increased traffic from the new developments. The intersection of 1626 and Old San Antonio Rd needs a light the bridge needs improvement. What happened to the funds from the last bond that were for designated for that project that never happened?

Marg Rodriguez

Sent from my iPhone

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" NO bond - last bond \$ " 7/10/2012

From: [Brad Parsons](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: Travis County Seeks Recommendations from County Residents About 2017 Bond Election
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:31:50 AM

Travis County CBAC,

NO, It's AISD's turn, you guys should not try a bond in Nov. 2017. That will just screw up both you and the AISD. Let AISD try in Nov. 2017. You can try in 2018.

Brad Parsons

From: Nextdoor Northwest Hills Central
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:48 AM
Subject: Travis County Seeks Recommendations from County Residents About 2017 Bond Election

 Social Media Administrator TravisCounty TX, Travis County **AGENCY**

We want to hear from you!

Residents of Travis County can email input/comments/questions to CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov and/or attend a CBAC meeting. The CBAC began meeting on March 9, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the Travis County Administration Building at 700 Lavaca Street on the 1st floor Multifunction Room, B. The public is encouraged to attend any of the meetings to voice an opinion about the proposed projects, or to listen and observe. Our website has current documents, including recorded meetings on...[Read more](#)

May 9 in General to all areas in Travis County

NO, It's AISD's turn "The 10/11/17

From: [WA5VRQ](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond Election
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:17:41 PM

No more wasting money on bicycle projects. We don't need more bike lanes. I don't see many folks riding their bikes to work, especially if it is hot, raining, or cold weather.

We need more vehicle traffic lanes, traffic signal timing, traffic management system.

The percentage of folks who drive vehicles to work and shopping is much higher than those who ride bikes.

Folks who ride bikes also don't contribute to highway funds through the purchase of gasoline, basically getting a 'free ride'.

Our taxes are too high, especially on a retirement income.

Thanks

Pat Worsham

✓
"No Bicycle Projects 2017 Bond Election" 7/11/17

From: [Sharon Spencer](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond proposal
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 5:50:26 PM

No, No and No!!

The city council needs to start walking the walk about their talk about affordability!

Those of us that have lived in Austin for 30 years are being taxed out of our homes.

Where does all the so called revenue that the city brings in during SXSW, COTA, ACL et al go?!

Why does the city insist on using tax money to "build" affordable housing, buy up homes of people that built in a flood plain, put in bicycle lanes that 1% of the population use.

Supposedly the student body has been decreasing (due to families moving out because of unaffordability), but for some reason AISD needs more money for fewer students?

No, No and No!

Respectfully,
Sharon Spencer



"No 2017 Bond Proposal" 5/11/17

From: [Betina Foreman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis county Bonds
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:29:27 PM

These bonds must be stopped. Our taxes are already sky high and rising every year. You are taxing us out of our homes. This insanity must stop once and for all. Stop giving tax subsidies to big business and funding special interest projects. I will be voting NO on this bond and every bond I see on my ballot. And i will be voting against any public officials that promote or support them.

#EndExcessiveTaxation

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Bonds MUST be stopped" 7/1/17

From: [Mel Butcher](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bonds
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:54:21 AM

We don't want any new bonds. Our property taxes are too high now. People on fixed incomes don't want higher taxes. People who have worked all their lives and retire with very little or no mortgage payments can't afford higher property taxes. Some of these people are losing their homes because of the higher taxes. We need a bill like proposition 13 in Calif. to reign in the excessive property taxes.

Sent from my iPhone

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"(taxes) Bonds" 7/11/17

From: [Meg Moring](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} RE: Nextdoor app post: Bonds for non-City of Austin Travis County residents
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:57:42 PM

Hi.

My name is Mary Elizabeth Moring, and I own [REDACTED] Cedar Park in Travis County (also in 78613). Here are my thoughts on bonds per your request via Nextdoor app:

I live in Travis County, but not in City of Austin. I moved here from California, where as a homeowner and taxpayer I was paid very high taxes on bonds and debts voted in by the previous generation. When possible I much prefer *not* to "kick the can down the road" to future generations. It's unfair to them in my opinion.

Thank you,
Mary Elizabeth Moring

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"Roads & ... of Austin Travis County residents" 7/11/17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} (no subject)
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:27:36 AM

you are not going to run me out of austin with your crooked taxes.austin is a scam city you have [REDACTED]
people running this city.it is going to [REDACTED] with all the new people from all over the world,i was born here
and this tax [REDACTED] needs to go and all the people running austin.i know all the secrets [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ken windham

✓
"crooked taxes" →

From: [Dorothy Whitaker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} CBAC Public Outreach Meetings • Receive Comments on the Proposed List
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:15:15 PM

As a owner of property in Onion Creek Meadows - I am very sorry I am unable to attend the meeting tonight, but would like to offer public comments. We are located at 102 Turley Dr. in Onion Creek Meadows subdivision. We are very concerned about what drainage options are being considered. I see Project ID # DPS15 which is a "Study" on "Maintenance of off-site channels". I would like to know what that means - is the county only at the "study" phase for improvements in drainage to our neighborhood.

We see now that the City of Austin has approved a subdivision directly behind our property off of Twin Creeks Dr..

OUR CONCERNS:

- 1) DRAINAGE and FLOODING - we have a natural ravine in our back yard that drains into Onion Creek. Water run-off has ALREADY INCREASED to the point that more and more erroding of our property is additionally causing flooding to homes below us because of the natural downward slope for water to run into Onion Creek.
- 2) MORE DEVELOPMENT - What is the County able to do for us as home owners being effected - and how is it possible that subdivisions are being approved without the precautions taken for this increase in water run-off?
- 3) FLOOD RANKING - In your recent report in 2017 of Subdivision Flood Ranking - our surrounding neighborhood (Arroyo Doblo and Twin Creeks) both had an overall rankings of 3.2 out of 4 being the most concerning (Emergency Access, Flooding of habitable property, etc..) so this area is of concern - PLEASE HELP GET THE MESSAGE THAT WE NEED MORE ASSISTANCE WITH MAINTENANCE AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURE TO HELP PREVENT FUTURE FLOODING IN THIS AREA - WITH THE HOPE IT IS BEFORE MORE SUBDIVISIONS ARE APPROVED - NOT AFTER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

Dorothy D. Whitaker

"Flooding- Onion Creek Meadows" July 5, 2017

From: [Nancy Garren](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 road projects
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:52:04 PM

I am writing in support of the proposed road projects as I understand them. However, I would also like to add that there are 2 new subdivisions with a total of at least 600 homes plus apartments being built with the infrastructure in place and lots being graded. These subdivisions have entrance and exit roads off Pearce Lane between Kellam Lane and Wolf Lane. The infrastructure not being addressed in relationship to said subdivisions is roads. We need many of the current roads widened and extended. Growth in this area is inevitable and safe roads should be a priority.

Nancy Garren



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joanne P](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Widening 812
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:49:35 PM

Hi, I live at Berdoll Farms subdivision and I'm against having our taxes raised to widen roads so Cota can have better access..

What needs to be fixed is Ross rd. from 71 all the way to Elroy...there are no sidewalks on half of that road and kids who live by Popham elementary and attend DVMS and DVHS have to walk on the road if they miss the bus or if they stay after school for athletics, dodging traffic.

Thank you,
Joanne Carmona

"NO CLIMB VES ROSS" 7/5/2017

From: [sally22_amber](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} No to widening Elroy road!!
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:59:17 PM

NO.... To widening Elroy Road to 4 lanes from McAngus to COTA Blvd. We do not want our tax money used that way. We need more parks for the citizens of Precinct 4.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

'No to widening Elroy road!!!' 7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Elroy Road extension
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 3:22:07 PM

Travis County Citizen Bond Advisory Committee.

I am writing to voice my concerns at the proposed expansion of Elroy Road from McAngus to Kellam/Cota Blvd.

While I am not totally against the idea, as I am tired of sitting in traffic on event days while the rent-a-cops give COTA traffic priority - I have been made to wait, with other residents, for over 10 minutes while abusive, power tripping, off duty APD officers let traffic in and out of COTA, as well as being re-direct AWAY from HOME to suit COTA traffic - the fact that yet more tax payer money is going to be used to primarily benefit a private commercial establishment is galling.

I advise you to go sit in traffic on Ross Road and the other roads surrounding the schools in the area during pick up and drop off times and then tell the residents that COTA cliental need a road expansion more than they do.

Have yourselves a drive (you may want to take a 4X4) down Wolf Lane and the other roads in the area and tell us that they don't need improvements.

There needs to be a solution to the Richard Moya Park situation as it is out of commission for months at a time every time it floods. How about decent restrooms at Barkley Meadows Park - porta potties just don't cut it. COTA promised a skate park would be available to residents after the X-Games event and promptly changed plans to a temporary park for the event once they were awarded the event. Instead of spending more money on them, why not fulfill their promises for them and build a park for the residents.

The fact that COTA keeps benefiting from council awarded tax money is very disconcerting and, quite frankly, I believe there should be a corruption investigation into the the funds and council members, particularly Margaret Gomez, who comes across as COTA's lackey.

Please make the right decision for the residents and not COTA and a handful of race fans.

Yours Sincerely,
Wayne Chilcott
Elroy Road resident

"Not crazy about - Elroy road INFAVOR - other roadway improvements" 7/7/2017

From: [Connie Henry](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Elroy Road
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:12:05 PM

I do not want to pay our tax dollars on widening Elroy Road from McAngus to Cota Blvd/ Kellam Road. Let the race tract pay for that widening of the road. This should not be our responsibility, since the use would be for getting people in and out of the race tract only.

Connie Joyce Henry, R.T.R.P.
DEBITS & CREDITS
ACCOUNTING & TAX

[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas [REDACTED]
Office or Fax [REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

"OPPOSE - Elroy Road" 7/11/17

Laura Seaton

From: Tanya [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} OPPOSE widening Eloy Rd

Good Morning,

I am sending you this letter because we oppose on widening the road on Eloy RD. The reason why is because lots of families lost a majority of there home with the flooding because of the COTA don't get me wrong I love the business but I don't like that fact that no one has helped us recover from the flooding. I would rather see those funds spent on why we and everyone else in Delvalle got flooded and in the school district as well as the community and the parks. It's a ridiculous proposal and I don't agree with it. My house got flooded a year after we bought our house and that area has never got flooded since I lived in Delvalle for many years so I am sure you understand my concerns.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Paul Anthony Barron
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Garcia](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} COTA BLVD
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:38:32 AM

We want to see Ross Road improved.
We want to see Pearce Lane improved.
Any road in Precinct 4 we feel is appropriate for improvement.
Any sidewalk and crosswalk that needs to be built.

BUT NOT ELROY ROAD - with only 3 houses on it and it stops at COTA BLVD to get cars to the track faster. That one is a 23 million of your tax dollars. Think about what that could buy park wise we all can use and don't have to buy a "ticket" to get in. 

James and Melissa Garcia

Del Valle, Tx 

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

"OPPOSE - COTA (ELROY) BLVD." 7/5/2017

From: [Racing Texas](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} {Possible Spoof} Elroy Rd
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:57:18 PM

To all involved,

We heard the same propaganda about Kellam Rd. The road was fast tracked and constructed in a flood plain.

Kellam road is hardly used except for major events at COTA. The road is also poorly maintained, until upcoming major events at COTA.

Has anyone conducted a usage survey for Kellam Rd after it was built?

It made more sense to extend Linden Rd to hwy 71 and hwy 812, but that was overlooked.

The Travis county taxpayers are being lied too and taxpayer funds are being redirected to benefit a corporate entity. This is your opportunity to do the right thing. But you won't.

Regards,

Vance Facundo - Race fan and - Travis County resident

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Droid

"MPPRSE-Elroy Rd" 7/5/17

From: [Norma Jean Toro](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Travis county bond
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:45:17 PM

Instead of widening Elroy Rd, fix the mess Margaret Gomez, COTA and Kellam Rd created at Pearce and Kellam/COTA Blvd. It's one of the reasons we flooded! TWICE!!!!!!!!

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_youtu.be_2flw5VGKn80&d=DwICaQ&c=TjtWVPF8cdYj1jaCmcOWCvha7Dw-i54jFAEiof1ZnAU&r=7jZPcl0J5OYF6nv50lwJhxe1LJn9Yw8G4yl0ufFujas&m=9q9BVD6Wjd7NaJzTJ95V6sgcFnJex8S42QZkDVQUklk&s=dNU81j9Ldobiuq18VNo8cj0cHyK8-JyQnD0DatWXoPQ&e=

I OPPOSE widening Elroy Rd because it only benefits 4 homes and mostly COTA. We're already paying for their personal driveway from Hwy 71 straight into their racetrack and we didn't get to vote on it! Instead of naming it Kellam, that road should've been called what it really is, COTA Blvd!!

Money needs to be spent on:

*Ross Rd to be widened to a 4 lane with a continuous left turn from Hwy 71 down to Elroy Rd.
(where it benefits 3 schools, the safety of our children and several subdivisions)

*The entire Pearce Ln road up to Wolf Ln, and drainage at Pearce and Kellam (aka COTA blvd)

*More updated park amenities at Richard Moya, Berkley and Southeast Metro parks.

*Restroom facilities at Berkley park would be great instead of the port o' potties.

*Dog parks!!!

*Infrastructure

Thank you,
Norma Jean Garcia

"OPPOSE-Elroy Road" 7/5/2017

From: [latisha juarez](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 10:22:14 AM

Instead of widening Elroy Rd, fix COTA and Kellam Rd created at Pearce and Kellam/COTA Blvd. It's one of the reasons we flooded! TWICE!!!!!!!!!!

I OPPOSE the widening of Elroy rd. Elroy rd is behind my property. I believe money should be spent on more drainage system so when it does rain, the water will have somewhere to go instead of flooding our homes or causing people their lives because of the poor drainage system.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

OPPOSE-Elroy Rd 7/1/17

From: [Dorothy Emal](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:24:34 PM

I want to say/vote No to the widening of the road from McAngus to Elroy or COTA. We need to spend the money on our community. Thanks.

"OPPOSE-Road Widening Prec 4" 7/1/2012

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#); [Sarah Eckhardt](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Last Night's Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:02:44 AM

I did not speak last night at the Del Valle bond meeting because Circuit of the America's sent it's employees and racing enthusiasts to drown out residents who actually live here. And they booed someone who does live here and had an opinion different from there agenda.

- 1) How dare you consider fast tracking widening Elroy Road to 4 lanes from McAngus Road to COTA Blvd / Kellam Blvd. (Same Road)
- 2) This serves one purpose and ONE purpose only. To get cars into the race track.
- 3) There are only 4 homes on that stretch of road, one of which is owned by the person in charge of the meeting and on the bond committee. Making that a conflict of interest.
- 4) By keep referring to ending the road a Kellam and **NOT** COTA Blvd (same road by the US post office and City of Austin Map) is deceiving the tax payers of Travis County who clearly would not vote to give the race track, yet another free road, paid for by the tax payers. If you go thru with handing over the race track, yet again another free road that isn't going to cost them a penny, expect to see me on every TV station reporting on this conflict of interest committee and that Travis County is trying to deceiving voters.
- 5) To call this "for public safety" is and insult to the 500 plus families who live past that intersection, on 2 lane roads in terrible shape. Plus goodness knows, we need more parks, which seemed to be for the most part missing.
- 6) And lastly let COTA pay to widen Elroy if they want it so badly. They get **20 million** from the State of Texas for just one of it races every year. I, and my neighbors can get behind that idea.

Cathy Olive
Elroy Road Neighborhood Assoc.

"OPPOSE-Widening Elroy" 7/1/17

From: [REDACTED]
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} My thoughts
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:33:33 AM

One of my neighbors said I should write to you about my feelings on roads in our area. I did try to go to the meeting by the Del Valle High School but there were some people in Circuit of the Americas t-shirts that were rude so I left.

My feelings are Pearce Lane has subdivisions that makes that road busy and hard to drive. Parts of it need to be 3 or 4 lanes.

Ross Road has 3 schools on it and it's bumper to bumper to drive. It for sure needs to be wider for safety for our children.

Wolf Lane is like riding a roller coaster.

Also would like to see Wm. Cannon come STRAIGHT out to 183.

The flooding of Elroy Road at Dry Creek is a moot point since Kellam was built. People can go that way. So I fail to see why we would need to make Elroy Road a bigger road to the 3 houses on it, except to get traffic to COTA on event days. And I do not want my taxes spent on that.

I am not sure if Moya Park is currently open or closed but maybe it's time to look around to replace it. Love it, but it floods to often.

Janie
Elroy and Jacobson
[REDACTED]

From: [LaDonna Coats](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond Precinct 4 project proposals
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:42:36 PM

Hello All,

Precinct 4 needs wider and safer roads, more drainage in Del Valle to avoid deadly flooding not just around COTA.

Instead of placing 3.2 millions dollars toward a bike lane Priority 7 please build wider roads on Ross from 71 to Pearce.

If there were a serious wreck or accident or natural disaster no one would be able to get in or out as the traffic when school is in, there is horrible traffic on this road. Please consider widening the entire road to a minimum of 4 lanes all the way down Ross instead of just in front of the high school.

Instead of placing 4.7 million dollars for a bike lane on 973 and SH130, improve the drainage all around Dry Creek and Onion Creek to stop the Los Cielos neighborhood from flooding, (we have flooded 3 times in the last few years) and Elroy area from flooding of onion creek. Perhaps built sidewalks for now.. build bike lanes once we have safer and wider roads. Improve the drainage depths at COTA so the water has somewhere to go.

The majority of Del Valle does not bike, it is not a priority. Our safety is. Please reconsider.

Thank you
lcoats

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"IN FAIR- Bond Precinct 4 Project+proposals"

7/5/17

From: [LaDonna Coats](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond project for Precinct 4
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:31:31 AM

Hello Bond Advisory,

I would like to request you focus primarily on widen our roads, improving our bridges and drainage to avoid future death and dismemberment in our precinct.

We should not have to fear every time there is a potential flood, like last evening, that someone may die or be harmed.

Precinct 4 has been neglected long enough please we need no further live lost.

Many thanks for your time

LCoats



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"TN FAVOR-2017 Bond Projects for Precinct 4"

7/10/17

From: [Lupe Zamarripa](#)
To: [Laura Seaton](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Letter to Citizens Bond Committee
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 7:47:21 PM

Dear Ms. Seaton:

Please forward my email to the Citizens Bond Committee. Thanks in advance.

Citizens Bond Committee
c/o Laura Seaton
Travis County
Austin, Texas 78701

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Dear Bond Committee Members

I would encourage you to highly rate the need for infrastructure in Southeast Travis County. The residents of that area have lived through many floods and will continue as long as drainage and roads are not fixed correctly. The people there pay their taxes year after year and deserve the attention of the Travis County Commissioners Court in terms of investment in their safety as they travel back and forth on those roads that flood, get blocked after heavy rains, and sometimes block cars and buses from traveling out of harm. Without Elroy, Ross Road, and Pearce Road getting fixed, Del Valle children will have to skip school because of flooding. Are we trying to develop the future underclass already?

I understand that in spite of the fact that three of the Travis County Commissioners Court member represent Travis County, there is no social equity or an evacuation plan for Southeast Travis County even though it has been known that Southeast Travis County floods and that many homes have already been bought out.

I was born and raised in Austin and currently live and practice law in Austin. I have many family members and friends who live in that area. Growing up, I well remember East and Southeast Travis County weren't a priority of county government.

I am a voter and taxpayer of Travis County and will be closely following the results of projects that will be on the ballot.

Thank you,

Lupe Zamarripa


Austin, Texas 

From: [KAREN FUSSELL](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Project Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:32:52 PM

I would like to see flood prevention projects in Southeast Travis County as a priority. This area along with my neighborhood has experienced recent flooding and it is vital that we get help. Both Travis County and the City of Austin should take measures to prevent more flooding.

I have lived in this area for almost twenty years and have never even seen flood waters (except for Onion Creek) until recently. This is a major safety issue for residents, school children, and many others. I have noticed the new roads like the 130 toll road have changed drainage patterns. Kellam Rd has especially caused a tremendous problem and now serves as a dam and traps water which is a huge factor in the flood waters that damaged my home. The Circuit of the Americas is another prime example of why we are flooding. All of this concrete has run off water that is directed right at Los Cielos subdivision. The current drainage for the above mentioned are failures. I am hearing about this bond money possibly getting used for widening more roads that lead to the F1 track. This will lead to more flooding in the future. Pearce Ln and Ross Rd have flooded more than once causing damage to homes and preventing parents from picking up their children from school. The field behind my home floods and we have seen water come out from under the street drainage system. So we are already getting hit with multiple water overloads. Nasty flood waters hit my house from both the front and back. The flood waters carried debris and even swimming rattlesnakes to my home. Please listen. I cannot stress this enough. Please make improvement projects for flood prevention instead of more reasons to flood.

Most of us are fortunate that we survived the actual floods. Not everyone can say that, though. I am grateful that my family is okay and I pray it never happens again. I pray every time it rains that it is not too much. My husband is Superman but gets bothered by a thunderstorm. I have to console my daughter when it rains and even my dog, too, because she also freaks out. This is our life. Mentally and physically drained. Tired from all of our hard work to rebuild and always worrying about the weather. Lots of blood, sweat, and tears were shed trying to get back to normal. But what is normal? I would like to believe it is no more flooding. I hope it is the county looking out for us and keeping us all safe. Please be smart and compassionate and use this bond money to improve and end the flood problems that affect so many hundreds, thousands of people in this community.

Thank you,
Karen Fussell



"Help for Del Valle Flooding"

7/5/17

From: [Tracy Smith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Melinda Smith](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Formula 1 road expansion and 13420 Lipton Loop del Valle Texas 78617
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 12:24:21 PM

Based on analysis by an environmental protection agency, the irrigation by formula 1 is insufficient to protect from flooding subdivisions and residential homes and property below Formula 1. Flood waters flow from Formula 1 into subdivisions. I would like to see a detailed report and an independent investigation why flooding occurred in the field behind my house and why water flowed from the river and from Formula 1 almost flooding the Berdoll Farms subdivision. I do not buy this was a unusual event. It is a disaster that should have been entirely prevented in advance with proper routing of flood waters away from subdivisions, and it's the responsibility of the city and Travis to prevent flooding by using proper irrigation and re-routing of flood waters away from residential communities. It is a complete violation of building regulations if flooding is made more likely and not prevented.

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Tracy Smith


'Flooding Issues - Formula 1 road expansion and 13420 Lipton loop del valle Texas 78617" 7/5/2017

From: [Richard Viktorin](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Do not include funds to widen Elroy Rd. in the November Travis County Bond election
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:30:26 AM

Travis County Citizen Bond Advisory Committee,

This is from Audits in the Public Interest. In 2011, Audits in the Public Interest conducted an investigation of the incentives the State of Texas had awarded to Formula One racing and the Circuit of the Americas generally.

Our investigation which demonstrated how the Circuit of the Americas had used inflated economic impact statements and associated tax estimates to abuse public treasuries, and presumably with the intent to do so in the future, caused the City Council of Austin to withhold Austin's portion of matching revenues from the track and its events. As of 2017, those savings, the retained taxes not given to the Circuit of the Americas, totals well over \$25MM.

As of this date, the State of Texas has provided well over \$150,000,000 in public support, a pass-through of certain retail tax collections, to the Circuit of the Americas. One hundred and fifty million dollars, which will eventually exceed three hundred million at the end of the State's ten year agreement, is already quite enough public support for the Circuit of the Americas and the special events industry in Austin.

The widening of Elroy Road from two to four lanes, but only from McAngus Rd. to Kellam Road/Circuit of the Americas Boulevard, is strong indication this road improvement is intended primarily, if not solely, to support the Circuit of the Americas.

Please reject this item from the bond package.

Let the track pay for the extra lanes on Elroy Road.

Sincerely,
Richard Viktorin
Audits in the Public Interest





"Do not include funds to widen Elroy Rd. in the November Travis County Bond Election" 7/6/2017

From: [Melinda Smith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Potential Funding for November Bond
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 9:28:29 AM

Dear Advisory Committee:

I beg you. Please fund projects that will help eliminate flooding in Del Valle particularly the Pearce Lane Road and eliminate projects that will enhance flooding.

Our house was 1/2 inch away from flooding a couple years ago. We do not want to move or impose monetary funding from the government if we get flooded. We just want to live in peace and not have to worry if we get flooded year after year.

I beg you to please make a positive impact in our community and not fund projects that will increase flooding.

You have the opportunity to bless others with these projects and not curse them. Please allow us to have that blessing.

Sincerely,
Melinda Smith

Sent from my iPhone

"Del Valle Flooding"

7/15/2017

From: [tsmir1](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Ross Road improvements
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:51:12 PM

Here is my input. I know it's the city's jurisdiction now. However, Travis County was the approving jurisdiction when these developments were being designed and approved and therefore should assist the City of Austin in making these necessary approach road improvements that should have been constructed with financial assistance from the developers out here at the initial approval stages of development.

Thank you,

Tony S. Maldonado, Jr.

Sent on a Sprint Samsung Note® 3

"Ross Road improvements" 1/10/2017



Tony Maldonado

Please let them know that Ross Rd. between Hwy 71 & Pearce Lane is way below the the design standards required for an arterial roadway. It cannot handle the daily traffic demands placed on it when DVISD is in session. If it could be up graded to a five lane cross section with a continuous left turn lane down the center that would significantly improve the capacity & the level of service we are experiencing out here. Left turning traffic and right turning traffic into the major traffic generators like the 3 DVISD schools & the DG & the Chevron station would be accommodated with negatively impacting trough traffic in either direction. An added bonus would be that safety would be significantly enhanced for all of us. My two cents worth. I hope someone from the community will be in attendance tonight.

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Enjay Toro

You can email them at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/cbac>

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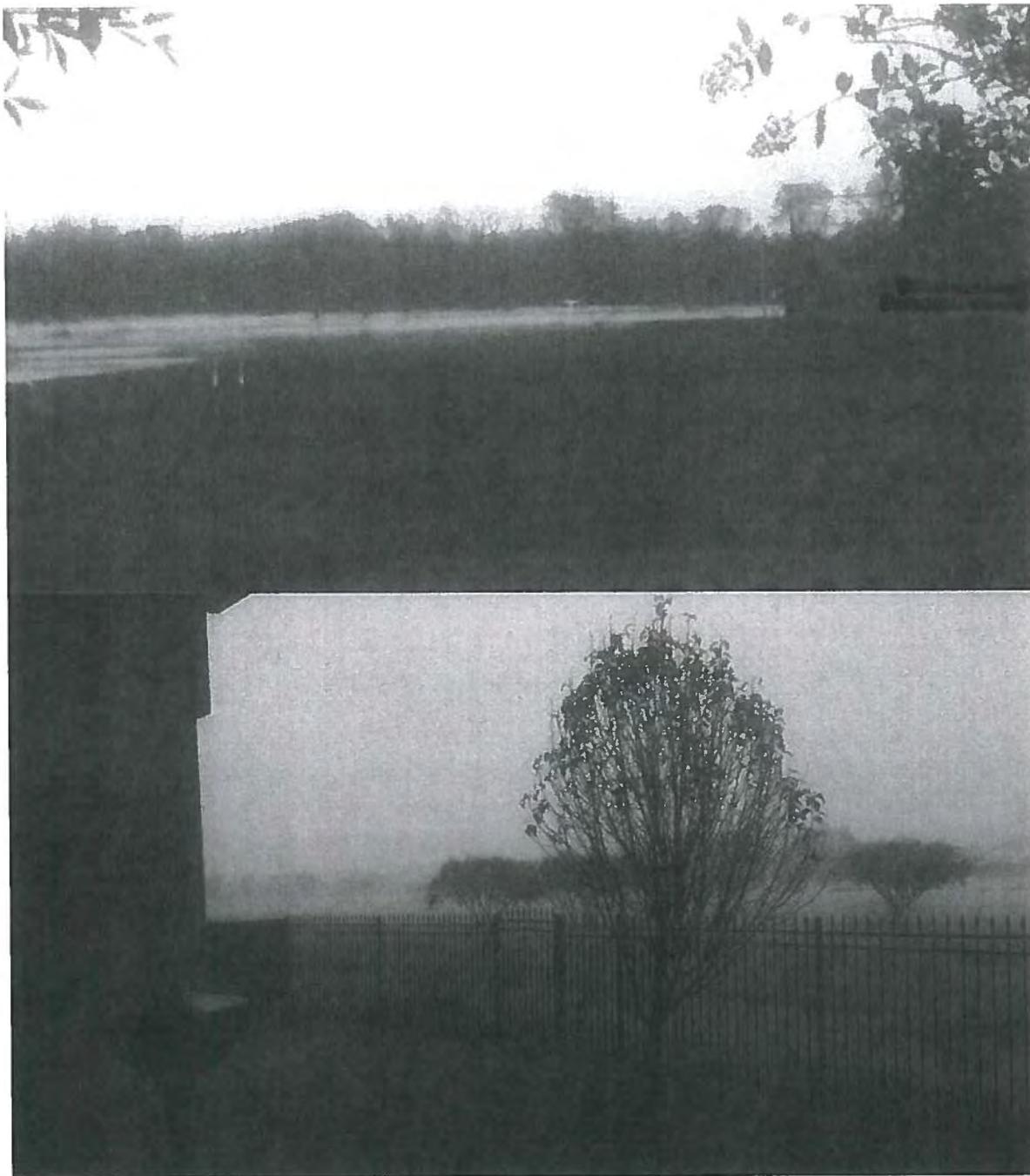
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From: Tracy Smith
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Cc: Melinda Smith
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Re: Formula 1 road expansion and 13420 Lipton Loop del Valle Texas 78617
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 1:33:11 PM

Here is a picture of the truck almost submerged as discussed below, located immediately behind the Berdoll Farms subdivision. Just north of this subdivision is Formula 1. This should illustrate the severity of the problem. Immediately after taking these pictures, the water flooded the backyard and the front and we had to evacuate. This should be preventable in residential communities like this subdivision.

Tracy Smith



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From: Caroline Reynolds
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Cc: JOHN KEOHANE
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Another need for input ? ! !
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:55:52 PM

Dear Judge Eckhart and Commissioner Shea:

We elected you as judge and commissioner to stay in touch with your constituents. You should be able to communicate the basic community needs to County staff. Staff should then develop a preliminary plan for community review, because the rank and file neighborhood resident is NOT familiar with the cost or federal and state requirements for building or repairing a road, park or drainage facilities.

I am a chemical engineer, and I do not design any of these facilities, but I do know a lot about how to design and operate a petrochemical plant. As far as I know, there will NOT be a lot of call for my expertise on this bond package development.

Right now, I am up to my eyeballs trying to do the work that my City of Austin Planning Department was supposed to be doing over the past four years while they spent \$6million on consultants. I am supposed to do this complex technical work after I do my own firm's business and consulting. Moreover, the City does not provide me with the technical resources and expertise that City staff had/have at their disposal.

If I truly had any authority over the City staff, I'd be firing the CodeNEXT project manager, because they did not manage either the finances or the human resources to turn out a quality product. How can anyone in their right mind expect an unorganized team of hundreds of residents to now provide the magic bullets to cure such a poorly written document?

And, now you are asking me to start with whole cloth and make suggestions for how the County should spend the bond money that you will urge us all to vote for borrowing !

Enough, already ! What did you expect to spend Million\$ of Dollar\$ on when you proposed this bond issue development?
Give us a hint!

Which facilities are in severe disrepair?

They need to be repaired, now.

What are our next most pressing needs?

Are there any priorities I need to know about?

Who will be near enough to use these facilities?

Anyone in Austin, or just Travis Co. residents on the boundaries of the county?

Do they really need or want these facilities?

"Another need for input" 7/10/17

..... or will they be like the 4-lane roads with bike lanes and sidewalks stretching to the far reaches of the county where resident only want to be left alone in peace?

People on the far edges of the County want to be left alone, without every Austin Tom, Dick and Harry speeding by in their Audi or Mercedes-Benz.....
.... or on their 10- or 20-speed bike.

I could do this job and do it well, if it were my job and I was given the resources, but you are asking me to do a job that is outside my expertise, in my spare time, on a nickel budget.

What quality product do you really expect from this exercise?

Caroline Reynolds
CR Solutions

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Steve Schiewe](#)
To: [Steven Manilla](#); [Cynthia McDonald](#); [Morgan Cotten](#); [David Greear](#); [Stacey Scheffel](#); [Laura Seaton](#)
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:46:14 AM

FYI

From: Travis D. Askey [mailto:travis.askey@traviscountytx.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Steve Schiewe
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide

Good morning, sir –

Appreciate you reaching out with this e-mail. We have a strategic planning session scheduled with our Council on Monday and among many topics is prioritization of capital projects (and possible contributions) for budget planning purposes. I'm sure the topic will come up but I suspect you might want the council to more formally consider a resolution? I'll be sure to discuss with Mayor Murphy as well next week when we convene – thanks again.

Travis Askey

From: Steve Schiewe [mailto:steve.schiewe@traviscountytx.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Travis D. Askey [mailto:travis.askey@traviscountytx.gov]
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide

Good Morning Travis,

I need to find out if you have any further information about Bee Caves' interest in participating in this project. I understand there was a comment at a public meeting last week against it. Since it is considered a safety project, it will not go to the voters as part of a bond package, but it will be prioritized by the bond committee. If you could provide me anything I can pass along, it may aid in this ultimately being funded by the Commissioners Court.

Respectfully,

Steven L. Schiewe, P.E.
Travis County TNR, Road & Bridge Maintenance
[REDACTED]

From: Travis D. Askey [mailto:travis.askey@traviscountytx.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Steve Schiewe
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide

Got em, sir – thank you. We'll plan to have a future Council agenda item for discussion most likely in late June and early July and will be back in touch.

"Great Divide - city of Bee cave input" 7/11/17, 2017

Thanks,
Travis

From: Steve Schiewe [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Travis D. Askey
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide

This should work. Please let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Travis D. Askey [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Steve Schiewe
Subject: {EXTERNAL} RE: Great Divide

No, sir – only received the “Exhibit 3 of 3” e-mail on 5-25 at 7:30 a.m. I had a note in my calendar to touch base with you this a.m. so thanks for reaching out, sir. Let me know if you can resend the FTP login?

From: Steve Schiewe [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Travis D. Askey
Subject: Great Divide

Travis, did you receive the FTP site login credentials last week to access those Great Divide files? Two emails would have come to you on Thursday May 25.

Thanks,
Steve

From: [Steve Schiewe](#)
To: [Laura Seaton](#)
Cc: [Cynthia McDonald](#); [Morgan Cotten](#); [David Greear](#)
Subject: Correspondence with City of Bee Cave regarding Great Divide Dr
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:37:08 AM
Attachments: [RE {EXTERNAL} contact information.msg](#)
[RE {EXTERNAL} RE Great Divide.msg](#)

For the Bond Committee's information, attached is correspondence with Travis Askey, City Manager of Bee Cave, regarding whether they would be willing to participate in construction of a new drainage structure on Great Divide Dr. To summarize, he did not make a commitment, but indicated a willingness to take it to their city council in late June or early July.

Respectfully,

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100-year WSEL Summary (ft-msl)

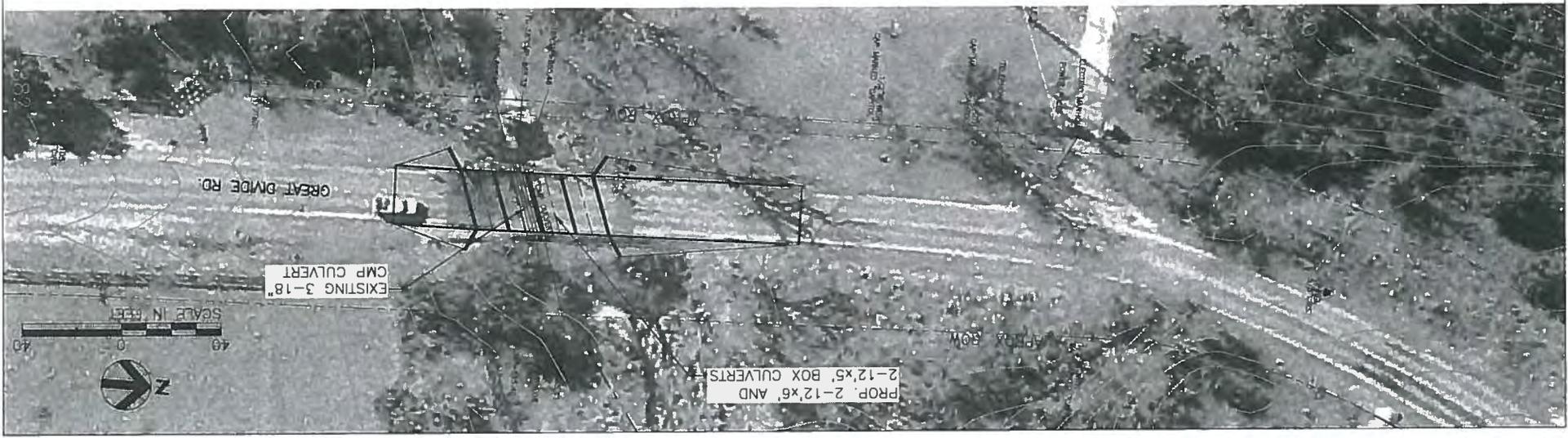
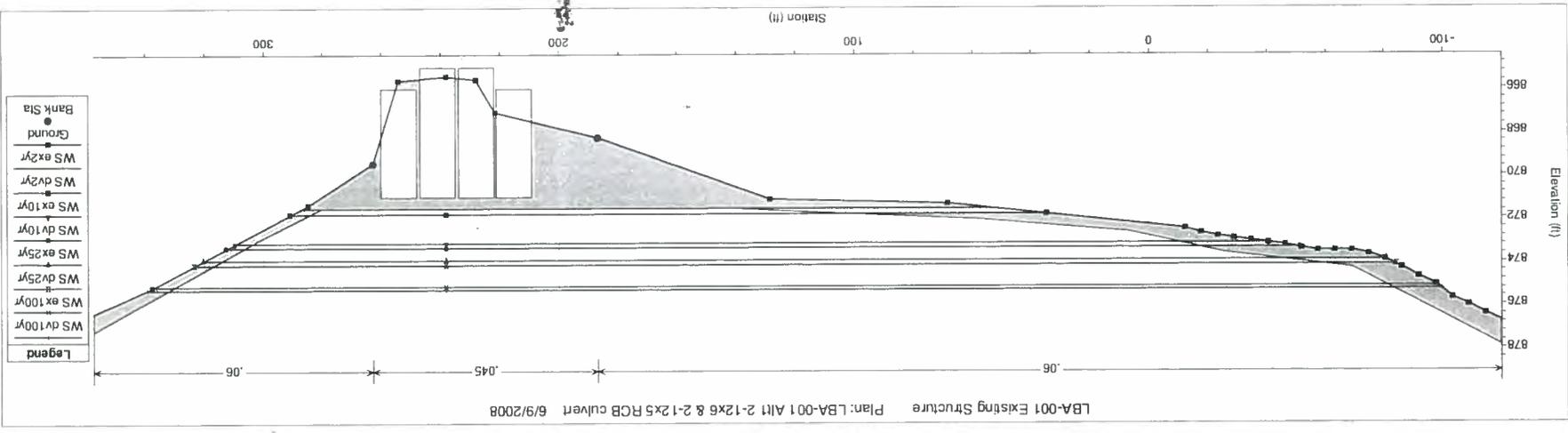
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ALTERNATIVE 1 - 2-12'x6' & 2-12'x5' BOX CULV. GREAT DIVIDE ROAD LBA-001 TRAVIS COUNTY DRAINAGE BASIN STUDY

DATE: 8-29-08
FIGURE: LBA-001 ALT1
Rank: 5



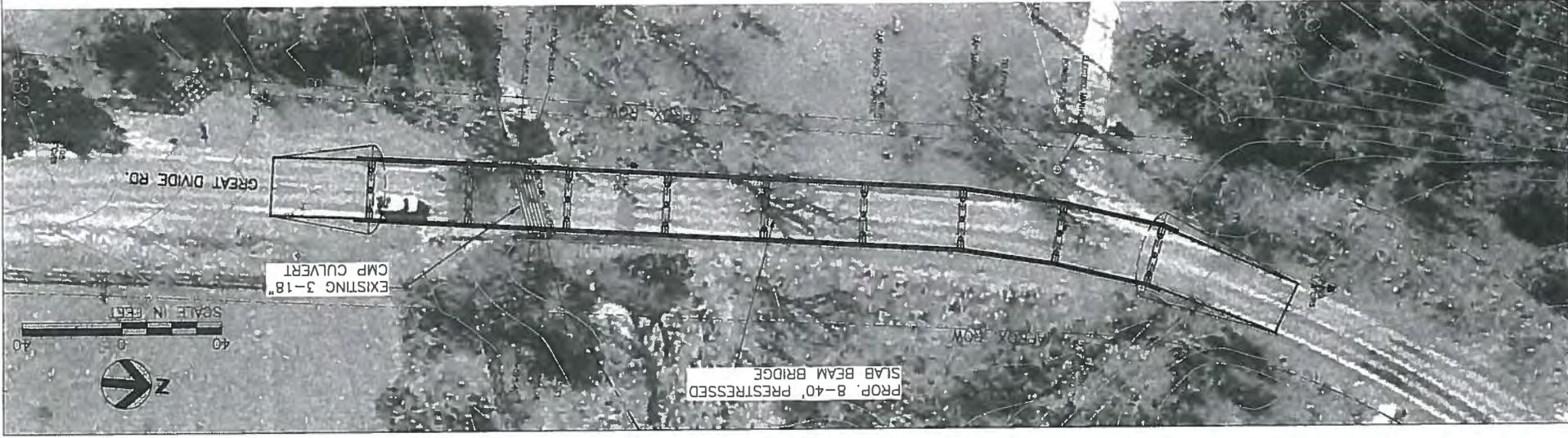
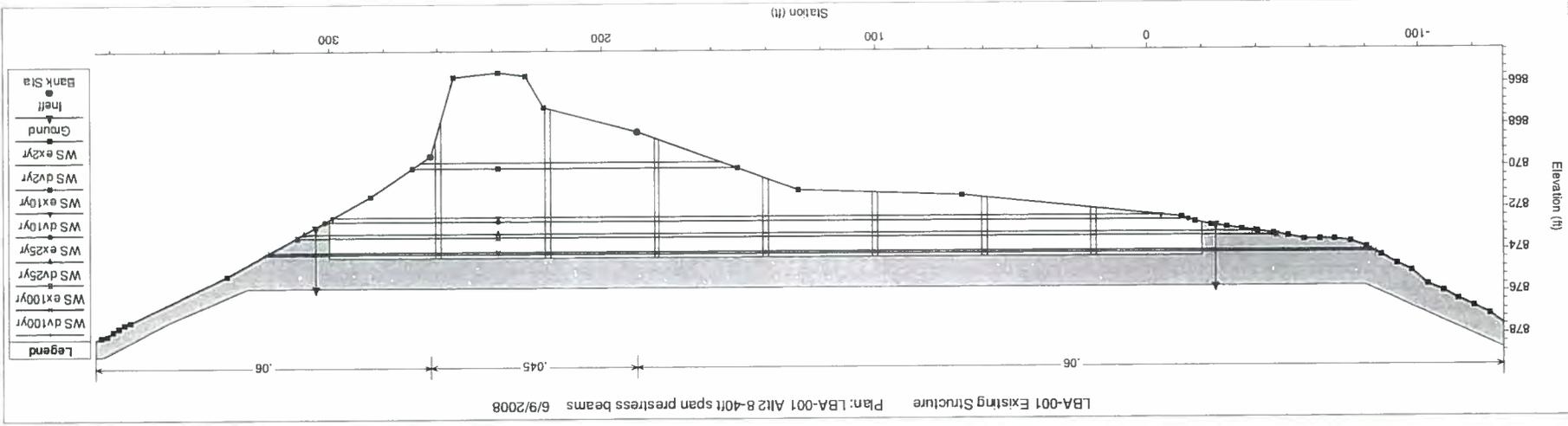
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ALTERNATIVE 2 - 8-40' SLAB BEAM BRIDGE
GREAT DIVIDE ROAD
LBA-001
 TRAVIS COUNTY DRAINAGE BASIN STUDY

DATE: 8-29-08
 FIGURE: LBA-001 ALT2
 Rank: 5



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Opinion of Probable Capital Cost

Project	Travis County Drainage Study	Estimated By	AK
Site I.D.	LBA-001	Checked By	CLP
Site Descr.	Great Divide Road @ Little Barton Creek		
Date	6/23/2008	Alternative No.	1
Design Criteria	2-Year Alternative Description 2-12x6, 2-12x5 RCB		

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (\$/unit)	Total (\$)
MOBILIZATION (5%)	1	LS	\$10,946	\$ 10,946
BARRICADES/SIGNS/TRAFFIC HANDLING	4	Month	\$4,000	\$ 16,000
EROSION CONTROL	800	SY	\$3	\$ 2,400
REMOV PAV	533	SY	\$6	\$ 3,198
EMBAKKMENT (FINAL)(ORD COMP)	314	CY	\$15	\$ 4,710
EXCAVATION (ROADWAY AND CHANNEL)	250	CY	\$25	\$ 6,250
PAVEMENT				\$ 19,180
REMOV STR (PIPE)	96	LF	\$ 15	\$ 1,440
CONC BOX CULV (12 FT X 5 FT)	64	LF	\$ 830	\$ 53,120
CONC BOX CULV (12 FT X 6 FT)	64	LF	\$ 930	\$ 59,520
WINGWALL (FW-S)(HW=5 FT)	4	EA	\$ 6,700	\$ 26,800
MBGF	700	LF	\$ 25	\$ 17,500
SGT	4	EA	\$ 2,200	\$ 8,800
SUBTOTAL				\$ 229,864
CONTINGENCY			20%	\$ 45,973
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$ 275,837
RIGHT-OF-WAY				\$ -
ENG DGN FEE			20%	\$ 55,167
Opinion of Probable Total Capital Cost				\$ 331,004

* Engineering Design Fee includes geotechnical and environmental engineering, permitting, survey, and legal fees.

Project	Travis County Drainage Study	Estimated By	AK
Site I.D.	LBA-001	Checked By	CLP
Site Descr.	Great Divide Road @ Little Barton Creek		
Date	6/23/2008	Alternative No.	2
Design Criteria	100-year 12" overtopping max. Alternative Description 8-40ft Span Slab Beam Bridge		

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (\$/unit)	Total (\$)
MOBILIZATION (5%)	1	LS	\$45,999	\$ 45,999
BARRICADES/SIGNS/TRAFFIC HANDLING	10	Month	\$4,000	\$ 40,000
EROSION CONTROL	2152	SY	\$3	\$ 6,456
REMOV PAV	1435	SY	\$6	\$ 8,610
EMBAKKMENT (FINAL)(ORD COMP)	734	CY	\$15	\$ 11,010
EXCAVATION (ROADWAY AND CHANNEL)	53	CY	\$25	\$ 1,325
PAVEMENT				\$ 20,935
REMOV STR (PIPE)	96	LF	\$ 15	\$ 1,440
BRIDGE STR	8320	SF	\$ 95	\$ 790,400
MBGF	1240	LF	\$ 25	\$ 31,000
SGT	4	EA	\$ 2,200	\$ 8,800
SUBTOTAL				\$ 965,975
CONTINGENCY			20%	\$ 193,195
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$ 1,159,170
RIGHT-OF-WAY				\$ -
ENG DGN FEE			20%	\$ 231,834
Opinion of Probable Total Capital Cost				\$ 1,391,004

5.5.5 Great Divide Road at Little Barton Creek (LBA-001)

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2,045	5,322	7,340	10,750	2,343	5,790	7,878	11,382

With only these small pipes to pass stream flows, this low water crossing experiences frequent and severe overtopping as shown in Table 4.2 and Appendix B, with a depth of overtopping from a 2-year storm event of 3.92 feet. A significant overtopping event from July of 2007 is shown in the photograph to the right. Great Divide Road connects to State Hwy. 71 and is a single access way into the Homestead Subdivision including over 150 residences. The drainage structure is in poor condition with minor erosion upstream and downstream of the crossing.



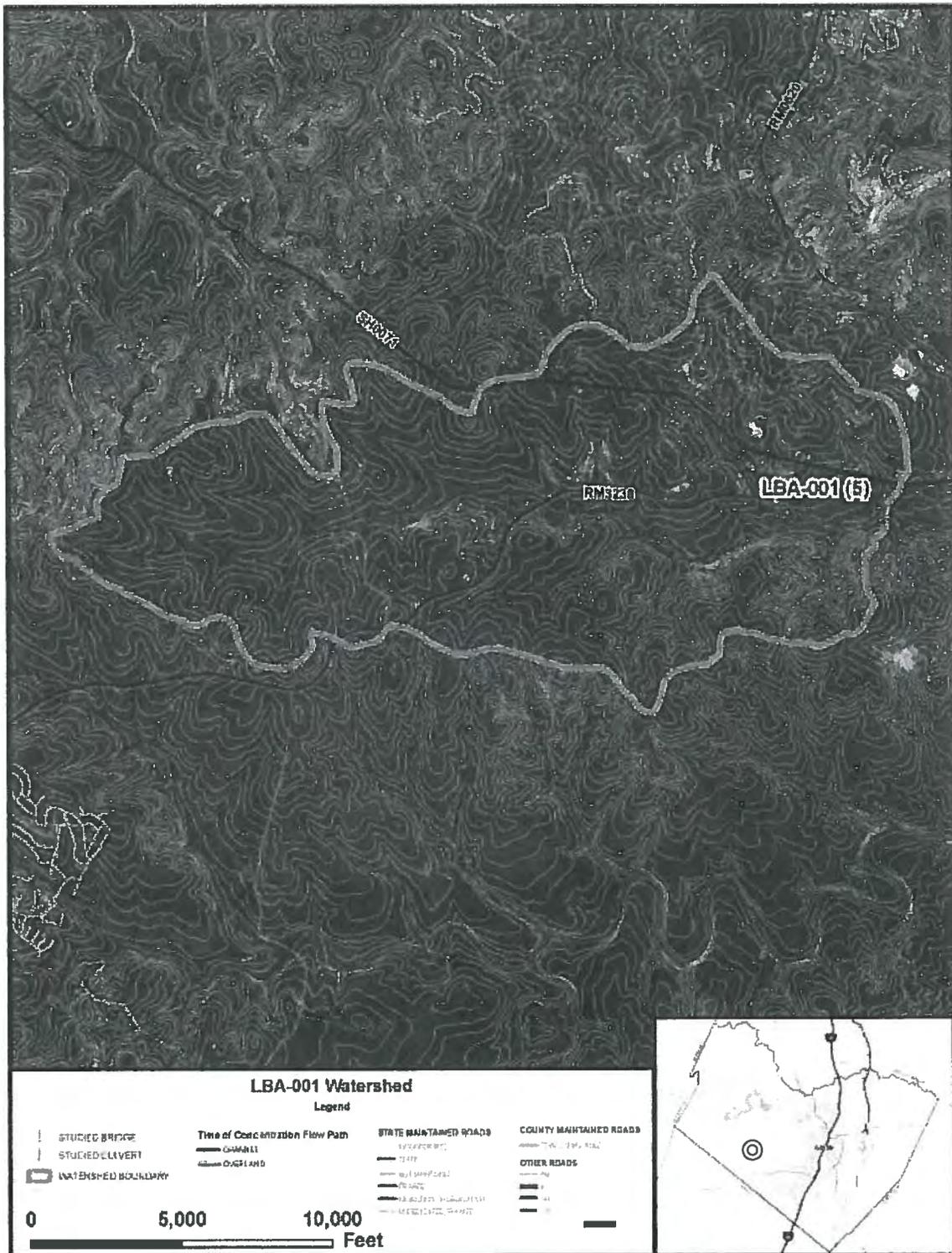


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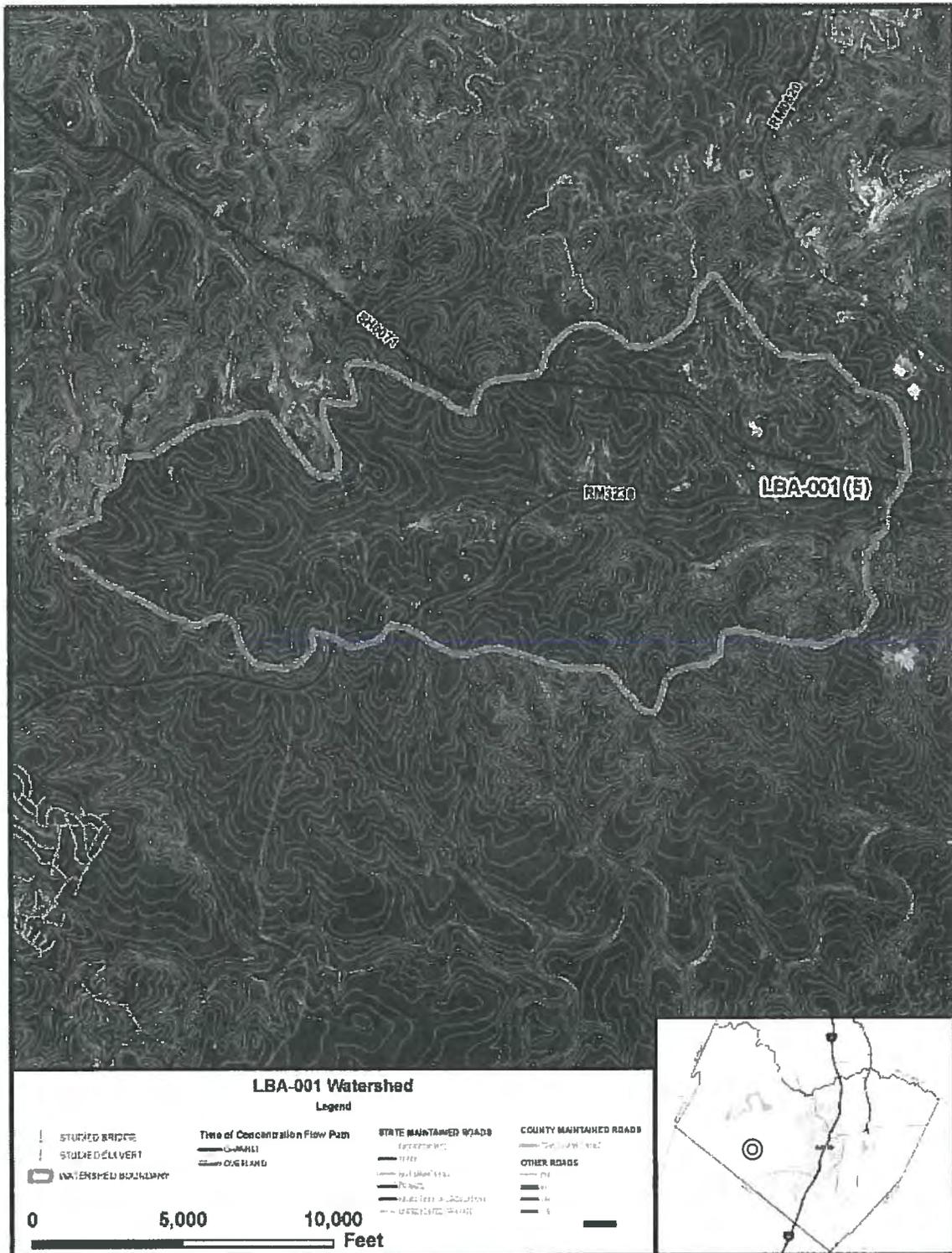
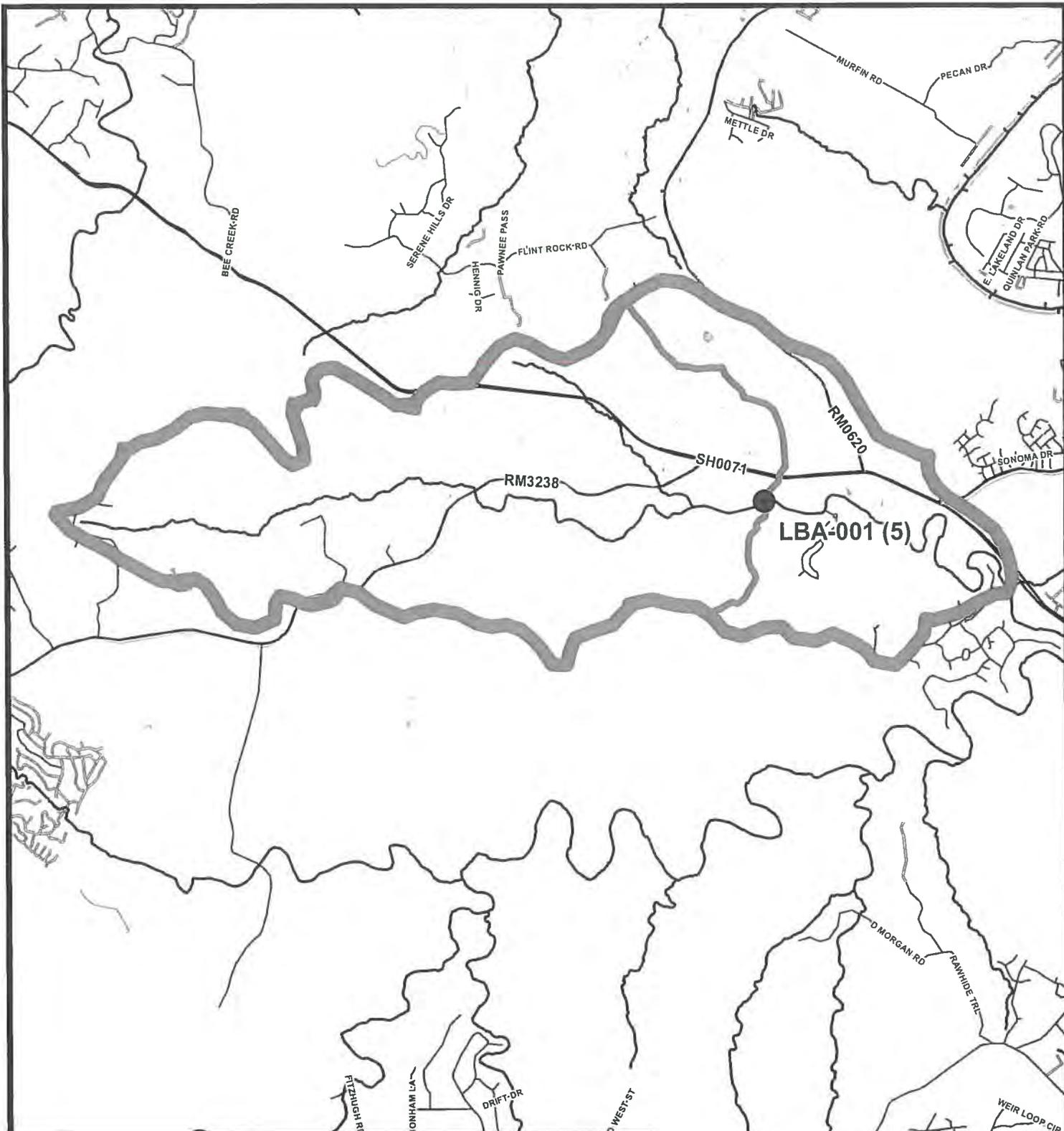


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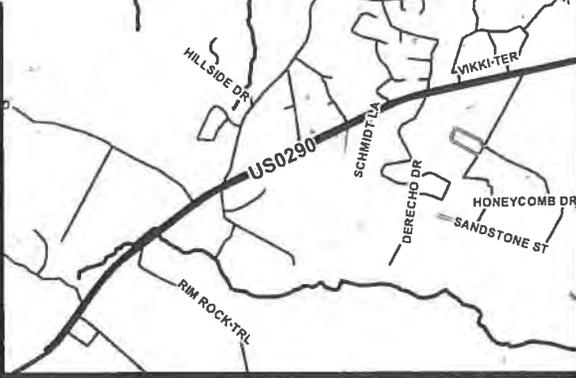
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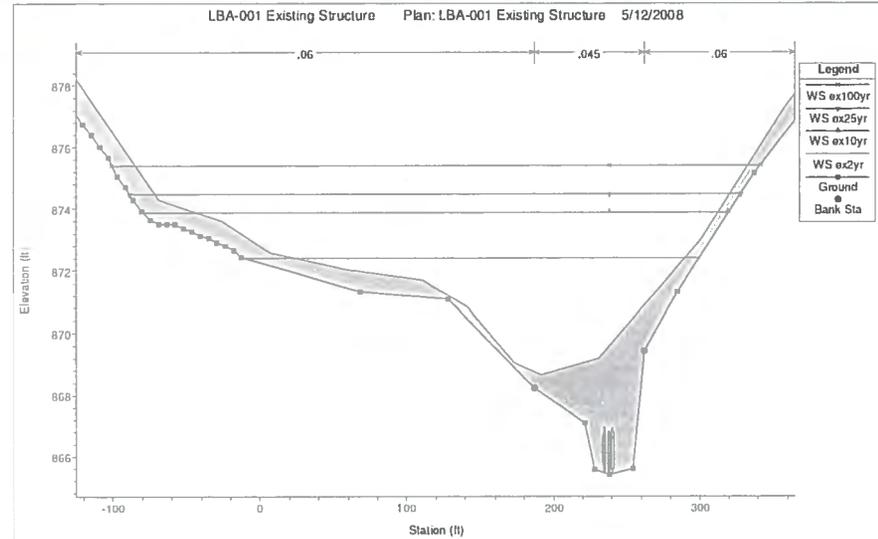
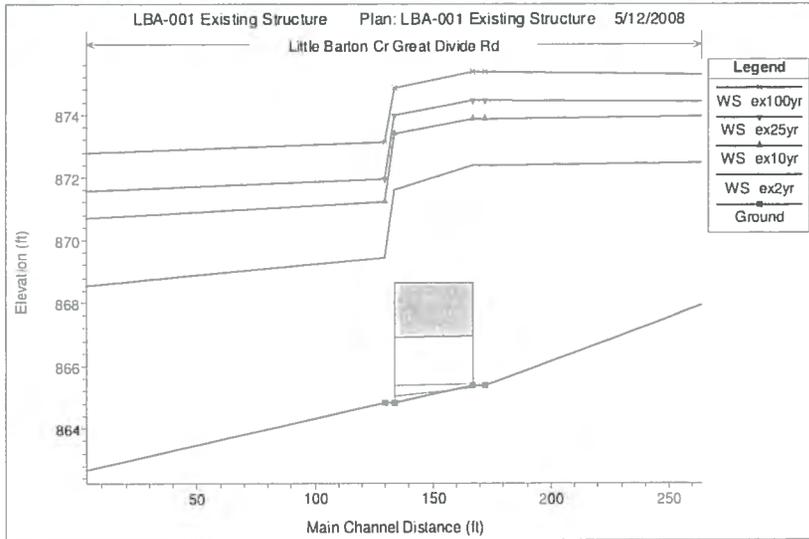
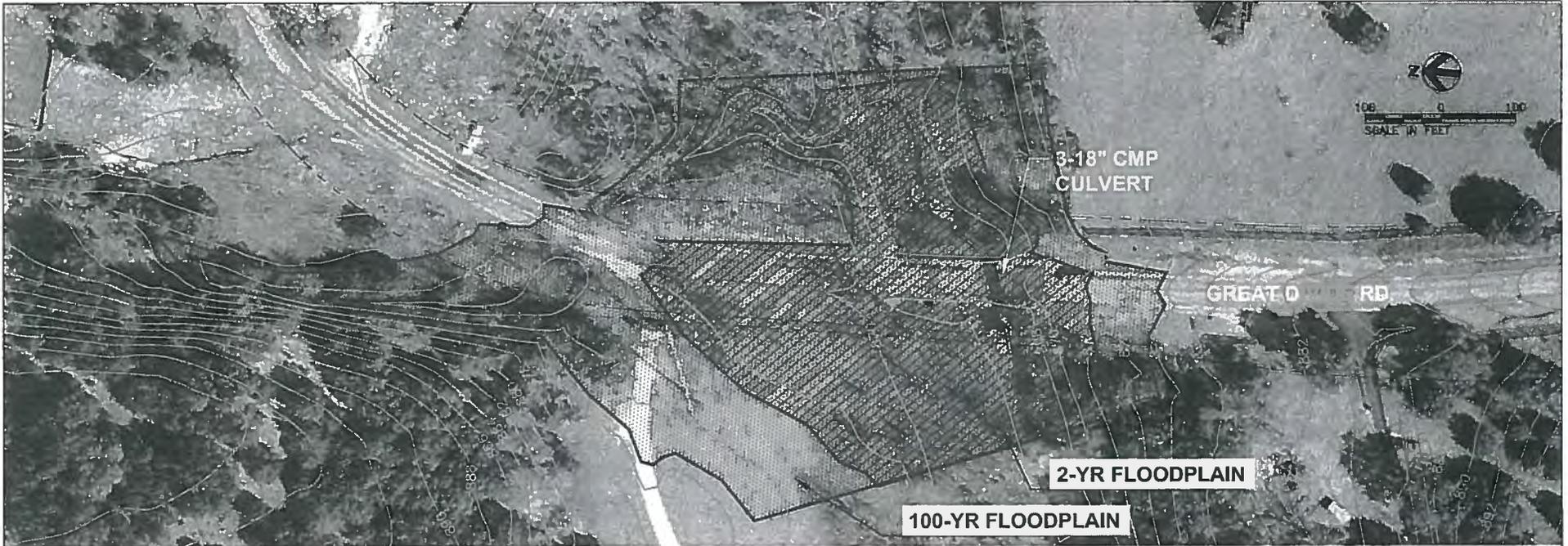


Little Barton Creek Watershed

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| | — STATE | | □ COUNTY BOUNDARY |
| | — NOT MAINTAINED | OTHER ROADS | |
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Existing Flood Overtopping Depth and Elevation Data

Q2 Overtopping		Q10 Overtopping		Q25 Overtopping		Q100 Overtopping	
Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)
3.92	872.39	5.69	873.86	6.46	874.46	7.56	875.41



**EXISTING CONDITIONS SURVEY & HYDRAULICS
GREAT DIVIDE ROAD
EXISTING 3-18" CMP CULVERT**

TRAVIS CO. DRAINAGE BASIN STUDY

DATE
6-30-08

FIGURE
LBA-001 EX

Crossing Data

Subbasin/Crossing ID: LBA-001
 Crossing Name: Great Divide Rd at Little Barton Ck
 Upstream Subbasins in Study: None
 Subbasin Drainage Area (ac): 5,256.48
 Subbasin Drainage Area (sq mi): 8.213
 Total Drainage Area (ac): 5,256.48
 Total Drainage Area (sq mi): 8.213
 Topo Source: USGS QUAD and COA 2FT

Existing Conditions Area-Weighted CN Calc

Land Use	Land Use and Soil Group Area Percentages Hydrologic Soil Group				Curve Numbers Hydrologic Soil Group				Area Percentage x Curve Number Hydrologic Soil Group				Total
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
Brush-weed-grass mix poor condition			73	12	48	67	77	83	0.0	0.0	56.2	10.0	66.2
Residential 2 Acre Lot			5		46	65	77	82	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.9
Residential 1 Acre Lot			7	3	51	68	79	84	0.0	0.0	5.5	2.5	8.1
Area Weighted CN:												78.1	

Ultimate Conditions Area-Weighted CN Calc

Land Use	Land Use and Soil Group Area Percentages Hydrologic Soil Group				Curve Numbers Hydrologic Soil Group				Area Percentage x Curve Number Hydrologic Soil Group				Total
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
Residential 1 Acre Lot			30	10	51	68	79	84	0.0	0.0	23.7	8.4	32.1
Business and Commercial			7	3	89	92	94	95	0.0	0.0	6.6	2.9	9.4
Brush-weed-grass mix poor condition			43	2	48	67	77	83	0.0	0.0	33.1	1.7	34.8
Residential 2 Acre Lot			5		46	65	77	82	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.9
Area Weighted CN:												80.2	

Existing Conditions Time of Concentration Calc

Kerby-Kirpich Method TC Calc

Flow Type	Up-stream Elevation	Down-stream Elevation	Length (ft)	Slope (ft/ft)	Re-tardance	Incre-mental TC (min)	Total TC (min)	Lag Time (min)	
Overland	1279	1240	819	0.0476	0.20	18.3			
Channel	1240	868	31857	0.0117	N/A	127.0			
Overall Primary Flowpath Slope:							0.013	TC and Lag Time:	145 87

Ultimate Conditions Time of Concentration Calc

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Overall Primary Flowpath Slope:							0.013	TC and Lag Time:	141 84

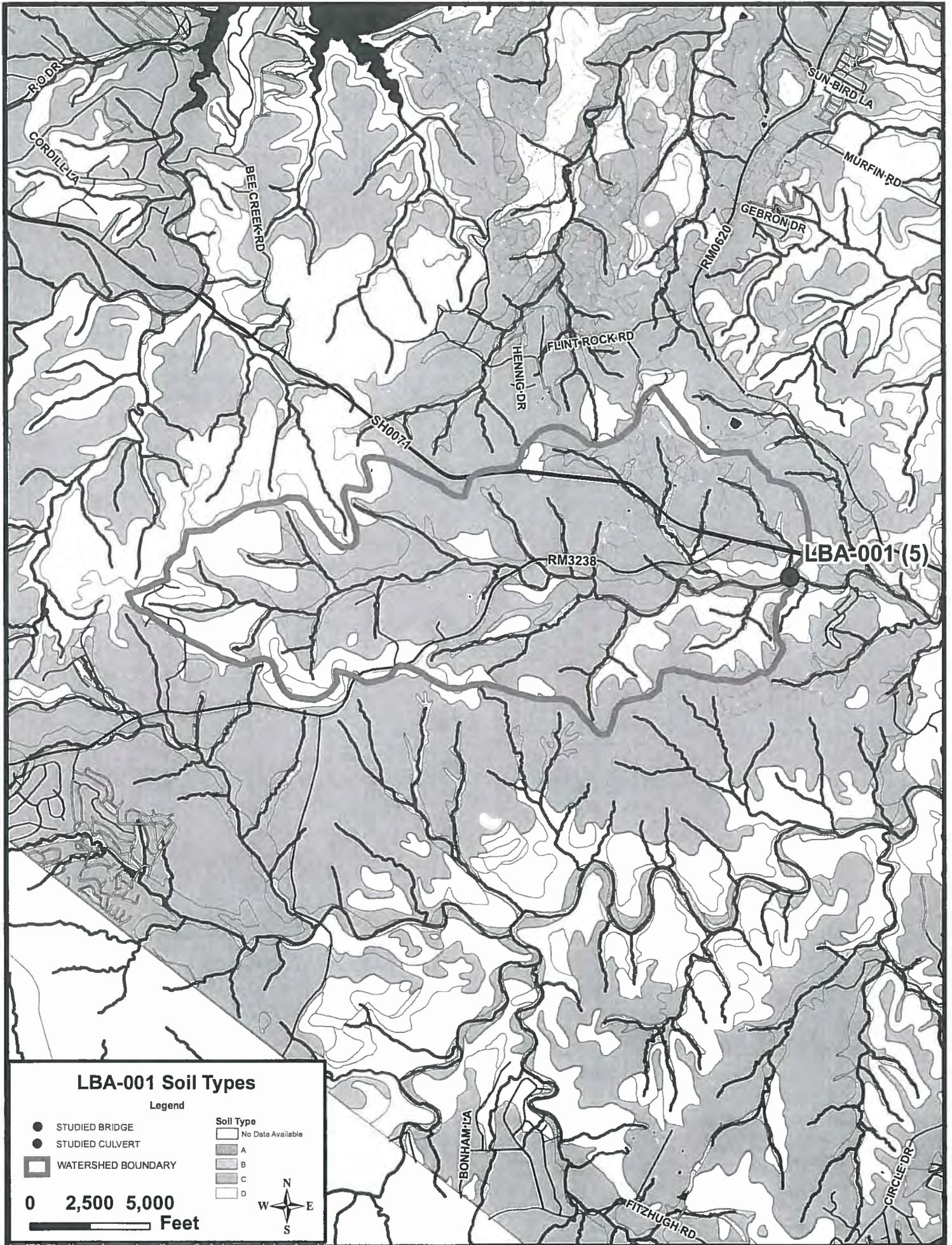
Routing Reach Through Sub-basin (if upstream study crossings present)

Mukingum-Cunge Routing Parameters (Trapezoidal Channel)

Length (ft)	Up-stream Elevation	Down-stream Elevation	Slope (ft/ft)	Manning n	Invert	Bottom Width (ft)	Side Slope (ft)

HEC-HMS Results

Sub-basin	Existing Conditions Peak Discharge (cfs)				Ultimate Conditions Peak Discharge (cfs)			
	2-Yr	10-Yr	25-Yr	100-Yr	2-Yr	10-Yr	25-Yr	100-Yr
LBA-001	2,045	5,322	7,340	10,750	2,343	5,790	7,878	11,382



LBA-001 Soil Types

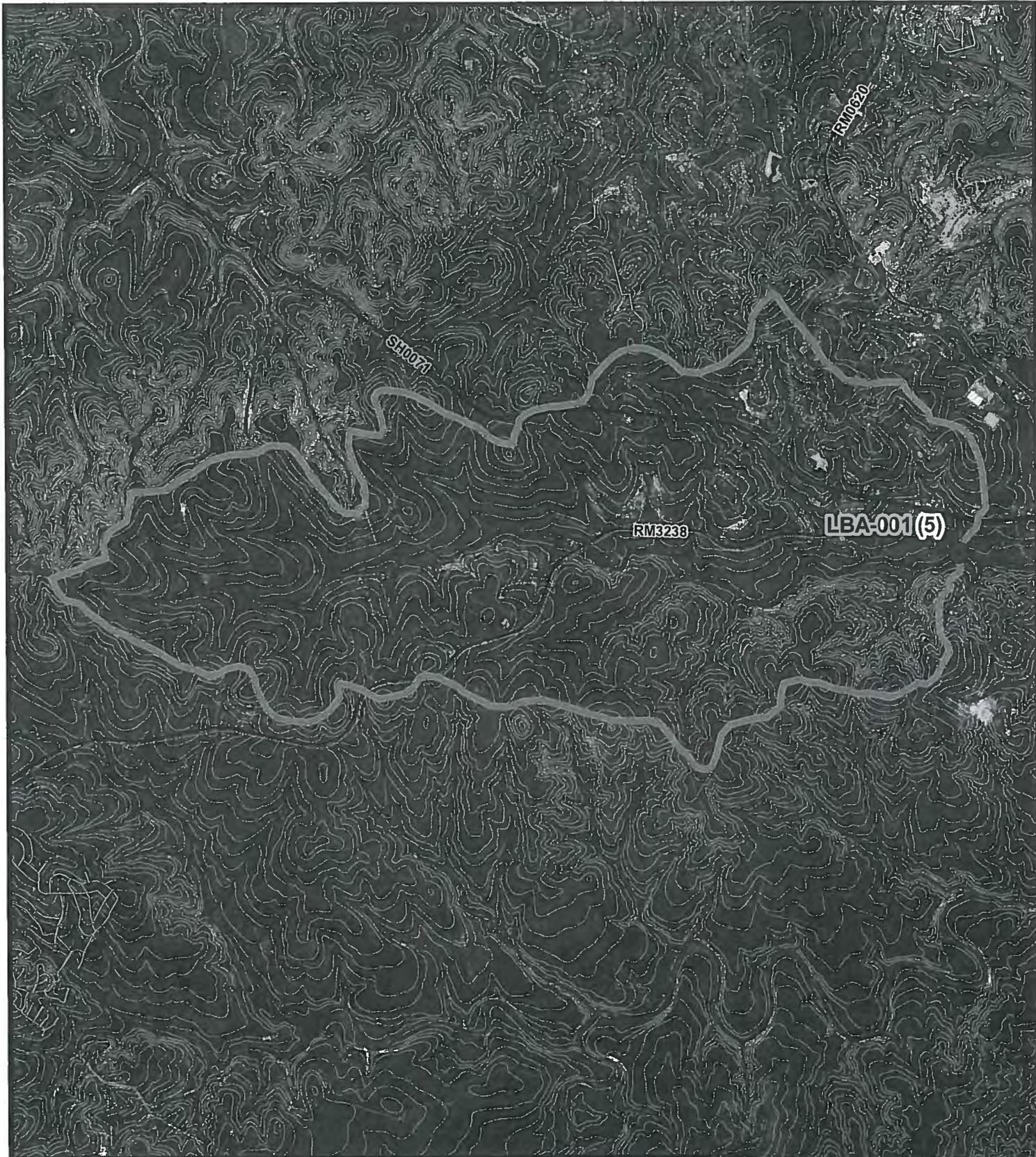
Legend

- STUDIED BRIDGE
- STUDIED CULVERT
- ▭ WATERSHED BOUNDARY

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Soil Type | |
| □ | No Data Available |
| □ | A |
| □ | B |
| □ | C |
| □ | D |

0 2,500 5,000
 Feet





LBA-001 Watershed

Legend

- STUDIED BRIDGE
- STUDIED CULVERT
- ▭ WATERSHED BOUNDARY

Time of Concentration Flow Path

- CHANNEL
- OVERLAND

STATE MAINTAINED ROADS

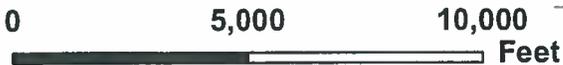
- INCORPORATED
- STATE
- NOT MAINTAINED
- PRIVATE
- REJECTION OF DEDICATION
- UNDEDICATED, PRIVATE

COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS

- TRAVIS MAINTAINED

OTHER ROADS

- FM
- IH
- SH
- US



From: [Linda Lowenthal](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:43:38 PM

Tonight I attended the community meeting at the Lakeway Activity Center, but was not able to stay long enough to voice my comments, so I am submitting them here by email.

I understand the apparently overwhelming support for the Youth Athletic facilities; this would be of great benefit to *all* the children of Western Travis County, regardless of the subdivision they may live in. It's easy for me to get behind a project like this.

What I cannot support, however, is the development and expansion of Reimers-Peacock Road. I have lived in the Hamilton Pool Road area for the past 22 years and continue to be dismayed at the rapid and sweeping changes. Twenty-two years ago, this was a mainly rural area with a few modest subdivisions, individual ranches and large tracts, and a lot of natural beauty and recreational opportunities - Hamilton Pool, Westcave Preserve, Pace Bend Park, and of course Lake Travis. This was also once a great area for cyclists.

Unlike the Youth Athletic facilities, which would benefit the many, expansion of Reimers-Peacock Road will benefit only the few: landowners/developers who wish to build more subdivisions and would like the taxpayers to fund the roads to access them. Believe me, the residents who are already living in the area, many having spent their entire lives here, or like myself, for decades, do not want this road. It will only generate more traffic, more light pollution, and more threats to vulnerable Hill Country ecosystems. It is disingenuous for our County Commissioner to suggest that because Lakeway residents are enthusiastic in their endorsement of the youth projects, they should therefore feel obligated to vote in favor of *all* the other projects that probably won't impact them personally. If they really want to help the existing residents living near the Peacock-Reimers properties, they should *oppose* the road expansion. This is not a community need, but only a few landowners' wish.

One enormous negative effect of a Peacock-Reimers road and subsequent subdivision development will be the impact on Hwy 71. Anyone who has to use this road to commute into Austin knows how congested it is becoming during rush hours, which are beginning earlier and ending later. Do we really need to pour hundreds of more cars onto Hwy 71? Are there not enough developments just in the early stages (Sweetwater) to enable folks to see what is going to happen to Hwy 71 in the near future?

Thank you for your attention. Please consider the interests of western Travis County residents who are vigorously opposed to this ill-conceived road expansion.

Linda Lowenthal, RN

"OPPOSE-Reimers-peacock Road"

7/5/2017

From: [Kim Cochran](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:01:49 PM

No changes are needed.

Improvements will encourage higher speeds and more danger.

If anything, a deer eradication program will improve safety immediately.

Thank you,

KC

11 OROOSE - Hamilton Pool Road "

7/7/2017

From: [Tom Griffith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Dana Griffith](#); [Hugh Winkler](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Comments on Proposed Projects
Date: Monday, July 03, 2017 5:37:08 PM

Respected Members of the Travis County CBAC,

I'm writing to you today to comment on three proposed projects, all affecting Hamilton Pool Road.

RSP-10 proposes to add 6' shoulders to both sides of Hamilton Pool Road in between RM 12 and the Pedernales River. Currently the speed limit on this road is 45 MPH, and it carries only light traffic. In my experience of driving the road several times each week speeding is not a problem. Most folks who use the road respect the hills and blind corners and greatly appreciate the opportunity to use a road that is a lot less hectic than most. This part of Hamilton Pool Road does not serve any high-density subdivisions so there is no crowding, even during rush hour.

Widening Hamilton Pool Road by adding shoulders will NOT improve motorist safety. It is well known that drivers tend to drive faster on wider highways, and because nothing will be done to address the hills and blind curves this will result in an unsafe condition. Please read the information on the Texas Department of Public Safety website at [Speed Zone Studies](#) and decide for yourself. I urge you NOT to recommend RSP-10 for inclusion in the bond package.

BIS-12 also proposes to widen this section of Hamilton Pool Road, this time under the guise of improved bicycle safety. While a bicyclist may feel safer, riding on the shoulder in his own "lane," he or she will actually be no safer at all! For the same reason as cited above, motorists will drive faster on a wider roadway, and be more tempted by distractions in the car, including texting or making phone calls. This could result in a tragic loss of life for a cyclist. If bicycle safety is truly a concern here, I urge the county to use the \$17,700,000 (!) to build a completely grade-separated bicycle path parallel to the road. I urge you to recommend AGAINST inclusion of this project.

Finally, RCP-3 will fund the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road. This is essentially a gift to financially and politically powerful ranch owners and the developers who want to build high-density subdivisions on their land. It's tragically unfair to the taxpayers of Travis County, the native ecosystems that will be destroyed, and the limited water resources that will be strained. It will greatly increase traffic on Hamilton Pool Road, making a mockery of the projects that purport to increase safety there. Please recommend AGAINST this short-sighted project.

These three projects, taken together, cost over \$46,000,000 and would be a serious misstep for the County. This area is a valuable scenic and recreational resource for all of Travis County, and we should try to preserve it for everyone.

Thomas W. and Dana Lynne Griffith

A redacted signature area consisting of several lines of blacked-out text, likely containing contact information or a signature.

"OPPOSE-HPR Projects"

7/5/2017

From: [Susan Barnett](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Peacock Road
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:31:38 PM

Hello there

I live on Hamilton Pool Road and commute east during the week.

On weekends HPR is quite crowded with visitors to the park. Opening up Hamilton Pool Road to Highway 71 would not be beneficial to the existing neighborhoods along Hamilton Pool Road.

I do not support this new connection.

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Sue Barnett

[REDACTED]

"OPPOSE - Peacock Road"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers Peacock Rd proposed project
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:23:21 AM

Reimers Peacock Road --- Comments to the Citizens Bond Advisory Board

6/29/17

My name is Richard Hanson. I presently serve on the board of Hamilton Pool Matters, Inc., which is a Texas non-profit corporation part of whose mission is to encourage responsible conservation development along Hamilton Pool Road.

Our group is against this proposed further development of Reimers Peacock Road.

This project would be a waste of bond money that could be much better used to buy land for parks and conservation easements. There is simply no need for this new road which would detract from our relatively quiet and peaceful part of the County.

Roads like this would only serve to encourage more development within one of our most environmentally vulnerable areas, and it certainly seems to contradict the County's own vision for protecting the Barton Creek watershed and the Pedernales Corridor.

Please eliminate Reimers Peacock Road from the list of proposed projects. It has been an unpopular idea for a very long time and is still not necessary.

Sincerely,

Richard Hanson

"Oppose-Reimers Peacock Rd Proposed Development" 7/5/2017

From: [Maury Christensen](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool
Date: Sunday, July 02, 2017 8:43:55 PM

Dear Committee Members,

Please, block any attempt to allow our taxpayer dollars to fund a Peacock/ Reimer's passage. This road is unwanted and unnecessary.

I have watched the unchecked growth that has happened east of RR 12. It is increasingly sad.

If anyone doubts the beauty that once was, Hamilton Pool Road, just take the time to drive west of RR 12. It is still there.

Please, preserve our gateway to the hill country.

Thank you for your service,

Patty A. Christensen
Sent from my iPhone

"OPPOSE - Reimers - Peacock Hamilton Pool"

7/5/2012

From: [Pam Reese](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Rd.
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 6:32:18 PM

As a resident of Travis County and a landowner of a large ranch out Hamilton Pool Rd., I would like to voice my opposition to the construction of Reimers-Peacock Rd. A very small number of landowners who own large ranches that they would like to turn into residential developments with thousands of homes are the ones who would benefit most from the building of this road. Water is a serious issue in this part of the county. This is an area that has been designated by the state of Texas as a region that will experience a water shortage in the future. Already there are thousands of homes that have been built and thousands that are going to be built. Please do not add Reimers-Peacock Rd. to the upcoming bond election.

Thank you,
Pam Reese

Sent from my iPad

"OPPOSE-REIMERS-PEACOCK RD"

7/15/2017

From: [Michael Mireni](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 6:53:24 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to weigh in on the subject of "improvements" to Hamilton Pool Road as a resident who lives just off of it in Saddletree Ranch.

One of the main reasons we chose to purchase a home here is because of that twisty, turny 2 lane road. We find it to be an incredibly relaxing experience on the drive home from work to traverse 7 miles of that quiet little country road. Widening it, adding lanes, etc would really detract from the charm and country feel of living out here. In fact, it would change out so dramatically that we would likely sell our home - that's how much it matters to us.

For all those complaining about it being "dangerous", please tell them to attend a driving course. If they find it dangerous it's likely because they are not terribly good drivers and could use some assistance.

Respectfully,

Michael Mireni

"Oppose - Hamilton Pool Road (1)"

7/5/2017

From: [amy pianta](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Proposed HPR projects (west of RR12)
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:44:52 AM

Members of the Travis County CBAC, The following comments address three proposed projects, all affecting Hamilton Pool Road west of RR12. I use this road every day and appreciate it's beauty and lack of traffic mainly due to it's reduced size. While I have concerns regarding the safety of cyclists on this road, I do not see that the three projects identified below will contribute towards improving cyclist safety. In my opinion, the projects REDUCE cyclist safety. RSP-10 proposes to add 6' shoulders to both sides of Hamilton Pool Road in between RM 12 and the Pedernales River. Currently the speed limit on this road is 45 MPH, and it carries only light traffic. In my experience of driving this section of the road, speeding is rarely a problem and RSP-10 will only encourage and exacerbate speeding. In general, folks who use the road respect the hills and blind corners and greatly appreciate the opportunity to use a road that is a lot less hectic than most. This part of Hamilton Pool Road does not serve any high-density subdivisions so there is no crowding, even during rush hour. Widening Hamilton Pool Road by adding shoulders will NOT improve motorist safety. It is well known that drivers tend to drive faster on wider highways, and because nothing will be done to address the hills and blind curves this will result in an unsafe condition. Please read the information on the Texas Department of Public Safety website at Speed Zone Studies and decide for yourself. I urge you NOT to recommend RSP-10 for inclusion in the bond package. BIS-12 also proposes to widen this section of Hamilton Pool Road under the guise of improved bicycle safety. While a bicyclist may feel safer, riding on the shoulder in his own "lane," he or she will actually be no safer at all! For the same reason as cited above, motorists will drive faster on a wider roadway, and be more tempted by distractions in the car, including texting or making phone calls. This could result in a tragic loss of life for a cyclist. If bicycle safety is truly a concern here, I urge the county to use the \$17,700,000 to build a completely grade-separated bicycle path parallel to the road. I urge you to recommend AGAINST inclusion of this project. Finally, RCP-3 will fund the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road. This is essentially a gift to financially and politically powerful ranch owners and the developers who want to build high-density subdivisions on their land. It's unfair to the taxpayers of Travis County, the native ecosystems that will be destroyed, and the limited water resources that will be strained. It will greatly increase traffic on Hamilton Pool Road, making a mockery of the projects that purport to increase safety there. Please recommend AGAINST this short-sighted project. These three projects, taken together, cost over \$46,000,000 and would be a serious misstep for the County. Please do not fund projects that only give the appearance of safety. This area is a valuable scenic and recreational resource for all of Travis County, and we should try to preserve it for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Pianta

Stagecoach Ranch Rd

"NDPase-Proposed HPR projects (west of RR12)"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [John Hatchett](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Gerald Daugherty](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} In Support of Reimers-Peacock Road in Western Travis County
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 8:56:04 AM

I am a resident and landowner in Travis County along Hamilton Pool Road and would like to express my support for construction of the Reimers-Peacock Road connecting Hamilton Pool Road and State Hwy 71 as well as other safety improvements of Hamilton Pool Road.

Travis County has expended extensive funding to develop recreational parks along Hamilton Pool Road, both Hamilton Pool Preserve and the Reimers Ranch Park, which are enjoying an ever growing attendance each year. These parks are also regularly in the news for serious and often fatal accidents requiring STAR Flight responses because of the limited and remote access. I suspect that the County's unrecovered expense of providing these extraordinary emergency services, and the personal losses, will only continue to increase if access is not improved by the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road.

Travis County has a continuing duty to provide for the safety and welfare of both the residents of Western Travis County as well as the visitors to these outstanding parks. The construction of Reimers-Peacock Road will be a significant contribution to fulfilling that duty at a relatively inexpensive cost for the much needed benefits.

John Hatchett
Travis County

"In support of Reimers-Peacock Road in Western Travis County" 7/7/2017

From: [carole willard](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Widen Hamilton Pool Rd.
Date: Monday, July 03, 2017 11:52:29 AM

Dear Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

Please make Hamilton Pool Rd wider and safer with turn lanes and double lanes.
It is a dangerous, curvy, narrow, and poor line of sight road.

My family lives in Madrone Ranch.

There is a commercial Horse Stable in Madrone Ranch with 40 horses. Students and children from all over the Lake Travis area and Austin come and ride their horses and take lessons before and after school and all summer long. Large horse trailers and parents driving their children to the stables and young drivers, have to turn in and out of Madrone Ranch. It's next to impossible to turn left in or out of our subdivision, or any subdivision along Hamilton Pool Rd. The traffic keeps getting more and more congested every day with more cars from all of the homes on Hamilton Pool Rd and 750 more homes coming soon and more commercial businesses, already with their signs up ready to be built! Traffic also comes from Dripping Springs, Wimberly, and Driftwood. As Dripping Springs keeps growing, the traffic on our road keep growing also!

We also have more bars being built. There will be a beer distillery and bar opening soon on Hamilton Pool Rd, just past Proof and Cooper past Hwy. 12.
More drivers who have been drinking alcoholic beverages will be on this road.

When there is an accident the traffic comes to a stand still and is backed up for hours with no way out or no way to go for a detour.

This is a huge safety issue if we had a wild fire and had to evacuate everyone that lives in the subdivisions along Hamilton Pool Rd.

Rocky Creek, Belvedere, and the soon to be developed 750 homes.

There would not be enough room on the present two lane road to evacuate! In addition to Saddle Tree, Deer Creek, and West Cave and many more subdivisions. Traffic would come to a stand still and people would be trapped in their cars and the fire trucks could not get thru!

For road safety and fire safety and all the families now and soon to be lots more families, please make Hamilton Pool Rd safe!

Thank you
Carole Willard

Sent from my iPhone

"IN FAVOR - Widen Hamilton Pool Rd"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond money
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 7:40:43 PM

Please prioritizing reimers peacock road and Hamilton pool road for safety

Chantel Reid

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

"IN FAVOR RP-HPR road"

7/5/2017

From: [Lynn Cozart](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Road Improvements
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 3:05:14 PM

Please make Hamilton Pool Road a priority for road improvements. This heavily traveled road needs to be widened, turn lanes and shoulders added. The growth in this part of Travis County is huge. Make Hamilton Pool Road safe for all of our Travis County families that travel up and down it multiple times in a day to get to work, school, sporting events for our children, and to the businesses in this part of Travis County.

Thank you,
Lynn Cozart
A West Cave Preserve Resident

Sent from my iPhone

"In favor Road improvements"

7/5/2017

From: [Bonnie Franklin](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:23:40 PM

I am writing to insist that the Reimers-Peacock roads be built and that this done as soon as possible. I have traveled this road many times and it is extremely dangerous, especially when cyclists are on the road. There is no shoulder area to avoid an accident and limited vision ahead due to the many curves. Thank you, Bonnie Franklin



"TN Avenue-Reimers-Peacock road"

7/5/2017

From: [Taylor, Tim](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road - Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:29:11 AM

Please proceed with the funding for construction of the Reimers-Peacock Road. And improvements to Hamilton Pool Road.

This is a public safety issue, and Travis County needs to address it.

Thank you.

Tim Taylor
Jackson Walker L.L.P.


Phone: 

Fax: 

E-mail: 

"IN FAVOR - Reimers - Peacock Road - Hamilton Pool Road" 7/15/2012

From: [Paula Quinn](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Refiners-Peacock and Hamilton Pool Roads
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:27:59 PM

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you today to insist that these two roads be included in the November Bond election. This is a huge safety concern not to mention the necessity to provide a safe and efficient way to drop off and pick up children at the new school. The city purchased Reimar park and has no way to get people there safely. This should have been done when the study was funded. Please do not delay any longer.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

"IN FAVOR - Refiners - Peacock and Hamilton Pool roads"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Peacock Road
Date: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:20:24 AM

Checking to see if the proposed road at Peacock Ranch and Hamilton Pool to Highway 71 was approved? We sure need it!

[Texas law requires all license holders to provide the Information About Brokerage Services form to prospective clients.](#)



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"IN FAVOR-Peacock Roads"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} November Bond
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:11:32 PM

To: The Bond Committee of Travis County

To the best of my knowledge, "Keep Austin Weird," the slogan unofficially adopted by the Austin Independent Business Alliance, but generally accepted as a moniker for the entire Austin metropolitan area, has never even remotely implied a meaning of justifiable civic irresponsibility, flagrant disregard for citizen safety nor governmental complacency toward prior promises to schools and county constituents. Unfortunately, the county's continuation to flout the funding of the absolutely essential improvements needed for Hamilton Pool Road and Reimers-Peacock Road constitute a reckless neglect to the fiduciary trust for which the officials were elected or appointed.

Travis County is to be commended for the purchase of the 800 acres for beautiful Reimers Park. However, making that acquisition without the proper and safe planning for the massive increase in traffic on Hamilton Pool Road (already suffering with severe limitations from the continued popularity of Hamilton Pool itself) has created an untenable situation. Emergency crews shudder to think of the ingress and egress nightmares this two-lane road with only one way in and one way out has created. Bikers who wish to enjoy the area might as well play Russian Roulette as dare to take a leisurely ride in the country. There is no acceptable solution except to widen this over-stressed artery!! Adding shoulders for the bikers is not enough! Leaving the hairpin curves is tantamount to acceptance of the deaths that have and shall continue to occur on a dangerous road for which you have the power to modify and make safe!!

As for Reimers-Peacock Road.....the Lake Travis School District bought land approximately ten years ago for a new middle school. Believing that their new school would have a road provided by Travis County (as their other schools have had), they have been waiting for this road to be completed by now. Lake Travis needs the school now and there is no road! There is no road for for the fire department nor EMS to reach residents in a reasonably acceptable amount of time. The Reimers-Peacock Road would alleviate this problem as well as provide a solution for the lack of a second entrance and exit to Hamilton Pool Road. The plans for both of these roads have already been drawn; i.e. there is no additional cost nor time involved for that aspect of development.

The gravity of the situation on Hamilton Pool Road cannot be overstated!! The Bond for these improvements MUST be passed. The changes MUST happen! The responsibility of the County MUST be safety first!!

Webster has many synonyms for "weird"--from bizarre and eccentric to strange and peculiar. I suggest we let the marketing gurus of Austin "play around" with their "catchy" verbiage to "Keep Austin as Weird" as they wish; however, the obligation of the County may not be "catchy," but it is quite clear---act prudently and responsibly for the safety and well being of all its citizens!

Regards,

Janice Stoley

"IN FAVOR - HRP-R-P ROADS"

7/5/2017

From: [Mary Ann Holland](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Needed Road Improvements
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:04:42 PM

Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee:

I have lived off of Hamilton Pool Road in Western Travis County for over a decade and I have seen many increases in the traffic on this road. Please prioritize improvements to Hamilton Pool Road to increase safety for motorists and cyclists.

Also, please fund construction of Reimers Peacock Road to provide alternatives so we don't get bottlenecked on Hamilton Pool Road. This especially important in light of LTISD's plan for future schools on this road. The road will provide better access to the county parks. Connectivity will improve emergency response times in our area which are much slower than the services provided in Lakeway and other parts of the county. Thank you so much for your help with these matters.

Best Regards,

Mary Ann Holland

Sent from my iPhone

"IN FAVOR - ~~Hamilton~~ Needed Road Improvements"

7/5/2017

From: [karen ramia](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton PoolRoad improvement
Date: Sunday, July 02, 2017 8:33:31 PM

Please make Hamilton Road a safer road. I support improvements with turning lanes on Hamilton Road.

Thank you,

Karen Ramia

"IN FAVOR - Hamilton PoolRoad improvements"

7/5/2017

From: [Robert Wood](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool road
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:33:02 PM

Needs work. Too many wrecks and more growth on the way.

My best to you!

Bob

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" IN FAVOR - Hamilton Pool Road "

7/5/2017

From: [Ron](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton pool road
Date: Monday, July 03, 2017 12:28:16 PM

I wanted to write to you and let you know I support and would like you to help support widening and improving safety on Hamilton pool road. There has been a great deal of development and the road does not easily allow for that level of traffic and turning. I would hope you can support improvements in the near future.

Ron Ubertini

"IN FAVOR - Hamilton Pool Road"

7/5/2017

From: [Kathy Armstrong](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road Road improvements, Nov. Bond Election
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:55:00 PM

I urge you to make critical improvements to Hamilton Pool Road for the safety of vehicles and bicycles.

The road must have dangerous curves altered and shoulders provided to prevent tragic accidents.

The county park is an excellent resource for our citizens however it is imperative that HPR road improvements be included as part of the November bond election to provide safe access.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Kathy armstrong

Sent from my iPhone

"IN favor - Hamilton Pool Road road improvements..."

7/5/2017

From: [Scott Norman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road and Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:19:42 AM

To Travis County:

The email is to "request" that the funding for these two roads be a part of the November Bond election. For me, the need is a safety issue.

The plans for both of the roads has been done, so there is no cost there. A bond was passed several years ago for the Reimers-Peacock Rd to be built. Gerald was already to build the road, and then Karen Huber won, and stopped everything about it being built. The Lake Travis School District bought land while Gerald was in office the first time with the understanding that the County would build the road and then Karen would not allow it. Now they are ready for the school and there is no road. So, they are desperate for it! The fire department and EMS also have stated how important it is for their response time.

The only thing that is being proposed for the Hamilton Pool Rd is to add shoulders for people on bicycles and to take out the dangerous curves. There will be no lanes added. The County bought around 800 acres next to us for the Reimers Park, and have not provided a safe way for people to get to it...the road is not even close to TXDOT standards, and because of the Park and Hamilton pool there is an incredible increase in traffic. Many times there is a constant flow of traffic in front of our gate and I have to wait several minutes before I pull onto the Hamilton Pool Rd.

Also, for safety reasons and for the school children, there needs to be two entrances and two exits for the Hamilton Pool Rd. The Reimers-Peacock Rd. would provide that solution.

With best regards,
Scott

W. Scott Norman
Vice President of National Field Retail
Finance of America Reverse
Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
NMLS: [REDACTED]

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"TNI Finance - Hamilton Pool Road and Reimers-Peacock Road" 7/5/2017

From: [Gary Farmer](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road & Reimers-Peacock Road funding
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:10:40 PM

Dear Committee Members: I am writing to respectfully request your consideration to include funding for both Hamilton Pool Road and Reimers-Peacock Road as part of the November Bond Election. My understanding is that the plans for both roads are complete such that both are "shovel ready". But whether "shovel ready" or not, the need for both roads is beyond question. The primary reason that these two roads are imperative is the direct safety of you and your fellow residents, including the many young people who are subject to the dangers of an overcrowded Hamilton Pool. Additionally, I understand the Lake Travis School District, Fire Department and EMS officials have all weighed in to support building R-P and improving Hamilton Pool.

I realize there are many needs in our community and your task is difficult. I would hope that you might prioritize these two projects for the reasons stated above. Thanks for your service and for your consideration.

Gary S. Farmer
President
Heritage Title Company of Austin, Inc.

[REDACTED]



"IN FAVOR - Hamilton Pool Road & Reimers Peacock Rd funding" 7/5/2017

From: [David Estes](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Rd.
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:16:38 PM

To Whom it may concern,

As a resident and taxpayer in Travis County, my family and I are in full support of the proposed widening of Hamilton Pool Rd.

As a former resident of New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington DC, I don't know that I've ever encountered a road as consistently dangerous as HPR.

The road is too densely traveled at all times of the day, and the businesses that are being developed along HPR will only increase the danger.

My family and I appeal to you for your consideration of widening HPR as a project that needs to be placed on your priorities list as soon as practicable.

Thank you

David & Kathleen Estes

[REDACTED]
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Travis County

DAVID ESTES
LifeAustin
Associate Pastor

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"IN FAVOR - Hamilton Pool Rd."

7/5/2017

From: [Isaac Gonzales](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Rd.
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 6:33:20 PM

I would love to see improvements to Hamilton Pool Road. The growth in t his area is changing every day. But the unsafe driving conditions of the stretch of road has not kept up with the growth. I have seen many accidents on this road due to its lack of a middle turning lane or just additional lanes that are needed. These driving conditions on top of bikes riders not having a shoulder puts everyone at risk. Please do something worth while with my tax dollars.

Sent from my iPhone

"IN FAVOR - Hamilton Pool Rd"

7/5/2017

From: [Ann Huthnance](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road and Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:32:08 PM

I am writing this to encourage the Bond Committee to make sure that the improvements to the Hamilton Pool Road are included in the Bond package. Because of the wonderful County park and the Hamilton Pool, the traffic on the Hamilton Pool Road has grown to concerning proportions. There are very many dangerous curves and in many places there are NO shoulders. There have been many deaths on the HPR because of the dangerous conditions. One young man was killed a few years ago on his way to visit his grandparents. This young man had completed two tours of duty to Afghanistan . I was with his Grandmother after the wreck and she said, "It is unbelievable when I think of all of the hours I was so afraid that he would be killed in Afghanistan, and instead, he was killed on the Hamilton Pool Road." It is imperative that these dangerous areas be fixed.

I was behind a person on a bike last week. It was on a stretch that had no shoulders. If the person on the bike had fallen, there would have been no place for me to go and I would have run over him. I have had several close calls.

Also, the school bus is often delayed because of traffic. This is due to the reason that there is only one way in and one way out. If there is any kind of accident, the traffic can be backed up for a long time. This is another reason that the Reimers-Peacock Road should also be in the Bond package. It would provide another entrance and exit for the HPR. I applaud the County for requiring two entrances and exits for subdivisions. That same concern for safety applies to the HPR. I was speaking to an EMS driver who said that they have a great concern about that. If there is an accident on the HPR and also an accident at the Park or Hamilton Pool, there would be no way to get to them. If the County is going to provide a park for so many to enjoy, then they need to provide a safe way to get people there.

There is already a completed plan for both roads that would make that part of Western Travis County much safer without much cost.

Thank you for your attention to these two roads
Ann Huthnance

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IN FAVOR Hamilton Pool road and Reimers-Peacock road" 7/5/2017

From: [Nate Holland](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} In Favor of Reimers-Peacock Road in County Bond
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 1:11:34 PM

To whomever it may concern,

I wanted to write in that I am in favor of building the Reimers-Peacock road as well as safety improvements to the existing Hamilton Pool Rd. I live in that area and I think adding and improving those roads will increase safety, decrease congestion, and allow better access for schools, county parks, and the fire department.

Thanks,
Nate

"IN favor of Reimers-Peacock Road in County Bond" 7/5/2017

From: [Bryan Schwiening](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton pool road
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 7:36:54 AM

This road is dangerous and in need of 4 lanes to support the expanding traffic.

Bryan Schwiening,
Saddletree Ranch subdivision

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

"In favor - Hamilton Pool Road"

7/15/2017

From: [Balint Pinczehelyi](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Rd improvements
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 11:01:11 PM

Dear Madam or Sir,

I have been living in Deer Creek Ranch off of Hamilton Pool Rd for ten year.

We have seen many accidents and occasional fatalities.

HPR needs improvements.

I understand that widening it might be space limited, however Slow Down and Speed Up lanes for merging could be very useful.

1. Heading East Bound:

There should be a dedicated right turn lane from Ranch Road 12 to HPR.

There should be a Right Turn slow down lane onto Longhorn Skyway,(from both directions) Vistancia, Rock Creek subdivision and Crumly Ranch Rd.

Also at Verde's restaurant when the parking lot is full, it gets very dangerous to turn in and out in both directions.

At Bee Caves Elementary there should be dedicated turning lanes in both directions.

Also, the Right turn from HPR onto 71 there needs to be a dedicated speed up lane to merge with the Eastbound traffic.

I would gladly meet with the road design department to show where lanes needs to be added.

HPR does not need to be widened the whole length, just the turning lanes need to be added.

Kindest regards,

Balint Pinczehelyi



"TN Favor-Hamilton Pool Rd improvements"

7/15/17

From: [Scott Holland](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond Advisory Input - Roads in Western Travis County!!!
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:40:57 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of the road projects on the citizens advisory committee list in Western Travis County.

Specifically I am writing in support of improvements to the County maintained portion of Hamilton Pool Road and to the construction of Reimers Peacock Road.

Both projects have significant merit for traffic safety, emergency services access, county park access, improved conditions for cyclists, and importantly, access to new school sites.

Supporting facts:

- Traffic is increasing meaningfully along Hamilton Pool Road due to popularity of the parks and approved subdivisions
- LTISD has a middle school now near the intersection of Reimers Peacock Road and Hwy 71
- LTISD is expected to close on land for a new school (possibly high school) that is accessed by Reimers Peacock Road
- Travis County has opened Reimers parks and traffic is markedly increasing on Hamilton Pool Road as a result
- Cyclists are regularly seen on Hamilton Pool Road, and it is patently unsafe due to poor site lines and no bike lanes

Given these activities and facts, it is no longer reasonable to state that these represent roads to nowhere as others have complained,

Please place both projects on the bond. We need to get ahead of growth and not pretend it will not come.

Regards,

Scott Holland

"
IN Favor - Roads in Western Travis County!!!"
7/15/17

From: [Bob Saunders](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} I support efforts to make Hamilton Pool Road safer.
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 3:44:08 PM

Several things could be done with some being as cost effective as a increased police presence. Tailgating and speeding is CHRONIC. Ideally, the addition of 2 lanes would be ideal but even a single alternating passing/turning lane would help.

Robert L Saunders


"I support efforts to make Hamilton Pool Road safer" 

From: [corey harris](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Widening Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 6:38:12 AM

I live in Saddletree Ranch and would like to see Hamilton Pool Road widen. I constantly am witness to potential accidents due to the unsafeness of this road. Please widen Hamilton Pool Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Corey Harris


"IN Favor Widening Hamilton Pool Road"

7/10/2017

From: [Rachel Bryan](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Don't widen Reimers-Peacock road
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 2:36:18 PM

To whom it may concern,
Please don't widen Reimers-Peacock road.

It will only encourage the massive subdivision builders to develop faster.

While it could shorten the drive for some, it will absolutely hasten the development of the lands around Reimers Ranch and Hamilton Pool that deserve to be kept pristine for as long as possible.

Please keep the hill country land as natural as long as we can.

Thank you,

Rachel Bryan

"Don't Widen Reimers-Peacock road"

July 10, 2017

From: [Cyd Grimes](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Commissioners-Court](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Peacock Road aka Bond road safety package
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:53:47 PM

Please do not propose spending \$15 million Taxpayer dollars to develop the Peacock land for future development:

Reason #1: Taxpayers have spent millions, if not now a billion, on buying and maintaining the Reimer Ranch land and Hamilton Pool, which is now globally known for its beauty. Westcave Preserve lines the other side of the river from the park and also risk permanent damage from continual urban sprawl. Next they'll want a \$15 million dollar bridge crossing over the Pedernales river by Westcave. Have you driven the road and looked at the dwindling cypress trees along the river? The road, as it starts to descend, was once totally overhung with trees, like a tunnel. Wish we had Utube back then.

Reason #2: We have already had one major environmental disaster at Hamilton Pool, when the Ranches at Hamilton Pool were developed. Even though reimbursed about 3.5 million, it did not fix the permanent destruction of this area. And the Park was closed for months.

Reason #3: We have a huge water issue out here. A lot of us are on wells and many subdivisions out here have run out of water. I have photos of the pool 40 years ago and the water table has dropped to an unbelievable amount. We've had great rains, but it will be dry, a drought, again.

We need to keep this area so close to the river by Westcave and Hamilton pool and Reimers ranch pristine, and the taxpayers shouldn't be enriching a few privileged landowners out here. Any money should be given to TXDOT to improve HP from RR 12 East to hwy. 71. That should be the priority. Thank you for your service on this board.

Sent from my iPad
Cyd V. Grimes

OPpose Peacock Road aka Bond road safety package "

7/10/2017

From: [Rick Smith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Proposed Bob Wire- Peacock Road
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:18:25 AM

This is Rick Smith and I own land that borders Highway 71 and Bob Wire. I have been contacted by neighbors and was told of the plans to extend Peacock and join Bob Wire. I am against this move. If this is completed, a negative effect will be felt by 18 homeowners and one business. Please make this a low priority that may be done in 2021.

Rick Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"Oppose Proposed Bob wire - Peacock Road"

7/10/2017

From: [Andy Bernstein](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimer-Peacock Road
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:12:17 AM

Hi there -

I'm a frequent user of Reimer's Ranch and a citizen of Austin, TX. I want to register my opposition to the expansion/improvement of the Reimer-Peacock road. I encourage you not to move forward with the project.

Thank you

Andrew Bernstein

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Sent from a tiny screen! (Please excuse any spelling errors)

"Oppose Reimer-Peacock road

7/10/2017

From: [Hoppy & Debbie Williams](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers Peacock road development
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:42:12 PM

I am writing to ask that the county NOT expand Reimers-Peacock road that leads out to Reimers Ranch park and Hamilton Pool.

There are young people discovering these precious areas these days but there are older folks who live locally as well as other areas of Texas who return again and again to recall Hamilton Pool as they knew it as children.

We all know that when country roads are enlarged and improved it simply increases the chance of commercial development in the form of new, large residential areas and new businesses. This affects all the natural resources and of course causes light and noise pollution potentially for these gems of Travis County.

Please do not allow this to occur. Let's preserve what we have and not allow potential change to these important central Texas parks.

Thank you, Deborah Williams

"Oppose Reimers-Peacock Road development"

7/10/2017

From: [John Poynor](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers/Peacock Rd proposed expansion
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 2:08:46 PM

I ask that Travis County does NOT widen and improve Reimers-Peacock road at our expense.

It will only encourage massive impervious cover and runoff issues on sensitive recharge zones to develop faster.

It will absolutely hasten the development of the lands around Reimers Ranch and Hamilton Pool that deserve to be kept pristine for as long as possible.

Thank you,

John Poynor

"Oppose Reimers-peacock Rd proposed expansion"

7/10/2017

From: [Eric Quiat](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Rd Improvement feedback
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:11:49 AM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to urge you not to improve Reimers-Peacock Road at this time. I understand that the road improvement is not necessary just yet. I, like most central Texans enjoy the very few public land offerings that we have around Austin and would like to see that the Reimers area and Hamilton Pool and remain a nice outdoor refuge for those seeking outdoor spaces.

Thank you.

Oppose Reimers - Peacock Rd improvement feedback

7/10/17

From: [RONA DISTENFELD](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock rd plans
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 12:15:10 PM

To the County Commissioners:

Please do not widen or make other improvements that will lead to increased traffic or higher speeds on Reimers-Peacock Roads. Travis County is fast becoming one giant subdivision, leading to the loss of trees, creeks, greenspace and habitat for wildlife which destroys the very quality of life that people moved out here for. WE are quickly becoming New Jersey. Please shut this down.

Thank you.

Rona Distenfeld
Austin, Texas

"Oppose Reimers-Peacock Rd Plans"

7/10/2017

From: [Christia Churchill](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} HPR Input
Date: Saturday, July 08, 2017 2:01:49 PM

Respected Members of the Travis County CBAC,

I'm writing to you today to comment on three proposed projects, all affecting Hamilton Pool Road. RSP-10 proposes to add 6' shoulders to both sides of Hamilton Pool Road in between RM 12 and the Pedernales River. Currently the speed limit on this road is 45 MPH, and it carries only light traffic. In my experience of driving the road several times each week speeding is not a problem. Most folks who use the road respect the hills and blind corners and greatly appreciate the opportunity to use a road that is a lot less hectic than most. This part of Hamilton Pool Road does not serve any high-density subdivisions so there is no crowding, even during rush hour. Widening Hamilton Pool Road by adding shoulders will NOT improve motorist safety. It is well known that drivers tend to drive faster on wider highways, and because nothing will be done to address the hills and blind curves this will result in an unsafe condition. Please read the information on the Texas Department of Public Safety website at Speed Zone Studies and decide for yourself. I urge you NOT to recommend RSP-10 for inclusion in the bond package.

BIS-12 also proposes to widen this section of Hamilton Pool Road, this time under the guise of improved bicycle safety. While a bicyclist may feel safer, riding on the shoulder in his own "lane," he or she will actually be no safer at all! For the same reason as cited above, motorists will drive faster on a wider roadway, and be more tempted by distractions in the car, including texting or making phone calls. This could result in a tragic loss of life for a cyclist. If bicycle safety is truly a concern here, I urge the county to use the \$17,700,000 (!) to build a completely grade-separated bicycle path parallel to the road. I urge you to recommend AGAINST inclusion of this project.

Finally, RCP-3 will fund the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road. This is essentially a gift to financially and politically powerful ranch owners and the developers who want to build high-density subdivisions on their land. It's tragically unfair to the taxpayers of Travis County, the native ecosystems that will be destroyed, and the limited water resources that will be strained. It will greatly increase traffic on Hamilton Pool Road, making a mockery of the projects that purport to increase safety there. Please recommend AGAINST this short-sighted project. These three projects, taken together, cost over \$46,000,000 and would be a serious misstep for the County. This area is a valuable scenic and recreational resource for all of Travis County, and we should try to preserve it for everyone.

Best regards,

Christia Churchill



Travis County

"Speak your mind, even if your voice shakes." ~ Maggie Kuhn

"Oppose Reim-Peac & HPR input"

 7/10/2017

From: [John Arn](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimer-Peacock Road Improvement
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:21:11 PM

Reimer-Peacock does not need to be improved at this point in time. I am a taxpayer and I really don't see the point in developing this route at taxpayer expense right now. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
John Arn

Sent from my iPhone

"Oppose Reimer-Peacock Road Improvements"

7/10/2017

From: [John Myrick](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 12:23:50 PM

Dear Travis County,

Please do not widen Reimers-Peacock Road.

Sincerely,

John Myrick
Head Coach, The University of Texas Climbing Team

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

"OPPOSES Reimers-Peacock Road"

7/10/17

From: [Joel Schopp](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Opposition to Reimers Peacock Road
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 12:22:01 PM

I would like to note that I am a taxpayer in Travis County and that I oppose Reimers Peacock Road improvements.

This road would be a giveaway to developers. The road would not relieve congestion. Instead, it would instead create more traffic on the already strained Hamilton Pool Road and Highway 71. That money should go into making those two existing roads wider and better able to handle the traffic they already have, instead of adding a road that will only make traffic worse.

Joel Schopp

"Opposition to Reimers Peacock Road"

7/10/17

From: [Rachel Nelson](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please do NOT change Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:44:35 AM

Please do not change the NATURE of this road. The whole point people like to live out there and drive out there is because it feels like the Hill COUNTRY - not the Hill City! The road is clean enough and doesn't need to be widened.

Rachel Nelson

[LinkedIn](#)



"Please do NOT change Reimers-Peacock Road"

7/10/2017

From: [Patrick Dyson](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please do NOT widen and improve Reimers-Peacock road
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:07:20 PM

As a long time resident and lover of Reimers and Hamilton Pool I would strongly prefer that this project not be approved. Accessibility will bring density to a fragile, dry area.

Thanks for listening,
Patrick Dyson



"Please do NOT widen and improve Reimers-Peacock road" 7/10/2017

From: [Karen Owens](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Rd. -- no improvements needed
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 1:25:07 PM

I'm a Travis County resident. Please, no more development. Some areas of our county need to be kept in their pristine state, to preserve the natural beauty that attract so many to live in this area in the first place. Milton Reimers Ranch and Hamilton's Pool are local treasures that will be threatened by increased development. I am against "improvements" to Reimers-Peacock Rd. -- especially, at MY expense (as a taxpayer). There are too many other issues that our city and county need to address.

Respectfully,

Karen Owens



"Reimers-Peacock Rd.-NO improvements needed"

7/11/17

From: Susan O'Keeffe
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Widening of Hamilton Pool
Date: Sunday, July 02, 2017 1:37:39 PM

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Thank you for soliciting feedback from the community in regard to the issues facing Travis County, and in particular, far Western Travis County. This part of the Travis County has experienced exponential population growth and as a consequence, has seen a dramatic influx of vehicular traffic on single-lane country roads namely Hamilton Pool Road and RR 12. These roads simply cannot absorb the growing pace of new homes and subdivisions being added and approved with no infrastructure and improvements to adjoining roadways to support this pace of growth.

Hamilton Pool Road is one road where we could very much use your help and support. In the short span of almost 7 miles (between Hwy 71 and RR 12) there have been numerous accidents, fatalities, and traffic hazards that could be completely avoided with the addition of a turn lane going the length of this 7mi stretch of road. The larger subdivision entrances (Belvedere and Rocky Creek) both have these turn lanes and traffic moves safely past those wishing to turn into said subdivisions. Currently, in the planning, and even LEASING phases of development, there are two proposed retail developments, another subdivision in addition to the on-going problem entrances of Verdes Restaurant, Vistancia and Deer Creek Ranch that MUST be addressed before there are more fatalities. All of these areas need and deserve a dedicated turn lane to prevent multiple car pile ups caused b those who simply are going too fast and are not paying attention to the cars in front waiting for oncoming traffic to clear to safely turn. The curing nature of the road only adds to lessened visibility and cars going 55+mph simply can not stop in time. I myself have been caught in the middle of such pile up twice, in both cases, where I drove into the ditch to avoid being hit, and heard the screech of car brakes and bumpers colliding behind me. I consider myself lucky. Frequently, large trucks going 40-45mph will frustrate impatient drivers, who then feel compelled to pass in a no passing zone, causing a near head-on collision on a narrow winding road. Please stop the madness.

Many will argue that the property used to widen the road belongs to landowners, and that is true. Many will also argue that the widening reduces the "country feel" of the Hamilton Pool Corridor, and that may also be true. However, I will argue, as a home owner in the Travis County portion of West Cave Estates, we deserve to not be frightened to drive to and from work on a daily basis because the road conditions have become increasingly more dangerous. I will argue we should not have to bury loved ones routinely for the sake of a few squeaky individuals that can not see past their own selfish needs. Travis County needs to be made aware of the gravity of the situation before more lives are lost. With the proposed building already approved and planned, the time to act is NOW! I will argue that all of us voters depend on you to make informed, responsible decisions that impact the safety of the masses of homeowners and for those visiting our beautiful Hill Country that do not know the roads.

I wish it were as simple as reducing the speed, or asking people to pay attention, but that isn't happening anywhere or anytime soon, so we ask you, the powers that be, to please protect the majority of us, whom must be victim to the minority of us who simply will not listen and feel empowered to do as they please at the detriment to their neighbors. Pleas widen Hamilton

"IN FAVOR - Widening of Hamilton Pool"

7/1/17

Pool Road with a dedicated turn lane.

Respectfully,
Susan O'Keefe

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Reasons why Reimers Peacock Road is a public good

- **Emergency services**
 - Fire departments want it (sent 3 people to Lakeway meeting)
 - Lakeway and much of Travis County has an ISO rating of 2, area on HPR has an 8b to 10 rating (1 is best, 10 is worst)
 - Saddle tree to Lakeway fire is 14 minutes, Saddle tree to Pedernales fire would be 8 minutes (over 40% reduction in response time) according to Google Maps estimates
 - Access to Hospitals?
 - Equidistant from Parks to Baylor Scott & White medical center (assuming 50 mph speed limit on RPR)
 - Provides alternate route in case of emergencies which is equally fast assuming no congestion, possibly faster given traffic patterns.
- **Schools**
 - LTISD is planning a secondary school along this road and is willing to partner with the county and will donate the easement. It makes sense for the county to take advantage of this strategic partnership
 - The last time LTISD purchased land for a middle school the county put up \$8M in the 2011 bond election for the 4 lane improvement to Bee Creek Road for access to the new middle school.
 - This road will drastically improve access to the incoming middle school and/or secondary education site for residents living on HPR.
 - 21 minute drive from Saddle Tree to new Lakeway Middle School site, 6 minute drive with RPR, 71% reduction
 - West Cave is 22 minutes without road, 9 minutes with the road, 60% reduction
 - Ranches at Hamilton Pool is 25 minutes without road, 6 minutes with road, 75% reduction
 - Access to education is in my opinion one of the best things we can spend public funds on
- **Neighbors want it**
 - West Cave HOA is in support of the road
 - West Cypress Hills also came to Lakeway meeting in support
 - Various other citizens living on HPR spoke out in favor during the hearing
- **Shovel Ready**
 - Travis County has already approved and spent money doing the engineering for this road. So it is shovel ready, unlike many projects on this list. It's only sensible to follow through on engineering dollars that have already been spent.
 - This was approved in the 2005 Bond Election with the work done by Hank Smith.
- **Road to nowhere?**

- Gives all Travis county residents better access to Milton Reimers Park and Hamilton Pool Park
 - They can stay on 71 which is much wider and safer than HPR for 8 more miles before turning onto RPR (total distance similar but 71 better than HPR from 71 to RPR)
- Connects HPR residents to the proposed new athletics park
- **Safe?**
 - <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/txdot-crashes-travis-county-stretch-hamilton-pool-road-since-2005-election/dMSJZww5d4ZLEXz5Z8Ku7O/>
 - I've personally seen multiple roll over and fatal accidents on this part of the road. Additionally I am a cyclist who is happy to ride on 360, Bee Caves, and 620 but I would never ride on HPR.
- **Unfair distribution of Transportation Bond by precinct:**
 - Precinct 1: \$17.37 million dollars at priority A, additional \$2.4 million in priority C
 - Precinct 2: \$4.4 million
 - Precinct 3: \$1.1 million
 - Precinct 4: \$10 million in priority A plus additional \$60 million in priority C
 - According to:
https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/images/tnr/bond/2017-06-20_agenda_request_-_2017_cbac_status_report.pdf

From: [Hope Phillips](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Oppose Reimers Peacock
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 8:00:24 AM

The Hamilton Pool Road community opposes including Reimers Peacock in the bond proposal. Please see my comments:

Hamilton Pool Road residents have opposed Reimers Peacock --a dirt road in Travis County's ETJ, mostly privately owned--since its inception. It was rejected by the 2005 Travis County Bond Advisory Committee and was not included in the list of projects given to the Travis County Commissioners' Court. Yet it ended up in the bond package. Reimers Peacock was taken off a list of projects for a possible 2011 bond election. Without public discussion that I know of and despite making the case against Reimers Peacock verbally and in writing, the road found its way into the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. When HPR residents protested at the CAMPO public meeting in March, 2014, we were told cryptically that Reimers Peacock "was there but not there." Now, a year later, at the March 9 Public Hearing for the CAMPO draft 2040 Plan, we find that Reimers Peacock is not not there but most definitely there.

The Hamilton Pool Road LCRA treated-water pipeline, supposedly to alleviate demand on inadequate water supplies from area aquifers, has resulted in open-ended development on Hamilton Pool Road from SH 71 to its intersection with RM 12 where the ill-advised pipeline ends. There is no water west of 12. No one would like to see a projected 2,500 unsustainable homes looming over Reimers Ranch Park on water-blind, developer-friendly Reimers Peacock Road. Reimers Peacock Road has been closed to residents under one pretext or another and benefits no one except landowners and developers looking for a back door and spillover for rampant overdevelopment on SH 71, which has already bled onto Hamilton Pool Road to RM 12. Why should we pay for their road?

Not only is there no water to support the projected 2,500 homes along Reimers Peacock, the development would be a source of air, noise, light and visual pollution for adjacent parks and preserves and directly threaten water quality, which they protect. This would contradict the stated purpose of continuing land conservation for the Pedernales River Corridor and maintaining Hamilton Creek as a secondary corridor in Travis County's admirable Land Water & Transportation Plan unanimously adopted by the Commissioners' Court December 2, 2014. It would be a shame to have spent \$19.2 million to protect Reimers Ranch Park from development by adding 750 acres to it for nothing. Finally, if there is no Reimers Peacock, there will be no need to expand Hamilton Pool Road to four lanes from RM 12 as projected by Transportation and Natural Resources.

We ask that Reimers Peacock Road be removed from the CAMPO 2040 Plan. Watching Hamilton Pool Road to RM 12 fall to development, including spillover from SH 71, has been our nightmare. Watching Hamilton Pool Road from 12 fall would be everyone's nightmare. A

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priceless network of parks and preserves is not my backyard, but our backyard. I appeal to the larger community to help us protect them.



From: ppriour.
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:50:12 AM

June 20, 2017

Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee

CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov

Committee Members:

I am a resident of Hamilton Pool Road community, and I have lived here since 1986. This spectre of the Reimers Peacock Road project and the development of the Reimers Peacock tract rises to the surface of the development issues every few years, then disappears, only to rise again a few months or years later. It is only one of many rumors of developments that float around here, but as we all know, many of these rumors are now substantial bricks-and-mortar developments that have exponentially increased the population and the burden on resources, both natural (water) and infrastructure (roads, services) of this area.

I am not politically knowledgeable or financially savvy, so many of the arguments for and against this project go right over my head. However, I am not dumb, and I know a specious argument and a self-serving motivation when I see it, especially after watching the theatre of development in western Travis County for the last 15 years. It has done us very little good to argue for the environmentally sensitive nature of the region – fragile water quality, limited groundwater, expensive and scarce surface water and sensitive wildlife habitat. Though we have raised those objections regularly over the years time and time again, there appears to be no understanding of those kinds of issues that defy monetization. That doesn't mean those issues cease to exist, but arguing them seems to get us nowhere.

What I CAN definitively argue is the statement that Reimers-Peacock is necessary for fire and safety reasons. This is a moot point; I sold 3 acres to the ESD6 in 2012, and the plans to develop the fire station across from the entry to Rocky Creek Ranch and Belvedere will be built in the next two years, according to Bobby Abbott, ESD6 fire chief. Two years from now, we won't need it.

Secondly, if solving serious road safety issues is the mission, the threat of the far

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western stretch of HPR pale in comparison to the dangerously overcrowded eastern portion of HPR from 71 to 12.

Thirdly, I want to take issue with the fundamental assertion – always tacitly behind development plans – that people should be able to do whatever they want to do with their own property, and who are we to tell property owners who wish to develop that they can't do it? That fundamental argument is basically the age-old argument for natural rights, articulated most famously by Thomas Hobbs, the English political philosopher. Yes, humans always like to believe that they have a right to do anything they want, but Hobbes' cautionary warning (that we in this county tend to forget) is that only strong government and strict - even draconian - measures instituted by that government stands between humans exercising their natural rights and lives that would, for all of us, end up "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." Strong government is supposed to save us from ourselves, not enable a few to make lots of money by ruining the neighborhood for all of us. County government needs to be strengthened in its resolve and given the tools to do the right thing by ALL of us, not just a few cronies who stand to make money by developing out here.

Sincerely,

Paula Priour

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ppriour@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hugh Winkler](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road and Hamilton Pool Road projects subsidize sprawl
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 6:17:43 PM

Members of the CBAC:

"Growth is coming!" "You cannot stop it!" With these words the absentee landowners and developers who will profit from Reimers-Peacock Rd hope to cow us local Hamilton Pool Road residents into accepting their dominance.

But no law or regulation has so far prevented them from building their great subdivisions out here. And the neighborhood has mobilized only against spending county money subsidizing their development. What, then, has delayed the "inevitable"?

Answer: the subdivisions they hope to build, starved of government subsidy, are not economically competitive against other subdivisions offering wide roads and reliable surface water. Developers would have to decrease the planned density to satisfy county regulations mandating 3 (or 5, if each home has its own well) acre lots for residences served by groundwater; each would have to organize a HOA to maintain its portion of the new road they have to construct.

Without government-subsidized roads and water, developers have found these properties less profitable than many alternative projects. In fact, the less dense development that would be allowed would likely be unobjectionable to the neighbors.

It's fine if they want to develop. But it's not our job, as taxpayers, to add value to their properties. It's not like we owe it to them.

The lands they seek to develop are beautiful, sensitive, and fragile. The headwaters of Bee Creek seep from the hillsides into mossy-walled canyons that look and feel like Hamilton Pool. If we can preserve this land a few more years, some of it may come available for conservation programs, if we do not absurdly add to its value by building the roads developers need.

Imagine a brightly lit, all night gas station at the new corner of HPR and RPR, and other new commercial and residential, all draining down Hamilton Pool Road into Hamilton Creek, and into Hamilton Pool itself. That's the reality if you enable this road. The county has no land use authority to guide appropriate use of this property. It would be irresponsible to subsidize its development while being unable to influence the outcome.

A final word about emergency services. All of us who live out here understand that our insurance bills are a bit higher than those of people who live in urban areas. This is a choice we happily make, because we value the rural setting above the higher insurance premium. If you want to decrease response times to our neighborhood, there are far cheaper ways to do it than to build a whole new road; for example, we can build a fire station.

To protect Hamilton Pool, Hamilton Creek, and our neighborhood, please eliminate these three projects :

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- RCP-3 Reimers Peacock Rd
- RSP-10 Hamilton Pool Rd "safety improvements" building **6-foot shoulders** on both sides!
- BIS-12 Hamilton Pool Rd "bicycle safety improvements" which also specify **6-foot shoulders!** Note that all other bicycle safety projects build only 2- to 4-foot shoulders.

Consider the last two items as the complementary construction along Hamilton Pool Rd designed to enable higher traffic flow, and full land development along the length of the road, all the way to the Blanco county line.

Thank you and kind regards,

A blacked-out signature, likely of Travis County, Texas.

Travis County, Texas

Board Member, Hamilton Pool Road Scenic Corridor Coalition

July 6, 2017

Travis County

Citizens Advisory Bond Committee

[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas [REDACTED]

Re. Proposed FY17 Bond Issue; Riemers Peacock Rd. and Bob Wire Rd.

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Travis Hausmann and I live at 5016 Bob Wire Rd. I have lived at this location for the past 17 years. I recently became aware (only through a local news cast) of the proposed

Fy17 TC Bond Issue. I would like to speak to the Committee about two specific projects which are now included in the Proposed BI. I am adamantly opposed to these two projects for a number of reasons.

These two projects are:

1. Riemers Peacock Road
2. Bob Wire Rd.

I am opposed to Riemers Peacock Rd. Project because it will bring on more intense development in this area of Western Travis County of which there is already too much in terms of new subdivisions, roads, and rooftops. There was a time when this part of the county was recognized by County Officials as an area to be protected from dense development with encouragement to preserve the natural landscape - but sadly no more. This road if constructed will bring on more high density development and will greatly increase cut through traffic from Hamilton Pool Rd. It will also greatly increase vehicular traffic on HW 71 which is already a major problem today and which will only get worse and will therefore have a very negative impact on vehicle and occupant safety and general orderly traffic flow patterns.

I am opposed to Bob Wire Rd Project because it looks like the road is going to be shifted to the west and will impact the frontage of my property (approximately 626 ft.). The road frontage, usable (level) land area and tree buffer along my property line are very important and critical to the value and use of my property. The tree buffer helps to mitigate noise and site of the increased traffic on Bob Wire Rd. This road frontage is the most valuable of the property that I own as it is the most level for building and has the hilltop views for which I originally purchased the property. My property quickly starts to drop off as you go to the west and start to get off this desirable level area. There has been talk in the past of lining up Riemers Peacock Rd. with Bob Wire Rd. at HW 71. This is not what is shown on the Bond Issue Project Map. I am adamantly opposed to this alignment if it is ever proposed to shift to this because even more of my property would be needed further devaluing my property.

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I would request that the CABC have the good judgement and courage to remove Riemers Peacock Rd. and Bob Wire Rd. from the priority list of the FY 17 Proposed TC Bond Issue. I am available to meet with any or all Committee members or TC officials to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

Travis Hausmann
Travis Hausmann

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From: [Karen Huber](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Memo on Reimers Peacock Rd. - please distribute
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:50:05 AM
Attachments: [tccbac2017-klh.letter.pdf](#)

Please distribute, as soon as possible, the attached memo to the members of the CBAC.

Thank you.

Karen Huber

Karen Huber
Former Travis County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Karen Huber

MEMO

TO: Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC)

DATE: June 29, 2017

RE: Reimers Peacock Road (RPR) (and Bob Wire Rd. re-alignment) – not ready for primetime

Thank you for your service to our taxpayers and for wisely selecting projects that are appropriate and effective uses of taxpayer dollars.

As former Travis County Commissioner for Pct. 3 (2009 through 2012), I was the one in the “former regime” responsible for removing Reimers Peacock Road (RPR) from the previous bond list. The reasons I removed it then are still present today, and I want to share these with you. They are covered, below, in bulleted style for easier reference.

TRANSPORATION & TRAFFIC SAFETY

- While every road accident/death is tragic, in making decisions for safety projects priorities, the accident data previously provided to you by a landowner needs to be put in the context of time and comparisons to other proposed safety projects. Accident data is high and getting higher on SH 71, but has remained relatively static on the stretch of Hamilton Pool Road (HPR) beyond RR12. Please check on this.
- Southwest Travis County is hilly and most roads are narrow and winding. Most accidents occur because the drivers were not obeying the posted speed, were under the influence or distracted – e.g. texting. The situation has been so significant in western Travis County that Chief Abbott laudably developed a super program for teenagers to teach these new drivers about the threats inherent on the areas’ rural roads – with Hamilton Pool Road (HPR) being no different from the many other rural roads when it comes to safety concerns – and with possibly less traffic than many. The frequency/causes/degrees of severity all need to be considered and arguably, there are other much higher road safety projects on the bond list than HPR -- and, RPR will not improve the safety on HPR. See “Fire & Emergency Services,” below.

LAKE TRAVIS ISD (LTISD) I fully support the need for good educational systems and facilities and the need for ISDs to plan ahead.

- ISDs, however, are generally notorious for not working with governing bodies when it comes to roads and road planning. Several examples: Vandergrift High School and Four Points Middle School (Leander ISD) have a single ingress/egress off FM222 and even the current county commissioner told them this would not work in the long run. Now it is a huge and dangerous traffic mess on FM 2222 –

and the school district is looking to Travis County to fix it. Memories are short. The same was true for Gorzycki Middle School (Austin ISD) off FM 1826 (in Circle C) and LTISD Middle School on Bee Creek Road. Travis County fixed those two problems but at a greater cost than if planning, lead-time and school openings had been coordinated with the County. The prevailing ISD philosophy seems to be “build it and then that will force the county or the city to build/improve the roads.” Advanced planning and coordination would have saved significant taxpayer dollars had they been addressed before construction of these schools.

- So, Reimers Peacock Road – has the “train left the station?” – School districts obtain donated or low cost land from developers as school proximity often is considered an asset to a subdivision. LTISD worked with West Cypress Hills (WCH) to obtain their properties. Should the Middle School and other proposed “Secondary Facility” move forward, RPR might be considered for only the ¾ mi. (1300+ yards) from SH 71 for school and emergency access, but LTISD and WCH should contribute mightily to that cost (see related comments in Fire & Emergency Services, below). Taxpayer dollars should not be committed until a good partnership with LTISD and WCH has been struck AND until LTISD knows if, indeed, it will build those proposed facilities, there. (See next comment.)
- Projections in LTISD demographic data are made on inaccurate assumptions. Notable subdivision growth on HPR west of RR12 is not going to happen any time in the near future because of lack of available quantities of water. The LTISD strategic plan, which I first read in 2009 and most recently the 2017 Demographic update, was and is still based on flawed and/or inaccurate water data including:
 - The incorrect assumption that West Travis County Public Utility Authority (WTCPUA) has the jurisdiction AND WATER to supply the future growth — and most especially out Hamilton Pool Road. While the WTCPUA may have some jurisdiction (see Attachment #3), they have neither the water nor the treatment facilities nor adequate funding to supply even their existing commitments at build-out, much less additional new growth; (See Attachments #2 & #3)
 - The Trinity Aquifer and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers were mentioned as alternative water sources but,
 - The Trinity in SW Travis County has neither the volume nor quality to support subdivision development (as West Cypress Hills Subdivision discovered when their wells went dry in 2011), and
 - Accessing the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifers (which are East of Travis County) will be a long time in the making, if ever, and will require major legislation, pipelines, funding, etc.
 - While I did not analyze in detail, the housing projections in the Demographic Study, I did note that a high number of future occupancies was placed on one parcel (The Shield Ranch – See Attachment #1)) that is

already in a Conservation easement and will not be developed, and I noted a number of “proposed” subdivisions, which cumulatively represented significant numbers. These “proposed” projects should be re-evaluated within the scope of where surface water is realistically available and accuracy regarding legal & topographical restraints to development. My knowledge of process and water leads me to believe that growth will be slower in all areas in the next 10 years or so because of lack of water. What takes place will be primarily west on SH 71 between SH 71 and Lake Travis. That will be driven by projects with access to surface water, like the new Thomas Ranch subdivision (Pale Face Ranch Rd. & SH 71), which will have approximately 3300 homes and commercial area. LTISD revision of growth estimates and locations may well precipitate relocation of proposed schools.

There are some useful maps in the study, starting around pg. 51, that assist in understanding the capacity for development in the Hamilton Pool area. I have included three of these as attachments. Also, demonstrated on these maps is the Hays County line and the proximity of the Hays School Districts to HPR, which are important when looking at potential growth along Hamilton Pool Road.

Here is a link to the LTISD most recent Demographic Report - February 217 on the LTISD website:

<https://www.ltidschools.org/cms/lib/Tx01800016/Centricity/Domain/37/Demographic%20Update%20-%20Lake%20Travis%20-%20Feb%202017.pdf>

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Alternate subdivision exits – whose responsibility? As a result of the wildfires in 2011 current county regulations, and “new” since West Cypress Hills (WCH) was approved, require a secondary ingress/egress at the developer’s expense. In the event of wildfire, WCH has the 5-Gate road and dirt road emergency routes via Reimers Ranch Park. The need for a multi-million dollar road for emergency vehicle access does not exist.
- Emergency services to the area –
 - Both ESDs 8 and 6 have access to 5-Gate Road in a wildfire situation and the landowners want that. That should be formalized if it is not current but that is an ESD’s responsibility.
 - Chief Abbott has already testified that ESD 6 has bought land and plans a fire station on Hamilton Pool Road near Rocky Creek Ranch and Belvedere subdivisions. ESD 8 currently has a fire station very near the SH 71 entrance to 5-Gate Road.
 - Hays County ESDs provide back up on HPR; in fact, in 2011 because ESD 6 was fighting the Steiner Ranch fire when the Spicewood fire crossed the river and entered Reimers Ranch Park, it was the Hays County

ESD that stopped that fire, accessing it from Hamilton Pool Road. ESD 6 has (or could have if it has lapsed) auto aid agreements with Hays ESDs, too.

- Chief Abbott mentioned the ISO ratings being high out HPR and affecting insurance premiums. The new station will make a positive difference on ISOs but water availability is a factor, too. HPR area ISOs are no different from many other areas in Travis County where terrain, water, tax base for ESDs work against favorable ISO ratings. It might be worth comparing ISOs (using similar criteria) to other areas. I do not believe construction of RPR would make a notable difference in reduction of insurance premiums, given other causal factors impacting ISOs.
- Non-fire emergencies - More often than not, a Travis County STAR Flight helicopter is dispatched, if it is determined to be a serious health emergency, because of the distance to hospitals. ESD 6 has paramedics on their trucks.
- ESDs financial challenges - ESDs are vital to safety in the areas they service. They are committed public servants who deserve our support. However, it is important to know that the ESD “system,” statewide, is a flawed system that is fraught with financial challenges. They must have tax dollars (which are capped by the State) for financial viability and low-income areas suffer because the revenues are low, and higher income areas suffer because Austin looks to annex those tax bases, which then cuts the revenue stream of the respective ESD. Lake Travis Fire & Rescue (ESD6) is experiencing this with the annexation of River Place on FM 2222 and is threatened in some of its other territory as well. ESDs will always support growth because they think they always need to expand their tax base. More rooftops, however, precipitate the need for more equipment and personnel and in effect, it is unsustainable as metropolitan areas like Austin grow. It is a challenge and we should pay attention to the financial needs of our ESDs. Lakeway, for example, should provide more support for ESD 6, but it doesn't. Its residents pay taxes for ESD 6 that are well below what Austin residences pay for fire services. So while more growth may seem to help the financial needs of an ESD, it is an unsustainable solution. Solving the ESDs financial challenges will have to be done by the State Legislature. A new road that promotes development and enriches several large landowners will not solve the ESDs' financial problems.

WATER AVAILABILITY

- A Lake Travis ISD representative testified that the majority of their growth would be out SH 71 and Hamilton Pool Road. Growth out HPR will not happen without reliable water supplies. The history and hydrological data are important to understanding this.
- The concept for RPR first came on the radar in the 2005 South West Travis County Growth Dialog Report (SWTCGD) because LCRA was planning a waterline down HPR and, to efficiently operate, they needed a pipeline loop to connect back into SH 71. This proposed pipeline was extremely unpopular with

residents on Hamilton Pool Road and the result of their outcry was an LCRA contribution of \$100,000 to financially support a year-long community engagement process (the SWTCGD) led by Travis County. I served on this panel along with Rick Wheeler, Hank Smith, Bob Huthnance and a number of others representing, large and small landowners, schools, real estate interests, etc. RPR was highly unpopular with many on the panel and was added to the maps in a compromise that envisioned it far out into the future when other infrastructure support was in place, especially infrastructure related to water and there was much to be done on LCRA's proposed pipeline closer to the urban areas before any need existed to utilize a RPR right-of-way. Then, LCRA sold their utilities and all that planning stopped – along with the realities of the 2011 drought, which highlighted that, **little if any** “firm” water remains available for purchase out of Lake Travis. LCRA surface water basically no longer is available in quantities needed for new developments in Western Travis County (unless purchased in the past and held in reserve).

- The Trinity Aquifers (there are multiple groupings of aquifers in this formation) in this area do not provide the quantity of water needed to effectively serve dense subdivision developments.
 - West Cypress Hills is on wells – wells that went dry in 2011 when only about 95 homes of the roughly 2500 had been built. Though they have added additional wells, they continue to look for surface water solutions and remain in a perpetual state of water conservation regarding landscape watering. This experience has served as a deterrent in developer circles for more subdivisions on well water.
 - There is a history in Travis County of having to bail out subdivisions on wells that went dry, whose developers were no longer around to shoulder that responsibility. (Deer Creek Ranch on the Travis Hays County line – see Attachment #2) – is one that Travis and Hays County had to bail out.)

BOB WIRE ROAD Re-alignment – should not be considered a bond project until the Reimers Peacock Road is a viable project as it merely aligns connections at SH 71 for a direct connect from RPR to Bob Wire Road.

And lastly, a word about those who have previously testified in favor of this project -- and some pertinent information they did not share, which is important to your decision-making.

Ann Peacock Huthnance (landowner) and her sister (Mary Ann Holland) own large ranches on either side of the Proposed RPR and are the largest properties that would be targeted for subdivision development, which the Huthnances and family have long desired to do. But, they first need this road to make subdividing feasible and they stand to profit from such a development. The question the CBAC members should ask themselves is, “Should taxpayer dollars be spent to make it possible for three large property owners (Huthnance, Holland & Kozmetsky to ultimately develop their land?” (The Kozmetsky

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Ranch already has a Travis County approved preliminary plan and has adequate SH 71 access, but would stand to increase in land value with RPR.)

Hank Smith (engineer) introduced himself as the one who did the first engineering drawings for Reimers Peacock. (Note: These drawings, in part, need to be “updated” at additional taxpayer cost because too much time has elapsed without building RPR -- and rationales for not building still exist.) Additionally important to note are several facts: Smith is a paid consulting engineer for West Cypress Hills subdivision and also represents other developers and landowners in central Texas. Smith is an excellent engineer but in his testimony, he is representing his clients, not Travis County taxpayers. Smith was also involved in the early efforts by LCRA to put in surface water lines in western Travis County.

Rick Wheeler (engineer) is a paid consulting engineer for the Lake Travis ISD and is representing his client in lobbying you to spend taxpayer dollars. (See LTISD above.)

Johnny Hill, and Robert Winovitch are doing their jobs as employees of LTISD and are appropriately trying to ensure that LTISD interests and our school children’s needs are met. However, they speak from the platform of a consultant’s growth projections provided to them. Please carefully read my comments above on LTISD.

Fire Chief Robert Abbott (ESD 6 and also represented ESD 8) is a good friend and so appreciated for his excellent management of ESD 6. I worked closely with him and their leadership when in office -- a majority of Travis County’s ESDs are located within this precinct. My home was in the evacuation path for the Spicewood Wildfire (2011) and I have a personal and vested interest in quality fire protection. I initiated the joint county/city Wildfire Protection Task Force, which resulted in a countywide plan. So, I can speak with authority on the complexities of ESDs, fire & fire safety. Chief Abbott did a good job speaking for his ESD needs but I added, above, some additional information on emergency services, to assist in determining priorities as related to the proposed RPR.

Western Travis County will continue to grow. What is important in supporting that growth is that taxpayer dollars are used wisely and that Travis County bond projects address the highest and best use of those monies to provide for a thoughtfully prioritized, fair and balanced portfolio of projects that serve all of Travis County.

THANK YOU for your time commitment to the citizens of Travis County.

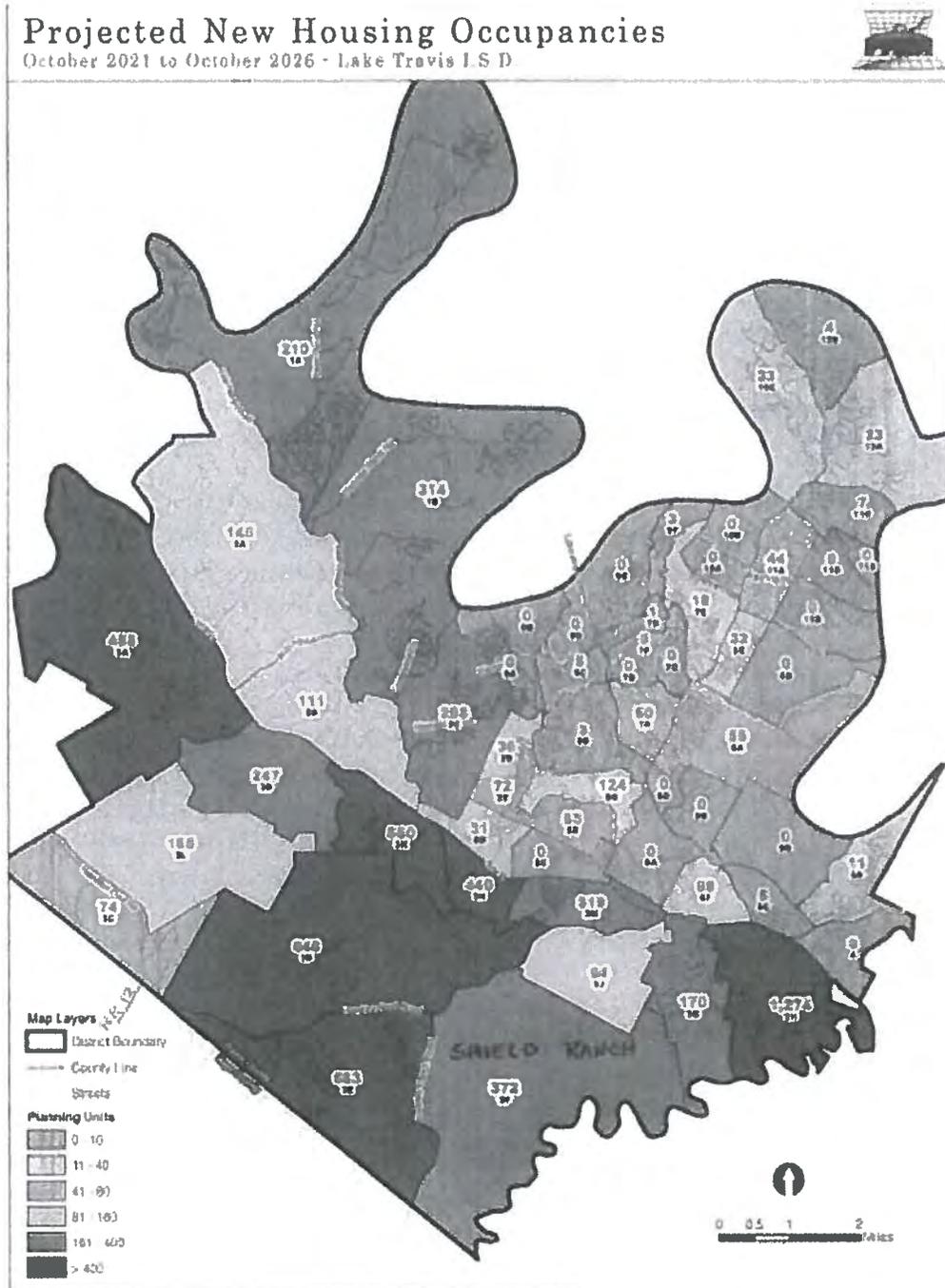
Please note attached maps from the LTISD February 2017 Demographic Report.

Attachment # 1 - Projected New Housing Occupancies

Attachment # 2 - Utility Districts (per PUC of Texas)

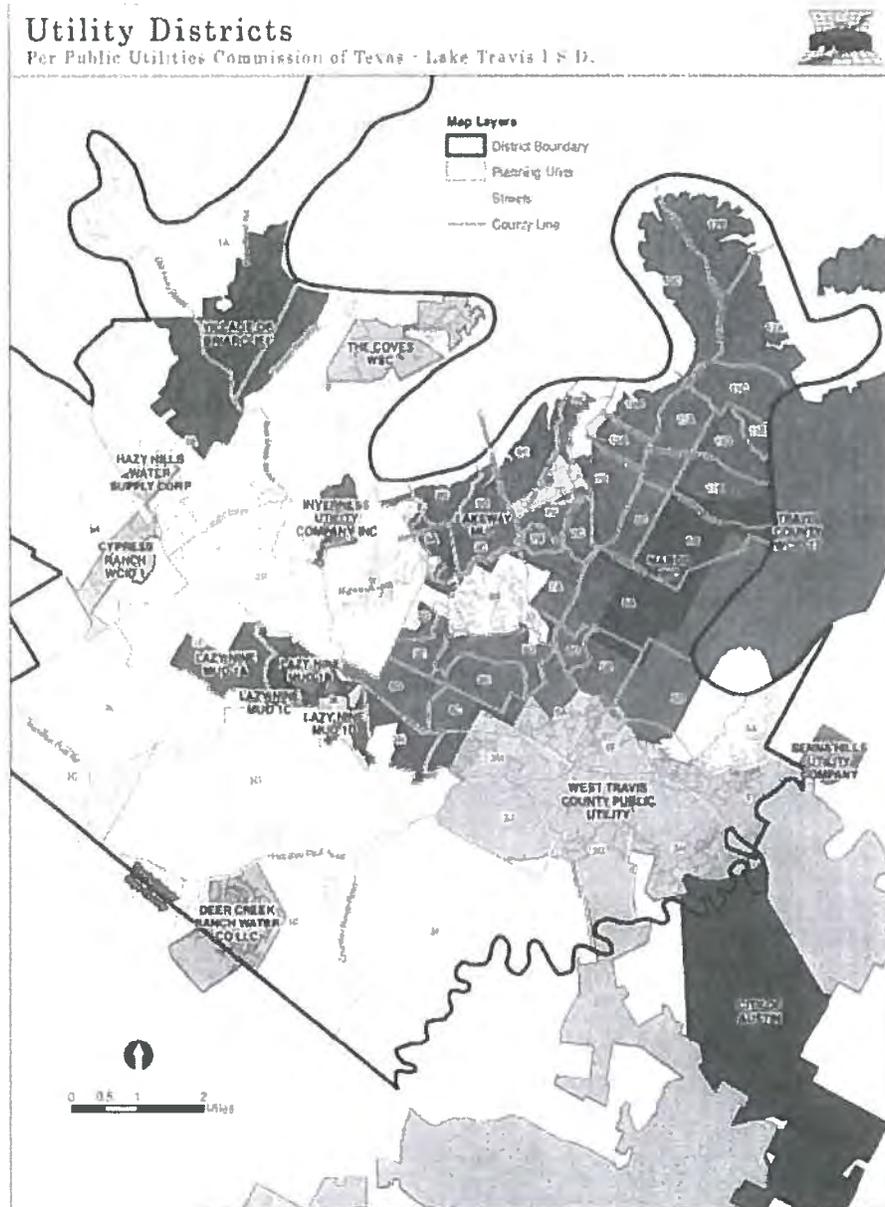
Attachment # 3 - Utility Districts (per Travis County Appraisal District)

Attachment #1



NOTE: Housing estimates on Shield Ranch.

Attachment #2



NOTE:

- The PUC keeps records on actual operating Utility Districts and their boundaries.
- Note location of Deer Creek Ranch – a subdivision which was built on well water and ran out, necessitating Travis and Hays County to fund a pipeline to deliver water to the subdivision

From: [Patrick Meadows](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please save us from dangerous Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:50:04 AM

The improvements need to be made from Ranch Road 12 to Highway 71. That is where the dense traffic is. The steep drop-offs on edge of road with no shoulder is dangerous. With no shoulder there is no room for error and if you accidentally go off the edge even six inches, with the drop-offs and no guard rails, you are guaranteed to roll your vehicle. With all of the subdivisions being added not just on Hamilton Pool road but also in Dripping Springs, there needs to be more lanes added or at least passing lanes to make the road safer from impatient people stuck behind a mile of slow cars for 9 miles.

Patrick Meadows
Deer Creek Ranch

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From: [Gene Lowenthal](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} {Possible Spoof} Reimers Peacock Road Follow-Up
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:07:40 AM

Dear CBAC Members ---

The most telling testimony last night came from Rick Wheeler, Bob Huthnance and other representatives of large land holdings around Reimers Peacock. The message was clear ... wealthy landowners like the Kozmetsky family want the public to pay for the road so that they can develop their properties. If they want the damn road they should pay for it, not you and me.

As Mara Eurich was trying to say last night, developers believe in private enterprise but magically turn into socialists when it comes to infrastructure.

Both LTISD and LTFR organizations are dealing in hypotheticals. Both have options. LTISD can sell a parcel of land as easily as it buys it.

--- Gene Lowenthal


President, Hamilton Pool Road Scenic Corridor Coalition

"Opposed-Reimers Peacock Road Follow-up"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers peacock road
Date: Saturday, July 01, 2017 7:20:25 PM

Please don't do it. It's not what we need or what we want as citizens of the Hamilton Pool hill country. We can't support more people being out here, there is not enough water. If you build it they will come, and having a large highway system will attract too many more people than the hill country can handle. Not a good idea if only a select few stand to gain anything while all the rest of the people will suffer a huge loss and many more problems to follow. We can't let it happen.

"OPPOSE-Reimers peacock road"

7/15/2017

Which One of These is Not Like the Others?

(7) Old Lockhart Road Bicycle Safety Project

- \$3,260,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(6) Old San Antonio Road Bicycle Safety Project

- \$4,020,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(5) Fitzhugh Road Bicycle Safety Project

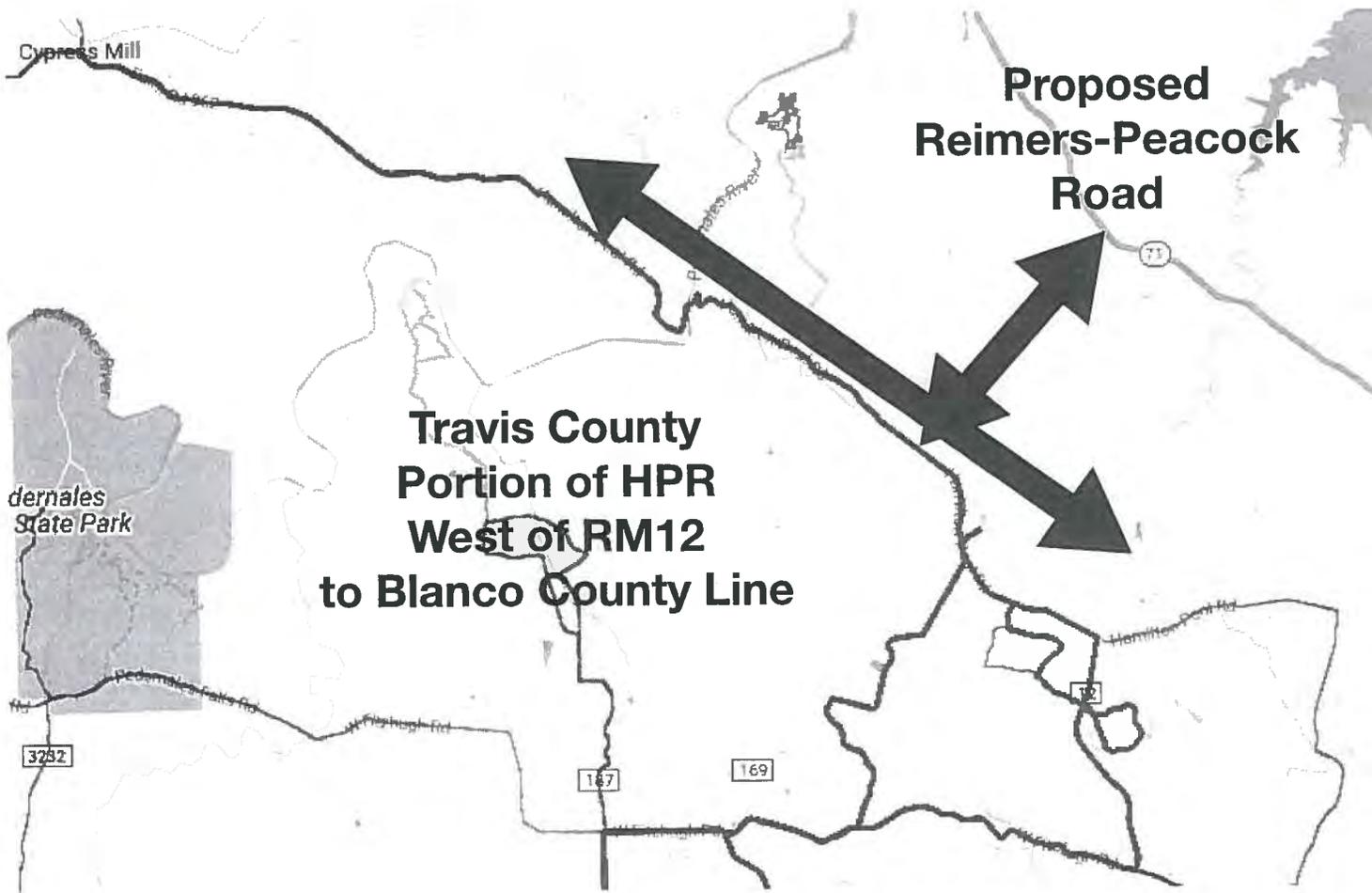
- \$3,700,000
- Construct 2-4 foot wide outer shoulders (both sides)
- Located on popular recreational route

(4) Hamilton Pool Road Bicycle Safety

- \$17,700,000
- Construct 6 foot wide outer shoulder (both sides)
- Project currently under safety improvement study to determine cross section

	Shoulder width, ft	Cost
Old Lockhart Rd	2-4	\$3.3M
Old San Antonio Rd	2-4	\$4.0M
Fitzhugh Rd	2-4	\$3.7M
Hamilton Pool Rd	6	\$17.7M





This is a Strava heat map of my bike rides. I *may* be the person who rides his or her bike the most on this stretch of HPR. HPR west of RM 12 is safe for cyclists.



Sunday Afternoon
June 2017

Hamilton Pool Rd
Near Proposed Reimers-Peacock Rd
Pretty darn safe.

- Reimers-Peacock Rd will promote sprawl
 - Fragile environment like Hamilton Pool
 - County has no land-use authority to steer sensitive development
 - Will increase load on HPR
 - We have great access to emergency services now
 - Developers want county to build and own road, or else they create a HOA liability — diminishes value

- Hamilton Pool Rd “Bicycle Safety” Project is absurdly over-engineered
 - \$17M cost is more than three similar projects combined (Old Lockhart, Old San Antonio, Fitzhugh)
 - **Six-foot shoulders** when other projects have 2 to 4 foot
 - This isn’t for bicycle safety. It’s for converting HPR to a high volume arterial funneling traffic from Peacock Ranch developments
 - Repaint the lines and those two six-foot shoulders will become third lane
 - Developers require these changes to have salable lots
 - They will be reluctant to build without these changes

From: [Meg's Gmail](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Chris](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:50:05 AM

To whom it may concern,

As concerned Travis County residents who have lived in Austin for almost 50 years, we are writing to register my opposition to the construction of the Reimers-Peacock Road to link Hamilton Pool Rd. To Highway 71.

This road will only serve to increase density and over-tax available resources and infrastructure in an area that is one of the most beautiful parts of the hill country near Austin. Already the traffic out 71 is out of control, and the exploding density of building out in Lakeway and other areas nearby is already threatening our water supplies.

Please vote against this unnecessary and potentially harmful road project.

Thank you.

Meg and Chris Phillips
Austin, Texas

Sent from my iPad

No Reimers-Peacock Road, pdf

From: [joel richards](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} November Bond
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:34:50 AM

I am writing to you in support of more parks and conservation easements and to ask that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road NOT be funded.

Thank you for your consideration,

J. Richards

Yes Parks_ NO R-P Road 8. pdf

From: [Will Furgeson](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} November bond election
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:52:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am an Austin citizen (District 4) and I would like to request that the CBAC give strong consideration to focusing as much of the spending in the proposed bond package as possible on taking care of Austin's natural environment, which is constantly under threat due to the city's explosive growth. Park lands and conservation easements should be funded; new roads (especially Reimer Peacock Road) should not. We need to preserve as much open space in our community as possible!

Thanks,
Will Furgeson



YES Parks - NO R-P Road 6. pdf

From: [Dana Blanton](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} bond election priorities
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:42:57 PM

I urge you to make funding parks and open space a top priority in the upcoming November bond election. At least half of the proposed bonds should be dedicated to buying parkland and conservation easements. There may not be many more opportunities to obtain open space in the future. Please do not fund the proposed Reimer Peacock Road which supports harmful and unneeded development.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Dana Blanton



YES Parks - NO R-P Road 7. pdf

From: [Angela Reyes](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} OPPOSE Widening Elroy Rd.
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:51:42 PM

Travis County,

Our home on Vida Nueva Ave. in the Los Cielos subdivision in Del Valle was flooded on October 30, 2015. A few months later we were one of the lucky ones, but not my neighbors that had to relive the flooding nightmare again. It was the most devastating event that my family and neighbors had ever been thru.

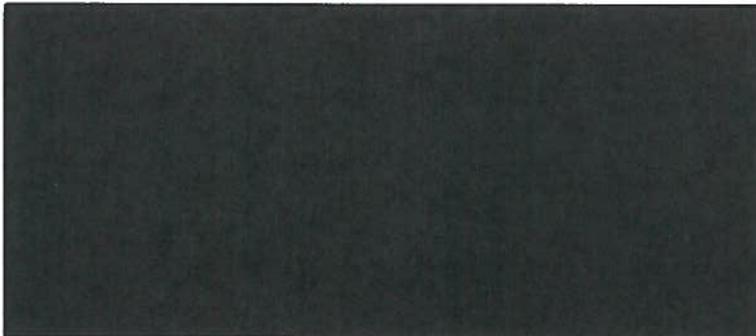
The backup drainage issues from COTA caused this. Ross Rd, from Hwy. 71 to Elroy, Wolfe Ln & Pearce are all affected, but the backup is at Kellam or COTA Blvd. We need these issues addressed. We are talking about families and not one or two homes. We don't live in a flood zone. This is not suppose to happen and COTA needs to take responsibility!

I am opposing the widening of Elroy Rd. because our area will flood even faster. We shouldn't have to pay for their road conveniences. Who is looking out for us? We need to be heard!!!!

I have attached a video, so you can see what happened to our families on October 30, 2015.

Thank you,
Angela Reyes

[Daring water rescue near Ross rd. in Del Valle](#)



Daring water rescue near Ross rd. in Del Valle

OPPOSE Widening Elroy Rd.. pdf

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ste Kubenka](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Space
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:01:35 PM

My dear citizens of Travis County:

I've been a citizen of Travis County for 49 years. Next year will be my 50th Anniversary!! But I'm not waiting till then to renew my vows to our (mostly) wonderful county.

One vow I hope you'll join me in pledging is to support what we say we LOVE (and which we know that works) and stop pouring money into things which don't (more and more suburban roads).

Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee must prioritize funding for MORE parks and open space in its recommendations for its proposed November bond election.

As the CBAC is finalizing its recommendations to the Commissioners Court, I'm urging the CBAC to guarantee that:

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and

(b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west should definitely NOT be funded. The only purpose for this road is to support development in a PRIORITY PROTECTION area.

As county real estate prices zoom, please pledge that the county will use this bond to buy more open space now— before it's too late.

Otherwise, my family and I will vote against the bond, and we'll work with others to be sure it fails.

Sincerely,

YES Parks - NOR-P Road 5. pdf

Steve Kubenka 



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From: [Devon Athans](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:43:10 AM

Dear Committee Members,

As Austin continues to grow, and land continues to be developed, it's important that we allocate all the funds we can to the acquisition of new park land. Roads, such as the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, should not be our priority. We must absorb as much land as possible; both for the health of our community (walking in woods is proven to boost the immune system and lessen depression) and the health of our planet (fifteen 1 inch trees do not equal one 15 inch tree, in terms of CO2 consumption).

Thank you all for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,
Devon Athans

YES Parks - NO R-P Road 4. pdf

From: [Bill Holt](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Fund more parks and open space
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:31:49 AM

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a November bond election. In addition, please do not recommend Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only significant result of building this road will be increased development in a highly sensitive ecological area.

Thank you,
Bill Holt

YES Parks - NO R-P Road 2. pdf

From: [Kelly Davis](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Ask County to preserve open space with November bond
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:42:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Members of the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

I write today to request that you prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

As you finalize your recommendations to the Commissioners Court, I urge you all to recommend the following:

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and

(b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please recommend that the County buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you,
Kelly Davis
Representing self and Save Our Springs Alliance

Kelly Davis
Staff Attorney

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SOSAlliance.org

YES Parks - NOR-P Road 3. pdf

From: [W. Tucker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} open space/budget
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:39:57 AM

To Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Austin will not survive, not just as "Austin", but as a livable environment if we keep cementing, bulldozing, and covering all of our green spaces.

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in the November bond election. The CBAC is finalizing its recommendations to the Commissioners Court. Please buy more park lands and conservation easements; and please do not fund Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you.

W. Tucker

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MORE open space - budget - NOR-P Rd. pdf

From: [Dick Kallerman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Bonds
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:31:51 PM

YES to more open space, much more, and NO to Reimer Peacock Road which is pure developer subsidy.

Dick Kallerman

YES Parks_ NO R-P Road, pdf

From: 
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bonds for Parks
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:43:20 PM

Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

In finalizing it's CBAC recommendations to the Commissioners Court I urge the committee to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**.

The purpose for this road is to support development in a **priority protection area**.

Buy more open space now, before it's too late.

Sincerely,
Abell

YES Bonds for Parks. pdf

From: [Steven Powell](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: Recommendations to Commissioners Court
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:40:43 PM

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to urge the CBAC to recommend that at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

I am also writing to urge that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west

not be funded.

The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area.

Sincerely,
Steven Powell



YES Parks conE as - No R-P Road . pdf

From: [Bouldin, Roxann](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Spaces
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:11:44 PM

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space when submitting recommendations for a proposed November bond election and when presenting recommendations to the Commissioners Court, urging the CBAC to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. This road would support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late. This is so import to Texas and our land around Austin especially since the area's population is grow so fast and we need to protect and save as much land as possible for our future Texan's. Pleaser Prioritize funding for more parks and Open Spaces.**

Roxann Bouldin

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Support TC Parks and Open Spaces - NOH-P. pdf

From: [Edward Stith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} more park land
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:18:46 PM

Do this please:

SOS is specifically urging the CBAC to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please help us urge the county to buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

YES more park land - NO R-P - HPR.pdf

From: [Patti Polinard](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Prioritize Funding for Austin
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:09:01 PM
Attachments: [SophisticatedSounds08.pdf](#)

To Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

I've recently become aware of Mayor Adler's proposal to expand the convention center and tie up more than 80% of our tourism hotel tax dollars for the next 20 years. Tourism through convention visitors make up less than 2% of Austin tourists. I strongly oppose using this money for convention center expansion! The proposed bonds of \$100 to \$120 million need to be designated instead to buying more park lands and conservation easements as well as supporting our cherished Barton Springs. Furthermore the proposed Reimer Peacock Road should not be funded. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. I am soliciting your support to making sure our tax dollars get to the right place. Support our local residents while offering more enjoyable things to do. Encourage visitors continue to come to Austin for the people, places, and iconic, local Austin businesses that make Austin exciting to everyone. Residents will get nothing with Adler's current proposal or the Reimer Peacock Rd. Please support the residents of Austin, and steer Austin's future in a positive productive way.

Thank you,

Patti Polinard
Austin Resident
Local Business Owner for 40 years!

Patti Polinard, CSEP
Certified Special Event Professional

Sophisticated Sounds Entertainment & Events
'Elevating Customer Service to a fine Art'
With A World Class Roster of Talent



YES Parks Funds - NO H-P Road. pdf

From: [David King](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Bartonsprings-YahooGroups Com](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please prioritize parks!
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:31:05 AM

To the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

I support SOS's recommendation that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you for your consideration.

David King

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Please prioritize parks!.pdf

From: [Donna Hoffman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} More parks for Travis Co
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:04:18 PM

Hello Bond Committee Members - As a leader of children in the outdoors, I'm asking you to please recommend that

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements;

and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road another d SH 71 west should not be funded. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area.

Let's keep it protected for our mutual health.

Thank you.

All the best!

Donna Hoffman



Sent from my iPhone

More parks for Travis Co. pdf

From: [Desmond Ng](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Funding Prioritization for More Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:47:01 PM

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize funding for more parks and open space in Travis County in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election. Specifically, the priority is to buy more park lands and conservation easements. Our open space and park lands are under enormous pressure given all the development in Travis County and continues to expand. Please recommend that at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

In addition, I urge to recommend against funding the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. Please help protect the the park lands and open space of Travis County.

Sincerely,

Desmond Ng

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Funding Prioritization for More Parks and Open Space . pdf

From: [Karen Kreps](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Bartonsprings-YahooGroups Com](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please prioritize parks!
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:22:02 PM

To the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

I support SOS's recommendation that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**.

The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

I swim daily at Barton Springs and manage the bartonsprings@yahooogroups.com email list, which has ~400 subscribers. I encourage everyone on that list to also share their concerns about the need for open space and conservation easements to the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee.
CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Kreps
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Please prioritize parks! #2.pdf

From: [TM MURPHY](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:59:41 PM

We need more parks and open space. I swim at Barton Springs daily. The state of the grounds and of the bathhouse is pretty desperate.

Please decline to spend money on the Convention Center.

Thank you.

T. M. Murphy

IN FAVOR Parks and Open Space. pdf

From: [Steven Saylor](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} We support Travis Co parks and open space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:46:10 PM

Dear Members of the CBAC,

Along with SOS, we urge the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee to prioritize funding for more parks and open space in its recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

We would like to see at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

We also believe that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded.**

Sincerely,

Steven Saylor
Richard Solomon

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We support Travis Co parks and open space. pdf

From: [Betty Vickrey](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:17:29 PM

I am strongly opposed to one of the projects being considered, the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road, connecting Hamilton Pool Road and Hwy 71. This is essentially a gift to financially and politically powerful ranch owners and the developers who want to build high-density subdivisions on their land. It's tragically unfair to the taxpayers of Travis County, the native ecosystems that will be destroyed, and the limited water resources that will be strained. The inclusion of this project would be at the expense of more critical needs including buying land for parks and conservation before it's too late. Last year the City of Austin approved \$720 million in bonds, most of it for road projects and none of it for parks. TxDOT and its partners are spending billions on road projects in Travis County.

Betty Vickrey


Sent from my iPad

No Reimers - Peacock Road - YES Parks . pdf

From: [Stuart](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please vote AGAINST construction of the Reimers-Peacock road
Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017 4:44:02 PM
Attachments: [Stuarts Letter against Reimers-Peacock.docx.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my opinion AGAINST funding the Reimers-Peacock road project.
Please find the attached letter for submission to the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee.
Thank you for your time.

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Stuart Priour

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OPPOSE Reimers-Peacock.pdf

From: [Heidi SOS](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Buy more park land
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:38:07 PM

I have two requests, 1. at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and 2. the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west should not be funded.

Thank you for your time and service,

Buy more park land. pdf

From: [Sharon](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:54:56 PM

Please DO NOT fund the Reimer Peacock Road. **PROTECT THAT AREA!**

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations to the court.

Thank you,
Sharon

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Sharon E. Williams |
[The University of Texas at Austin](#) |

OPPOSE - R-P Road - Support Travis County Park and Open Space . pdf

From: [Ann Huthnance](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} REIMERS-PEACOCK ROAD
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:17:51 PM

I have just spent several hours watching the video of the Bond Committee meeting on July 6th. I was astonished to see Ron Wattinger remind the committee that the Reimers-Peacock Road was #3 on your list when you began this process in April. Then he reminded you that you removed it from your list because of negative comments. This is removal without just cause. I happen to know that this group of "naysayers" cares only about no growth issues and not about the safety issues that this road provides....namely another way in and another way out for the Hamilton Pool Road. The County is very adamant about having "two ways in and two ways out" for every subdivision for obvious reasons. The same safety features should apply to the Hamilton Pool Road for the safety of the tax payers who live on this road and the school children that will be attending the new schools on the Reimers-Peacock Road and for all of the people visiting the County parks.. You removed this road from #3 without having the best interest of the taxpayers of Travis County and certainly not of the school children. The reasoning that I heard for this decision defies logic. Always keep in mind, that when LTISD brought this land, that road was going to be constructed by the time the school was built. I am asking you to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,
Ann Huthnance

P.S. I also would point out the wisdom of Ron Wattinger's warning of being fair across the County with your treatment of roads provided for schools....what you have shown of unequal treatment is now of public record. Yes, I heard and saw all of the evidence of that on the video. What you have portrayed to the tax payers is a "slippery slope" for sure.

7-14 IN FAVOR REIMERS-PEACOCK ROAD. pdf

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond Suggestions
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:56:34 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing in regards to possible project suggestions for the upcoming bond proposals. I am a resident of Austin's Colony in the 78725 zip code. I would like to suggest street lighting on both 969 from the 130 toll to Hunter's Bend road and the new Gilbert lane extension. Currently there is no lighting whatsoever on these roads and they pose a huge safety concern especially for those not familiar with the area. I see this as a top priority due the fast and ever expanding development that has become the norm in the city of Austin. In addition I would like to see maybe a joint venture between the County and the city to build a public library in the our zip code. As the population within the city becomes less diversified leaning more towards young professionals and Millennials who do not have children the number of families with children that are of school age has increased in the suburbs and outer limits of the city. I feel that giving these families with children access to a public library is absolutely essential in educating the young minds of tomorrow. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and hope to see some progress on these suggestions in the near future.

Thank You,
Eric Trujillo

7-14 various suggestions . pdf

Memorandum
July 13, 2017

To: Travis County Commissioners Court
From: Southeast Travis County residents
Subject: November 2017 Bond Election

We the residents of Southeast Travis County are in favor of the projects that will improve or fix the condition of roads in the Del Valle area. Elroy, Ross Road, Pearce, are examples of roads that have needed to be reconstructed for some time to make it safe for Del Valle school buses to transport children to and from school safely, especially during flooding which occurs frequently. Families in Precinct 4 must be able to travel those roads safely at all times, especially during rainy seasons.

Families who live in Del Valle are 85% Mexican American and 87% are economically disadvantaged. 11,700 are enrolled in the del Valle district which is growing by 4% per year.

Elexy May, [REDACTED]

Rachael P. Torres [REDACTED]

W. [REDACTED]

Olga P. Zuniga [REDACTED]

Georgia [REDACTED] (67172)

Glenda P. Chavez [REDACTED] (67172)

Demario Castillo Chavez [REDACTED]

Cynthia Valadez [REDACTED] 2407 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Memo to Travis County Commissioners Court, July 13, 2017
Bond Election, November, 2017

Alejandro Delgado	[REDACTED]
Jacob Aronowitz	[REDACTED]
George Novak	[REDACTED]
Alberto Garcia	[REDACTED]
Blanca Garcia	[REDACTED]
Bruna Garcia	[REDACTED]
Ron Garcia	[REDACTED]
Tammie Garcia	[REDACTED]
Susan Steeg	[REDACTED]
Angie Lutz	[REDACTED]
Adrian Wight	[REDACTED]
Eleanor Thompson	[REDACTED]
Teresa Perez Wiseley	[REDACTED]
Norma Guerra	[REDACTED]
Lisa Brown	[REDACTED]
Carley Arnold	[REDACTED]
Auzimyth Jackson	[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:59:26 AM

Of the total of about \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west, **should not be funded**. The only real purpose for this road is development in a priority protection area.

Yes Parks - NORP Road/10.pdf

From: [David Hixon](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Prioritize Funding for Parks
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:46:15 PM

To Whom It May Concern

I strongly advocate for the Advisory Board to **prioritize funding for more parks and open space** in its recommendations for the November bond election. Also, I urge the board **NOT to fund the Reimer Peacock Road** because it supports development in a priority protection area.
Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,
David Hixon

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[REDACTED]

Yes Parks - NR-P Road 9. pdf

From: [Dennis Howard](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Low Water Crossing (LWC) Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:56:12 PM

Dear Bond Committee:

We have 204 homesteads housing hundreds behind one low water crossing at The Homestead (Great Divide and Highway 71). Our LWC floods and there is no other entrance for EMS or fire rescue outside of trekking through an expansive, muddy pasture. This puts these public servants both at risk themselves and at a quandary where they must choose to rescue people who are easier to reach than our citizens. According to a 2009 county study, ours is among the 5th worst crossings among hundreds in the area.

Just last year, a young mother could not get to her son as he entered a hospital ER due the flooded LWC. A high-risk pregnancy was at stake as well with another family. A woman with a serious choking condition was due to enter the hospital any day and couldn't get out. A man had an ER situation and could not get out. There was a day when the LWC was flooded and we had no running water. Under Bee Cave and LTFR Fire Code any subdivision our size requires 2 ingress/egress points. When the LWC is flooded, we have none.

We appreciate you, the Citizen's Bond Committee, for recommending engineering and ROW funding.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,
Dennis W. Howard
Resident of The Homestead


FRD Great Divide Low Water Crossing (LWC) Recommendation v. pdf

From: [Victoria Winburne](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [David Greear](#); [Robert Abbott](#); [Steve Albert](#); [Karen Winslow](#); [Will Douglas](#); [Stephanie](#); [Snehanshu Shah](#); [Will and mariawstewart@gmail.com](#); [Jennifer Steede](#); [Dominique Douglas](#); [Rose Cooke](#); [REDACTED]; [Heather Hamilton](#); [Delaine Mueller](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: {EXTERNAL} The Homestead LWC on the Citizen's Bond Committee recommendations list
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:31:29 AM

Citizen's Bond Committee:

You have our LWC on your list recommending engineering and ROW funding. We have an organized group of 17 residents advocating towards a better solution, and we kindly ask that you continue to make this effort a high priority. Employee safety (EMS, fire, police) and resident safety continue to be a significant area of risk.

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Respectfully,

Victoria Winburne

Resident of The Homestead
[REDACTED]

PRO Great Divide and Highway 71 - The Homestead LWC .pdf

From: [Frank Bearden](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Proposed Hamilton Pool project
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 6:08:37 PM

Please note the item added to the Nov bond election regarding HP road widening from RR12 west to the river is ill-conceived and does nothing to ease the traffic from HP east to HWY 71, which should be done first. You can see my point by driving from HWY 72 to RR 12, which has fostered several accidents in the last year.

Pls change this addition to support the RR12 to HWY 71 route,

Thanks,

Frank Bearden, PhD

Sent from my iPhone

OPPOSE WIDENING PROPOSED Hamilton Pool project. pdf

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Road Widening RR12 to the river
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 6:16:53 PM

Hamilton Pool widening from RR12 to the river is ill advised. Hamilton Pool East to Hwy71 should be taken care of first as that is where the traffic is heavy. Please vote NO regarding HP widening from RR12 to the river in the November Bond. Thank you.

Patricia Bearden

Sent from my iPhone

NO Road widening RR12 to the river, pdf

From: [Jenni Westerfeld](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Riemers- Peacock Road
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:48:28 PM

Good day!

I am a Travis County taxpayer and voter and I ask that Reimer's Peacock Road not be included in the project list for the 2017 Travis County Bond election at the expense of more critical county needs.

Thank you,

Jenni Westerfeld

Sent from my iPhone

NO Riemers - Peacock Road.pdf

From: [Erin Abraham](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Hamilton Pool Road
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:45:49 PM

Hello,

I attended the community outreach discussion 3-4 weeks ago at the Lakeway Community Center and wish to reinforce my support of expanding Hamilton Pool Road from Hwy 71 to RR12.

Hamilton Pool Road is a curvy, hilly road that is dangerous because it has only two-lanes and no shoulder relief along most stretches of the road. It would strongly benefit from a center turn lane at intersection points and exit ramps into subdivision areas. Cyclists who venture onto the road put their lives at risk because there are few places to pass them safely which also puts motorists at risk from being hit from behind because of limited visibility from approaching traffic due to the natural curve and bend of the road.

I believe there is a way to maintain the charm of Hamilton Pool Road while providing avenues for traffic flow to keep everyone safe. Please do not ignore this.

Thank you,

Mrs. Erin Abraham
Madrone Ranch Subdivision

Improve Hamilton Pool Road. pdf

From: [Missy Carugati](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} bond committee comments 2017
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:41:39 PM

To The committee-

As a resident and homeowner near the 130 toll and east of fm 969 road access, I and most all of the residents that live in the area are very concerned about the road infrastructure in that area. The traffic is absolutely the most unsafe and nerve racking in the Austin area. People get so mad that they start driving unsafely. For one, it should NOT take 20-30 minutes to get out of the area. How many accidents, road rage, and fatalities need to happen before it gets fixed. When will A city, town, or area in TEXAS figure out that more development brings in more vehicles. We dont even have a bus system out there bc we are in the ETJ zone and Travis county hasn't moved forward on putting funds into public transportation, yet. People are starting to build more out there and now judge eckhart has voted yes to bring in affordable housing apartments. Thats alot of people trying to get in or out of that area with only a few ways out. IF there were ever to be an emergency evacuation, we would all be stuck and under huge safety concerns.

the county and districts are approving these developers to build on probably wrong data of how much traffic they would bring in.

Projects that were suppose to relieve the traffic was Gilbert rd. well, that seems to be causing more of a problem that I have been communicating with TXdot about bc of the light timing issues. I have to contact them at least 2-3 times a month for the past 10 mos.. This road had NOT relieved the traffic. The actions that have taken place such as adding a road to relieve the traffic has NOT shown any relief on traffic.

what about those trucks, semi trucks, that work for the mining companies? they drive super crazy and unsafe. can they be designated to drive at lower traffic times, like after 9 am? They cause more traffic problems. the mining so close to all these residents is very unhealthy for the residents. I dont even need to prove this to you all. Unless you

New projects already approved:

1. widening fm969

projects that need to happen:

1. public transportation out east fm 969, major thoroughfare
2. another road that bypasses fm 969 to go south (this I know is on the bond, Harold green, but needs to happen sooner rather than later)

PLEASE consider the Public transportation. We cant stop a place from growing, but we can be smarter and help people feel good about living in the area by being smart on the infrastructure.

thanks for considering my comments. I would have been there in person but the traffic is too much..

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PRO - Fm969, Harold Green .pdf

Melissa (missy) Carugati
Natural Resource Specialist



Appendix C: Parks and Land Conservation Written Comments

From: [Diane Kloc](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please conserve more parkspace and add conservation lands. We have precious little left in Travis County
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:47:11 PM

Thank you
Diane Kloc




Sent from my iPhone

{external}
Please conserve more park space and add conservation land...

7/5/2017

From: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL} Feedback for Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:28:39 AM

From: Marc Tucci [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Feedback for Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Hello,

I would like to voice my concern for the need of updating the athletic fields at major county parks to turf fields, to increase playability (no rest periods, no hour limitations, no top dressing, no aeration, no rain outs). While I know the county has spoken about this before, I wanted to discuss its importance on being at the top of the list.

Do you recommend I come to a meeting, like tomorrow's? Or a specific week? I will await your feedback. As long-time users of both Southeast & Northeast Metro, I look forward to this change benefiting the entire adult and youth Travis County community. Thank you.

Marc



"Artificial Turf on Parks fields"

7/10/2017

From: [Merced Newman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Assign more bond money for more parks
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:53:02 PM

Dear Travis County Official,

Austin is 46th of major cities in accessible parkland. I'm astounded! How can Austin call itself progressive? Parks are a surefire way to improve the quality of life for all segments of society. Our dollars are well spent when we spend them on our planet, and by doing so, spend them on everybody, including wildlife! Because parks are free, parks are living, parks are peaceful, parks rejuvenate, parks invigorate, provide habitat, promote health in exercise, friendship and family fun. YOU CAN'T MISS WITH MORE PARKLAND. The only other substitute for all of this is...can't think of even ONE thing!

Do it! Thank you !

Sincerely,
Mercedes Newman and my dog Finn
Park goes-every-single-day
Austin resident since 1981

"Assign more bond money for more parks"

7/5/2017

From: [Garret Nick](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond money for parks and conservation!
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:45:21 PM

Hello,

Austin is an amazing place but that is because of the beautiful open spaces and water that originally drew people here and that is what will make Austin competitive going forward. Anyone can build a road, a mall, a bar or a restaurant but you can't build a spring fed pool, a healthy creek or a zilker park after they have been paved over and destroyed. Our public parks are growing ever more crowded, just look at how many people are on Lady Bird Lake on a hot summer day... thousands! If we don't invest in parks and conservation land NOW we will miss the opportunity to pass on this legacy and beauty to our children and grandchildren. What a terrible loss that would be.

Please invest this bond money into buying more land for parks and conservation in and around Austin.

Thanks.
Garret



"Bond money for Parks and Conservation!"

7/5/2017

From: [Sarah Kenoyer](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Four Points recreation area
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:22:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

My family and I live in the Four Points area. I have 2 boys currently old enough to play sports and have played basketball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse & football. I also have 3 more littles who are looking forward to their turns.

We have traveled to Georgetown, Pflugerville, Parmer Ln., Lakeway, Manchaca and other areas of town to attend their many practices and games.

I know we are in complete support and would be very appreciative of a Four Points recreation area.

Thank you for considering it!

Sarah Kenoyer

"I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live my life as if there isn't and die to find out there is".

"And all things you ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you will receive".
Matthew [21:22](#)

"Four Points recreation area"

7/7/2017

From: [caroline.pinkston](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} feedback for Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 2:51:18 PM

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

I was unable to attend the outreach meetings in June, but I wanted to write and submit my request for the city to prioritize the development of parks and the preservation of public land and green spaces. I was born and raised in Austin, and one of the things I love most about this city is its outdoor spaces. So, I feel strongly that Austin should not be satisfied (or anything close to it) with its recently ranking as #46 among major US cities in providing accessible parks to its residents. I hope that the bond might be an opportunity to do something about this ranking. I know that here in Austin we spend a lot of time talking about traffic and transit, but providing more green spaces and public spaces to our residents should be a top priority, too.

Sincerely,

Caroline Pinkston

"IN Favor Parks, green space, on easements"

7/10/2017

From: [Clare Hudspeth](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} use of resources
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:47:55 PM

PLEASE stop spending money on highways and do more to protect and expand our parks!
Enough is enough, and most of us are SICK OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION. Our parks need attention.

Hope you're listening - Clare R Hudspeth

"IN FAVOR- More Parks"

7/5/2017

From: [martinaublum](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks and recreation areas
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:31:55 PM

Looking ahead with the census data projections, the data shows a drastic population increase in Travis County and the metropolitan areas. The City needs to plan ahead to buy land and conservation easements and develop them over the next 10 years now before the population increase, in order to develop a healthy parkland structure for our future children to play. I understand that parks make little money, but they contribute to the health of families and strengthen community bonds. COA ranks number 46 in the nation in regards to parkland and conservation easements. Lets take families outside, install splashpads, add some pools and stay healthy playing with our children.

Thanks in advance for considering my opinion.

Martina Bluem

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IN FAVOR - Parks and recreation areas "

7/5/17/17

From: [Chris Albrecht](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Parks
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:07:55 PM

I am unable to make it to these meetings due to my kids but I would like to say we in Southwest Travis County could really use the County's help with building a sports complex out in the Lake Travis area. We travel around for baseball and soccer and it embarrassing how our complex compares to those North and East who have Travis County's support.

Lakeway has already bought land for the sports complex so we need help with funding for the development of the land for the sports complex.

What are the reasons for not building a sports complex with Parks money in Southwest Travis County?

Appreciate any support we can receive on behalf of Travis County Parks.

Thank you for your time!
Chris Albrecht



"IN FAVOR- Travis County Parks"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Make parks, nature preserves and open space a top priority in the bond
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:33:26 PM

Dear Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Members,

Please prioritize acquisition of parks and conservation easements - before its too late. At least half of the likely \$100 to \$150 million final bond package should be for parks and open space. [Austin ranks No. 46 among major U.S. cities in providing adequate and accessible parks for its residents \(behind Cincinnati, Plano & Jersey City\).](#) We can and should do better than that!

It is now crystal clear that voters and taxpayers do not want an orgy of road construction (with or without tolls), so it would be a great item to remove entirely from the bond. We are on the verge of a new epoch in travel which will require less asphalt and concrete, not more. New leaps in digital technology have finally made telecommuting truly viable, and ride/car-sharing is taking off like a rocket. Self driving small passenger vans and vehicles will soon provide flexible, user-directed travel which will be more convenient for commuters, and reduce congestion more effectively than inflexible, old-school "mass" transit. Home delivery of groceries and other necessities is beginning to catch on, and as more users sign up it will become more affordable and widely used. Even higher education can be completed on line rather than in person, and this trend to reduce unnecessary car trips is accelerating.

Everyone knows that access to nature is critical for the mental and physical health of Travis County residents of all ages. Do the right thing, and put first things first – make green space the #1 priority of this bond. Do it now before it is too late.

Thank you.

Cynthia Wilcox

'MAKE parks, nature preserves and open space a top priority in the bond' 7/5/2017

From: [Luke Quinton](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} more park space please
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:22:24 PM

Hi there,

I'm a resident from 78731 and I agree that the city should be buying *much* more land to be turned into parks. This is the number one issue in Austin that affects our quality of life. We need to have more parks that are walkable for every resident, and right now that just is not the case. We can do much better, and I would like my tax/bond dollars to be directed to such purchases.

Thank you,

Luke Q

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'More Park Space Please'

7/6/2012

From: Lisette & Al
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} More PARKS & Open Spaces
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:47:59 AM

Dear Travis County Officials:

Everyone knows our County's population is growing and creating transportation problems. HOWEVER, all bond monies cannot be spend on road projects. We must prioritize acquiring more parkland, conservation easements & watershed protection acreage before it is too late. Open green space needs to be preserved before more is paved over.

Thanks for your attention.
Lisette Schmidli



"More PARKS & Open Spaces"

7/5/2017

From: [Juliana C Roberto](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks for the four points area
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:31:02 PM

I am a resident of Riverplace in the four points area and will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, July 5th ,2017 but would like to leave my thoughts on this matter.

We have not enough fields or sports complex in this area resulting in us having to travel to Pflugerville, Round Rock, Leander , Williamson county and as far as south Austin to get our kids to their sports practice and competitions. This is very hard and stressful as a parent, specially when we pay so much in taxes. This area has grown tremendously and the demand for parks and fields has not kept up. Having this MU 14 would be of great benefit to the area. There are currently not enough soccer fields, no baseballs fields within 25 minutes, no indoor facility for volleyball or basketball.

Thank you for listening!

Alexandre and Juliana Roberto.

Sent from my iPhone

"Parks for the four points area"

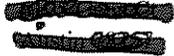
7/6/2017

From: [Paula Pierce](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Public input on next round of Travis County Bonds
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:55:59 PM

Please, please, please NO MORE ROAD PROJECTS!!!! They just add to congestion, take up space that could be used for parks and public amenities, and prevent us from getting the meaningful public transportation we so desperately need. I'd rather we use bond monies to protect land by making more parks. Travis County has some lovely parks that are grossly overused because we don't have enough parkland to serve our citizens. The situation is so dire that parks like Hamilton Pool require reservations. At the rate we are growing, if we don't acquire more park land, we will have entire generations of children who don't get into the wilderness areas because they are too overused.

PARKS NOT ROADS!

Sincerely,
Paula Pierce



"PARKS NOT ROADS!"

7/5/2017

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:01:25 PM

Please keep parks and preserves as you have them. Install shade protection at playgrounds and bus stops and leave longview park alone at 78749 area off brodie.

Thanks!
Kerry

Sent using a tiny keyboard •

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"Parks"

7/5/2017

From: Sansom, Andrew
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Proposed Bond Issue
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:12:48 PM

Dear Judge Eckhart and Commissioners

I strongly support the recommendation of the Citizen Bond Advisory Parks and Open Space Committee that approximately \$200 million be included in the proposed November Bond Issue for acquisition of parks and conservation easements.

Thank you very much.

Andrew Sansom

Sent from my iPad

Pro Parks - con ease Proposed Bond issue

7/10/2017

From: [Elly van Laar, Coach](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Request to buy more land for parks and open spaces
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:51:24 PM

Dear Travis County of officials,

I request that you use at least \$100 million of the money in the bond proposal to acquire parks and conservation easements, so that the citizens of our expanding city have enough green space to enjoy nature.

With best wishes,

Elly van Laar
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'Request to buy more land for parks and open spaces'

7/5/2017

From: Self, Laura
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Shortage of sports fields/parks in the Four Points Area
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:39:18 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am unable to attend the TCBC meeting this evening. However, I'd like to respectfully request that the committee consider purchasing land in the Four Points area for sports fields/complexes and parks before there is no land left to be purchased. Specifically, MU14.

With three children, we currently drive over 45 minutes one way to sports fields and complexes outside of Steiner for practices and games more than 3 times per week. Unfortunately, there is no other option as there are no sports fields or complexes nearby. It is difficult to understand why other residents of Travis County have much easier access to fields and complexes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Laura Self



Shortage of sport fields, Parks in the four points Area."

7/10/2012

From: [Shane Stevens](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Steiner Ranch sports/fields
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 5:39:52 PM

Thank you all for taking the time to hear the concerns from residents in the four points area. I had no idea there was a group that could help in this area. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend tonight so I wanted to share some of our experiences/frustrations in the present situation.

We have lived in Steiner Ranch area for 8 years and have three boys. While the boys were young, and while we lived within the Steiner Ranch HOA, it was not a challenge because they could practice on the Steiner Ranch fields. Now, we have moved and our older boys are 12 and 9 and this presents a whole new set of challenges.

Two huge challenges.

1. As the boys grow, there are not enough fields for training/practice/games so our older boys have to drive to fields that are 30 minutes away (without traffic) and 1 hour away with traffic. Fortunately, my wife does not have to work so she can take our kids and other kids. However, it is still a minimum of an hour roundtrip and max of 2 hours round trip just to practice. Plus the same drive or longer on weekends for games.
2. We moved closer to the lake into a community named Caslano. This community has its own HOA with 32 lots within it. Steiner Ranch HOA has made it much more difficult for us to practice on the HOA fields and play since we are not actually residents of Steiner ranch.

Several of us have talked about simply buying some property to create practice and game play space and then renting/leasing the fields to various team but it has not come to fruition. Anything you can do to create more easily available and closer fields for the kids would be amazing.

Thank you!

Best,
SS

D. Shane Stevens



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"Steiner Ranch sports_fields"

7/7/2017

From: [Steven Saylor](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County needs more parks and conservation easements
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:53:24 PM

Regarding:

Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Status Report June 20, 2017

Citizen Bond Advisory Committee's Preliminary Bond Proposal

Ahead of your public meetings on June 28 and 29 to hear input about this Report and Bond Proposal, we urge Travis County to buy more land for parks and conservation easements. This type of planning is essential to maintain our very special quality of life here in Travis County.

Thank you,

Steven Saylor & Richard Solomon

A series of four thick black horizontal bars redacting the names and contact information of the signatories.

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7/5/2017

From: [Sansom, Andrew](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
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Andrew Sansom

Sent from my iPad

From: [Becky Jolin](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Bond Package
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:31:38 PM

Dear All,

I am writing to urge support for generous funding for parks and preserving open space in our rapidly developing county. If we do not preserve our farms and open space now, it will be gone forever, instead of here forever.

Thank you for your service to the people and land of Travis County. ,

Becky Jolin



From: Joseph JASINSKI
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} More sport fields near Steiner Ranch
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 7:37:17 AM

I'm writing to express my concern for the need for more parks in our area. With the market growth for youth sports in Austin, access to fields is getting more and more limited, and I find that we are spending hours upon hours driving to and from Round Rock, Cedar Park and South Austin for games and practices. We needs parks closer to Steiner Ranch and the MUI6 land is perfect.

I was not able to make the bond meeting on June, but wanted to express by hope that you you consider the need of this very large community.

Thank you, susan jasinski

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stuart](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please vote AGAINST construction of the Reimers-Peacock road
Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017 4:44:02 PM
Attachments: [Stuarts Letter against Reimers-Peacock.docx.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my opinion AGAINST funding the Reimers-Peacock road project.
Please find the attached letter for submission to the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee.
Thank you for your time.

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Stuart Priour

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From: [Lustrifamily](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bonds for parks
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:12:46 PM

Please prioritize parks and other green spaces in the next round of bonds.

Sent from my iPhone
Paula Pierce

From: [Heidi SOS](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Buy more park land
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:38:07 PM

I have two requests, 1. at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and 2. the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west should not be funded.

Thank you for your time and service,

From: TM MURPHY
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:59:41 PM

We need more parks and open space. I swim at Barton Springs daily. The state of the grounds and of the bathhouse is pretty desperate.

Please decline to spend money on the Convention Center.

Thank you.

T. M. Murphy

From: [Debra Danburg](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: "[Debra Danburg](#)"
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Open / Park space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:44:26 PM

Dear Commissioners.

I urge you to support more park space and green space as a priority in the upcoming bond proposal.

Thank you.

Debra Danburg

Austin, Texas [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Desmond Ng](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Funding Prioritization for More Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:47:01 PM

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize funding for more parks and open space in Travis County in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election. Specifically, the priority is to buy more park lands and conservation easements. Our open space and park lands are under enormous pressure given all the development in Travis County and continues to expand. Please recommend that at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

In addition, I urge to recommend against funding the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. Please help protect the the park lands and open space of Travis County.

Sincerely,

Desmond Ng




From: [David Todd](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} parks!
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:41:55 PM

Please consider enlarging the park allocation within the November bond proposal. Given the rapid development of the Austin area, I believe it is critical that at least \$50 to \$60 million be provided for land acquisition with the bond.

Thanks,

David

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David Todd
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas [REDACTED]
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From: [Donna Hoffman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} More parks for Travis Co
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:04:18 PM

Hello Bond Committee Members - As a leader of children in the outdoors, I'm asking you to please recommend that

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements;

and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road another d SH 71 west should not be funded. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area.

Let's keep it protected for our mutual health.

Thank you.

All the best!

Donna Hoffman



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Betty Vickrey](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Reimers-Peacock Road
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:17:29 PM

I am strongly opposed to one of the projects being considered, the construction of Reimers-Peacock Road, connecting Hamilton Pool Road and Hwy 71. This is essentially a gift to financially and politically powerful ranch owners and the developers who want to build high-density subdivisions on their land. It's tragically unfair to the taxpayers of Travis County, the native ecosystems that will be destroyed, and the limited water resources that will be strained. The inclusion of this project would be at the expense of more critical needs including buying land for parks and conservation before it's too late. Last year the City of Austin approved \$720 million in bonds, most of it for road projects and none of it for parks. TxDOT and its partners are spending billions on road projects in Travis County.

Betty Vickrey



Sent from my iPad

From: Sharon
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:54:56 PM

Please DO NOT fund the Reimer Peacock Road. **PROTECT THAT AREA!**

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations to the court.

Thank you,
Sharon

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Sharon E. Williams |
The University of Texas at Austin |

From: [Nancy Leeper](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please buy more open space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:52:42 PM

Please buy more open space now before it's too late.
Nancy Leeper

Sent from my iPhone

Nancy Leeper
Austin, TX

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NEW

From: [Caitlin Greenwood](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please prioritize funding for parks and open public space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:43:31 PM

To the CBAC team,

As you finalize your recommendations for the proposed November bond election, I urge you as a Travis county resident to prioritize funding for the parks and public spaces that make this city so great. By allocating funds for our parks and conversation efforts, we will ensure that Austin continues to be a city that attracts tourism and enhances the well-being of its residents.

All the best,

--

Mary Caitlin Greenwood

[copywriting](#) | [journalism & curatorial work](#)

From: [Karen Kreps](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Bartonsprings-YahooGroups.Com](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please prioritize parks!
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:22:02 PM

To the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

I support SOS's recommendation that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**.

The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

I swim daily at Barton Springs and manage the bartonsprings@yahooogroups.com email list, which has ~400 subscribers. I encourage everyone on that list to also share their concerns about the need for open space and conservation easements to the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee.
CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Kreps
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From: Bouldin, Roxann
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Spaces
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:11:44 PM

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space when submitting recommendations for a proposed November bond election and when presenting recommendations to the Commissioners Court, urging the CBAC to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. This road would support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late. This is so import to Texas and our land around Austin especially since the area's population is grow so fast and we need to protect and save as much land as possible for our future Texan's. Pleaser Prioritize funding for more parks and Open Spaces.**

Roxann Bouldin

[REDACTED]

Austin, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Ryan Whitton](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks!
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:55:49 PM

Please prioritize parks and open space in the upcoming bond discussions.

Ryan Whitton

From: [Steven Saylor](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} We support Travis Co parks and open space
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:46:10 PM

Dear Members of the CBAC,

Along with SOS, we urge the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee to prioritize funding for more parks and open space in its recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

We would like to see at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

We also believe that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded.**

Sincerely,

Steven Saylor
Richard Solomon

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bonds for Parks
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:43:20 PM

Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

In finalizing it's CBAC recommendations to the Commissioners Court I urge the committee to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**.

The purpose for this road is to support development in a **priority protection area**.

Buy more open space now, before it's too late.

Sincerely,
Abell

From: [Edward Stith](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} more park land
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:18:46 PM

Do this please:

SOS is specifically urging the CBAC to recommend that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please help us urge the county to buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

From: [Steven Powell](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: Recommendations to Commissioners Court
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:40:43 PM

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to urge the CBAC to recommend that at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements.

I am also writing to urge that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west

not be funded.

The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area.

Sincerely,
Steven Powell




From: [Patti Polinard](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Prioritize Funding for Austin
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:09:01 PM
Attachments: [SophisticatedSounds08.pdf](#)

To Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

I've recently become aware of Mayor Adler's proposal to expand the convention center and tie up more than 80% of our tourism hotel tax dollars for the next 20 years. Tourism through convention visitors make up less than 2% of Austin tourists. I strongly oppose using this money for convention center expansion! The proposed bonds of \$100 to \$120 million need to be designated instead to buying more park lands and conservation easements as well as supporting our cherished Barton Springs. Furthermore the proposed Reimer Peacock Road should not be funded. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. I am soliciting your support to making sure our tax dollars get to the right place. Support our local residents while offering more enjoyable things to do. Encourage visitors continue to come to Austin for the people, places, and iconic, local Austin businesses that make Austin exciting to everyone. Residents will get nothing with Adler's current proposal or the Reimer Peacock Rd. Please support the residents of Austin, and steer Austin's future in a positive productive way.

Thank you,

Patti Polinard
Austin Resident
Local Business Owner for 40 years!

Patti Polinard, CSEP
Certified Special Event Professional

Sophisticated Sounds Entertainment & Events
'Elevating Customer Service to a fine Art'
With A World Class Roster of Talent

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From: [Barry George](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:11:03 PM

Hello,

I am a Travis county resident and would ask you to provide funding for more parks and open space.

Sincerely,

Barry George

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dick Kallerman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Bonds
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:31:51 PM

YES to more open space, much more, and NO to Reimer Peacock Road which is pure developer subsidy.

Dick Kallerman

From: [David King](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [Bartonsprings-YahooGroups.Com](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please prioritize parks!
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:31:05 AM

To the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

I support SOS's recommendation that (a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and (b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you for your consideration.

David King
Zilker Neighborhood Resident
Austin, TX [REDACTED]

From: [Mary Cook](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please buy more open and green spaces
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:08:50 AM

Hello,

I am writing as a citizen of Travis County asking you to fund and buy more open spaces and parks. Austin is growing incredibly quickly and we've already lost many green spaces. Let's be proactive so that future generations can enjoy nature that is so important to good mental and physical health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary S Cook

[REDACTED]

Austin, Tx [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [W. Tucker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} open space/budget
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:39:57 AM

To Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee:

Austin will not survive, not just as "Austin", but as a livable environment if we keep cementing, bulldozing, and covering all of our green spaces.

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in the November bond election. The CBAC is finalizing its recommendations to the Commissioners Court. Please buy more park lands and conservation easements; and please do not fund Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you.

W. Tucker

w. tucker



lightbeforelightbehindme.tumblr.com/

From: Brandie
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Funding for parks, open space and conservation
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:06:34 AM

Dear Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

I'm writing today to ask that you prioritize funding for more parks and open space for the November bond election. Travis County is the greatest in Texas because of its parks and open spaces and I hope you will support buying more spaces and funding the parks that already exist.

Thank you,

Brandie Baker

[REDACTED]

Austin, [REDACTED]

From: [Bill Holt](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Fund more parks and open space
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:31:49 AM

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a November bond election. In addition, please do not recommend Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west. The only significant result of building this road will be increased development in a highly sensitive ecological area.

Thank you,
Bill Holt

From: Kelly Davis
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Ask County to preserve open space with November bond
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:42:37 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Members of the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee,

I write today to request that you prioritize funding for more parks and open space in your recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

As you finalize your recommendations to the Commissioners Court, I urge you all to recommend the following:

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and

(b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west **should not be funded**. The real purpose for this road is to support development in a priority protection area. **Please recommend that the County buy more open space now, before it's too late.**

Thank you,
Kelly Davis
Representing self and Save Our Springs Alliance

Kelly Davis
Staff Attorney

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Austin, Texas [REDACTED]
SOSAlliance.org

From: [Devon Athans](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:43:10 AM

Dear Committee Members,

As Austin continues to grow, and land continues to be developed, it's important that we allocate all the funds we can to the acquisition of new park land. Roads, such as the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, should not be our priority. We must absorb as much land as possible; both for the health of our community (walking in woods is proven to boost the immune system and lessen depression) and the health of our planet (fifteen 1 inch trees do not equal one 15 inch tree, in terms of CO2 consumption).

Thank you all for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,
Devon Athans

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ste Kubenka](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Travis County Parks and Open Space
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:01:35 PM

My dear citizens of Travis County:

I've been a citizen of Travis County for 49 years. Next year will be my 50th Anniversary!! But I'm not waiting till then to renew my vows to our (mostly) wonderful county.

One vow I hope you'll join me in pledging is to support what we say we LOVE (and which we know that works) and stop pouring money into things which don't (more and more suburban roads).

Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee must prioritize funding for MORE parks and open space in its recommendations for its proposed November bond election.

As the CBAC is finalizing its recommendations to the Commissioners Court, I'm urging the CBAC to guarantee that:

(a) at least half of the likely total of \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds be allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; and

(b) the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west should definitely NOT be funded. The only purpose for this road is to support development in a PRIORITY PROTECTION area.

As county real estate prices zoom, please pledge that the county will use this bond to buy more open space now— before it's too late.

Otherwise, my family and I will vote against the bond, and we'll work with others to be sure it fails.

Sincerely,

From: Dana Blanton
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} bond election priorities
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:42:57 PM

I urge you to make funding parks and open space a top priority in the upcoming November bond election. At least half of the proposed bonds should be dedicated to buying parkland and conservation easements. There may not be many more opportunities to obtain open space in the future. Please do not fund the proposed Reimer Peacock Road which supports harmful and unneeded development.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Dana Blanton



From: [Will Furgeson](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} November bond election
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:52:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am an Austin citizen (District 4) and I would like to request that the CBAC give strong consideration to focusing as much of the spending in the proposed bond package as possible on taking care of Austin's natural environment, which is constantly under threat due to the city's explosive growth. Park lands and conservation easements should be funded; new roads (especially Reimer Peacock Road) should not. We need to preserve as much open space in our community as possible!

Thanks,
Will Furgeson



From: [Rich Mann](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} parks
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:00:29 PM

Please prioritize funding for more parks and open space in its recommendations for a proposed November bond election.

Richard Maness

From: [joel richards](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} November Bond
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:34:50 AM

I am writing to you in support of more parks and conservation easements and to ask that the proposed Reimer Peacock Road NOT be funded.

Thank you for your consideration,

J. Richards

From: [David Hixon](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Prioritize Funding for Parks
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:46:15 PM

To Whom It May Concern

I strongly advocate for the Advisory Board to **prioritize funding for more parks and open space** in its recommendations for the November bond election. Also, I urge the board **NOT to fund the Reimer Peacock Road** because it supports development in a priority protection area.
Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,
David Hixon


Austin, TX


From: [REDACTED]
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL}
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:59:26 AM

Of the total of about \$100 to \$120 million in proposed bonds allocated to buying more park lands and conservation easements; the proposed Reimer Peacock Road, between Hamilton Pool Road and SH 71 west, **should not be funded.** The only real purpose for this road is development in a priority protection area.

July 24, 2017

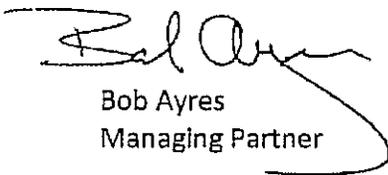
The Honorable Judge Sarah Eckhardt
Travis County Commissioners
Transportation and Natural Resources Staff

We are writing to express gratitude and support for the final recommendations of the Travis County Citizen Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC). Over the past four months, we have observed the hard work and diligence that the CBAC and County staff have devoted to this process, and we appreciate the careful vetting that has taken place to insure a bond package that address a wide range of critical needs in Travis County.

Of particular interest to us is the \$15 million allocated for conservation easements and various line items for land acquisition and parks. You know and understand the value of land protection, particularly in a rapidly urbanizing area such a Travis County. We encourage you to endorse the land and park acquisition recommendations of the CBAC, and we stand ready to support you to reach your conservation goals.

With respect to Reimer's Peacock Road, we agree with the determination of the CBAC that this project is not a priority of this time. While we appreciate that improvements will be needed to regional road infrastructure over time, this project does not seem like the most responsible use of taxpayer dollars, especially given the many other worthwhile projects in other parts of the county that ranked much higher on the CBAC lists. Additionally, as you know, this project has sparked controversy in our community for more than a decade. We believe that including a controversial project such as Reimer's Peacock Ranch into the current bond package poses risks to the success of the overall effort. We urge you adopt a bond package that the community will support.

Sincerely,



Bob Ayres
Managing Partner



Christy Muse
Director of External Relations



SHIELD RANCH

16087 Hamilton Pool Road
Austin, Texas 78738
(512) 263-2297

From: [Nick Kriczky](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} NEMP and upcoming bond package
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:02:29 AM

Hello,

As a parent of a local youth soccer player, I would like for you to reconsider and add maintenance and improvements for NEMP into the upcoming bond package.

Thanks,
Nick

From: [Cristina Valenzuela](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} NEMP Youth soccer player
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:34:29 PM

"As a parent of a local youth soccer player, I would like for you to reconsider and add maintenance and improvements for NEMP into the upcoming bond package."

Sent from my iPhone

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/27/17

Name: Chrissy Mattox

Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project Name: _____

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

Please consider adding more public parks near the Four Points area—specifically parks for soccer and baseball fields. Families in this area drive 30-60 minutes ^(in traffic) for their children to play soccer and baseball. My 10 year old daughter plays soccer for Liverpool and is able to practice in River Place but we don't have a field for games so our "home" field is in Pflugerville—40 minutes away! My 8 year old son played soccer with Lonestar after ~~that~~ phasing out of Neighborhood Sports and we drove 45

minutes in traffic to get ~~to~~ him to his soccer practice. ~~to~~ Three of my four children have played softball/baseball and the closest fields are at NWLL which is located at Gullett Elementary near Mopac & 2222. We would allow 30-40 minutes to get there in traffic. Many families in River Place won't even have their children try softball or baseball because it's too far to drive. There is a great need for soccer and baseball fields, near the Four Points area. lacrosse too!

Thank you,
Christy Mattos

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: June 27, 2017

Name: KEITH BRISCOE

Address: [REDACTED]

City, Zip: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project Name: _____

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. **Thank you for input.**

Comments:

I am not seeing any Park or Sport Complex projects in the 4 Points, Steiner, or Lakeway areas. Am I mis-reading the current proposed list?

If not, I know there is a high level of demand in/around these areas; essentially, somewhere between Cedar Park and Bee Cave.

Ideally, this area would benefit from a sports complex to host youth (and adult) baseball/softball, soccer & lacrosse training, leagues and recreation.

Is it safe to assume that the Bee Creek Sports Complex project has been most significantly driven by Westlake homeowners?

- I don't know that this area would be considered easily & quickly accessible by homeowners West of 360...

more than before the multifamily development ~~is~~ was built.

I am concerned that if a new bridge is built, that Travis Co. will abandon the existing bridge &

increased flooding will occur in the neighborhood.

Again, I ~~would like~~ ^{would like} to see a plan that will offer a safe bridge, while keeping the inundation of floodwaters to a minimum, as well as a plan to handle future floodwaters & minimize future erosion caused by heavy rains & the recent development at the front of Steiner Ranch.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/27/17

Name: WILLIAM FARRELL

Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project Name: COMMUNITY PARKS

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. **Thank you for input.**

Comments:

WE DESPERATELY NEED SOME PARKS / FIELDS SOMEWHERE
IN THE FORN POINTS AREA. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE AREN'T
ANY BASEBALL FIELDS ANY WHERE NEAR THE AREA. HAVE TO
GO TO BEE CAVE OR CEDAR PARK TO PLAY. ADDITIONALLY,
THE PARKS THAT ARE IN STEINER ARE OVERBURDENED ALREADY
AND DIFFICULT TO GET ON. THERE ARE SEVERAL PLOTS THAT
ARE AVAILABLE THAT ARE ~~NOT~~ NOT CONDUCIVE TO
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: June 30, 2017
Name: Hilary & Craig Files + Kathryn (11)
Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: Austin
Email: _____

Project Name: Bee Creek Sports Facility

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. **Thank you for input.**

Comments:

Please prioritize the youth sports complex on Bee Creek. Our children play soccer on dusty, overcrowded fields. We believe that a new field complex ~~is~~ is important to serve children in western Travis County.

WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Travis County 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Date: 6/29/2017
Name: Lona Chastain
Address: [REDACTED] City, Zip: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Project Name: Bond Proposal LTYA

Please use the back of this form if necessary; also a reminder that written testimony can be submitted via email at CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. *Thank you for input.*

Comments:

I am for the proposal to have
a bond to serve the Lakeway, Travis Co.
Dripping Springs, Bee Caves + Surrounding areas.

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WRITTEN PROJECT COMMENT FORM

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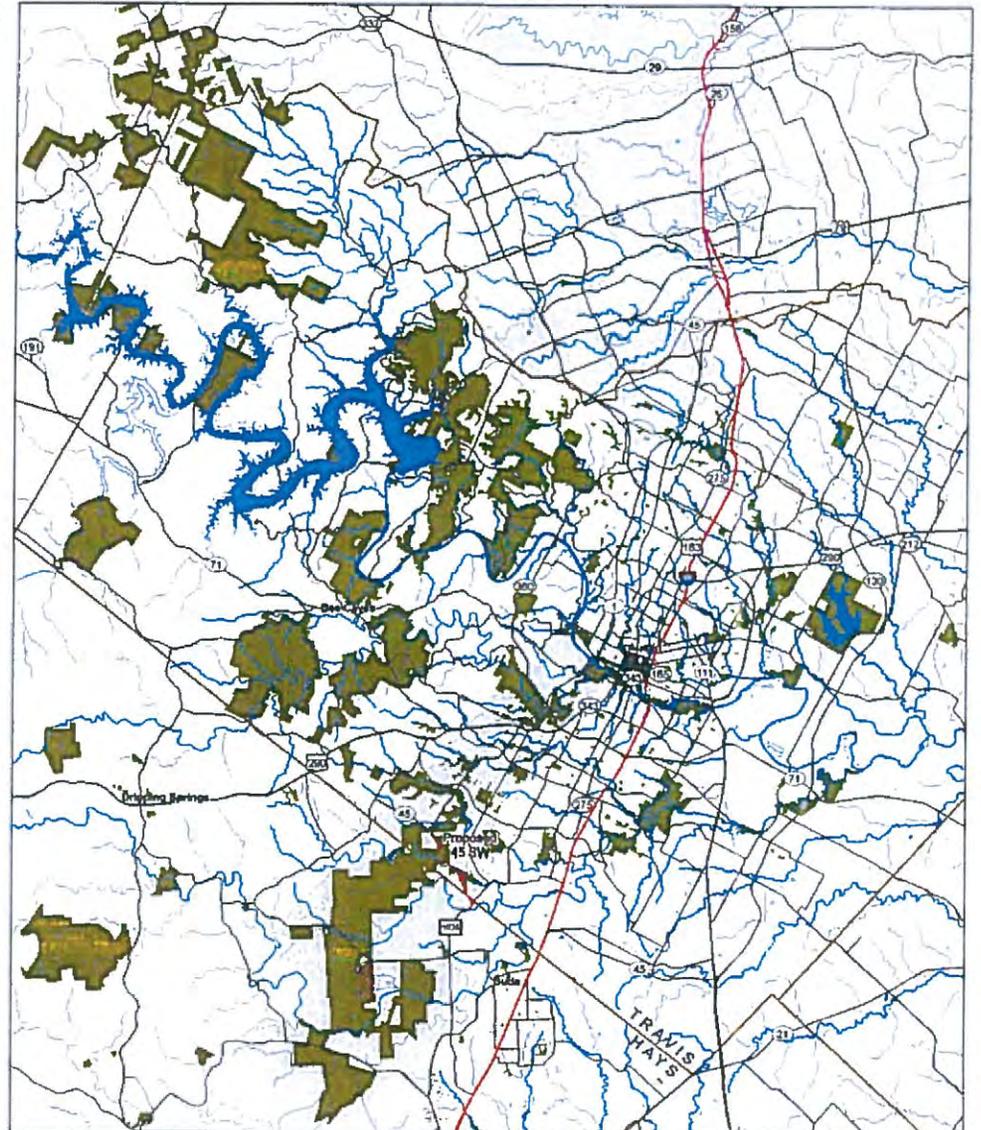
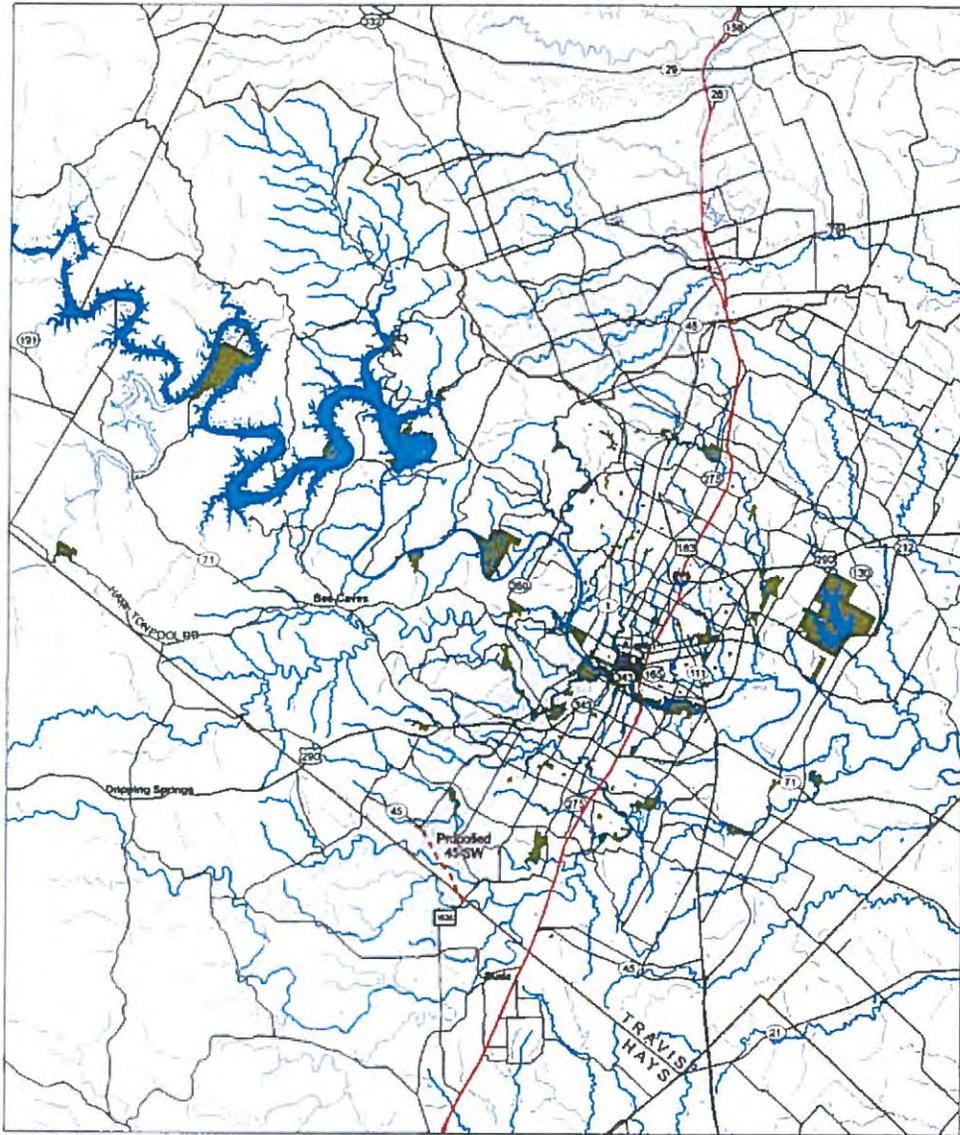
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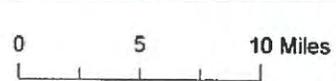
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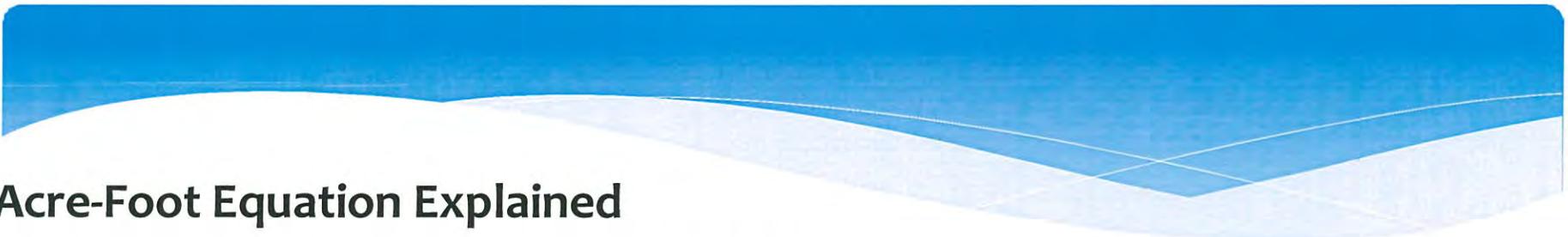
Project Title	County/ Region	Acreage	Average County Annual Rainfall (inches) ^A	Poten;al Captured Acre-Feet ^B	Price/ ^C	Cost of Poten;ally Captured Water ^D
Puryear Ranch	Travis	425	31.80	1,126	\$2,722	\$3,064,972

^A= average of TWDB's 75-year quadrant precipitation data

^B= 100% infiltration rate = (((acreage*average annual rainfall)*27,154 [gallons/1inch of rain over acre]) / (325,851 [gallons/acre-foot of water]))

^C= TWDB State water plan: total costs for water management strategies for given county or region / total projected yield for those strategies [acre-foot]

^D= b x c



Acre-Foot Equation Explained

425 acres X 31.80 inches = 13,515 acre-inches

13,515 acre-inches x 27,154 = 366,986,310 gallons

366,986,310 gallons / 325,851 = **1,126 acre-feet**

Replacement Cost of Water Equation Explained

Travis County 2017 State Water Plan Data

\$4,058,866,614 / 1,490,725 acre-feet = **\$2,722/acre-foot**

The State Water Plan identifies a 1.5 million acre-foot need at a cost of over \$4B



Summary

- Travis County serves as a model and is a leader in dedicating funding for land conservation. This helps the county leverage federal and state resources.
- It is important to account for water's monetary value on conserved lands. How to do that is challenging, but the example should help start the conversation.
- By permanently protecting land, Travis county can also protect the water resources that originate on the property in the form of runoff, groundwater recharge and sustained creek flow.



GUIDE

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A GUIDE FOR TEXAS LANDOWNERS



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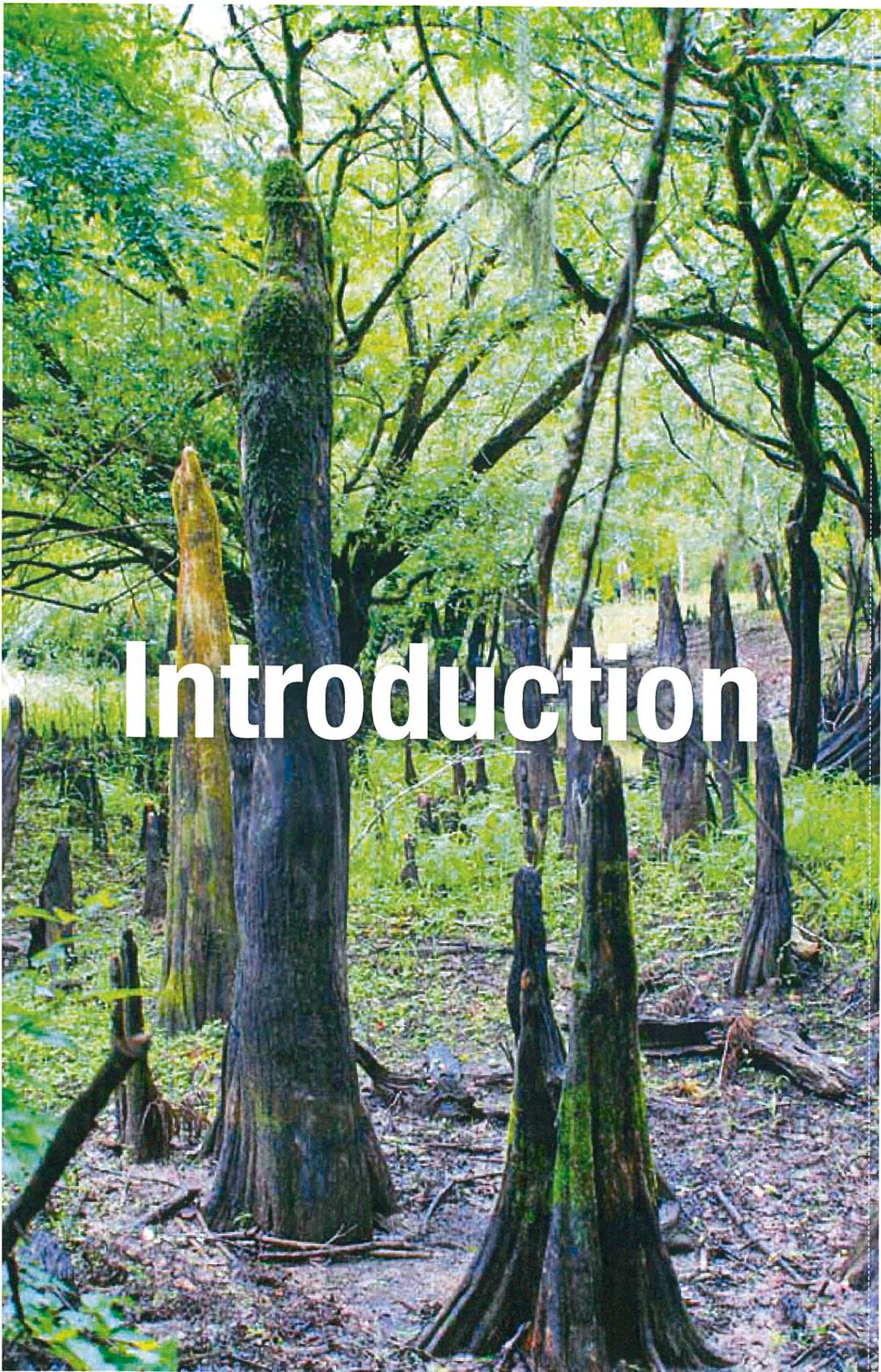
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Introduction

BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE AND UNIQUE GEOGRAPHY, TEXAS ENJOYS A RICH AND DIVERSE NATURAL HERITAGE.

From the mountains in the west, to the bottomlands and bayous in the east, from the high plains in the north, to the brush country down south, Texas private landowners manage more than 90 percent of the state's land. But the Texas landscape is changing. Today, over 85 percent of all Texans live in urban areas, and as Texas cities grow, they are steadily displacing natural habitats and scenic open spaces.

The Texas countryside is changing too. One of the most significant factors affecting Texas' landscape is the continued breakup (or fragmentation) of family-owned property. Family-owned farms, ranches and recreational lands are affected by changing economics and the increasing tax burden of owning property. Passing on a family farm or ranch to the next generation is a time-honored tradition in Texas. However, estate taxes, which can be a significant percentage of an estate's total value, may force heirs to sell all or part of a family property.

For many Texas landowners, their property is more than a financial asset; it is part of their family history, their community, and their state's natural and cultural heritage.

This guidebook is intended to help Texas landowners understand one of the most flexible and effective mechanisms available to conserve

and protect private property – the conservation easement. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that ensures a property will be maintained according to the landowner's wishes for years into the future. Some conservation easements may also qualify the landowner for numerous tax benefits.

Every conservation easement document is individually crafted and reflects the special qualities of the land protected, as well as the needs and desires of the landowner. Conservation easements can assist landowners who wish to permanently protect their farm or ranch land, wildlife habitat, open spaces, water resources, scenic views, historic buildings, or archaeological sites. Each conservation easement document can be tailored to meet a landowner's specific needs, whether he or she owns 10,000 acres in West Texas or 100 acres in the Texas Hill Country.

This guidebook also profiles ten landowners, each of whom has used a conservation easement to protect some portion of their land. These profiles illustrate how conservation easements can help people to conserve their privately held lands and waters for agricultural production, wildlife habitat protection, open space and water quality protection...for the benefit of future generations.

Part One: WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

A **conservation easement** is a written agreement between a property owner and the “holder” of the conservation easement under which a landowner **voluntarily** restricts certain uses of the property to protect its natural, productive or cultural features. The holder of the conservation easement must be a governmental entity or a qualified conservation organization (land trust). With a conservation easement, the landowner retains legal title to the property and determines the types of land uses to continue and those to restrict. As part of the arrangement, the landowner grants the holder of the conservation easement the right to periodically assess the condition of the property to ensure that it is maintained according to the terms of the legal agreement.

Many rights come with owning property, including the rights to manage resources, change use, subdivide or develop. With a conservation easement, a landowner limits one or more of these rights. For example, a landowner donating a conservation easement could choose to limit the right to develop or subdivide a property, but keep the rights to build a house in a certain location, raise cattle or grow crops. The landowner may continue his or her current use of the property, as long as the conservation values set forth in the easement remain protected.

Texas’ landscape and its people are incredibly diverse. Because every landowner and every property is unique, each conservation easement agreement is designed to meet specific, individual needs.

Why Use a Conservation Easement?

Landowners interested in conservation generally have the desire to protect the natural or productive qualities of their land. The landowner may be interested in conserving special features such as fertile soil, mature trees, wildlife habitat or a piece of history – even after his or her ownership comes to an end.

Along with conservation, landowners may also be concerned about maintaining their property’s economic use and productivity. The economics associated with land ownership are complex, and Texas landowners must also contend with the increasing tax burden associated with property ownership. Estate taxes, property taxes, and the financial incentive to sell or develop are all economic factors that affect land use decisions.

Conservation easements enable landowners to conserve their land for their children and future generations, while maintaining private ownership and the historic use of their property. In Texas, conservation easements are generally donated to nonprofit conservation organizations, commonly known as **land trusts**. The donation of a conservation easement can potentially have significant tax benefits, which are discussed later in this guidebook.

Conservation easements are recognized for legal and tax purposes by the State of Texas (Chapter 183, Texas Natural Resources Code) and the Internal Revenue Service (Internal Revenue Code, Section 170(h)). This guidebook will seek to answer general questions that a landowner might have about conservation easements. However, before completing a conservation easement agreement, landowners should consult with their legal and tax advisors.

Part Two: FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Placing a qualified conservation easement on land may provide the landowner with federal income and estate tax benefits and possibly state property tax benefits. Conservation easements are not suited for every situation; it is important that landowners consult legal and tax professionals for more specific information.

A conservation easement donation can qualify as a charitable contribution under IRS regulations if:

- A. it is granted in perpetuity;
- B. it is granted to a qualified organization, either:
 1. a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization (i.e., a land trust) with a conservation purpose and the means to enforce the conservation easement, or
 2. a local, state or federal governmental entity empowered to hold real property interests;
- C. it achieves at least one of the following conservation purposes:
 1. preserves land for public outdoor recreation or education,
 2. protects relatively natural habitats of fish, wildlife or plants,
 3. preserves open space, either for scenic enjoyment or in keeping with a clearly delineated public policy (such as a local open space plan), or
 4. preserves historically important land or certified historic structures.

For a conservation easement donation to qualify for a federal income tax deduction, the following items need to be provided:

- the conservation easement document, which must include a legally sufficient description of the land;
- a baseline inventory (including photographs) of the property's condition at the time of donation listing man-made structures, water resources, agricultural and ecological features; and other conservation values;
- a qualified appraisal of the conservation easement prepared by an independent real estate appraiser working for the landowner, completed no more than 60 days prior to the donation and no later than the time the tax return claiming the deduction is filed;
- a subordination agreement, which subordinates any mortgage and all other liens on the property to the terms of the conservation easement;
- a mineral remoteness report (if ownership of the surface and minerals are severed and the mineral owners do not waive their surface rights);
- IRS Form 8283 (an attachment to the federal income tax return of anyone claiming charitable contributions of more than \$5,000); and
- contemporaneous, written letter of substantiation from the easement holder documenting receipt of the conservation easement as a charitable gift.

Federal Income Tax Deduction

The federal income tax benefits of donating a conservation easement are similar to those of making other types of charitable contributions. A landowner may be able to deduct up to the full value of the conservation easement from his or her federal income taxes.

Tax laws require that the value of the conservation easement be determined by a qualified real-estate appraiser. The monetary value of the conservation easement is, generally speaking, the difference between the value of the property with the restrictions of a conservation easement in place and the same property's value without these restrictions. Oftentimes, the value of a conservation easement donation is greatest in areas where development pressure is most intense and lower in more remote areas. Likewise, a conservation easement that prohibits development to a greater extent will have a higher value than an easement that contains only minimal restrictions.

For example, a tract of land may be worth \$500,000 as a site for potential residential development, but only worth \$200,000 as open space or recreational property. If a landowner donated a conservation easement to a land trust that prohibited new construction or further subdivision on his property and restricted its use to open space, the value of the conservation easement and charitable contribution would be \$300,000. The landowner may then be eligible for up to \$300,000 in federal income tax deductions.

If the conservation easement meets IRS criteria, the landowner may deduct the full value of the conservation easement donation from his or her adjusted gross income (AGI), up to 30 percent of the landowner's income for the year of the gift. If the donation exceeds this amount in the year of the donation, the excess balance of the donation may be deducted for up to five (5) succeeding years, subject to the same 30 percent limitation. Federal regulations determining the extent (length of years, amount of Adjusted Gross Income) to which the landowner may deduct the conservation easement donation have been temporarily enhanced in recent years. In 2006, Congress enacted an enhanced conservation easement tax incentive that expanded both the percentage of AGI deduction allowed, as well as the number of succeeding years in which the deduction can be claimed. Land conservation advocates continue to work to make the enhanced conservation easement incentives permanent. Please consult your tax and legal advisors for the most up to date conservation easement tax provisions and the status of current regulations regarding deductibility.

Should the value of the charitable donation exceed a landowner's ability to use the income tax deduction over the allowable period, the landowner may consider donating the conservation easement in phases over different portions of the property. So, once the value of the first phase has been deducted over the allowable period, a second phase can then be donated with a separate deductibility period. However, such phasing can reduce the overall value of the conservation easement and, as with all conservation easement transactions, tax and legal advisers should be consulted.

Subject to certain limitations, some of the expenses incurred by a landowner in the donation process, including the cost for appraisals, surveys, tax advice, legal review and title insurance, may also be tax deductible.

Estate Taxes

Conservation easements can provide some estate tax relief to landowners and their heirs. First, the donation of an easement can provide for a significant reduction in the taxable value of the estate, thus reducing taxes owed. To calculate the value of inherited property for estate taxes purposes, federal law requires that the value of the land be based on that property's "highest and best use," instead of actual use.

For example, a landowner owns a small family ranch near a growing city that might be more valuable as a residential development. When the landowner dies, taxes on the property will be based on the land's value as several potential home sites, even if the heirs do not intend to develop.

A conservation easement can place restrictions on the use of a property that limit its "highest and best use." When the property's "highest and best use" is restricted, its value and estate taxes are reduced accordingly. If the landowner in the example above donates a conservation easement on the family ranch that prohibits the construction of new homes, estate taxes on her land would be based on the land's value as a ranch, rather than as a potential residential development. As noted earlier, there are limits on the income tax deduction for a conservation easement donation, but there are no such limits for estate tax purposes, so the savings can be substantial.

To realize estate tax benefits, landowners should donate the conservation easement during their lifetime, or in a legal will, or they should specify in their will that their heirs or estate executors have the power to donate a conservation easement after their death. Under federal law, in certain circumstances, executors or heirs can donate a conservation easement within a period after a landowner's death and qualify for land value reduction. A landowner intending to convey a conservation easement through their will should contact the potential easement holder (land trust or other qualified entity) to ensure that the organization will accept the donation.

In another example, a widowed landowner purchased a property 30 years ago that has appreciated significantly. The property, which is located near a growing suburban community, has a current fair market value of \$1,200,000. The landowner donates a conservation easement to a local land trust that reduces the property's value to \$700,000. Assuming the landowner has \$3,500,000 in taxable assets in addition to the property and that no prior taxable gifts have been made, the effect of the conservation easement on estate taxes for heirs would be as follows.

	Without Conservation Easement Donation	With Conservation Easement Donation
Value of the Land	\$1,200,000	\$700,000
Other Valuable Assets	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Total Taxable Estate	\$4,700,000	\$4,200,000

Second, a conservation easement may also qualify an estate for an additional exclusion of land value up to the lesser of 40% of the remaining value of the land or \$500,000, as outlined in section 2031(c) of the tax code. This exclusion provides further estate tax incentives for properties subject to a donated conservation easement in addition to the reduction in land value attributable to the easement itself.

In the previous example, and with the Additional Exclusion:

Exclude 40% of Conservation Easement Land Value	\$700,000	(\$280,000)
New Total Taxable Estate		\$3,920,000

Local Property Taxes

Conservation easements may also reduce property taxes. However, property taxes on agricultural land in Texas are often already reduced based on a property's productivity rather than fair market value. Conservation easements on land not classified as agricultural may reduce property taxes to the extent the value of the land being taxed is reduced. It is important to remember that property taxes are determined by the county tax appraiser and, therefore, differ from county to county.

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has advised Texas county appraisal districts to be prepared to answer landowners' questions about the effect of conservation easements on agricultural-use status and taxable value.

Part Three: QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Does every conservation easement qualify for an income tax deduction?

No. To qualify as a charitable contribution, conservation easement donations must:

- be perpetual, meaning continuing forever;
- be donated to a qualified organization (a land trust or governmental entity); and
- be donated exclusively for recognized “conservation purposes,” as set out in the Internal Revenue Code.

Does every conservation easement have to be perpetual?

For the donation to qualify for income and estate tax benefits, the conservation easement must be perpetual and apply to all future landowners. Some organizations, however, may be willing to purchase or otherwise accept conservation easements or deed restrictions that are designed for a set period of years. Some programs may pay landowners for limited-term conservation easements on lands that provide significant habitat for birds and other wildlife, or maintain lands in a desired type of vegetation. However, these limited term conservation easements do not qualify for federal tax benefits.

Can conservation easements be purchased?

Yes, conservation easements can be purchased, though this is less often the case in Texas. Purchased conservation easements are sometimes referred to as “PDRs,” which stands for “purchase of development rights.” If some type of funding is available to purchase an easement, often the amount available is less than the full value of the conservation easement. In such cases, the transaction may qualify as a “bargain sale” transaction that can also result in a tax benefit to the landowner. The amount of the benefit (tax deduction) generally will be the value of the conservation easement less the amount paid. How conservation easements are typically valued is discussed earlier in this guidebook.



In 2005, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Farm & Ranch Lands Conservation Program. This program is intended to facilitate the purchase of development rights (as funds are available) for eligible properties. Interested landowners can contact the Texas Land Trust Council regarding program developments and funding status. Moreover, some Texas cities have approved and issued local bonds to provide funding to purchase conservation easements on private land for a variety of conservation purposes. Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has agricultural conservation easement programs through which the agency provides some portion of funding to local governments and land trusts to secure conservation easements on farms, ranches and other important agricultural lands.

What are the “conservation purposes” recognized by the Internal Revenue Code?

The Internal Revenue Service Code Section 170(h) requires that conservation easement donations meet one or more of the following conservation purposes:

- preserves land for public outdoor recreation or education;
- protects relatively natural habitats of fish, wildlife or plants or similar ecosystems;
- preserves open space – including farms, ranches, pasture land or forests – either for public scenic enjoyment or in keeping with a clearly delineated federal, state, or local governmental policy; or
- preserves historically important land or certified historic structures.

Each conservation easement must meet at least one, but not all, of these recognized purposes. The conservation purpose of most conservation easement donations in Texas is derived from the protection of open space or wildlife habitat.

Can a conservation easement protecting open space in a real estate development qualify for an income tax deduction?

No tax deduction will be allowed if the donation is made under compulsion (e.g. required mitigation for a legal violation, or required under local development regulations).

In some cases, the donation of a conservation easement as part of a development can make economic sense for a developer who is motivated by conservation objectives. The developer is encouraged to begin conservation planning as early in the development process as possible in order to preserve the voluntary or charitable aspects of donating a conservation easement and the resulting charitable tax deductions. If a donation of a conservation easement is made in exchange for a benefit that the landowner receives, the amount of the charitable donation (and resulting tax benefit) will be reduced by the value of the benefit—or may be negated entirely—depending on the nature of the benefit (e.g. required mitigation to receive a permit or other entitlement). Also, charitable income tax deductions for real estate developers are generally limited to the tax basis of the property.

Does a conservation easement grant public access to my property?

No. Landowners retain control of access to their property. They may choose to allow some level of access in their conservation easement agreement, but are not required to do so.

Can I still sell my property?

Yes. Property with a conservation easement can be bought, sold and inherited. However, the conservation easement is tied to the land and binds all present and future owners to its terms and restrictions.

What will a conservation easement mean for my children?

A conservation easement may reduce estate taxes paid by heirs. Future landowners, including family members, must abide by the terms of the conservation easement agreement and will continue the relationship with the organization that “holds” the

conservation easement. Families should consider the trade-off between immediate tax benefits resulting from reduced property value and permanent restrictions on land use. Professional assistance from an experienced attorney and tax advisor is recommended for families considering placing a conservation easement on their land.

What if the property is owned by more than one person?

All owners of a property must agree to the terms of the conservation easement before it can be legally granted.

Can I still build on my property?

Yes. In most cases, the landowner may retain specified development rights in a conservation easement agreement. The areas reserved for development are generally limited in scope, in order to adequately preserve the conservation values set forth in the easement. For example, a conservation easement protecting a farm or ranch may allow some construction, including residences and other structures compatible with agricultural operations. A conservation easement can also specify the location, size and type of one or more residences, barns or other development on a property.

What if my property is mortgaged?

If land is encumbered by a deed of trust, mortgage or other lien, the lien must be subordinated to the terms of the conservation easement in order for the donation of the conservation easement to qualify for federal tax benefit. Under a subordination agreement, the lienholder agrees to follow the terms of the conservation easement in the event of foreclosure.

What if I don't own the mineral rights to my property?

This is a complicated issue that should be discussed with professional advisors. However, a landowner who does not own the mineral rights to his or her property may qualify for income or estate tax benefits if:

- owners of the mineral rights waive their right to utilize the surface of the land to develop the minerals; or
- the owner proves that the probability of surface mining occurring on the property is “so remote as to be negligible.” Such proof may require a report from a qualified geologist based on an evaluation of the potential for mineral development on the land.

Where are conservation easements recorded?

Like a deed or other types of easements, conservation easement documents are recorded with other land records in the county in which the property exists.

Can conservation easements be changed or revoked?

Because conservation easements qualifying for federal tax benefits are required to be permanent, landowners should assume that it will not be possible to terminate a conservation easement. Perpetual conservation easements are more than just private

contracts between the owner of the land and the holder of the easement, and modifying them is not done lightly. Easement terminations would require court approval, where the judge will weigh the conservation intent of the easement grantor and the interests of the public. It may be possible to amend a conservation easement if certain criteria are met, among them the following:

- both the conservation easement holder and the landowner agree to the terms of the change; and
- the IRS recognized “conservation purposes” of the conservation easement are not affected.
- the amendment has a net positive or neutral impact on the conservation values protected by the easement, and
- neither the landowner nor any other person receives a financial benefit from the amendment.

In addition, many states require review and approval by the attorney general in order to amend a conservation easement.

When a federal tax deduction has been received by a landowner, special care should be taken in amending the conservation easement to ensure that the value of the conservation easement is not reduced. Otherwise, the amount of the landowner’s tax deduction could be affected, requiring the filing of an amended tax return and the payment of additional taxes.

Can a conservation easement be donated by will?

Yes. The landowner must contact the intended conservation easement holder before conveying the conservation easement by will to ensure that the organization will accept the donation. If the conservation easement qualifies under federal tax law, its value is subtracted from the landowner’s taxable estate, thereby reducing estate taxes for the heirs. Also under federal law, the executor or heirs of an estate can donate a qualified conservation easement after the death of the landowner, even if the landowner’s will does not include the donation of a conservation easement. A landowner who might want their executor or heirs to be able to make this donation can easily clarify the intent on this matter by stating in their will that the executor and heirs have this power.

How is a conservation easement enforced?

The land trust or conservation organization that holds the conservation easement bears the responsibility of enforcing its terms. Typically, this means that the conservation easement holder will schedule a property visit with the landowner at least once a year to document any development or changed uses. Unless the landowner and conservation easement holder specifically agree to give enforcement rights to a third party, no outside group can enforce the terms of a conservation easement (other than possibly the Attorney General).

Is a conservation easement appropriate for every landowner?

Conservation easements are uniquely tailored for each property. They are further designed to meet the site-specific needs of the individual landowner and conservation easement holder. They may not, however, be appropriate for every situation. Landowners considering a conservation easement should consult with family members, professional tax and legal advisors, and a representative of the prospective conservation easement holder (land trust) to determine whether this tool will help accomplish one’s long-term conservation and economic goals.

Part Four: EASEMENT PROFILES

The ten landowners profiled in the following pages have used conservation easements to accomplish their land use objectives and conservation goals for the future. The properties described in these profiles vary from a 71 acre county nature preserve to a 6,200-acre ranch along the San Antonio River in South Texas. Each landowner and their situation is unique, as is the land trust easement holder that they worked with. The profiles are intended to provide examples and insight for those considering placing an easement on their own land.

Any tax benefit associated with the use of a conservation easement is unique to the terms of the agreement and the landowner's tax situation. Landowners should discuss the benefits of conservation easements with professionals to determine their impact on specific tax situations.



SHIELD RANCH



When Fred and Vera Shield began buying land along Barton Creek in 1938, they had no idea that their 6,700 acres would become a prized conservation project within 50 years. The San Antonio couple was looking for a place to run livestock and create a peaceful family retreat. With six miles of Barton Creek, spectacular views and several historic pioneer structures on the property, Shield Ranch was a slice of heaven.

“The bottom line is that we love the ranch, and really didn’t want to see it developed in a traditional way, ever.

We knew the ranch was special to us, but we also started to realize how important the ranch was ecologically.”

The Shields cleared pastures, drilled wells and built fences to establish their modest livestock operation, but otherwise minimized their impact on the land. They began managing cedar, eventually allowing a mature plant community of oak, hackberry and cedar elm groves began to thrive. A low-impact grazing regimen preserved the ranch’s high quality native grasslands. Family members enjoyed hunting, fishing and exploring their rural ranch.

But as time went by, development started to creep toward the Shield Ranch. “I remember even when I was in high school, we could see the development coming out our way,” says Bob Ayres, Fred Shield’s grandson who now owns and operates the property with his mother Patricia Shield Ayres, father Robert M. Ayres and his sister Vera Ayres Bowen. “We’ve been watching Austin’s development move toward us since the 1970s.”

Sprawling development in the Barton Creek watershed prompted the Ayres family to start planning for the future in 1987. “The first thing we came to as a family is that we wanted to protect the features of the ranch that we valued, but also protect the land value as an economic asset,” Ayres said. “The question was – how can we do both?”

Over the next 10 years, the Ayres met with land planning consultants, financial advisers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Nature Conservancy. They commissioned a study of the entire ranch, catalogued all of its natural and manmade features, and continued to manage the livestock and wildlife habitat according to their strong conservation ethic.

In researching the family's options, Ayres learned about conservation easements, and started talking to advisers about how conservation easements might work for their ranch. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was very interested in a donated conservation easement on the property because it is directly upstream from its Barton Creek Habitat Preserve. As the largest private property in western Travis County – and only 20 miles from downtown Austin, the ranch had excellent wildlife habitat and open space. Also, the development of the Shield Ranch would have negatively impacted a TNC property downstream, as well as Barton Creek all the way to Barton Springs.

The City of Austin was also interested in protecting water quality in Barton Creek. When city voters passed a bond initiative in 1998 to raise money for conservation easements in the watershed, the Ayres realized that the time was right. "We knew the ranch was special to us, but we also started to realize how important the ranch was ecologically," Ayres said. "It is in the exact center of the Barton Creek watershed, and has a great contribution to water quality in Barton Springs."

The Ayres family negotiated a conservation easement purchase with the City of Austin on 1,600+ acres, donated a conservation easement to the Nature Conservancy on 4,700+ acres, and retained 300 acres along highway frontage for potential future development. By being able to

sell the smaller conservation easement to the city, the family realized part of the development value of land, but without the development. Their other financial goal, reducing estate taxes for their heirs, was accomplished through the lowered fair market value of the property subject to a conservation easement. In addition, the donation to the Nature Conservancy qualified as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

The family retained rights to continue operating the ranch as they had been: running cattle, operating deer leases, and using it for family recreation. They also retained limited development rights for family members to build home sites, establish a youth camp and possibly even a non-profit retreat center. Each of these development possibilities was clearly spelled out in the conservation easement, along with a map of both the development areas and the no-development zones. Both the City of Austin and the Nature Conservancy required that any development conform to impervious cover restrictions and creek setbacks, to protect water quality.

The Ayres family is pleased with the arrangement of the two conservation easements. "We all feel very excited, both to have it done and how it worked out," Ayres said. Placing an easement on their ranch was not an easy decision for the family to reach and required a lot of soul searching and communication about the family's long-term desires for the ranch. "The bottom line is that we love the ranch, and really didn't want to see it developed in a traditional way, ever. We extinguished the possibility of any master-planned community, residential subdivisions or retail development."

ALBERT & WILDA PECORE FARM



In 1955, native Houstonian Albert Pecore was only 30 years old, fresh out of the University of Texas architecture program, and just beginning a lifetime career in both commercial and residential architecture.

But Bert had grown up sailing in Galveston, hunting in Rockport and fishing the streams and waterways of the Gulf Coast. He longed for a piece of the country to call his own. His dad and friends thought he was nuts: the city was the place to be. One college friend told him that a fellow who owed him some money had tried to sell him a farm hoping to get the commission to repay the debt. It turned out to be a bleak, forlorn looking place. Bert remembers, “There was little grass and two midsize hackberry trees near the house. There were two acres of broken down pens and out buildings, a small barn and an abandoned house built in 1857. But I spotted two very old live oak trees as I

walked around the farm. I knew they were significant and today they measure 15’ in circumference. “

The Texas Veteran’s Land Board was in turmoil at the time, but after a year finally processed his loan. In 1955, Bert became the proud owner of 85 acres in Fayette County, Texas. That same year, green hay stored in the barn combusted and burned down the barn. Next, the farm was expanded to 196 acres in 1961 when a neighbor sold Bert his farm. And as history sometimes has a habit of repeating itself, that year Hurricane Carla blew down the barn on that tract as well.

Haw Creek is an intermittent stream comprising one boundary of the farm, but old timers say it used to flow all the time. There were once water wells on the place, but they have all since collapsed or dried up. There was only one small tank

on the new acreage when Bert purchased it. “During the drought of the late 50s,” Bert remembers, “the tank went dry and I couldn’t find anyone to drill a well. So I hired Sears & Roebuck. The driller quit when he hit a gas pocket and never came back to finish. I had to sell my cows because there was no water. Then Sears sent me a big bill for the well.”

Now there are five surface water tanks on the place and a pipeline system for watering the livestock and house. The tank in front of the house is the most impressive. “It was muddy and chocolate brown for years. I did a lot of work and research and found out the problem was the pH levels. I fixed that and the water is now crystal clear. The pond has never dried up since it was built.”

The farm is home to about 25 head of cattle. Bert and his wife Wilda are strong advocates for the preservation of ecosystems and they maintain the health of their grasslands with deferred grazing. Their cross fences and watering facilities enable the cattle to be moved more frequently, resulting in longer periods of rest for the pastures. As you walk through the farm’s chest high grass, Bert proudly acknowledges that the area is now full of forbs and grasses. “Good soil is everything when it comes to farming. I’d like to raise the percentage of organic matter in the soil, so I keep as much vegetative cover on the place as I can.”

The farm features two pristine, never-plowed Blackland Prairie pastures that are productive in good times and bad. “In a drought, these fields keep on growing,” Bert said. The conservation easement that the Pecore’s donated to the Pines and Prairies Land Trust (PPLT) strongly protects these 17 acres of rare prairie. For the baseline documentation report, the land trust assembled a great team of botanists and biologists to inventory the remnants of the vanishing native prairie ecosystem.

Ribbons of forest meander through the farm, and the current home is surrounded on all sides by massive live oaks. It’s hard to imagine that when the house was built there, on the highest point on the land, there were no trees. Bert started the trees as acorns in coffee cans and carefully transplanted them around the yard. Now taller than the two-story house, they provide highly-coveted shade. But the land keeps offering new surprises. Bert says, “I stumbled onto a native plum orchard two years ago when clearing around big live oaks. The trees bear a sweet yellow fruit.”

In 1973, Bert designed the two-story pavilion-style home on the Pecore Farm in the fashion of historic southern Louisiana Pavilion-style homes. They fit the climate and had a lot of common sense, with large porches, breezeways and high-pitched roofs. The house was built in stages from 1974 to 1996. Bert himself did much of the work.

The Pecore’s conservation easement prohibits any subdivision of the property. They love the land too much to ever want it cut into 10-acre ranchettes that are increasingly common as the Round Top, Texas area becomes “discovered”. Their easement donation also allowed them to take advantage of the enhanced IRS income tax incentives in place at the time.

“One of the things we enjoy the most about the farm is watching our kids and grandkids here,” said Wilda. Bert agrees, “My wife and I have the vision of a family homestead that will be held in trust for future generations. In the future it will be a privilege to live in an area with such natural beauty. We want our vision to pass down through the years.”

ROBERT ‘BOB’ MOORE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

During 2007, Galveston Island was undergoing a period of unparalleled development and growth. Its sensitive west end was a primary focus for this growth. So when Jeff Blackard, the principle for a development company called Blackard Pirates LP, approached the Galveston Bay Foundation about donating an easement on some valuable coastal property, the organization jumped at the chance to discuss the benefits of a conservation easement with him.

Blackard Pirates LP has undertaken some successful housing developments on the Island, but had also gotten bogged down with some wetland permitting matters that slowed its efforts. It was left with an undeveloped island tract of approximately 32 acres. Blackard



had initially considered building a short bridge to the island and developing estate lots on the tract. But he soon realized the complexities of such an effort, as well as the value in maintaining the sensitive area in its pristine condition. Rather than moving forward with development plans, Blackard decided to donate a conservation easement on the property to the Galveston Bay Foundation and at the same time donate the fee rights to the property to a local land trust called the Cabeza de Vaca Center.

The island is particularly valuable from a conservation standpoint because there is very little undeveloped island habitat like it adjacent to Galveston Island. The island provides important natural habitat, and includes a number of important features, including coastal prairie, estuarine marsh, and a tidal sand flat complex. It also has significant value because the island is adjacent to a large scale marsh restoration project led by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The Delehide Cove Marsh Restoration and Protection Project received a National Wetland Conservation Award from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in June 2005. Over eight thousand feet of breakwater was constructed in close proximity to the island to simulate the functions of the spits and reefs that existed in the area prior to subsidence. The marsh restoration utilized a hydraulic dredge to pump sand into marsh mounds around the island. The constructed breakwater protected those restored marsh mounds, as well as over 200 acres of existing salt marsh and estuarine habitat including the island itself.

The conservation easement now in place ensures that this island, known as the “Robert ‘Bob’ Moore Wildlife Sanctuary,” will exist as part of this coastal preservation complex and remain undeveloped in perpetuity.



THE LANTANA RIDGE RANCH



More than 6,200 acres of beautiful south Texas ranchland lying along the San Antonio River in Goliad County are conserved through a conservation easement held by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (GBR Trust). Dr. James Fuller, his wife Mary and their family own the 6,201-acre tract that features seven miles of San Antonio River frontage, diverse topography and natural habitats, including floodplain forest and upland habitats such as Tamaulipan thornscrub, woodland, savanna and grassland. The diversity is stunning here, as the ranch lies in an area of transition between the oak prairie and woodlands and south Texas brush. The ranch also supports a variety of active farming and ranching operations. With the large amount of river frontage and diverse habitats, Lantana Ridge Ranch supports a broad array of wildlife species in addition to the diverse agricultural operation.

The Fullers' goal is to pass the ranch down to their three sons who are already actively involved with the management of both the ranch and the land. "We wanted to see this beautiful property preserved for our three sons and ultimately for their families, rather than being fragmented and developed," Dr. Fuller said. "All of us love the ranch, and our sons are environmentally conscious and concerned about keeping the property intact – preserving it for future generations. This easement will help us do that," Mary Fuller explained.

The Fullers were active conservationists long before pursuing a conservation easement. When the property was initially purchased they worked hard to restore the land: initiating a range and wildlife management program, removing several abandoned structures and other debris, and applying prescribed fire to their property for range and wildlife habitat



improvement. The Fullers also participate in several USDA Farm Bill conservation programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service that helps provide food, cover and water for livestock and wildlife. They have also cooperated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on a wetland restoration project and cooperate with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to manage their land for wildlife.

Over their years of ownership and work on the ranch the Fuller family had considered a conservation easement as one way to meet their goals for the ranch. In 2009, they decided to move forward to protect their ranch and the Fullers and GBR Trust negotiated a conservation easement that met the family's needs, while contributing significantly to the mission of the Trust. The resulting conservation easement keeps the ranch intact, in perpetuity, and provides for the continuation of grazing, farming and wildlife management use as well as residential use by the family.

The Fuller's conservation impact goes far beyond their ranch boundaries, however. Working in partnership with GBR Trust and Ducks Unlimited, the financial value of the donated easement has been leveraged as matching funds for several North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals. These grants are being used to restore and enhance wetland habitats on both public and private land throughout the middle Texas Coast. Truly their donation of a conservation easement was a generous gift to both current and future generations of Texans, as well as to the wildlife that call our state home.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRESERVE

The dawn of March 2, 2002 awoke to see not only Texas Independence Day unfold, but several hours later the grand opening ceremony celebrating Texas' first-ever conservation easement in partnership with a county. About one hundred and thirty Houston-area residents braved the frigid weather to be among the first to set foot in the new 71-acre Montgomery County Preserve, protected by a conservation easement held by Bayou Land Conservancy (BLC). Snuggled in the confluence where Spring and Panther Creeks converge, the Preserve is home to numerous species of wildlife, including many birds, deer, opossum, butterflies and even rare species of violets.

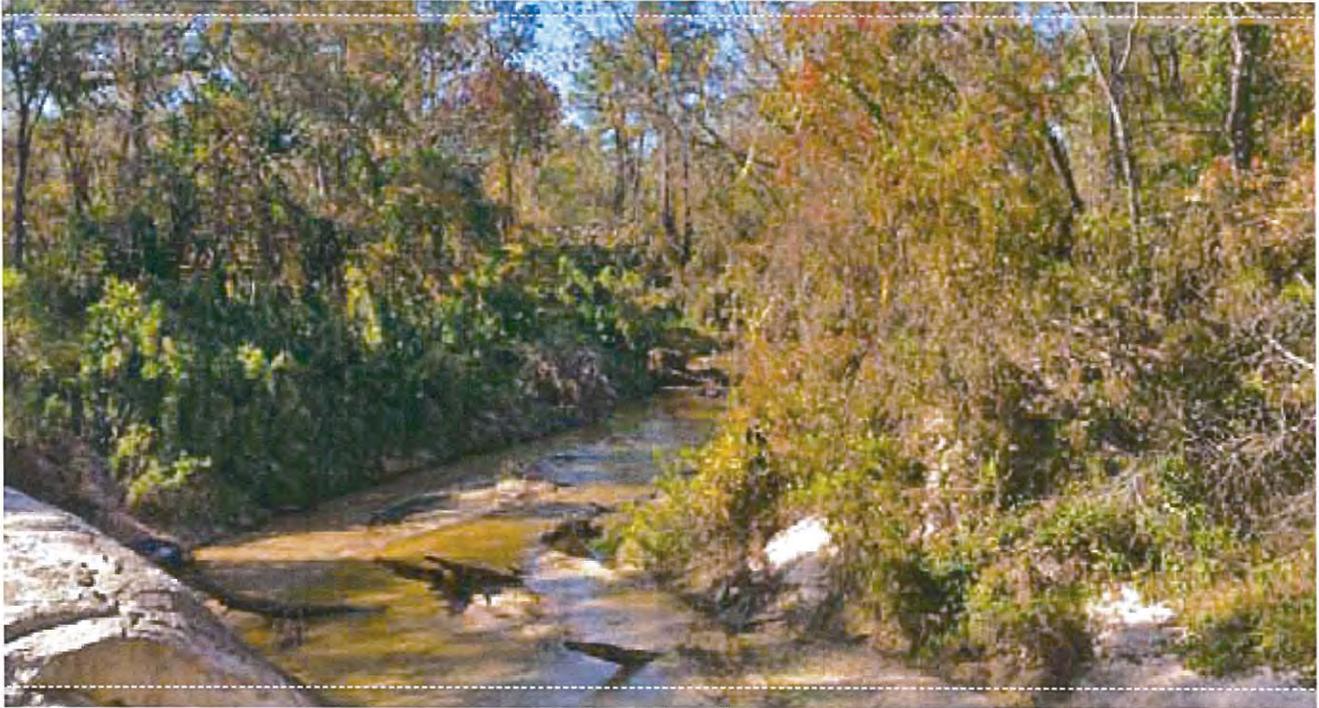
The unique thing about the vegetation in Montgomery County is that many of the plants here are actually in the westernmost portion of their native species range. There is a distinct interplay of diversity at work here. Special flowers found on the site include the rare Walter's Violet, as well as Green Dragons. The Preserve is also speckled with Sassafras trees, the very tree from which Indians and pioneers made tea long ago.

The land previously belonged to The Woodlands Development Co., who had set it aside as a flood mitigation site. In an exchange of four different properties, in January of 2002, Montgomery County became the owner of the 71-acre tract, with the intention of preserving the land for its flood protection benefits, its wildlife habitat and the opportunity to open it to area residents as a hiking trail.



Bayou Land Conservancy has hosted numerous boy scout and girl scout troops who have used the site for completion and collection of various nature badges as well as Eagle Scout Projects. And area residents are able to tour the property at any time of day, including early morning and dusk to better identify the numerous wildlife species. Area birders agree that having access to the site at all times is a rare treat, as most public parks are only open during regular daylight hours. The eco-tourism boost for the area is already evident as planned group tours include the statewide Native Plant Society as well as area hiking groups.

This project provided the land trust with the opportunity to work on a conservation easement in partnership with a Texas county, which has been an important conservation success story. The two entities worked together to set aside the land permanently, for both wildlife habitat as well as for low-impact public access. Cities, counties and other public entities have realized that conservation easements are an available—and beneficial—option for their use. In fact, in 2011 the Texas



“ Setting aside land permanently for wildlife habitat as well as for low-impact public access is critical. Having a public entity agree to do this is an important conservation step for Texas. ”

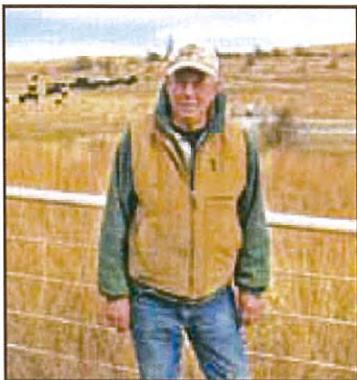
legislature officially passed legislation allowing counties to purchase conservation easements.

Public entities who agree to preserve lands with their local land trust also receive numerous benefits for their parks departments. For example, Bayou Land Conservancy provided volunteers for numerous functions at the Preserve, as well as designing and building a two-mile long hiking trail through the wooded wilderness of the Preserve. Besides assisting with maintenance of the trail, Bayou Land Conservancy has also provided naturalist guides for events. For the grand opening of the Preserve, naturalist guides led guided

hikes throughout the trail – providing birding, mushroom, native plant and animal expertise. Local natural historians shared their intimate knowledge of the interesting history of the Spring Creek area.

Bayou Land Conservancy continues to “preserve the Preserve” by performing its annual survey to ensure that the terms of the easement are being upheld, and that no degradation is taking place. The land trust works in partnership with the county to guarantee that the integrity of the land will be preserved forever, as well as continuing to provide critical volunteer help for events and maintenance of the trail.

BARNETT RANCH



Skip Barnett says that he never intended to be a poster boy for land conservation. But if protecting the ranching heritage in North Texas means becoming a public face of the conservation easement movement then Skip is happy to oblige.

Since 1888 the Barnett family has run a cattle ranching operation in Denton County between Denton and Decatur, Texas. Over the last 120 years the land surrounding the Barnett ranch has undergone a complete transformation. Where herds of cattle once roamed unfettered, cars and trucks now race across a network of roads and highways. The view from the top of the hill near the family homestead once extended to the horizon in all sides. Now it is now marred by rooftops, water towers, and drilling rigs.

The Barnett Ranch is distinctive in many ways. The property contains a 10-acre area tract of high quality native prairie and over 80% of the ranch is underlain by soils classified as prime farmland soils by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Coyote, bobcat, and fox are common on the property and Skip reports seeing a rare mountain lion on occasion. Meadowlarks make their nests beneath the native grass clumps, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers chase insects through the grasses and nest in the trees, coveys of Bobwhite Quail roam the fence lines, while Red-tailed Hawks and Turkey Vultures swirl high above in search of a meal. Look closely and you can still see broad cattle paths and wheel ruts from the Chisholm Trail standing as mute testament to the herds of cattle and wagons that crossed the property during the 19th century.

The ranching operation is unique to the area. While other operations depend on imported, non-native grasses, such as Bermuda, which often require heavy irrigation and fertilization to remain viable, the Barnett family relies on the native grasses that have sustained herd animals in Texas for thousands of years. Since these grasses are adapted to the unique climate of North Texas they do not require intensive artificial inputs to provide

healthy forage, even in the drought years so common to North Texas.

Preservation is important to the Barnett family and they have taken many steps to ensure that the ranching heritage survives for future generations of North Texans. The family homestead, built in 1914, is certified as a heritage property and the farm itself is registered as a heritage farm by the State of Texas. Skip has assembled an impressive collection of historical farming equipment in a museum setting on the ranch for visitors to enjoy. In 2006, the family placed 236 acres of native grasslands under the protection of the under the NRCS Grassland Reserve Program. Since the Barnett Ranch sits in the heart of the Barnett Shale natural gas field, some extractive development was inevitable. Since the family does not hold the mineral rights to the property Skip worked with lease holders to minimize the surface impacts of extraction and to locate well pads and pipelines in such a way as to reduce visual impacts. But the family's ultimate goal was to protect all of their land from the urban sprawl that surrounds them.

Their solution was the Connemara Conservancy, a non-profit land trust established to protect critical landscapes in North Texas. Working with Connemara, the Barnett family has placed a total of 990 acres of native grasslands, cropland and riparian corridors under two adjacent conservation easements. These easements allow the family to continue ranching operations while relinquishing rights to subdivide and develop the property. Combined with the acreage protected under the grassland reserve program, the family has ensured that over 1200 acres of prime North Texas ranch land will be preserved in perpetuity.

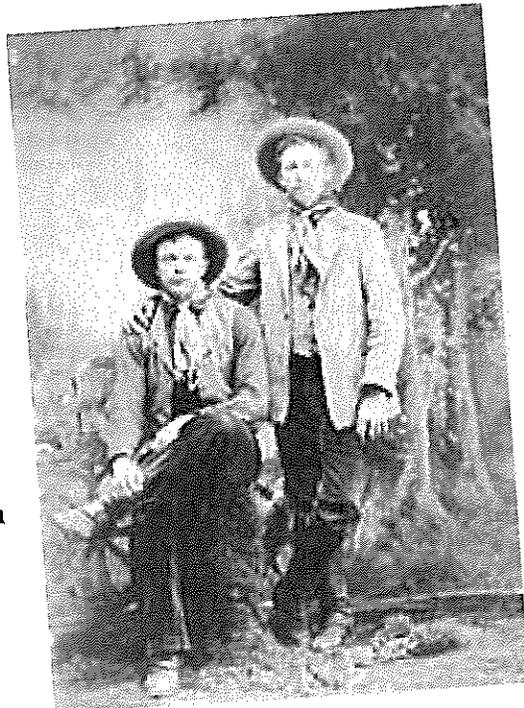
PIKE DAVIS RANCH



THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE PIKE DAVIS RANCH IS THE RESULT of many years of careful preparation and thoughtfulness by the Hicks and Green families, ancestors of the ranch's long history. The ranch is 1,415 acres of stunningly classic Hill Country landscape, located within the Llano Uplift in the Colorado River watershed. The property was once part of a much larger ranch, purchased by the Davis family in the 1850s. Over the years, pieces have been sold off, but the Hicks and the Greens wanted to ensure that the remaining 1,415 acres can never be further broken apart. This large tract of Hill Country history is now permanently protected in partnership with the Texas Land Conservancy (TLC).

Pike-Davis Ranch is significant for many reasons – its sustainable ranching operation, historic value, rich water resources, abundant native plants and habitat – but there’s a larger conservation mosaic at work here. This beautiful ranch is also adjacent to three other TLC conservation properties. Pike-Davis is a direct neighbor to the Ferguson Ranch (215 acres) and the Willow Spring Ranch (175 acres). Less than a mile up the road is White Creek Canyon Ranch (310 acres). All told, the landowners in this area have voluntarily protected 2,115 acres of vital Hill Country landscape.

The 1,415 acres of the Pike Davis Ranch are still operated as a working cattle ranch. Howard & Helen Hicks and Bettie & Terry Green, the two family partnerships that own the Pike Davis Ranch, began thinking about conserving the ranch a couple of years ago. They began to think seriously about what the future of the Pike Davis Ranch might look like for the next generation. “The thing that’s the most important to me about the ranch is the historical heritage. To drive around and say, ‘my relatives walked right here’ is like going to the Holy Land,” says Bettie. Six generations of the Davis family are connected to the ranch. And in 2011, the Hicks and Green families made a decision to conserve their ranch- forever- in partnership with the Texas Land Conservancy.



What will the next 150 years of the Pike Davis Ranch look like? “The constant has been the land,” mused Alfred Davis IV, Bettie and Howard’s cousin, during his speech at the ranch’s 150th anniversary celebration. The family was gathered at Walnut United Methodist Church, built by some of the 23 original settlers. “Bluebonnets and Indian Blankets return each spring. Roadrunners still dart across the road. The seasons evolve. The hills of the Coal Creek Serpentine geologic formation are more than one billion years old. Bats still inhabit Blowout Cave and entrance visitors. I wonder if any of our original ancestors ever thought that 150 years after their arrival, their descendants would gather in this church to remember and honor them and give thanks for their sacrifices, renew friendships, and look to future generations to preserve some of the heritage that has come to each of us?”

With caretakers like Howard, Helen, Bettie and Terry, it is easy to imagine a similar celebration taking place at the Walnut Church another 150 years from now.

YTURRIA RANCH



As a young man growing up on the Punta Del Monte Ranch, established by his great-grandfather, Dr. Frank Yturria was a first-hand witness to the clearing of native Rio Grande Valley brushlands. “I remember camps of men who cleared land by hand to make way for farms, livestock and people. My father and grandfather, who taught me the value of conservation, pointed out that after land was cleared, there were fewer dove, deer and other animals.”

Like many South Texas ranches, The Yturria Ranch, owned by Frank Mary Yturria teems with white-tailed deer, Wild Turkey, javelina, waterfowl and neo-tropical birds. The ranch is home to predators like bobcats and mountain lions. But the Yturria Ranch is different from most other area lands in two unique aspects. First, unlike most of the Valley, some parts of the ranch have never been cleared. On land he cleared, Yturria left many one to three-acre “mottes,” or hidden places, as well as several hundred contiguous acres of virgin brush. Second, Yturria’s ranch is home to more documented ocelots than any other privately owned property in the United States.

The ocelot is a small, native wild cat that lives in the thick brush in South Texas. The numbers of this beautiful and rare animal have declined to possibly no more than 50 in Texas – largely because their habitat has been cleared for agriculture and urban development. Ocelots survive in greater numbers in Mexico, Central and South America.

Seeing ocelot on his ranch had always been important to Yturria, who set out to ensure that he and his descendants would continue to have that opportunity. He entered into a cooperative research agreement with the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at

Texas A&M University in Kingsville to study the animal's behavior on his ranch. Since 1982, fourteen ocelots have been captured and fitted with radio collars on the Yturria Ranch. Still, Frank Yturria realized that providing sufficient habitat was the key to the ocelot's survival in South Texas.

The F. Yturria family, cooperating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, sold parcels of their large land holdings to help create the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge Corridor in the 1980s. Yturria's interaction with USFWS biologists during this process convinced him that he could secure the ocelot's habitat and its future on his ranch, with a conservation easement.

The decision to donate a conservation easement in 1989 to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and fence 489 acres of prime habitat on the ranch was not an easy one for Dr. Yturria. The agreement with the USFWS would mean the loss of potential ranching income and a possible depreciation in the value of the entire ranch. But Yturria also realized that tax incentives, and a natural progression from hunting to ecotourism in South Texas, could offset the income loss. With the growing interest in endangered species, birds and other wildlife, Dr. Yturria believed that ecotourism could eventually bring in more revenue than cattle ranching. "I did not expect it at the time – I was only interested in protecting the ocelot, but the property I preserved with the conservation easement, along with the entire ranch, has income potential from ecotourism."

Mr. Yturria's conservation efforts did not end with this one time donation. In 2007 and again in 2009, Frank Yturria, working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) sold in a bargain sale, a total of 1,939 acres to be set aside and restored back to ocelot habitat. The conservation easements held by both USFWS and TNC total 2,420 acres on the Yturria Ranch. Not only will it provide habitat for ocelots but for many native wildlife and vegetative communities native to South Texas. Mr. Yturria continues to be involved with many conservation efforts in South Texas, an ethic he learned long ago while working on his family's ranch.



THE FRYING PAN RANCH

Jim Bill Anderson and his wife, Deborah, have spent their adult lives putting the Anderson’s Frying Pan Ranch back together. The 5,600-acre ranch is home to the Andersons, an integrated livestock operation, and the increasingly rare lesser prairie chickens as well as a myriad of other wildlife. The family decided the ranch, located east of Canadian in the sand-sage Canadian Breaks prairie, will remain intact forever.

“As stewards, we believe that we have a responsibility to care for the land during our time and to leave it better than we found it for future generations,” Anderson said. “We have built our entire operation on the concept of sustainability—the ability to carry a practice on into the future—and a conservation easement fits into that framework. It helps us accomplish our long-term goals.”

One reason that the Andersons chose to conserve their legacy is the rapid fragmentation of agricultural land in Texas.

“Texas is losing agricultural land faster than any other state in the nation,” Anderson said. “The size of Texas disguises the urgency of the problem because it seems like we’ve got a lot of land. But if this trend continues, we could wake up one day and see that it has gone too far. What will we do then?”

Although others argued that geography would protect the Anderson’s holdings from urbanization, the family took a different view.

“Canadian is not the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, but that doesn’t mean that fragmentation won’t come,” Anderson said. “While our area probably won’t be dealing with strip malls and hotel chains, we could see the big ranches carved up into 300-acre recreational properties. It’s already happening in adjoining counties.”

To stop potential development, the Anderson family chose to enact a conservation easement.

“People enter into conservation easements for all sorts of reasons, including tax considerations and estate planning benefits, and while those were important considerations for us, the big reason we chose to do this was philosophical. In the long-term, keeping our land intact is as good for the people who live in the city as it is for us. Open space land benefits us all.”

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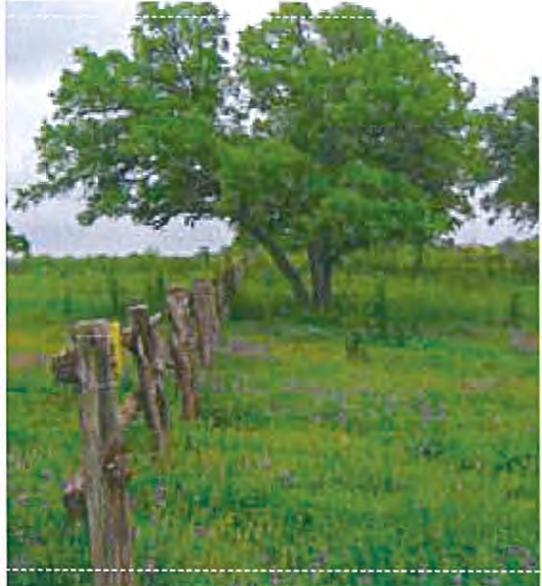
In 2010, the Dahlstrom family completed three conservation easements on their 2,254-acre ranch in Hays County. Dahlstrom Ranch lies in the Onion Creek watershed, part of the environmentally sensitive recharge zone for the Edwards Aquifer. It is located just outside of Buda, Tx, a rapidly urbanizing area close to Austin. The high rate of development makes conserving land more urgent and more expensive, creating the need for multiple funding partners to make the project happen.

With a family history dating back five generations, the Dahlstrom Ranch on Onion Creek has played a big part in Hays County's heritage. In recent years, the Dahlstroms, like many other Texas families, were concerned about whether they would have to sell some or all of their land in order to pay impending estate taxes. Mrs. Gay Ruby Dahlstrom felt strongly about preserving the family's heritage and legacy, so she hired a local law firm to help guide her through the process of creating a conservation easement to forever

conserve her land. In addition to alleviating a portion of the family's estate tax burden, the deal also provided them some financial compensation for adopting the easements, which will preserve the ranch in its natural, largely undeveloped state- forever.

The various partners worked over two years to complete this landmark conservation deal. They saw the value of preserving this working ranch, which provides the community with important benefits including protection of water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, scenic views along Onion Creek, and preservation of the Hill Country's rural heritage.

The fact that numerous partners worked together on this project was ultimately the key to its success, but it also made the process significantly more challenging. The appraised value of the conservation easements on the Dahlstrom Ranch was over \$22 million dollars. Given limited public funding for conservation, the partners each contributed in numerous ways to make the deal happen.



The Dahlstrom family led the way by donating \$12 million of the value of their property. They wanted their entire property to be under easement, including a working quarry, which was a type of land use that had never been paired with a conservation easement before. The family also wanted to allow public access on a portion of their property, which is unusual in conservation easements on private land.

Hays County contributed \$4.9 million to help protect the land and for the option to lease 384 acres for public access and recreation. The county also serves as a co-holder of the easement. The City of Austin, with a keen interest in water quality protection in the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer region, contributed \$1 million toward the easement purchase, as well as staff expertise and time. The City is also a co-holder of the easement.

The federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)'s Farm & Ranchland Protection Program contributed \$4 million toward the purchase price

to achieve one of their primary grant program objectives, protecting land of archeological significance. The ranch has a listed State Archeological Landmark with artifacts from people who lived in the area 3,000 to 5,000 years ago. The Hill Country Conservancy (HCC) contributed significant staff time and legal expense to negotiate the conservation easements, and is the primary holder of all three easements. HCC is responsible for thorough documentation of the property and for monitoring and enforcing the terms of the easements, in perpetuity.

The Dahlstrom Ranch conservation easement is a successful example of how significant conservation can be accomplished with many partners, to achieve multiple goals. The ultimate solution, hammered out over many months, created three separate conservation easements that protected 2,254 acres of open space and aquifer recharge area, provided 384 acres for public access and recreation, and achieved the goals of the Dahlstrom family.

Part Five: LAND TRUSTS

To qualify for tax benefits, conservation easements must be granted to either a governmental entity empowered to hold real property interests or a charitable organization created for one or more conservation purposes, commonly called a land trust. Today there are dozens of land trusts working throughout the state to conserve the best of Texas' precious lands and waters. To date, these land trusts have conserved over 1.5 million acres.

What is a land trust?

A land trust is a nonprofit conservation organization involved in protecting land for its natural, recreational, productive, scenic, historical, or open space value. These trusts actively work to conserve land through fee-simple acquisition or use of conservation easements. Land trusts have varying conservation objectives; some work in specific geographic areas or concentrate on protecting particular natural or cultural features.

A directory of active, Texas land trusts is available online at www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org.

Landowners should get to know the different trusts that work in their area before making a conservation easement donation.

What does a land trust do?

Initially, a land trust meets with a landowner to determine whether there are substantial conservation resources to merit placing a conservation easement on the property. The land trust then works to tailor the terms of the easement to protect the land's conservation values, as well as meet the

landowner's personal and financial goals. Land trusts that accept conservation easements are responsible for monitoring the property and ensuring that the terms of the conservation easement are followed. Representatives from the land trust make scheduled, usually annual, visits to the property to document the condition of the property. If the terms of the conservation easement are ever violated, the land trust can take legal steps to stop or correct the violation. A land trust may also work with a landowner to develop a management plan as part of a conservation easement. These plans may include flexible goals and objectives relating to the conservation of the property's natural and cultural features.

The land trust is responsible for stewardship of the conservation easement in perpetuity. It is important that a landowner select an organization that can demonstrate that it has the financial resources and organizational capacity to handle these responsibilities long-term. Because the stewardship obligations are perpetual, many land trusts request tax-deductible financial contributions to help defray some of the costs involved.

Standards & Practices

Land trusts around the country have established a set of guidelines for the responsible operation and management of a land trust. These Standards & Practices, originally developed in 1989, set forth principles by which a trust should conduct itself in order to be credible and effective, as well as establish guidelines for conducting a sound land conservation program.

For more information on Land Trust Standards & Practices visit:

www.landtrustalliance.org/training/sp/

Landowners interested in learning more about conservation easements have several additional resources to assist them.

1. The land trust organizations in Texas can answer questions about conservation easements. A list of land trust contacts with phone numbers can be found on the Land Trust Directory located on the Texas Land Trust Council's website (www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org/texas-land-trust-directory).
2. The Texas Land Trust Council publishes this guide and can answer questions and offer additional resources for those interested in learning more about conservation easements.

The Texas Land Trust Council also hosts the annual Texas Land Conservation Conference for landowners, land trusts, and a variety of professionals involved in land conservation efforts statewide. For more information contact:

Texas Land Trust Council
(512) 994-TLTC (8582)
info@texaslandtrustcouncil.org
www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org

3. The Land Trust Alliance is the national organization for land trusts and hosts the national Land Trust Rally annually, provides training opportunities, and publishes a wealth of books and other materials related to land trusts and private land conservation. A description of several of these publications is listed in an appendix. For more information contact:

The Land Trust Alliance
(202) 638-4725
info@lta.org
www.landtrustalliance.org

4. Landowners should discuss the potential advantages and disadvantages of conservation easements with their own legal and tax advisors. The Texas Land Trust Council can help you locate professionals in your area who are well-versed in conservation easement law.

APPENDICES

CONTENT OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Parties – Grantor (landowner) and Grantee (conservation easement holder)

Date of Conveyance

Recitals (“whereas” clauses)

- Title representation (assures that grantor owns the property)
- Conservation values of the property
- Legal description of property
- Documentation of “pre-easement characteristics” of property (called a baseline inventory)
- Continuation of existing uses
- Conveyance of rights to protect conservation values to grantee
- Qualifications of grantee to hold the conservation easement

Grant (transfer of property interest)

- Consideration: nominal dollar amount or gift language
- Citation of statutory authority (Texas Natural Resource Code Chapter 183)
- Duration: perpetual

Provisions

1. Purpose: only uses consistent with protection of conservation values are permitted
2. Ingress and Egress: access to property by grantee as reasonably necessary for monitoring
3. Prohibited Land Uses and Landowner’s Reserved Rights: Any land use inconsistent with the conservation easements’ purpose is prohibited. This section describes in detail which uses are allowed and which are restricted.
4. Additional Reserved Rights (the landowner’s rights to sell, transfer, bequeath, mortgage, and use the property subject to the terms of the conservation easement)
5. Granted Rights (the conservation easement holder’s rights to inspect and monitor compliance with the conservation easement and enforce its terms)
6. Access (the public is typically denied access)
7. Amendment (if mutually agreeable between conservation easement holder and landowner at the time, certain provisions of the conservation easement may be modified in the future as long as the original intent is achieved subject to certain principles)
8. Assignment (the grantee retains the right to transfer the conservation easement to another eligible holder)
9. Subordination (if property is mortgaged, the mortgage holder must guarantee that it will uphold the conservation easement provisions in the event of the foreclosure)
10. Subsequent transfers or Successors (the conservation easement “runs with the land,” i.e., the provisions bind all future landowners in perpetuity, even if the property is sold or inherited to another owner)
11. Recordation (the conservation easement documents recorded in the county in which the property is located)



RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

Available by request from the Texas Land Trust Council at (512) 994-TLTC (8582) or online at <http://www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org>:

Conservation Easements: A Guide for Texas Landowners

Guidance on the Conservation Tax Incentive
A brochure from the Land Trust Alliance

Natural Resource Conservation Programs and Services for Texas Landowners

Protecting Open Space: Tools and Techniques for Texans

Available for purchase from the Land Trust Alliance online at <http://www.landtrustalliance.org>:

Conservation Options: A Landowners Guide

A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements by C. Timothy Lindstrom

Preserving Family Lands: Books I, II and III by Stephen J. Small

Working Forest Conservation Easements by Brenda Lind

Working Ranchland Conservation Easements by Brenda Lind and Marty Zeller

Various landowner conservation-related publications are available by request from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department at 1(800) 792-1112 or online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/landwater/land>

TEXAS LAND TRUSTS

For a list of Texas Land Trusts along with their areas served and contact information, please refer to the Texas Land Trust Council's Land Trust Directory, found on its website: www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org/texas-land-trust-directory

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Appendix D: Other Bond Related Written Comments

From: [Betina Foreman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis county Bonds
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:29:27 PM

These bonds must be stopped. Our taxes are already sky high and rising every year. You are taxing us out of our homes. This insanity must stop once and for all. Stop giving tax subsidies to big business and funding special interest projects. I will be voting NO on this bond and every bond I see on my ballot. And i will be voting against any public officials that promote or support them.
#EndExcessiveTaxation

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Meg Moring](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} RE: Nextdoor app post: Bonds for non-City of Austin Travis County residents
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:57:42 PM

Hi.

My name is Mary Elizabeth Moring, and I own 2101 Dagama Drive Cedar Park in Travis County (also in 78613). Here are my thoughts on bonds per your request via Nextdoor app:

I live in Travis County, but not in City of Austin. I moved here from California, where as a homeowner and taxpayer I was paid very high taxes on bonds and debts voted in by the previous generation. When possible I much prefer *not* to "kick the can down the road" to future generations. It's unfair to them in my opinion.

Thank you,
Mary Elizabeth Moring

From: [Sharon Spencer](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} 2017 Bond proposal
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 5:50:26 PM

No, No and No!!

The city council needs to start walking the walk about their talk about affordability!

Those of us that have lived in Austin for 30 years are being taxed out of our homes.

Where does all the so called revenue that the city brings in during SXSW, COTA, ACL et al go?!

Why does the city insist on using tax money to "build" affordable housing, buy up homes of people that built in a flood plain, put in bicycle lanes that 1% of the population use.

Supposedly the student body has been decreasing (due to families moving out because of unaffordability), but for some reason AISD needs more money for fewer students?

No, No and No!

Respectfully,
Sharon Spencer

From: [edeshields](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} CBAC meeting agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:14:35 PM

Improving Roads, lowering the cost of Water/Sewage has to be the number 1, 2, 3, etc. objectives because they are the number 1,2, 3, etc. problems in ALL of Travis County. I am not against other projects fitting into a reasonable budget, however; I am highly opposed to an increase in taxes to cover someone else, or my, pet projects with expanded tax monies. I am also sick of that approach and will compete in the public arena with great gusto against all that take follow that path. Way too many of us have been quiet for way too long – it is time for a Travis County tax rebellion against personal benefit spending projects.

Ed Deshields – Bee Cave, TX

From: GOEBELGIRL21@aol.com
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} (no subject)
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:27:36 AM

you are not going to run me out of austin with your crooked taxes.austin is a scam city you have dumbass people running this city.it is going to shit with all the new people from all over the world,i was born here and this tax shit needs to go and all the people running austin.i know all the secerts ann richards snorting coke,roy minton chaseing little boys, judge brenda kenndey will lie just to win a case.judge guy herman is a dick.

ken windham

From: [Brad Parsons](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: Travis County Seeks Recommendations from County Residents About 2017 Bond Election
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:31:50 AM

Travis County CBAC,

NO, It's AISD's turn, you guys should not try a bond in Nov. 2017. That will just screw up both you and the AISD. Let AISD try in Nov. 2017. You can try in 2018.

Brad Parsons
512 940 2199

From: Nextdoor Northwest Hills Central
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:48 AM
Subject: Travis County Seeks Recommendations from County Residents About 2017 Bond Election

 Social Media Administrator TravisCounty TX, Travis County **AGENCY**

We want to hear from you!

Residents of Travis County can email input/comments/questions to CBAC2017@traviscountytx.gov and/or attend a CBAC meeting. The CBAC began meeting on March 9, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the Travis County Administration Building at 700 Lavaca Street on the 1st floor Multifunction Room, B. The public is encouraged to attend any of the meetings to voice an opinion about the proposed projects, or to listen and observe. Our website has current documents, including recorded meetings on...[Read more](#)

May 9 in General to all areas in Travis County

From: [Marg R](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond election
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:27:07 AM

I do not support a bond election. We approved the last bond with the project of a new bridge and improvements to Old San Antonio Rd. For our area All we got was stuck with deliberations between the city, TXDOT and county. We have dangerous conditions on our road with all the increased traffic from the new developments. The intersection of 1626 and Old San Antonio Rd needs a light the bridge needs improvement. What happened to the funds from the last bond that were for designated for that project that never happened?

Marg Rodriguez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fran](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} voting 2017
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:57:38 AM

This message is to state that I will be taking a leave of absence from voting in any Travis County Election 2017.

There has been no accountability from Travis County Elections Division about the ballots rejected following the November 2016 General Election. Over five thousand ballots were rejected including both mail in and provisional ballots.

There should be no need for provisional ballots when a resident has valid ID. Temp workers are not trained to correct errors in the data base. The focus has been on moving the line along in a fast process.

There is no non-partisan monitoring of the rejection process at the end of the election date.

From: [Mari Cornelius](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} No bonds please
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:41:46 PM

Greetings, and thank you for asking for input from citizens, especially property owners who fund the tax base here in Travis county.

NO bonds. Bonds are a nice way to disguise taxes, and Travis County has more than enough money to fund county related projects. The rest of us must make our home and business budgets work every year, and if we want to spend money in one area, we must decrease spending in another. I suggest eliminating pet projects and services that can be donated by private or church organizations. There are many groups out there helping; we don't need more government in our lives.

Thank you for caring enough to ask. Ideally, please LOWER our taxes so we have more to keep for our families and OUR choices in life.

Mari Cornelius

From: [Du](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} About 2017 bond elections
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:29:53 PM

No more bonds! I am against it as we already paid too much property compared to anywhere in the country!

Thanks
Du Q Wang
Address: 18625 Amberg pl, Austin tx 78738

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Brown](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Voting Bond Elections
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:47:20 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Why is it that NON Property Owners get to vote on the bonds that RAISE Property Taxes???

This is not right!!!

From: [Hem Ramachandran](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis county appraisals too high
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:14:41 PM

Hello,

I wanted to express my dismay about the travis county appraisals
It has gone through the roof making it miserable for us to live in our homes.
Our salaries or income hasn't increased the way the county
appraisal has and it is squeezing us financially with having
to tighten our belts in living.
Will this absurdity of having to collect more and more taxes every year ever end?
Hem Ramachandran

From: [Greg Becker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Tax Payers
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:43:56 PM
Importance: High

So if Travis county makes much money in their new park upgrade ventures, where do the collected fees go?

Does the money go to subsidize the tax payers that have already paid for the land, the government and the development?

Greg Becker

From: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017 [mailto:CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: [Archived Attachment Removed] - Help plan a future Travis County bond election!

The following archived files were deleted:
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Help plan a future Travis County bond election!

Travis County invites you to participate in the planning of a future bond election that addresses county **mobility, parks, land conservation, and drainage needs**. The 2017 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) appointed by the Commissioners Court is currently reviewing staff recommendations and receiving input from county residents. The public may speak to the CBAC during Citizen Communications when they meet on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building located at 700 Lavaca. Citizen Communication is at the beginning of every regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. If you arrive after the scheduled time, the Committee will do all they can to provide an opportunity for testimony. County residents may also send questions and comments to CBAC2017@traviscountytexas.gov. More information about this process is available at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/cbac>.

To unsubscribe, reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

From: [Caroline Reynolds](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Cc: [JOHN KEOHANE](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Another need for input ? ! !
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:55:52 PM

Dear Judge Eckhart and Commissioner Shea:

We elected you as judge and commissioner to stay in touch with your constituents. You should be able to communicate the basic community needs to County staff. Staff should then develop a preliminary plan for community review, because the rank and file neighborhood resident is NOT familiar with the cost or federal and state requirements for building or repairing a road, park or drainage facilities.

I am a chemical engineer, and I do not design any of these facilities, but I do know a lot about how to design and operate a petrochemical plant. As far as I know, there will NOT be a lot of call for my expertise on this bond package development.

Right now, I am up to my eyeballs trying to do the work that my City of Austin Planning Department was supposed to be doing over the past four years while they spent \$6million on consultants. I am supposed to do this complex technical work after I do my own firm's business and consulting. Moreover, the City does not provide me with the technical resources and expertise that City staff had/have at their disposal.

If I truly had any authority over the City staff, I'd be firing the CodeNEXT project manager, because they did not manage either the finances or the human resources to turn out a quality product. How can anyone in their right mind expect an unorganized team of hundreds of residents to now provide the magic bullets to cure such a poorly written document?

And, now you are asking me to start with whole cloth and make suggestions for how the County should spend the bond money that you will urge us all to vote for borrowing !

Enough, already ! What did you expect to spend Million\$ of Dollar\$ on when you proposed this bond issue development?

Give us a hint!

Which facilities are in severe disrepair?

They need to be repaired, now.

What are our next most pressing needs?

Are there any priorities I need to know about?

Who will be near enough to use these facilities?

Anyone in Austin, or just Travis Co. residents on the boundaries of the county?

Do they really need or want these facilities?

From: [Diane Nousanen](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond issues
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 5:35:30 PM

Any bond proposal should include a summary of existing bonds and their costs (both total and per household), when they were let and when they'll be completed. It would also be nice to list any recently complete bonds, and when they were completed.

Diane Nousanen

..... or will they be like the 4-lane roads with bike lanes and sidewalks stretching to the far reaches of the county where resident only want to be left alone in peace?

People on the far edges of the County want to be left alone, without every Austin Tom, Dick and Harry speeding by in their Audi or Mercedes-Benz.....
.... or on their 10- or 20-speed bike.

I could do this job and do it well, if it were my job and I was given the resources, but you are asking me to do a job that is outside my expertise, in my spare time, on a nickel budget.

What quality product do you really expect from this exercise?

Caroline Reynolds
CR Solutions
2611 West 49th St
Austin, Texas 78731
512-454-8880

From: [edeshields](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:42:21 AM

A government entity only goes after bond funding when there is a definitive need that cannot be satisfactorily met using normal funding methods. There is never, but never, a need to form a committee to look at possible new ways to spend tax payer monies utilizing bonds. If you have a WORTHWHILE need, publicize it and let the voters decide, otherwise stop this foolishness.

Ed Deshields / edeshields@edeshields.com

Appendix E: Additional Transportation and Drainage Written Comments

From: [Bob Blau](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} CBAC Proposals
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 5:55:55 PM

I would like to put in a word of support for the Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee's recommendations to fund parks and open spaces and not to fund the Reimer Peacock Road.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert L Blau

From: [Grant Matthew Francis Cross](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} My Two Cents
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 12:28:42 AM

Howdy Commissioner(s),
Thank you for your work. You help
make Travis County special! Keep
it up. I am writing today to share my
opinion that we need lotsa funding
for our wonderful parks & we do
not need funding for more roads
in the Hill Country. In short:
make parks great!
keep Hill Country rural!

Thank for your time, Grant Cross,
resident of 78723

From: [Robert Gilliland](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Preserve Open Space
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:56:01 AM

I am a Travis County resident and am writing in support of the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Recommendations to use bond funds to preserve precious open space, increase park land, add trails, and buffer our vital water sources such as Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer. No money should be spent for Reimer Peacock Road.

Thank you.

Robert Gilliland



From: [Dana Sprute](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Please support the CBAC recommendations
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 8:48:42 AM

The Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee has recommended a total bond package of \$144 million, with just over half of that amount dedicated to parks, open space, and trails. Also, the CBAC recommended against funding for the "Reimer Peacock Road," which would connect from SH [71 West south and west to Hamilton Pool Road](#), opening a vast swath of Hill Country land to development.

Please SUPPORT funding for parks and open space.
Please do NOT support funding for the Reimer Peacock Road.

Thank you.

Dana Sprute



Sent from my iPad

From: [the Pickhardts](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Support Parks
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 11:50:46 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Please support funding for parks and not funding for roads into the hill country.

Thank you!
Irene Pickhardt

From: [Genny Duncan](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Vote FOR funds to go to parks
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 5:09:57 PM

PLEASE, vote to fund parks and open space first and, please, not fund new roads into the Hill Country.

Genevieve Duncan

Appendix F: Additional Parks and Land Conservation Written Comments

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From: [Laura Baker](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Preserve open spaces in Travis County
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:03:51 PM

Dear CBAC,

I am writing to you regarding the bond package of 144M recently recommended by you.

While the idea of dedicating around half of this to **open spaces in Austin is wonderful** and I fully support this, I am not in agreement with the idea of opening up Hill Country land to development.

Texas itself has been ravaged by developers, leaving few natural water sources and wetland left. Austin is one of the few places left where the environment is not totally for sale. Please keep it that way.

Sincerely Yours,
Laura Baker, Precinct 4

From: [Patty Adams](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Say no to Reiner Peacock Rd
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 7:20:26 AM

Please do not contribute to the over development of sensitive ecological areas. **Attribute more money for more park space.** Austin and Hill Country are desirable places to live because of the beauty of the land and water. Don't ruin it with hyper development.

Say yes to bonds that protect and expand our green space.

Thank you,

Patty Adams

Austin resident and voter since 1983.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wallis Goodman](#)
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Strong support for CBAC Parks and Open Space
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:43:04 AM

I've lived in Austin approaching 30 years, and I cannot stress how important the roads and parks are. I've been traveling for the last couple of weeks, and I can tell you that these parks and spaces are the most important thing that makes the city special.

Thanks for your consideration.

Wallis Goodman

~~5201 Beverly Hills Dr.~~

~~Austin, TX 78731~~

From: Silverson2004@earthlink.net
To: [Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond package
Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:57:37 PM

As a parent of a local youth soccer player, I would like for you to reconsider and add maintenance and improvements for NEMP into the upcoming bond package. This is an issue that affects the safety of our youth as they play ball.

Thank you,
Amy Reid

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~~114 Pisset Drive~~
Austin, TX 78731

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Thank you.

Dana Sprute
[109 Turnabout Lane](#)
Austin, TX. 78731

Sent from my iPad

From: Marc Tucci <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 2, 2017 at 6:22:49 PM CDT
To: <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>
Cc: <[REDACTED]>
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Bond Election and Metro Parks

Commissioners Gomez & Travillion,

We were able to meet at the CBAC meeting in early June when I spoke about the need for artificial turf in our parks. I wanted to thank you both, and the fellow commissioners, for your continued support of \$7.5m for Northeast Metro Park and the potential support of \$4m for Southeast Metro Park.

As the owner and director of the Austin Sports & Social Club, we have 25,000+ young adults playing sports on these fields every year. Athletic field space in our county has decreased in the last decade, yet the population continues to rise. I agree this is an extremely important measure that will sit well with the voters, given the current surfaces cannot withstand the numbers of hours per use, excessive heat in the summer, and terrible drainage in the spring, with rain leading to several weeks of cancellations.

I am hopeful to notify each and every one of our members to support the bond election due to the inclusion of these projects. We also plan to add youth leagues in the coming year, and this will be a real boost for Travis County.

Cordially,

Marc Tucci
Founder & CEO
Austin Sports & Social Club
www.austinssc.com
410-935-8824 (c)
512-220-9580 (o)



From: Tracey Whitley [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 8:03 PM
To: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee 2017
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Parks and open spaces

I support the CBAC recommendations for parks and open spaces.
Tracey Whitley
[redacted]
Austin, Tx 78757