

# Citizens Bond Advisory Committee

Kick-Off Meeting  
March 9, 2017  
Travis County

# Introductions & Housekeeping

- Welcome
- County Staff
- Facilitator(s)
- Committee Members
- Housekeeping Items
  - Meeting Day/Time
  - Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
  - Documentation and Materials

# Charter and By-Laws

- Committee Charter

- Charge from the Commissioners Court to make recommendations for capital improvements
  - Prioritize projects for bond election
  - Prioritize safety projects for annual budget process

- By-Laws

- Roles and Responsibilities (Charter)
- Operating Procedures

# Meetings and Communications

- Meetings:
  - Agenda must be posted
  - What constitutes a quorum
  - All communications are public
- Speaking with the community
- Media

# Bond Process Overview

- Just In Time approach
  - More frequent elections – every two or three years
  - Steady stream of capital funding
    - Use of annual budget for safety and pre-construction
    - Use bond elections for parks, open space, conservation easements, and shovel-ready transportation projects
  - Smooths out property tax increases for homeowners
  - Better cost estimates on construction

# Items for Next Meeting

- Revise and adopt By-Laws
- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair
- Presentations:
  - Legal Counsel on Responsibilities – County Attorney
  - Fiscal Policies and Debt Capacity – Planning & Budget Office