

2003 Bond Program

Transportation, Facilities and Parks & Open Space projects make up the 2003 Collin County Bond Program. The Commissioners Court set the funding for the 2003 Transportation Bond at \$142 million, the Facilities Bond at \$76 million and the Parks & Open Space Bond at \$11 million. **The Court projects that passage of all propositions will not result in an increase in property taxes.**

The 2003 bond propositions were developed by citizen committees, which evaluated and determined viable projects for the program. Committee members were nominated by the Commissioners Court and include representatives from municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. The committees were supported by engineers, architects, urban planners and other specialists. The mission of the citizen committees was to make recommendations that would enhance Collin County residents' quality of life, while taking into consideration the county's future growth.

After months of meetings, the committees made recommendations to the Commissioners Court on which projects would be considered as part of the 2003 Bond Program. Eligible voters will cast ballots on the three bond propositions during the November 4, 2003 election.

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Transportation

Collin County residents will vote on whether to issue **\$142 million** in bonds for various

road projects.

Four projects with a total bond cost of \$48.5 million are deemed "regionally significant projects" that will provide mobility throughout the county. Other bond proceeds will only be used to fund those projects ready for immediate implementation (i.e. engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation or construction).

For transportation improvements within any city's jurisdiction, the city and county must be partners through inter-local agreements that define the project scope and cost. The nominating community must have the ability to provide at least a 50% match for the proposed project cost.

When choosing which improvements to fund, the transportation committee relied heavily on the city's recommendations. The primary project list designates 59 projects totaling \$264 million. In addition to the four countywide projects, the city projects will provide the county and region with better mobility.

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Three Components: Facilities, Parks & Open Space and Transportation

Facilities \$76 million

Parks & Open Space \$11 million

Transportation \$142 million

Facilities

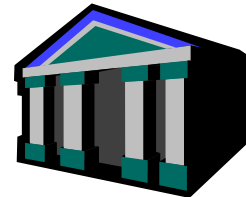
Collin County residents will also vote on whether to issue **\$76 million** in funding for three facilities projects: a district courts justice center, expansion of the county's juvenile detention center and expansion of the county jail.

If approved by a majority of voters, a new district courts justice center would be constructed on Community Avenue in McKinney next to the Collin County Sheriff's Office and Jail. The facility would be home to 14 district courts and supporting departments, while providing space for future courtroom expansion. In 1999, a bond committee conducted a study and concluded that a new court needed to be added every year until 2017 in order to keep up with the continuing growth in Collin County.

Currently, the county utilizes all eight available district courtrooms at the McDonald Street courthouse in McKinney. The new courts facility will support projected growth through 2015. It would also provide space for the District Clerk, District Attorney and the county's Homeland Security Department. The immediate plan is to keep all administrative offices and all county courts-at-law in the existing courthouses in McKinney. Construction of a new district court facility is estimated to cost \$54 million.

If approved, the bond program would also provide funds for an additional 48 beds at the Juvenile Detention Facility, which would increase the number of available beds from 96. This facility is currently at capacity, and the juvenile population is predicted to increase 42% from 2001 to 2006. Expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center is projected to cost \$4.3 million.

The third component of the Facilities bond program is the expansion of the Collin County Jail. The current jail can house 794 inmates, and the proposed expansion would add 288 beds. The expansion would satisfy projected needs through 2008. Expansion of the Collin County Jail is projected to cost \$17.7 million.



Parks & Open Space

Collin County residents will also vote on whether to issue **\$11 million** in bonds for parks improvements throughout the county. The bond proceeds would be utilized for projects with non-profit organizations or cities to initiate or improve parks or recreational opportunities within the county. Bond proceeds would provide **50%** of the funding for each eligible project.

In 1999, Collin County voters approved a \$5.725 million bond. This money funded the development of a Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan that localities may use in their own park development. The funding also purchased 75 acres of land for the expansion of the Collin County Youth Park, located near McKinney. Additionally, proceeds from the 1999 bond were allocated for improvements to Sister Grove Park, which is a 75-acre hike/bike trail located between Princeton and Farmersville. The remaining funds were distributed in three phases to localities and non-profit groups for matching use in individual park areas.



The more than \$5 million 1999 bond package generated more than \$20 million in parks projects throughout the county.

**November 4, 2003
Special Election
Early Voting
October 20-25, 27-31**

Early Voting Locations

Collin County Sub-Courthouse McKinney Courthouse
Allen City Hall Anna City Hall*
Carpenter Park Recreation Center Celina City Hall*
CCCCD – Central Park Campus
CCCCD – Preston Ridge Campus
CCCCD – Spring Creek Campus
Farmersville City Hall* Haggard Library
Harrington Library PISD Administration Center
Parr Library Renner Frankford Library
Wylie Municipal Building

*Temporary branch locations