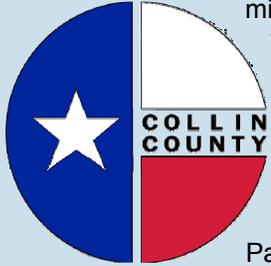


2007 Bond Program

Transportation, Facilities and Parks & Open Space projects make up the 2007 Collin County Bond Program. The Commissioners Court set the funding for the 2007 Transportation Bond at \$235.6 million, the Facilities Bond at \$76.3 million and the Parks & Open Space Bond at \$17 million. **The Court projects that passage of all propositions will not result in an increase in the overall property tax rate.**



The 2007 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 2007 Bond Program. Eligible voters will cast ballots on the three bond propositions during the November 6, 2007 election.



**November 6, 2007
Special Election
Early Voting
October 22-Nov 2**

Early Voting Locations

- Collin County Elections Administration
County Courthouse— McDonald St. *
- Allen Municipal Courts Facility
Anna City Hall Annex
Carpenter Park Recreation Center
Celina City Hall*
- CCCCD – Preston Ridge Campus
CCCCD – Spring Creek Campus
- Christ United Methodist Church— Plano
Farmersville City Hall*
- Harrington Library
Murphy City Hall
- PISD Administration Center
Parr Library
Renner Frankford Library
Wylie Municipal Building

*Temporary branch locations

**2007 Collin County
Bond Program**

Three Components: Facilities, Parks & Open Space and Transportation

Facilities \$76.3 million

Parks & Open Space \$17 million

Transportation \$235.6 million

2007 Collin County Bond Program

*Transportation
Facilities
Parks & Open Space*



Collin County residents will vote on whether bond money will be issued for the following projects:

Transportation

\$235.6 million



For 113 projects that represent transportation needs in Collin County, including roads within both city limits and in unincorporated areas. An additional 66 projects have been identified and may be funded under

this bond program if additional monies are secured or made available from the “most critical” project list.

For transportation improvements within any city's jurisdiction, the county's participation is a fixed amount, so cost overruns will not result in an increase in the county's share of the cost. In order to encourage local participation, county funding will not exceed 50% of a project's total cost. Should a city be unable to provide matching funds to pay for a project within its jurisdiction, the county's contribution from this bond program will be diverted to another project identified and approved by this program.

The transportation bond committee relied heavily on the cities' recommendations in developing the list of road projects to fund. In addition, extensive traffic, population and commerce projections were collected from the North Central Texas Council of Governments in order to develop future county mobility needs. Collin County is one of the fastest growing areas in Texas in terms of population and business, now and in the foreseeable future, and our transportation needs reflect this increasing pressure on our infrastructure.

Facilities

\$76.3 million



For four facilities projects: expansion of the county courthouse, construction of a new juvenile alternative education program facility, expansion of the adult minimum security detention facility and expansion of the juvenile detention facility.

If approved by a majority of voters, a phase two expansion of the Bloomdale Road courthouse would be constructed to allow the continued centralization of courts and governmental departments and to accommodate projected future needs. Even with the opening this summer of the new courthouse, the county occupies the University Drive courthouse facility and part of the McDonald Street courthouse, both in McKinney. The new courthouse expansion will allow all administrative offices and all county courts-at-law in the older courthouses to acquire needed additional space in a centralized location. The estimated phase two expansion cost is \$47 million.

The bond program would also provide funds for a new Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Facility, which would meet current and future needs for the education and mainstreaming of troubled youth. The current facility is temporary space at the University Drive courthouse, and is inadequate for a secure and monitored school for the present enrollment. The cost for building the new facility at the county government campus on Community Drive is estimated to be \$10.6 million.

The third component of the Facilities bond program is the expansion of the adult minimum security detention center to satisfy projected needs through 2013. Expansion of the Collin County Minimum Security Detention Center is projected to cost \$10.2 million.

Finally, the facilities bond program would fund an expansion of the juvenile detention facility, adding one 48-bed cluster. The projected cost of this addition is \$8.5 million.

Parks & Open Space

\$17 million



For parks improvements throughout the county. Bond proceeds would be used to acquire land for open space and recreational facilities and to construct and improve parks and recreational

opportunities within the county. Bond proceeds would provide 50% of the funding for each eligible project, with the balance provided by cities and non-profit organizations.

If approved by voters, this program will help continue the “Six Cities Trail Plan,” created to link the hiking and biking paths in the cities of Allen, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Plano and Richardson, and to expand it into a regional plan.

The 1999 and 2003 parks and open space bond programs have returned over twice the investment of funds into them. It is estimated that the cities and towns within Collin County will spend \$148 million in parks and open space acquisitions in the next five years.