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Agenda Item No. 13
July 19, 2005

July 15, 2005

Travis County Commissioners' Court
Travis County Administration Building
314 W. 11th Street
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Austin, Texas 78701

RE: CBAC Interim Progress Report: Results of Public Meetings, Proposed Bond Project List, and Public Hearings Schedule

Dear Commissioners:

I am reporting on behalf of the 2005 Citizen Bond Advisory Committee for Travis County. We wish to present this Interim Progress Report for the 2005 bond program to the Commissioners Court at its voting session on July 19th.

This report details the work completed by the CBAC since we last reported to the Court on June 7th, and includes public meeting findings, our proposed bond project list, and the schedule for the upcoming public hearings.

The comments we received from citizens during the public meeting phase have been considered, and are reflected in the recommendations we are making for the bond program. We also realize that our recommendations may alter as a result of information received from the public hearings, or may be altered by Court decision.

Results of Public Meetings: 160 people attended the 5 public meetings that the CBAC held at locations throughout the county. There were 36 people at Pflugerville Justice Center, 47 at Commissioners Courtroom, 16 at DelValle High School, 28 at Precinct 1 Satellite Service Center, and 60 at Precinct 3 Travis County Office Complex. The comments we received from people who spoke or submitted written statements at the public meetings or who corresponded with the CBAC, a Commissioner, or staff are shown in *Exhibit A*.

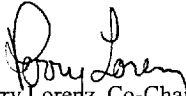
Proposed Bond Project List: The full list of proposed bond projects is provided in *Exhibit B*, and summarized below: Supplemental information from the Jail, Mobility and Drainage, and Parks and Open Space subcommittees are provided in *Exhibit C*, *Exhibit D*, and *Exhibit E*, respectively.

Jail Improvement Projects	\$20,000,000
Mobility Projects	\$54,476,093
Drainage/Flood Plain Buyouts Projects	\$9,300,000
Parks and Open Space Projects	<u>\$30,500,000</u>
Total	\$114,276,093

Proposition To Buy Natural Areas Lands	\$60,000,000
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Public Hearings Schedule: Five Public Hearings will be held throughout the county, on July 25th, 26th, and 28th and August 3rd and 4th. *Exhibit F* provides complete information about the time and location of these hearings.

Sincerely,



Perry Loretz, Co-Chair
Travis County Citizen Bond Advisory Committee

Attachments

- Exhibit A
- Exhibit B
- Exhibit C
- Exhibit D
- Exhibit E
- Exhibit F

CC: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Joe Gieselman, Travis County TNR
Mike Trimble, Criminal Justice
Christian Smith, Travis County PBO
David Escamilla, Travis County Attorney
Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk

Exhibit A

Public Meeting Comments and Stakeholder Correspondence

- ❖ July 13, 2005, Pflugerville Justice Center, Public Meeting Comments
- ❖ July 14, 2005, Commissioners Courtroom, Public Meeting Comments
- ❖ July 16, 2005, Del Valle High School, Public Meeting Comments
- ❖ July 22, 2005, Precinct One Satellite Service Center, Public Meeting Comments
- ❖ July 23, 2005, Precinct Three Travis County Office Complex, Public Meeting Comments
- ❖ Stakeholder Correspondence

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Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting Comment Summary Monday, June 13, 2005 • Pflugerville Justice Center

SPEAKER	COMMENTS
1. Jack Gullahorn	Wants to prioritize projects #5, #20 & #21(Cameron Road, Howard Lane I and Howard Lane II). He is concerned that when SH130 opens, cut through traffic will create a lot of congestion in his neighborhood. He states that if these projects are not included in the bond issue, his neighborhood is facing a desperate situation, from a safety standpoint, due to inadequate road infrastructure.
2. Vernagene Mott	Is concerned with the congestion on Pecan Street and the safety problem caused by people exiting NE Metro Park onto Pecan Street. Says that many of the people leaving the park feel that they have the right of way, and don't stop for oncoming traffic.
3. Tommy Nobles	Is concerned about traffic on Pecan Street, long delays, SH 130 construction, and lack of safety precautions.
4. Robert Starcher	Is active with the Central Texas Mountaineers. Has participated in multiple park clean ups, including ones at Enchanted Rock. He said that people come to Reimer's with little or no advertisement and believes that Travis County should purchase this park and preserve it.
5. Sylvia Crisp	Homeowner concerned about Gattis School Road being developed through her subdivision. She feels that the road is necessary but alternative routes could have been taken. She says there's been a lot of controversy in the past concerning this project (#16 & #17), because the people from the Forest Creek Home Owners Association that got involved will benefit due to the sale of their homes, so she would like to see this project made a low priority.
6. Pat Bowman	Is in support of improving Gattis School Road. This is the number one priority. There's lots of traffic, congestion on this road.
7. David Calabug	Wants Heatherwilde Boulevard improved
8. Sally Gannaway	Lives off Pecan Street. It takes up to 45 minutes to get from park into Pflugerville when there's a sporting event on the weekend. Her neighbors have to take alternative routes. There is also construction, and the quality of the road has deteriorated from the truck traffic.
9. MayorCat Callen	States that if the County wants to help Pflugerville with sales tax revenue, they need to address the traffic congestion on Pecan Street. Every weekend, traffic is backed up on Pecan Street to NE Metro Park. The priority for the City of Pflugerville is improving Pecan Street.
10. Cheryl Chunco	Has enjoyed rock-climbing, mountain biking and hiking at Reimers Ranch since summer 02. She's the secretary for Central Texas Mountaineers and is interested in organizing trail maintenance projects to help keep Reimer's Ranch clear of trash.
11. Mike Jeter	Is a business owner that's in favor of the Gregg /Howard Lane project. He has over 500 employees that need access to Dell, Applied Materials, and residences to service air conditioners; he is concerned with traffic congestion He's also amazed at the number of residences constructed in the FEMA floodplain and was surprised that septic tanks are allowed in the floodplain.

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Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting Comment Summary Tuesday, June 14, 2005 • Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom

NAME	COMMENT
1. Carry Jackson	Is in favor of investing more money in a skate park for the growing skateboard community.
2. Jerri Brown	Is in favor of the bond for open space acquisition for all of Travis County. Ask that priority be given to the purchase of open space because land will become more expensive. Is interested in preserving native habitat, endangered species, natural beauty and quality of life.
3. Jeb Boyt	Is in favor of open space acquisition in general, and the Onion Creek Greenway project in particular. Is in favor of SW Metro Park/Reimer's Ranch land acquisition also.
4. Colin Clark	A Save Our Spring's (SOS's) representative who is in favor of open space and parkland for the County. Referring to a comparison report that shows Austin's amount of open space compared with other cities (Phoenix, Denver, Seattle and Raleigh), he noted that that Austin has much less. He is in favor of a proposition for acquiring open space that gives the voters the opportunity to vote for as much money needed.
5. Shudde Fath	Feels that if there were more parks and open space, there's a possibility that less money would need to be spent on jails and sheriffs/deputies. Is in favor of acquiring more open space.
6. James McNally	Supports the purchase of Reimer's Ranch.
7. Isaac Hoefling	Supports the purchase of land for public skate parks.
8. Susan Bright	Is encouraging the bond committee to get as much open space as possible.
9. Gene Lowenthal	Is in favor of acquiring open space throughout Travis County. He stated that Travis County is growing rapidly and feels that action is required now so that future generations don't regret the loss of open space. He asked that we look at it as an investment.
10. Dennis Miller Calvin Miller	Is in favor of acquiring open space for parks, especially Reimer's Ranch.
11. Karen Williamson	Is in favor of purchasing open space land especially for a public skate park.
12. Seth Johnson	Is concerned about children spending their time on the couch playing video games. Is also concerned about fields not being used regularly, and taxpayer money be wasted on watering them. He noted that a skateboard facility would be used many hours throughout the week. He's in favor of acquiring open space for public parks, for skateboarding, rock climbing, mountain biking and swimming.
14. Hayden Custer	Keeps getting kicked out of every place that he skates. He just wants a place to skate, and that's not too crowded.
15. Portia (Lendar) Milligan	Would like to have a skate park built so that kids can have a safe place to go, where they won't be influenced by the "street", where people can monitor their surroundings, and they won't get hit by a car.

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16. Mike Milligan	Supports a skateboard park so kids won't get hit by a car, concerned about safety.
17. Kevin Lewis	Supports all propositions for open space used for parkland.
18. Jason Perez	Is in favor of open space, and in favor of saving Reimers Ranch.
19. Scott Isgitt	Is in favor of saving Reimers Ranch.
20. Dason Whitsett	Is in support of open space, especially Reimers Ranch.
21. James Faerber	Supports purchase of Reimers Ranch. Would like to see it become a County park that people can use, and to preserve its ecology.
22. Charlie McCare	Is in full support of parks and open space.
23. James MacKay	Supports open spaces, Reimers Ranch in particular.
24. Alexandria Garcia	Strongly supports open space. She's a nurse and is concerned with high levels of diabetes and other diseases. Feels that this would be a great place for families to enjoy nature and be active, which may help prevent some medical conditions.
25. Jack Gullahorn	Is representing himself and Gregg Lane Neighborhood Association. Supports projects #20, #21, and #5 (Howard Lane I, Howard Lane II and Cameron Rd.). He asked the committee to prioritize these 3 projects.
26. Trey Graves	Is in favor of open spaces, especially Reimers Ranch.

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Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting Comment Summary Tuesday, June 22, 2005 • Precinct One Satellite Service Center

NAME	COMMENT
1. David Gunlock	Lives in Precinct One, and says that most park activities are aimed towards the younger generation but seniors need recreation, too. He would like a shuffleboard court provided in an area park. Against jail improvements, saying that prisoners should not be treated like guests.
2. Jon Byrd	Lives on Gregg Lane, and thinks that County shouldn't spend their money on Improvement #20 (Howard Lane I).
3. Gayle Hanna	Lives on Gregg Lane and asks that committee prioritize projects #5, #20, and #21 (Howard Lane I, Howard Lane II and Cameron Road). Our community will be over taken by traffic from future development if these projects are not approved. Their neighborhood will suffer.
4. Pete Winstead	Talked about Howard Lane extension. Says that he has worked on 4 major toll roads in Central Texas, and the biggest one was SH130, which is a \$1.5 billion dollar roadway that has several east, west arterial connections. A major one is Howard Lane. He discussed the need for transportation improvements in the area. He represents some of the landowners along Howard Lane II and offered to work with the County in completing the project.
5. Glenn Hodges	Made a presentation and talked about the overpass interchange that TTA has already built and funded. He said that they are now waiting for Howard Lane to arrive and for the County to do it's part. He said the State has already done it's part, and referenced a letter from the Mayor of Austin to Judge Biscoe in which the Mayor said the City would complete it's part which is about \$6 million dollars.
6. Karen Williamson	Introduced herself as a skateboard mom. Says that her teens, as well as other teens, are very active in the community. She is in favor of a skateboard park, and suggests that any location is a good location because there is need everywhere.
7. Ross Milloy	Is a resident of Travis County for more than 35 years and is focused on infrastructure development. He talked about SH130 being the largest project in Texas history, \$36.5 billion dollars and that he's concerned about how it will look in 30 years. He also described a trail proposal, prepared by the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council Land and Green Space Committee, to the committee, asking them to consider adding it to the bond package.
8. Dan Chinde Hill	Asks that the committee prioritize Arterial A. This project will alleviate some of the 290 E. and Dessau Road traffic.
9. Bill Meckafy	Says he's for parks, and against the Arterial A project.
10. Charlie Jackson	Is in favor of parks in general, and a skateboard park in particular. There are millions of people in the area but not one skate-park. Make Austin a destination for people to visit by providing a great skate park. Either of the two Metro parks that have been discussed as a home for a skate park would be good.

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11. Kathryn Nichols	Says that people living in the Austin and Bastrop communities are interested in protecting the Colorado River. Is in favor of parks and open space projects, providing green infrastructure, and protecting natural areas. From the perspective of protecting the Colorado River, she supports the Onion Creek Greenway project. When asked by the committee about appropriate activities for the elderly, she replied that trails are good for people of all ages. She also noted there is need for parks on the east side.
12. Larry Beard	Lives across the street from Walter E. Long Park. He stated that Austin is short on roads traveling east to west, but \$1.5 billion dollars is being spent on a corridor running north and south. Proposes to work with Travis County and the City of Austin on completing connection of Decker Lake Road to SH130. Lives on a ranch, and is willing to dedicate his property for this project. Needs to make eastside living conditions similar to living conditions on the Westside, like at Barton Creek.
13. Duncan Chiles	Supports Reimers Ranch and Hamilton Pool. Rock climbing is good at Reimers and there are few other places to climb in the area. Of the two places to climb in Austin, -- Reimers and the Greenbelt -- Reimer's is much easier to access.
14. Trek English	Would like to see both young and old using parks. Her two concerns: She's against Arterial "A", but supports Drainage and Flooding Project #6. She presented a map that shows homes in Walnut Place and Chimney Hill that will be affected by drainage problems if project #6 is not a priority
15. Joyce Best	Supports Trek English, and passed out pictures. She says trucks pass 24/7.
16. Dennis Miller	Says we need to procure open space now, and he supports shuffleboard for seniors. He thinks the County has a wonderful park system that we need to build on. He's concerned about the future of his kids and kids-kids.
17. Seth Johnson	Who saw the article in the newspaper "Go Skateboarding Day?" Kids came from all over the region. He noted that no one's asking the Committee for baseball or soccer fields to be in the bond proposal. Suggests that \$500 thousand to \$1 million needs to be dedicated to build a skate board park. Supports the Reimers Ranch proposal and shuffleboard for seniors.
18. Adam Young	Supports the health, well being and happiness of children
19. Joe Rich	Professional BMX bike rider moved here eight years ago. He's not trail biker but instead uses the same type of facility as skateboarders use. He said he doesn't think of it as a sport, in which competition takes places. He says biking and skating are positive individual activities, and supports the building of a skate park.
20. Ms. Mackaby	Opposes Arterial "A" (Project #1), and in favor of Drainage and Flood project #6.
21. Christopher Pappas	Supports skateboarding. Thinks skate parks need to be "street oriented" with interesting architecture, like stairs and rails. He said it would be good if they could make the design of the park a kind of democratic "pasta" where skateboarders have a hand in it's design. He also said when skater's go downtown to skate because of they like it's "street" design, they are hauled off by police for damaging people's property. He says that the Austin Police Department supports a more formal place to skate. Finally, he and his friend Calvin showed skateboard video that focused on design.

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Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting Comment Summary

Tuesday, June 23, 2005 • Precinct Three Travis County Office

NAME	COMMENT
1. Valerie Bristol	Purchase Reimer's Ranch and protect our water supply.
2. Alex Wood	Is in support of parks and open space. Feels that there are economic reasons to acquire open space. He thinks it is one of the few things that the County would get paid back on; it's an investment for the future, not a cost. He also said, there is a direct savings of reduced need for public service, and referenced a recent study of tax revenues in Hays County, that was conducted by the American Farmland Trust. This study showed that open space only requires 33 cents in services for every dollar generated of tax revenue, while residential land uses need \$1.26 for every dollar they generate. He also said that land adjacent to open space and parks increases in value, which in turn raises the tax base and referenced a study from The Trust for Public. He feels that we have a one-time opportunity here to do some good.
3. Tommy Blackwell	Is a life long County resident of Precinct Three. He talked about the growth and changes occurring in the community. He feels that this is a onetime opportunity to purchase Reimer's Ranch and save it from development.
4. Rick Watson	Teaches people to rock climb. Feels very strongly that Reimer's Ranch needs to be protected from development, and believes that it will happen through this bond proposal.
5. Nigel Smith	Lived in Precinct Three for six years, and believes that we need open space so save Reimer's Ranch.
6. Dan Page	Is a landowner in SW Travis County and thinks that it is better to spend money on open space instead of building Reimer's-Peacock Road.
7. Judy Rhinecort	Is in support of Reimer's Ranch, and has been a biker there for past four years. Explained that there are already trails in place on the property.
8. Robin Trusty	Is in favor of the purchase of Reimer's Ranch and said that biking, walking, hiking, fishing, and climbing builds character, stamina, courage and critical thinking, and asked what do we want our legacy to be.
9. Jeff Ransell	Has been involved in protecting land and open space professionally for ten years. Supports parks & open space.
10. John Weiss	Feels that a tiny skateboard park would be abandoned, and that the budget set aside for one is inadequate.
11. Scott Isgett	As a biker, he feels that Reimer's ranch should be saved and that this is our one chance to do so. Also submitted list of names to staff that are in support of Reimers Ranch.
12. Kevin Lewis	Urges the committee to take this opportunity to save Reimer's Ranch. He notes that the citizens have given free labor to the ranch, for maintenance, because of their love for it.

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13. Tommy Eden	Commented that CAMPO passed new guidelines for providing bike/pedestrian facilities on new roads. He requested the committee and the public to check with staff to see if enough right-of-way has been purchased for sidewalks and bike lanes before road projects are developed.
14. Brian Barnhart	Is a biker who supports parks & open space. Concerned that there is not enough money proposed to make the skate park big enough.
15. John Davier	Is concerned about his daughter's future. Worries that there will not be enough open space available to her when she grows up.
16. Joe Sharp	Tourist's come here to observe. We have a unique opportunity to save Reimer's Ranch.
17. Christy News	Concerns are for the future of her daughter, and feels that wisdom is needed when deciding how money should be spent today. Supports mobility but discourages MAD 4 on Hamilton Pool Road.
18. Joe Rich	BMX Pro who says people travel from all over the world to ride in Austin. Supports parks in general, and skate parks particularly.
19. Cory Jackson	Supports parks and public skate parks. Says there is a need for a skate park at Barton Springs, which is packed.
20. Seth Johnson	Director of the Austin Public Skateboard Action Committee says that skateboarding and rock climbing are very popular today. He feels a skateboarding park may help address the child obesity problem. Recommends that the County spend \$500 thousand to \$1 million dollars on the skate park. Has worked with City of Austin to develop the skate park at Mabel Davis Park, and would like to work on a taskforce with the County to help erect this one.
21. Jennifer Hardison	School teacher and a BMX/Skateboarder, says that an adequate skate park offers recreational opportunities to kids of every ethnic background and interest. Says often children are left behind because they don't fit into the idea of an athletic child. Alternative sports such as BMX and skateboarding help these children find confidence, self-motivation, and determination.
22. Jessica Shike (CHECK TAPE)	UT Nursing student and skateboarder favoring a skateboard park in Austin. She notes, as a health advocate, that there's an obesity problem in this country, and in TX. She says that Austin is the only major city that doesn't have an obesity epidemic, and she believes that this is due to the variety of non-traditional sports we have in our community such as skateboarding and rock climbing.
23. Isaac Hoefling	A bike rider from Chicago, who moved here three years ago, thinks that Austin is an amazing city. He's amazed that there is no skate park in Austin and feels that we really need one.
24. Georgia Shaw	Initially attending meeting in support of open space, especially Reimer's Ranch, says that after hearing everything said by speakers, she also supports providing a skate park. The committee should try hard to prioritize the bond projects.
25. Luke Bowin	Says that west Austin is being broken into small pieces, and that Reimer's is the only large piece of open space left. He's concerned that if we do not purchase Reimer's Ranch, it will be purchased for development very quickly.

Exhibit B
2005 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Proposed Bond Project List - July 12, 2005
Draft - Subject to Change

Citizen Bond Advisory Committee Recommended Project Funding for 2005 Bond Election	
Jail Improvement Projects	\$ 20,000,000
Mobility Projects	\$ 54,476,093
Drainage/Flood Plain Buyout Projects	\$ 9,300,000
Parks and Open Space Projects	\$ 30,500,000
Subtotal	\$ 114,276,093
Proposition to Buy Land for Natural Areas (Open Space)	\$ 60,000,000
Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Recommended Project List Total:	\$ 174,276,093

Jail Improvement Projects

Pct. #	Project Name	Amount
4	Facility Improvements to Del Valle Correctional Complex	\$ 20,000,000

Mobility Projects

Pct. #	Project Name	Project Limits	Amount (With Partnerships)
1,2	Howard Lane I	Dessau to Cameron Rd.	\$ 11,900,000
1	Howard Lane II *	COA limits to SH 130	\$ 4,753,476
1	Kimbro Rd./Parsons Rd. Bridge	Low Water Crossing Replacement	\$ 4,900,000
1	Wells Branch Parkway *	Boulder Ridge sub to Cameron Rd.	\$ 1,632,006
1,2	Cameron Road	SH 130 to Bridge 106	\$ 8,330,000
2	Gattis School Road I	Travis Co. line to Priem Ln.	\$ 3,437,983
2	Gattis School Road II	Priem Ln. to Williamson Co. line	\$ 3,537,982
2	Jesse Bohls Rd. Bridge #231	At Wilbarger Creek	\$ 1,190,000
2	Pecan Street *	Pflugerville limits to SH 130	\$ 4,657,700
3	Reimers-Peacock Rd. (Prelim. Eng./ROW)*	Hamilton Pool Rd. to SH 71	\$ 600,000
3	Hamilton Pool Rd. I (Design Only)	RM 12 to Reimers-Peacock Rd.	\$ 404,219
3	Hamilton Pool Rd. II (Design Only)	Reimers-Peacock Rd. to Pedernales River	\$ 562,051
3	FM 1431 (Right-of-Way Only)	Trails End area re-alignment	\$ 240,000
3	FM 1626 (Right-of-Way Only)	Hays County line to Brodie Lane	\$ 160,000
3	FM 1826 (Right-of-Way Only)	US 290 W to Slaughter Lane	\$ 50,000
3	FM 2244 (Right-of-Way Only)	Unincorporated sections	\$ 325,000
4	Slaughter Lane I *	Bluff Springs Rd. to McKinney Falls Pkwy.	\$ 7,795,676
Total Mobility Conceptual Costs with Partnerships:			\$ 54,476,093

* Potential Public/Private Partnership

Drainage/Flood Plain Buyout Projects

Pct. #	Project Name	Amount
1	Imperial Valley Drive (Drainage Project)	\$ 1,750,000
1	Quietie Drive/Walnut Creek Drainage	\$ 1,750,000
3	Twin Creeks Arroyo Doble (Buyout of 4 homes)	\$ 600,000
4	Thoroughbred Farms (Buyout 12 homes)	\$ 1,400,000
4	Caldwell Lane/Garfield Water Supply	\$ 500,000
4	Timber Creek Subdivision (Buyout)	\$ 3,300,000
Total Drainage/Flood Plain Buyout Projects:		\$ 9,300,000

Parks and Open Space Projects

Pct. #	Project Name	Amount
1	East Metro Park (Phase 2)	\$ 6,500,000
2	Northeast Metro Park (Phase 3)	\$ 4,500,000
3	Arkansas Bend Park Improvements	\$ 6,300,000
3	Southwest Metro Park (Phase 2)	\$ 7,000,000
3	Water Quality Protection Agreements	\$ 3,400,000
4	Southeast Metro Park Confluence Trail *	\$ 2,800,000
Total Park and Open Space Projects:		\$ 30,500,000

* Potential Public/Private Partnership

Proposition to Buy Land for Natural Areas (Open Space) \$ 60,000,000

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REPORT OF THE CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE JAIL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON BOND PROPOSAL JULY 14, 2005

Members: Charles Akins, Jim Davis, Richard Moya & Steve Martin

JAIL SUBCOMMITTEE CAVEAT:

Critical information on the proposed Travis County Correctional Complex (“TCCC”) housing replacement and expansion beds was provided to this subcommittee only hours prior to submission of our subcommittee recommendations to the full membership of the 2005 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (“CBAC”). The quality of our recommendations would have been enhanced had we received this information in a timely manner giving us the opportunity to analyze it with additional deliberation. We nonetheless submit our recommendations with a sufficient degree of confidence that these recommendations are guardedly viable and merit serious consideration by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

PREFACE TO JAIL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The subcommittee’s deliberations were premised on the acceptance without question of the stated jail capacity needs as provided by Travis County Criminal Justice and TCCC personnel. However, in order to meet a high standard of fiscal responsibility, we diligently sought to identify viable alternatives to achieving TCCC capacity needs in a more cost effective manner. As one of the members of the Commissioners Court succinctly stated at the July 12th session, the square footage cost of jail beds is among the most expensive in the building construction market. Jail beds that cost in excess of \$40,000 each should be approved only after other less costly options have been exhausted. For instance, to fill these expensive beds with low grade misdemeanor offenders is a practice that should be questioned with due diligence, particularly when other less costly sanctions are available. Moreover, under-utilization of existing space likewise merits vigorous scrutiny. Our recommendations hopefully reflect this approach.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

REPLACEMENT BEDS:

The number of replacement beds requested was 888. *We recommend the replacement bed request be reduced to 552.* This is based on continued utilization of buildings 9, 10, and 210 (CCA) that have a combined capacity of 336.

*Jail Subcommittee Recommendations
July 14, 2005*

VARIANCE BEDS:

The number of variance beds requested was 572. *We join this recommendation with reservation.* We urge TCCC staff to assess, based on sound correctional practice, whether some portion of the existing variance beds could be utilized on a more permanent basis. Such an assessment should include modifications to the variance beds that would satisfy the variance procedure rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Chapter 299.4.

FLEX BEDS:

The number of flex beds requested was 228. *We recommend no expenditure of bond funds for these beds.* Given the level of single cells that will be available in the TCCC once the proposed beds are activated, and the sizing of new construction beds to accommodate unexpected population changes (both in terms of increased population and inmate classification dynamics), we believe an adequate number of flex beds will be available to accommodate the stated capacity needs of the TCCC.

EXPENDITURES:

552 replacement beds:	\$24,000,000	
572 variance beds:	25,000,000	
Complex support areas:	7,000,000	
Owners costs:	<u>4,400,000</u>	
TOTAL	\$60,400,000	
	<u>- 40,000,000</u>	(set-aside for variance beds)
RECOMMENDED BOND ALLOCATION:	\$20,400,000	

Exhibit D

July 14, 2005

The Hon. Samuel T. Biscoe
Commissioners of Travis County
The Travis County Commissioner's Court
314 W. 11th St., #520
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Sir,

The Committee on Mobility & Drainage, a sub committee of the 2005 Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee, has compiled its list of projects to recommend to The Court for the 2005 Bond Election. The list of projects was reported unanimously out of the sub committee and adopted unanimously by the full committee during its regularly scheduled meeting of July 12th, 2005.

In addition to the list, the full committee resolved that the set of guidelines pertaining to county participation in public/private partnerships adopted by the Court during its regular meeting of July 12th 2005, be imbedded in the upcoming bond convent.

Attached is the list of projects recommended by the committee.

In its consideration of projects pertaining to drainage and floodplain issues, the committee gave primary attention to projects that impacted public safety, in particular access by emergency vehicles.

In its consideration of projects pertaining to roads and bridges, the committee gave primary attention to projects serving existing populations, projects in the preferred development zone and partnership projects that the committee felt were important links in the regional transportation system. Safety improvements were another key factor in the funding of two bridge related projects. Finally, in some instances the subcommittee funded the first phase of a project where it felt there was an opportunity to plan and potentially reduce costs of a project in a future bond election.

We thank the Court and the citizens of Travis County for this opportunity to serve and for the privilege of working alongside the staff of Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources.

We wish you all the very best in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Glen Coleman
Chairman, Sub Committee on Mobility and Drainage

**2005 Mobility and Drainage Subcommittee Proposed Bond Project List-July 12, 2005
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2	Gattis School Road II	Priem Ln. to Williamson Co. line	\$ 3,537,982
2	Jesse Bohls Rd. Bridge #231	At Wilbarger Creek	\$ 1,190,000
2	Pecan Street *	Pflugerville limits to SH 130	\$ 4,657,700
3	Reimers-Peacock Rd. (Prelim. Eng./ROW)*	Hamilton Pool Rd. to SH 71	\$ 600,000
3	Hamilton Pool Rd. I (Design Only)	RM 12 to Reimers-Peacock Rd.	\$ 404,219
3	Hamilton Pool Rd. II (Design Only)	Reimers-Peacock Rd. to Pedernales River	\$ 562,051
3	FM 1431 (Right-of-Way Only)	Trails End area re-alignment	\$ 240,000
3	FM 1626 (Right-of-Way Only)	Hays County line to Brodie Lane	\$ 160,000
3	FM 1826 (Right-of-Way Only)	US 290 W to Slaughter Lane	\$ 50,000
3	FM 2244 (Right-of-Way Only)	Unincorporated sections	\$ 325,000
4	Slaughter Lane I *	Bluff Springs Rd. to McKinney Falls Pkwy.	\$ 7,795,676
Total Mobility Conceptual Costs with Partnerships:			\$ 54,476,093

* Potential Public/Private Partnership

Drainage/Flood Plain Buyout Projects

Pct. #	Project Name	Amount
1	Imperial Valley Drive (Drainage Project)	\$ 1,750,000
1	Quiette Drive/Walnut Creek Drainage	\$ 1,750,000
3	Twin Creeks Arroyo Doble (Buyout of 4 homes)	\$ 600,000
4	Thoroughbred Farms (Buyout 12 homes)	\$ 1,400,000
4	Caldwell Lane/Garfield Water Supply	\$ 500,000
4	Timber Creek Subdivision (Buyout)	\$ 3,300,000
Total Drainage/Flood Plain Buyout Projects:		\$ 9,300,000

Total Mobility and Drainage/Flood Plain Projects Conceptual Costs: \$ 63,776,093

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Exhibit E

Parks and Open Space Subcommittee Report

The Parks and Open Space Subcommittee are in agreement on the following project recommendations, including the proposed project budgets and their prioritization. We recommend the following:

A.	1.	SW Metro Park: Reimers Ranch Land acquisition and development of the park both environmentally and recreationally. The management and preservation of this land is of utmost importance for now and future generations.	\$7.0 M
	2.	East Metro Park: Complete Phase II. This park is becoming one of the best in the county and state. Serving a quickly growing population.	\$6.5 M
	3.	Arkansas Bend: Development of day use and camping areas. Upgrade facilities, including a park entrance, restrooms, parking, and addition of boat ramps. Emphasizing management and safety	\$6.3 M
	4.	NE Metro Park: Complete Phase III, including a first class skate park facility. This park also is serving a growing population. Another first class park.	\$4.5 M
	5.	SE Metro. An opportunity for a partnership with land acquisition and continue with park upgrades including access to the river with boat ramps. Preserving the additional open land for future use.	\$2.8 M
	6.	Water Quality. Hogue / Pogue Springs / Reimers Land	<u>\$3.4 M</u>
		Total	\$30.5 M

As shown above, the subcommittee chose to eliminate the Onion Creek Greenway project at this time and recommends the addition of a separate proposition, below, for the acquisition of natural areas.

- B. Purchase of Natural Areas: The Citizens bond committee recommends that a stand alone proposition to purchase natural areas be put on the upcoming bond election. The purpose of purchasing such natural areas is to protect the water quality of the Colorado River, Lake Travis, area creeks and streams, the aquifer and to provide refuge for wildlife. The amount of the bond proposition is proposed to be \$60 million, which is a one cent tax increase (one cent per \$100 in property value), amounting to an estimated \$16 per year for an average household. Very recent polling of Travis County voters has indicated that, by a factor of 2 to 1, voters favor such a proposition and are most comfortable when 1) an advisory panel of citizens is involved in the spending of the money, and, 2) voters are told how much the proposition will cost them.

Total \$60.0 M

PUBLIC HEARINGS
PROPOSED 2005
TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM

Northern Travis County at 7:00 pm, Monday, July 25, 2005
Pflugerville Justice Center (Courtroom)
1611 E. Pfennig Lane

Downtown Austin at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 26, 2005
Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom (Ned Granger Building, First Floor)
314 West 11th

Southeast Travis County at 6:30 pm, Thursday, July 28, 2005
Baty Elementary School (Cafeteria)
2101 Faro Drive

East Travis County at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 3, 2005
Precinct One Satellite Service Center
9301 Johnny Morris Road

West Travis County at 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 4, 2005
Precinct Three Travis County Office Complex, Building A, (Community Room)
8656 SH 71 West

The Citizens Advisory Committee is inviting residents of Travis County to attend a series of public hearings to provide input into the proposed 2005 Travis County Bond Program. We invite your suggestions and comments on a proposed capital improvements projects list.

The advisory committee was appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court to represent all parts of the county. The committee is considering the need for a bond program for the following improvements:

❖ Jail Facility Replacement and Improvement Projects	\$20.0 Million
❖ Road & Bridge Improvement and FM Right-of-Way Acquisition Projects	\$54.5 Million
❖ Subdivision Drainage Improvement and Floodplain Mitigation Projects	\$9.3 Million
❖ Park and Open Space Improvements & Land Acquisition Projects	\$30.5 Million
❖ Proposed Bond Project Total:	\$114.3 Million
❖ Proposition to Buy Land for Natural Areas (Open Space)	\$60 Million

Project details will be available at each hearing. A bond election date for the county projects has not been determined, but may be scheduled in November, 2005.

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