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To: Members of the Travis County Commissioners' Court

From: Mr. Richard Moya, Chair
Mr. Perry Lorenz, Co-Chair
Citizens Bond Advisory Committee for 2005 Travis County Bonds

Date: June 3, 2005

Subject: Progress Report on Bond Proposal

I am reporting to you on behalf of the Bond Citizens Advisory Committee that you appointed in February of this year. Over the past 3 months, we have accomplished the following tasks:

- With the assistance of the County staff, we have identified critically needed capital improvement projects of the county in regards to jail facilities, parks, added capacity, safety, drainage and bridges (Exhibit A is a list of those projects)
- Our compliments to Mr. Joseph Gieselman, Mr. Mike Trimble and the County staff for the excellent staff support they have given us
- We have received and reviewed technical information about the projects
- We are in the process of conducting site visits to better understand the candidate projects and their issues
- We have established a website
- We have conducted 10 meetings, all open to the public
- The Committee received either written and spoken testimony from a few citizens
- We formed three (3) Subcommittees to allow us to evaluate the projects with specialized detail. (Below is a report from the chair of each subcommittee)
- We have scheduled a series of public meetings (Exhibit B is the schedule of the meetings)

Subcommittee Reports

Jail Facilities – Mr. Steve Martin, Chair

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

The subcommittee has had two meetings (May 24 & 31, 2005), with all members present and participating for both sessions. Mr. Martin had completed his tour of the Del Valle

facilities on May 21st and shared his observations and comments with the other members who had not yet had the opportunity to attend a tour. During this meeting we attempted to frame a series of questions for staff related to a number of the replacement beds. We also discussed the feasibility of converting a number of the variance beds at Del Valle to permanent housing. We then met with staff to discuss information that would aid the subcommittee in pursuing issues related to both the replacement and variance beds.

The May 31st subcommittee meeting included further discussion on the feasibility of continuing to utilize both some of the proposed replacement and variance beds. We then agreed upon information we needed from staff related to the specific types of beds being proposed, i.e., cells vs. multiple occupancy and single cells vs. double cells. Staff then joined us to discuss these issues. We also asked staff about the status of cost projections and requested that we be provided a specific breakdown of proposed beds by custody classification and housing type. We also suggested that their bed proposals include consideration for constructing housing that could be expanded with minimal costs should the capacity be needed in future years, e.g., constructing cells of a size that could accommodate double bunking should it be necessary.

The subcommittee members are still in the process of gathering and digesting critical information regarding the current proposals. Members Akins, Davis and Moya will tour the Del Valle complex on June 16. Thereafter, we hope to begin formulating some concrete alternatives to the current proposals.

Parks and Open Space – Ms. Diane Akers, Chair

Members: Diane Akers, John Hockenyos, Perry Lorenz, Leslie Pool, & Rod Reyna

I am reporting to you on behalf of the Parks and Open Space Subcommittee, which was formed May 10, 2005. As a committee, we would like additional time to visit each Park and Open Space Project before we can proceed with our recommendations.

We have three tours scheduled at this time.

June 3rd. Southwest Metro Park

June 17th. Arkansas Bend Park

June 22nd. Eastern Travis County Parks & Open Spaces

The county parks staff has been most helpful in assisting us by reviewing each project, explaining how they ranked various project proposals with a summary of project cost. The park staff is also working on line-item project costs so the subcommittee may review each project in this manner.

Additionally, the Parks and Open Space subcommittee ask that you consider placing on the ballot a "stand alone" proposition to fund the acquisition of open space. The dollar amount may be arrived at with the help of polling which is currently being arranged and conducted by members of groups including The Trust for Public Lands, The Hill Country Conservancy and Texas Nature Conservancy.

Roads, Bridges, and Drainage – Mr. Glen Coleman, Chair
Members: Glen Coleman, David Hartman, Leonard Huber, Sal Valdez, & Nell Pendridge

Let me express my gratitude for the efforts of the TNR staff.

Via staffs assistance the Sub Committee has reviewed and can rank at its next meeting, the list of candidate projects pertaining to the drainage and flooding.

We are currently reviewing each road project on a case-by-case basis. I anticipate at least two more meetings before the committee can rank or make a recommendation regarding the priority of the projects. The subcommittee has added an hour to its normally scheduled meetings to expedite this process.

As you see the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee has much left to do. We are hopeful that at the end of the public meetings and additional Committee meetings we will be able to provide you with a list of recommended candidate projects to conduct Public Hearings for your 2005 Bond.

Cc: Citizen Bond Advisory Committee
Bond Planning Team

Exhibit A

POTENTIAL JAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: SUMMARY

Recap of the “C-2” Concept, Outlined in the 2004 Jail Operations Study:

- Reuse buildings that retain useful life and can be maintained (1,289 existing beds)
- Replace buildings that are past their useful life-cycle, not cost-effective to continue maintaining (888 beds)
- Build capacity to reduce overcrowding in existing buildings, remove the need to apply for a continued variance to state regulations (572 beds)
- Build additional beds to allow for sufficient capacity to accommodate the projected 2014 population of 2,740 inmates, including regular fluctuations in the population (228 beds)
- Total additional capacity to the existing Jail System: 228 beds

For Bond Committee Consideration:

Project Component Scenarios	Bond \$ Required*
Address all jail bed needs identified in the “C-2” redevelopment concept: 228 beds added to jail system	\$80.7 M
Address the variance beds and buildings in need of replacement <u>only</u>: No additional capacity to jail system	\$63.5 M
Address the variance beds and the 228 “flex” beds needed to accommodate 2014 population – do not address buildings in need of replacement: 228 beds added to jail system	\$24.1 M
Just build the capacity to address removal of variance beds; replacement beds, “flex” bed needs not addressed: No additional capacity to jail system	\$0

**“Bond \$ Required” equals the total project cost for a scenario, minus the \$40 million set-aside for variance beds. Total project costs are based upon preliminary cost estimates provided by Travis County Facilities Management department. More developed cost estimates will be available for bond committee consideration in mid-July, through jail pre-planning work that will be occurring over the next several weeks.*

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**Transportation and Natural Resources Department (TNR)
 Conceptual Cost Estimate for Preliminary 2005 Bond Project List
 May 17, 2005**

<u>Project Areas</u>	<u>Conceptual Costs</u>
<u>Mobility Projects</u>	
<u># of Projects</u>	<u>Categories</u>
16	Existing County Roads
9	New Segment Locations
7	State Highways/FM Roads
NA	Substandard Roads
	Subtotal:
	\$ 127,890,000
	\$ 105,600,000
	\$ 1,360,000
	\$ -
	\$ 234,850,000
<u>Drainage and Flood Plain Projects</u>	
<u># of Projects</u>	<u>Categories</u>
5	Drainage
5	Flood Plain/Buyout
	Subtotal:
	\$ 9,400,000
	\$ 71,250,000
	\$ 80,650,000
<u>Parks and Open Space Projects</u>	
<u># of Projects</u>	<u>Categories</u>
5	Parks
2	Open Space
	Subtotal:
	\$ 29,400,000
	\$ 16,000,000
	\$ 45,400,000
Total Preliminary Project List (Conceptual Costs):	\$ 360,900,000

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Preliminary 2005 Bond Project List for Mobility Projects

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Existing County Roads									
1	24	County Road	Kimbro Rd./Parsons Rd. and Bridge Improvements	US 290 East to Blake Manor Rd.	21,000	Engineering and design of a MAD 4 from US 290 E to Blake Manor Road. ROW acquisition and construction for a new 2-lane bridge with approaches; ROW acquisition and construction of a MNR 2 from Blake Manor Rd to	None	Project will set alignment for a future 4-lane divided arterial to be funded in a future bond election.	\$ 8,470,000
1	32	County Road	Wells Branch Parkway	Boulder Ridge subdivision to Cameron Road	5,100	Upgrade - Engineering, design and ROW acquisition for a future MAD 6 and construction of a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Potential Public/Private partnership. County to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4) within 140' of right-of-way.	\$ 4,100,000
1,2	5	County Road	Cameron Rd.	SH 130 to future reconstructed Bridge #106 approach	8,712	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 2, including a new 3-lane bridge		County to fund the phased construction to <u>upgrade an existing</u> two lane rural section road to a two-lane minor arterial (MNR 2) including construction of a 3-lane newly aligned bridge (1/2 of future six lane).	\$ 8,330,000
1,2	20	County Road	Howard Ln. (Current Greg Ln.) Section I	Dessau Road North to Cameron Road	13,728	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of a 2-lane rural road to a MAD 4 (Potential Interlocal with COA)	Potential interlocal with City of Austin	Potential joint public (Travis County-City of Austin) partnership. County and City to fund the construction to <u>upgrade a</u> two-lane rural section roadway to a 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4).	\$ 12,900,000
2	16	County Road	Gattis School Rd. (Section I)	Travis County line to Priem Lane	3,150	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition, environmental clearance and construction of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MAD 4. (Project is a continuation of Williamson County project from CR 122 to Travis County line, potential interlocal with Williamson County)		Project is a continuation of Williamson County project from CR 122 to Travis County line, potential interlocal with Williamson County.	\$ 3,600,000

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2	17	County Road	Gattis School Rd. (Section II)	Priem Lane to Williamson County line	1,550	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 4.		Section will provide east/west connection of SH 130 to IH 35 and reduce impacts through existing neighborhood.	\$ 2,900,000
2	22	County Road	Howard Ln West	Scotfield Ridge Pkwy. to Wells Branch Pkwy.	7,762	Reconstruction of existing 2-lane collector		Reconstruction of a collector road. Project partially located in Near-Term Annexation Area of the City of Austin.	\$ 3,000,000
2	23	County Road	Jesse Bohls Rd. Bridge #231	At Wilbarger Creek Tributary between Weiss Lane and Cameron Road	400	ROW acquisition and construction for a new 2-lane bridge with new approaches			\$ 1,190,000
2	26	County Road	Pecan Street	Pflugerville City Limits to SH130	7,392	Upgrade - ROW acquisition and reconstruction of existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 2. With developer participation, potential to increase cross section to MAD 4. (Potential Public/Private).	MAD 4 cross section conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Funding for design from 2001 bond. Design completed in November 2004.	\$ 7,800,000
3	2	County Road	Bob Wire Road or R O Drive	Bee Creek Road to SH 71 (at Reimers Peacock Road)	9,220	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a Hill Country Roadway with wide outer shoulders		Hill Country Roadway cross section, 80' of right-of-way, 36' of paved surface (11-foot travel lanes with additional 5-foot wide shoulders to accommodate bikes).	\$ 3,400,000
3	15	County Road	Frate Barker Rd.	Brodie Lane to FM 2304 (Manchaca Rd.)	6,918	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 4. Travis County has financial participation from developer for intersection improvements at FM 2304.	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Public/Private Partnership. Funding is available from developer to improve intersection with Manchaca Road (\$479,000)	\$ 8,700,000

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3	18	County Road	Hamilton Pool Road (Section I)	RM 12 to Reimers Peacock Road	14,100	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition (80') and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 2 Hill Country Roadway with a wide outer shoulder.		Hill Country Roadway cross section, 80' of right-of-way, 36' of paved surface (11-foot travel lanes with additional 5-foot wide shoulders to accommodate bikes). Additional 40' on each side of right-of-way will possibly be obtained as conservation agreements from landowners to remain as natural areas and protect scenic corridors.	\$ 5,600,000
3	19	County Road	Hamilton Pool Road (Section II)	Reimers Peacock Road to Pedernales River	19,600	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition (80') and upgrade of an existing 2-lane rural road to a MNR 2 Hill Country Roadway with a wide outer shoulder.		Hill Country Roadway cross section, 80' of right-of-way, 36' of paved surface (11-foot travel lanes with additional 5-foot wide shoulders to accommodate bikes). Additional 40' on each side of right-of-way will possibly be obtained as conservation agreements from landowners to remain as natural areas and protect scenic corridors.	\$ 6,000,000
3	11	FM Road	FM 3238 (Hamilton Pool Road)	SH 71 to RM 12	36,000	ROW acquisition and construction of a MAD 4 with wide outer shoulders for bikes (possible "Pass-Through Tolling" project), requires TXDOT commitment			\$ 35,000,000
4	30	County Road	McKinney Falls Parkway (A)/ Slaughter Lane East (Section II) (B)	(A) Thaxton 2-lane Section to Slaughter Lane East (B) McKinney Falls Pkwy. to US 183	13,200	(A) Upgrade- Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade of a 2-lane road to a MAD 4 (B) New Segment - Engineering, design and ROW acquisition for a future MAD 6 and construction of a MNR 2		Travis County to fund an upgrade to existing Thaxton Rd and extend the connection to SH 45 SE.	\$ 10,700,000

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4	27	County Road	Pleasant Valley Rd.	City of Austin Limits to 45 SE	9,800	Upgrade - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and upgrade to a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005		\$ 6,200,000
New Segment Locations									
1	1	County Road	Arterial A	Cameron Road to US 290 E	8,950	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and phased construction of a MNR 2 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public (Travis County-City of Austin)/private partnership with Waste Management to reduce truck and cut-through traffic in the neighborhoods surrounding Springdale Rd. County and City to fund the construction of 2-lanes of a future 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4).	\$ 18,500,000
1	3	County Road	Braker Ln.	US 290 E to future Parmer Lane	9,250	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction for a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public/private partnership with developer Pete Dwyer (Wildhorse Ranch) to facilitate economic development in Precinct 1. County to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4). Note that the project is partially inside the near term annexation area of the COA.	\$ 8,100,000
1	4	County Road	Braker Ln.	FM 973 to Burseson Manor Road	18,000	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction for a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public/private partnership with developers to facilitate economic development in Precinct 1. County to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4).	\$ 16,400,000

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1	6	County Road	Decker Lake Rd.	FM 973 to SB frontage of SH 130	3,550	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction for a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public/private partnership with developer Larry Beard to facilitate economic development in Precinct 1. County to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4).	\$ 4,900,000
1	21	County Road	Howard Ln. Section II	City of Austin limits to east of SH 130	3,500	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction for a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public (Travis County-City of Austin)/private partnership. County and City to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4).	\$ 4,000,000
1	25	County Road	Parmer Ln.	US 290 E to SH 130	22,677	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction for a MAD 4 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005	Requested as a potential public/private partnership with developer Pete Dwyer (Wildhorse Ranch) to facilitate economic development in Precinct 1. County to fund 50% cost of construction of a new 4-lane divided major arterial (MAD 4). Note that the project is partially inside the Near-Term Annexation Area of the COA.	\$ 18,900,000
3	28	County Road	Reimers Peacock Road	Hamilton Pool Road to SH 71 West (at Bob Wire Road or RO Drive)	18,480	New Segment - Engineering, design, ROW acquisition (80') and construction of a MNR 2 Hill Country Roadway with wide outer shoulders (Potential Public/Private)		Hill Country Roadway cross section, 80' of right-of-way, 36' of paved surface (11-foot travel lanes with additional 5-foot wide shoulders to accommodate bikes). Additional 40' on each side of right-of-way will be obtained as conservation agreements from landowners to remain as natural areas and protect scenic corridors.	\$ 14,500,000

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4	29	County Road	Slaughter Ln. East (Section I)	Bluff Springs Rd. to McKinney Falls Pkwy.	12,520	New Segment - Engineering, design and ROW acquisition for a future MAD 6 and construction of a MNR 2 (Potential Public/Private)	Conditioned upon the execution of a construction agreement with the private parties prior to August 2005.		\$ 10,100,000
4	31	County Road	Slaughter Ln. East (Section III)	US 183 to SH 130	12,280	New Segment - Engineering, design and ROW acquisition for a future MAD 6 and construction of a MNR 2		Section will provide east/west connection of SH 130 to IH 35.	\$ 10,200,000
State Highways									
1	12	FM Road	FM 969	FM 3177 to SH 130	14,000	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 300,000
3	7	FM Road	FM 1431	Trails End area re-alignment	TBD	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			TBD
3	8	FM Road	FM 1626	Hays County line to Brodie Lane	4,660	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 160,000
3	9	FM Road	FM 1826	US 290 W to Slaughter	3,800	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 50,000
3	10	FM Road	FM 2244	Unincorporated sections in the Westlake/Rollingwood area	12,371	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 325,000
1,4	14	FM Road	FM 973	FM 969 to SH 71	22,176	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 450,000
4	13	FM Road	FM 973	SH 71 to Pearce Lane	4,488	ROW acquisition only, requires TXDoT commitment.			\$ 75,000
Substandard Road Program									
1,2,3,4		County Road	Substandard Road Program	Various Locations	TBD	Upgrade existing substandard roads to county standards. Engineering, design, ROW acquisition and construction.			TBD

Total Conceptual Cost for Mobility Projects: \$ 234,850,000

Preliminary 2005 Bond Project List for Parks and Opens Space Projects

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1	2	Park	East Metro Park	Construct Phase II park facilities, amenities, and related infrastructure; design and construct water line to park.	\$ 5,700,000
2	3	Park	NE Metro Park	Phase III development of park facilities, amenities, and related infrastructure.	\$ 4,500,000
3	1	Park	Arkansas Bend Park	Phase I redevelopment for day use and camping	\$ 9,300,000
3	6	Park	SW Metro Park	Phase II land acquisition and development of park facilities, amenities and related infrastructure	\$ 6,500,000
4	5	Park	SE Metro Park	Public-Private Partnership to develop an outdoor pool complex and the Confluence Trail (a portion of the Onion Creek Greenway)	\$ 600,000
			B. Confluence Trail		\$ 2,800,000
3	7	Open Space	Water Quality Protection Agreements	Protection of areas contributing to Hamilton Pool, Pogue Hollow Springs, and Pedernales River waters	\$ 10,000,000
4	4	Open Space	Onion Creek Greenway	Acquire 350 acres for Onion Creek Greenway	\$ 6,000,000

Parks Total \$ 29,400,000

Open Space Total \$ 16,000,000

Total Conceptual Parks and Open Space Costs \$ 45,400,000

Preliminary 2005 Bond Project List for Drainage and Floodplain Projects

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3	10	Drainage /Floodplain	Twin Creeks/ Arroyo Dobles /Onion & Bear Creek Confluence	Major retrofitting of drainage system and floodplain buy-out	Retrofit of drainage system		\$ 3,250,000
					Floodplain buy-out		\$ 1,700,000
2	5	Drainage	Pamela Heights	Major retrofitting of drainage system	Retro-fit of drainage system		\$ 1,700,000
4	7	Floodplain	Swiss Alpine Village	Floodplain buyout	Floodplain buy-out of 13 structures	Flooding effects appear to be from back-water of Maha Creek, drainage improvement will have little effect. This is unstudied floodplain, therefore it will be difficult to obtain FEMA grants to purchase these homes.	\$ 1,300,000
					Floodplain buy-out of 6 vacant lots		\$ 500,000
1	4	Drainage	Imperial Valley	Improved crossing of Elm Creek	Improve crossing of Elm Creek by increasing the capacity of drainage structure		\$ 1,750,000
1	3	Drainage	Hog Eye Road/ Lockwood Road/Jones Road/Quiet Oaks Lane	Improve drainage system	Improve crossing by increasing the capacity of drainage structure		\$ 950,000

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1	6	Drainage	Quiette Drive/ Walnut Creek	Erosion buy-out	Purchase 6 properties endangered by erosion	In May 2000, the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) entered into an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to conduct a flood damage evaluation study of the Lower Colorado River Basin. One of the studies authorized under this agreement but not yet funded is Walnut Creek. Although the main purpose of the study is flood damage reduction, USACE could look at erosion control. If funded the federal government would fund 50% of the study. Local sponsors such as the City of Austin and Travis County would fund the remaining 50%. If a project were found to be economically feasible as a result of the study, it would be cost shared with the federal government. Up to 65% federal and as little as 35% local.	\$ 1,750,000
4	9	Floodplain	Timber Creek Subdivision	Floodplain buy-out and recreation plan	Floodplain buy-out of 63 structures in the 25-year and recreation plan		\$ 10,000,000
4	8	Floodplain	Thoroughbred Farms Subdivision	Floodplain buy-out	Floodplain buy-out of 10 properties	This area is a prime location for FEMA buy outs due to the repetitive nature of the flooding. Travis County has received a grant from FEMA to purchase 2 of these properties. TNR will continue to pursue FEMA grants for buy out.	\$ 1,400,000
					Floodplain buy-out of 32 properties		\$ 3,700,000
3	2	Floodplain	Graveyard Point	Floodplain buy-out	Floodplain buy-out of 38 structures	In May 2000, the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) entered into an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to conduct a flood damage evaluation	\$ 11,400,000

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					Floodplain buy-out of all vacant lots	study of the Lower Colorado River Basin. The County would be required to fund 50% of the cost of the study. If a project were found to be economically feasible as a result of the study, it would be cost shared with the federal government. Up to 65% federal and as little as 35% local. TNR recommends including this study in the FY06 budget.	\$ 10,600,000

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Pct. #	Map #	Project Type	Project Name	Limits	Abbreviated Scope	Comments	Total Project Conceptual Cost
4	1	Floodplain	Caldwell Lane/Garfield Water Supply/River Timber Subdivision	Erosion protection and floodplain buy-out	Buy-out of 16 properties endangered by erosion and with in the 100-year floodplain	In May 2000, the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) entered into an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to conduct a flood damage evaluation study of the Lower Colorado River Basin. Although the main purpose of the study is flood damage reduction, USACE could look at erosion control in this area as well as flood damage reduction for the private properties in the River Timber Subdivision. The County would be required to fund 50% of the cost of the study. If a project were found to be economically feasible as a result of the study, it would be cost shared with the federal government. Up to 65% federal and as little as 35% local. TNR recommends including the funds for participation in the USACE study in the FY06 budget.	\$ 2,800,000
					Erosion control project designed to protect Caldwell Lane and the Garfield Water Supply	In 1999, under their Emergency Streambank Protection Works (Section 14), the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) designed a streambank protection project to protect the public infrastructure. This project would protect Caldwell Lane and the Garfield Water Supply facilities. The total cost of the project would be \$1,000,000. At the time and due to budget constraints, the County Commissioners Court declined to fund the local share of the project through the County budget. The project is currently classified as inactive by USACE until local matching funds can be obtained. It has not been included in the Federal budget for FY06.	\$ 1,150,000
					Floodplain buy-out of 144 structures with in the 100-year floodplain	These properties can benefit from a cost shared USACE Flood Damage Reduction Study. The cost would be shared 50% by the County and 50% by the federal government. If a project was recommended as a part of	\$ 25,200,000

Exhibit B

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PROPOSED 2005

TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM

Northern Travis County at 7:00 pm, Monday, June 13, 2005
Pflugerville Justice Center (Courtroom)
1611 E. Pfennig Lane

Downtown Austin at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 14, 2005
Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom (Ned Granger Building, First Floor)
314 West 11th

Southeast Travis County at 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 16, 2005
Del Valle High School (Performing Arts Auditorium)
5201 Ross Road

East Travis County at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 22, 2005
Precinct One Satellite Service Center
9301 Johnny Morris Road

West Travis County at 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 23, 2005
Precinct Three Travis County Office Complex (Courtroom)
8658 SH 71 West

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

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

- ❖ Jail Facility Replacement and Improvement Projects
- ❖ Arterial and Collector Roadway Projects
- ❖ Bridge Replacement Projects
- ❖ Subdivision Drainage Improvement Projects and Floodplain Mitigation
- ❖ Right-of-Way Acquisition for State Farm-to-Market Roads
- ❖ Park and Open Space Improvements & Land Acquisition

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Travis County 2005 Bond Citizen Advisory Committee will be conducting a series of public meetings throughout the county in order to receive bond project ideas from residents. The Travis County Commissioners Court in February 2005 appointed the 15-member committee as representatives from all parts of the county. The committee has been reviewing project proposals for capital improvements such as jail facility replacement and improvements, added road capacity, bridge and low-water replacements, subdivision drainage improvements and floodplain mitigation, right-of-way acquisition for State Farm-to-Market roads, and park and open space improvements and land acquisition.

The committee is considering the need for a county bond election and now wishes to receive input from the public on projects. The first public meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, June 13, 2005 at the Pflugerville Justice Center (Courtroom), 1611 E. Pfennig Lane, just west of FM 685. Residents of north and northeast Travis County are encouraged to attend.

Residents who live in central Travis County will have an opportunity to provide comments at the second public meeting, scheduled for 6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 14, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom, 314 West 11th Street, Ned Granger Building, First Floor.

A third public meeting, for residents in southeast Travis County, is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 16, 2005, and will be held at the Del Valle High School (Performing Arts Auditorium), 5201 Ross Road, located between Pearce Lane and SH 71 East.

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The fourth public meeting, for residents in east Travis County, is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 22, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Travis County Precinct One Satellite Service Center, 9301 Johnny Morris Road, located just south of the intersection of Johnny Morris Road and US Highway 290 East.

For residents located in west Travis County, a final public meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 23, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Precinct Three Travis County Office Complex (Courtroom), 8658 SH 71 West, located 1.5 miles north of the “Y” in Oak Hill.

The agenda for each of the meetings will start with citizen communications and also include reports from bond committee members and other business. At each of these meetings, information will be available on specific project proposals currently under consideration.

A bond election date for the county projects has not been determined, but may be scheduled in November 2005.

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Attachment: Public Notice