

Road and Tree Dot Voting Summary

*Buda Bond Progress Meeting
The Kunkel Room, Buda Elementary
November 12, 2015*

Participants were given four sticky dots with which to vote on the following six priorities:

- Make traffic flow smoothly and quickly
- Make the street as safe as possible
- Save as many trees as possible
- Keep costs as low as possible
- Protect neighboring private property
- Ensure an attractive entrance to downtown

Participants could place all their votes for one category or spread them across several. Consultants and staff from outside Buda were not allowed to vote.

There were 184 sticky dots voted on two identical boards.

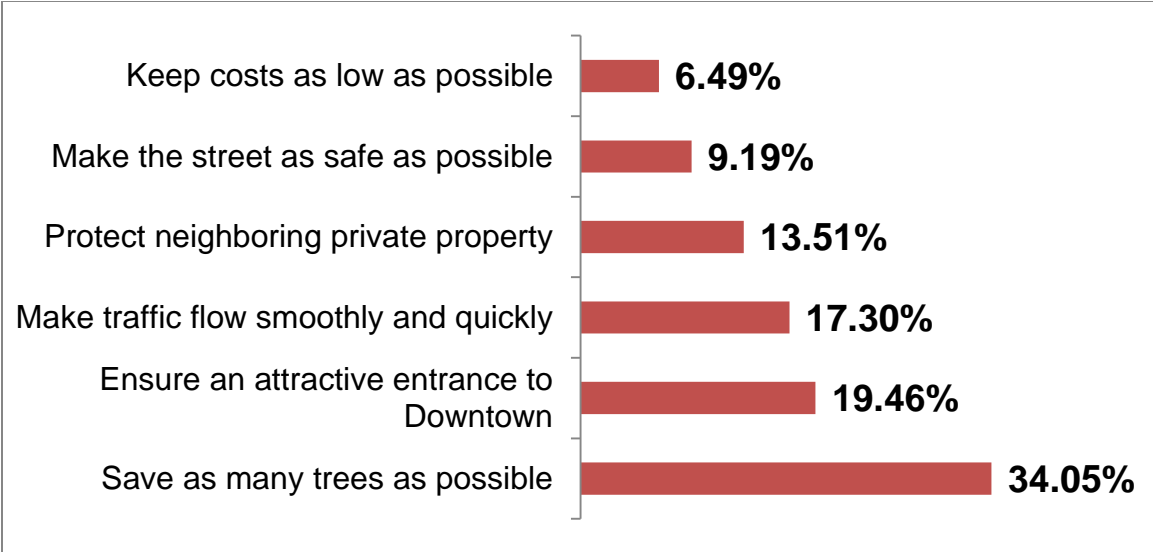
Votes Cast

	Board 1	Board 2	Total
Make traffic flow smoothly and quickly	18	14	32
Make the street as safe as possible	5	12	17
Save as many trees as possible	32	31	63
Keep costs as low as possible	7	5	12
Protect neighboring private property	15	10	25
Ensure an attractive entrance to Downtown	18	18	36
			184



Saving as many trees as possible and ensuring an attractive entrance to downtown were the top two priorities at 34.05% and 19.46%, respectively.

Percentage of Total Dot-Votes Cast For Each Priority



Record of Written Comments from Comment Station

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Eleven comments were submitted. Of those, one was negative and the remaining ten were focused on offering suggestions. Five commented in favor of preserving the trees along Main Street. Four commenters mentioned drainage. Only one focuses solely on recent flooding.

Written comments were provided at several stations. The Drainage station solicited specific comments on flood and drainage issues on separate forms. The Municipal Complex station invited participants to comment via sticky notes on exhibits. Public input was also requested by asking participants to vote on road priorities at the Roads station. The comments reflected here are only those submitted at a separate General Comments Station.

COMMENTS:

We got flooded and I lost my car and property was almost washed away. My house is fine. We need drainage fixed now, been complaining for years.

We need help now, not later.

Please consider working with Hays County Master Gardeners when planning landscape plantings. A group of us is currently with the City of Kyle to recommend and help with native plants around the Depot across from City Hall. Native and adapted plants save water and are low maintenance. Let's save as many trees as possible too.

Park trails need to have adequate shade. No concrete trails – bad for feet of walkers and runners. The park on 967 across from Willie's Joint needs to have a foot bridge built over the part near 967 that constantly floods making walkway unpassable.

Would love turn lane extended to railroad as well – terminates back by Loop St.

587 Main is a business now and cars cannot turn left on Cedar safely.

I hope we are able to keep our 100 year trees that make the entrance to downtown unique.

My question would be, will there be a professional arborist to survey the potential trees that may be removed for road projects or sidewalks?

When or if the trees are relocated, will they be moved to city property?

I live on Cedar Street and some culverts are filled, but others are not. The surface water has nothing to slow it down and streams across the street. I would be willing to consider filling in the culverts and having a French drain type mechanism in place. This would keep from having to install sidewalks.

Please use the oak grove at the back of the municipal complex for a learning and outdoor area.

Please move forward with the trail connections. The City is known for outdoors and this would just improve that view of our city.

Also, if possible transit into Austin would be beneficial to all commuters, even if it is just to Southpark Meadows. Bus or train.

I think the Main St. priorities voting boards spoke volumes towards how citizens feel about maintaining the natural landscape and beauty of our fair city.

As one enters Buda westward from I-35, a prominent sign proclaims that we are "Proud to be a Certified Scenic City." Please consider carefully the impact that removing trees (especially the beautiful old growth oaks) would have, not only on our reputation, not only on our desirability as a place to live and visit, not only on the citizens' collective morale, but on the very fabric and foundation of this community. Buda is truly a warm and inviting place, it is laid back, relaxed, safe, and we feel we can "breathe easy here," let's do our best to keep it that way.

In all things/projects please make accessible to wheelchairs

Please remember we have a sign as you come into Buda saying "Proud to be a certified scenic city." Let's not mar our city by taking down its beautiful trees.

If trees have to be removed for construction, let's use this wood for something purposeful for the city. Perhaps beams in the library or a bench made by a local Buda artisan to go in the park. Please look at the "Pinterest board" created by the Buda Library for more inspirational ideas to repurpose trees. Birdfeeders, bookshelves, doors to the new municipal building, etc.

Representatives from Coves of Cimarron HOA:

Drainage from Oxbow to Coves of Cimarron is a problem.

Please continue to develop our park spaces and acquire more property to allow more trails and paths (bike and walking).

Keep Buda's small town feel. Quality not quantity.

Thank you for this presentation and opportunity for citizen comment.

I am very concerned about my property values and my view in the new city complex coming to Loop Street. How do I get to view the building and site plans as they progress? What input do I have about these plans?

What are some of your **favorite places/spaces** in Buda?

- restaurants, Main/Old San Antonio Road
- current Library, parks (especially Stagecoach)
- trees and park
- preserve the oaks
- Garlic Creek Park, Stagecoach Park
- parks, Old Town, library
- downtown restaurants, library, sidewalks, Stagecoach Park, Trail of Lights
- driving out 2770, back of Stagecoach Park, I wish I could say City Park – please fix that
- right where the new city complex will be
- Gray Gardens, Stagecoach Park, downtown
- park, library, coffee shop
- library, ponds, coffee shops, parking, walking downtown
- Stagecoach Park, downtown
- library, parks, Main Street
- Main Street (small town feel), being able to walk downtown
- Stagecoach Park, sidewalks
- library
- library, Stagecoach Park, City Park
- trees, quaint shops
- the outdoors and parks
- Garlic Creek, driving on Main to 967 through the tall trees
- Stagecoach Park, Garlic Creek (home), Downtown Main Street
- trees and parks

What makes Buda **special/unique**?

- trees, open spaces, wildlife, small town feel
- small town feel
- ditto! → (pointing to comment above)
- downtown area, small community
- love walking to downtown, parks, etc.
- small town with large old trees
- size
- small town feel, quality of activities at library, trees/outdoor spaces
- location, taxes, big oaks, creeks
- able to walk to downtown and enjoy it
- oak trees
- large oak trees
- small town, not Austin in the making
- able to walk and ride bike more and more places, not a lot of fast food franchises – yeah!
- Jardine's Longhorn visible from Main Street, the goats at Billy's and across the street (Sequoyah), the heirloom trees on Main street (viewing E/W)
- small town feel
- sidewalks, Main Street trees, library
- trees, trails, paths, small town feel
- it's not like the other cookie cutter cities that spring up in I-35
- you feel like you grew up here even if you didn't

- festivals and special activities
- train, heritage oaks, proximity to Austin, people
- wiener dog races! trees
- trees, community, Main Street
- design something distinctive, make the city proud
- people, small town
- the quietness and the trees
- I feel safe here, there is a real sense of community

What aspect of the new Municipal Complex do you **plan to use the most?**

- create space for cooking classes so can foster community health and nearby organic garden
- all
- library, meeting spaces
- library, living room spaces, computer spaces
- window seating area in library
- library, living room
- library, outdoor seating/meeting spaces
- would like to see library hours extended, more space with some windows, YES (points to above)
- council chambers
- meeting, council chamber, library
- library
- meeting spaces, need for community to access
- library, meeting spaces
- adequate parking
- library, and hoping to not hear the trains while in the library
- library, living room and meeting spaces
- library
- library – bigger, better! it is so wonderful. library, we need to help it.
- library (!) and community rooms
- library
- create quiet spaces inside and out for reading and reflection
- library, living room, meeting space
- library, community rooms
- Very important for Buda's conversation w/ the world that the new Muni Complex has green designs we can celebrate. Both green and cost effective.
- Hopefully there will be an outdoor area under the trees that can be used for educational purposes.
- cozy meeting places
- not sure yet, but they all better be wheelchair accessible
- library
- hire local for construction
- library
- library
- library and meeting space
- meeting rooms for 30+
- library
- all

Miscellaneous

- keep noise down from bars
- bring farmers market to municipal complex

- trident class submarine
- what are you spending \$\$ millions to build in flood zone?