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Buda Bond Referendum to Be on November Ballot

- Propositions on Transportation and Parks Projects
- Bond Website Created to Provide Information

BUDA, TEXAS – During a special meeting, Buda City Council approved a general obligation bond package totaling \$89.66 million for the **Nov. 2, 2021** election. Proposition A, comprised of transportation and mobility projects, and Proposition B, comprised of parks and recreation projects, are detailed on informational website, www.budabonds.com, called "Your Buda, Your Choice."

The proposed transportation projects involve Old Black Colony Road reconstruction, West Goforth Road reconstruction, Overpass Road / FM 2001 intersection improvements, RM 967 acceleration and deceleration lanes and right turn onto FM 1626 expansion, Austin Street reconstruction, FM 2770 / Main Street / China Street pedestrian connection, Talley Loop rehabilitation, an IH-35 to Old San Antonio Road connector, Middle Creek Drive rehabilitation, SH-45 / Bailey East-West Corridor, and other future small mobility improvements and to be "shovel ready" for potential grant funding with improvements for streets, roads, bridges, and intersections, including related utility relocation, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, purchase of necessary rights-of-way, design and management costs, required equipment, and drainage, comprising about \$73.57 million of the overall cost. The remaining \$16.09 million of the costs are related to parks and recreation projects for Garlic Creek Trail Phase II, Eastside Park, Onion Creek Trail, Green Meadows Park / Stoneridge Park, City Park parking and Garison Park Phase I, and includes land acquisition, design costs, required equipment and drainage.

Projects that were considered for inclusion in the bond referendum were reviewed by a City Council-appointed Buda Bond Advisory Council (BBAC). The BBAC was charged with reviewing the City of Buda's master plans, community surveys, capital improvement

plans, and other documents; analyzing potential projects for consideration in a bond election for constructability, cost, and public benefit; and recommending a slate of projects to the City Council for consideration.

Buda voters are encouraged to visit <u>www.budabonds.com</u> "Your Buda, Your Choice," to get more information about the proposed projects, tax implications, legal notices, frequently asked questions, voter registration and election information, voter boundary requirements and other resources.

The City of Buda is home to nearly 19,000 residents and has earned designations as a "Texas Main Street City," "Tree City USA," and "Platinum-Level Scenic City." Buda is situated along the Interstate 35 corridor, has 14 parks and a historic downtown district where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, relax and *breathe easy here*.

