



MINUTES

JULY 28, 2022

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to Order

A workshop session of the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas was held in the Brazos County Commissioners Courtroom in the Administration Building, 200 South Texas Avenue, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday July 28, 2022 with the following members of the Court present:

Duane Peters, County Judge, Presiding;
Steve Aldrich, Commissioner of Precinct 1;
Russ Ford, Commissioner of Precinct 2;
Nancy Berry, Commissioner of Precinct 3;
Irma Cauley, Commissioner of Precinct 4;
Karen McQueen, County Clerk.

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

2. Discussion on the future transportation needs in Brazos County.

John Polster with Innovative Transportation Solutions, Inc. gave a presentation on the process and benefits of a Road Bond Program. Mr. Polster stated that Brazos County is one of the top 20 fastest growing counties in the State of Texas and it is imperative that the agencies work together to improve transportation in the area. With the Road Bond Program the County will have the opportunity to leverage approximately \$740,000,000 of TXDOT funds. He advised the Court to consider calling a Road Bond Election in November. The Court entered into discussion on the matter. Commissioner Aldrich expressed concerns on funding and making sure to meet the needs of both citizens within the city limits and in the unincorporated areas of the County. Judge Peters stated that this opportunity could be a game-changer by possibly leveraging \$9.00 for every dollar spent. The Court unanimously concurred that moving forward with a Road Bond

Election is in the best interest of Brazos County.
Judge Peters opened the meeting for citizen input.

John Nichols, City of College Station Council member, stated that this program is much needed and the County has his endorsement.

Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation President Matt Prochaska feels this program is incredibly important to the economic growth of Brazos County.

Mayor Karl Mooney, Mayor of College Station applauded the Court for its leadership on this program.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

3. Adjourn



The foregoing minutes of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session held July 28, 2022, have been examined and are approved in open Court this the 9th day of August 2022, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas.

Absent
Duane Peters
County Judge

[Signature]
Steve Aldrich
Commissioner, Precinct 1

[Signature]
Russ Ford
Commissioner, Precinct 2

[Signature]
Nancy Berry
Commissioner, Precinct 3

[Signature]
Irma Cauley
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:

[Signature]
Karen McQueen
County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD

No.

DATE 7-22-2022

AT _____ O'CLOCK _____ M

KAREN MCQUEEN

BRAZOS COUNTY CLERK

By *Karen McQueen*



**BRAZOS COUNTY
BRYAN, TEXAS**

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

WORKSHOP SESSION

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN A WORKSHOP SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2022
MEETING TIME: 1:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Brazos County Administration Building, 200 S. Texas Avenue,
Suite 106, Bryan, TX 77803

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1. Call to Order
 2. Discussion on the future transportation needs in Brazos County.
 3. Adjourn

The Brazos County Administration Building, 200 S. Texas Avenue, Suite 106, Bryan, TX 77803 is wheelchair accessible. Handicap parking spaces are available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made two working days before the meeting. To make arrangements, please call (979) 361-4102.

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

28 DAY OF July, 2022
1:30 AM/PM, Workshop

Name

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Kelli Weatherman
Cheryl Cottman
Aubrey Leggett
Karen McQueen
Sharon Workman
MIE Martindale
Caleb Williams
Mike Knappik
Jayson Bartknecht
Elizabeth Clark
Lance Decuir
Phil Barnes
Ann Bowry
Hyatt Walker
Phil Shackelford

Organization

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A&M Pres Office
Commissioners
Commissioners
County Clerk
Co. Clerk's Office
AC CSISD
CSISD
CP&V
City of Bryan
City of College Station
Holff
LAN
NRAAP
COB
Self/BLS Chamber

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

28th DAY OF July, 2022
1:30 ~~AM~~/PM, Workshop

Name

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DAN RUDGE

Dennis Christensen

Gola Roney

Marsha Anderson

Donnie Juggle

Chuck Konderla

Paul Kropf

JASON SCHUBERT

Jo Marlow

Steve Fullhart

Wm. Charles Wendt

Claudell Lipscomb

Ed Bull

Bonny Moore

Karl Minter

Organization

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BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION MPO

RNA

State Rep

Co Judge

KB TX TV

Citizen

City of Bryan

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

BTD

BVEDC

BC Purchasing

Bryan ISD

Co Judge

RNA

City of College Station

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

28th DAY OF July, 2022
9:130 ~~AM~~/PM, Workshop

Name

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Debbie AlbertJulie PorterJohn NicholsMATT PROCHASKAMina PayneKatie CouderKimberly RoachJohn PolsterLisa PolsterZyreshia JacksonJOHN DUNNGus RomanAlyssa Haue-SchrammKaitlyn BattlesB. ERAT

Organization

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City of C.S. + ChambersBVEDCBudgetAuditorCouncil Ct.ITSITSCity of BryanCITY OF BRYANCITY OF COLLEGE STATIONCITY OF COLLEGE STATIONBC PurchasingCo Judge



**BRAZOS COUNTY
BRYAN, TEXAS**

DEPARTMENT:

NUMBER:

DATE OF COURT MEETING: 7/28/2022

ITEM: Discussion on the future transportation needs in Brazos County.

TO: Commissioners Court

DATE: 07/11/2022

FISCAL IMPACT: False

BUDGETED: False

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$0.00

ATTACHMENTS:

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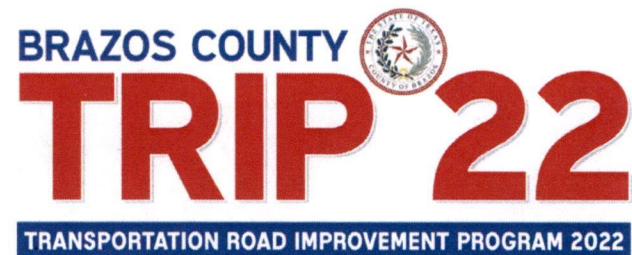
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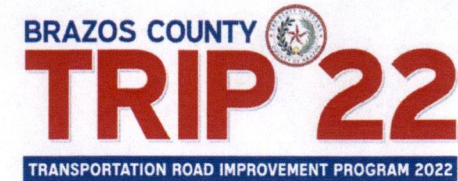
Brazos County Transportation Road Improvement Program 2022

Brazos County Commissioners Court
Transportation Workshop

July 28, 2022



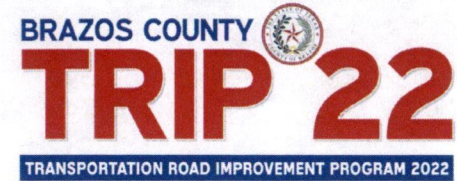
Population Growth



- Brazos County is routinely in the top 20 fastest growing counties in the state by percentage.*
- Brazos County's population **grew 18.9%** from the **195,671** people who lived there in **2010**. For comparison, the population in the US **grew 6.5%** and the population in Texas **grew 16.3%** during that period.
- Between **2010** and **2020**, the county grew by an average of **1.9%** per year.
- An estimated 11 people move into Brazos County every day.

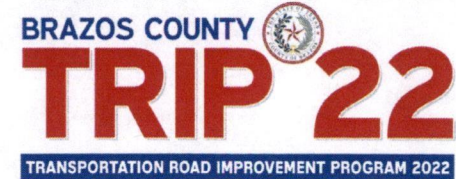
* Source: US 2020 Census.

Why County Funds for New Roads?

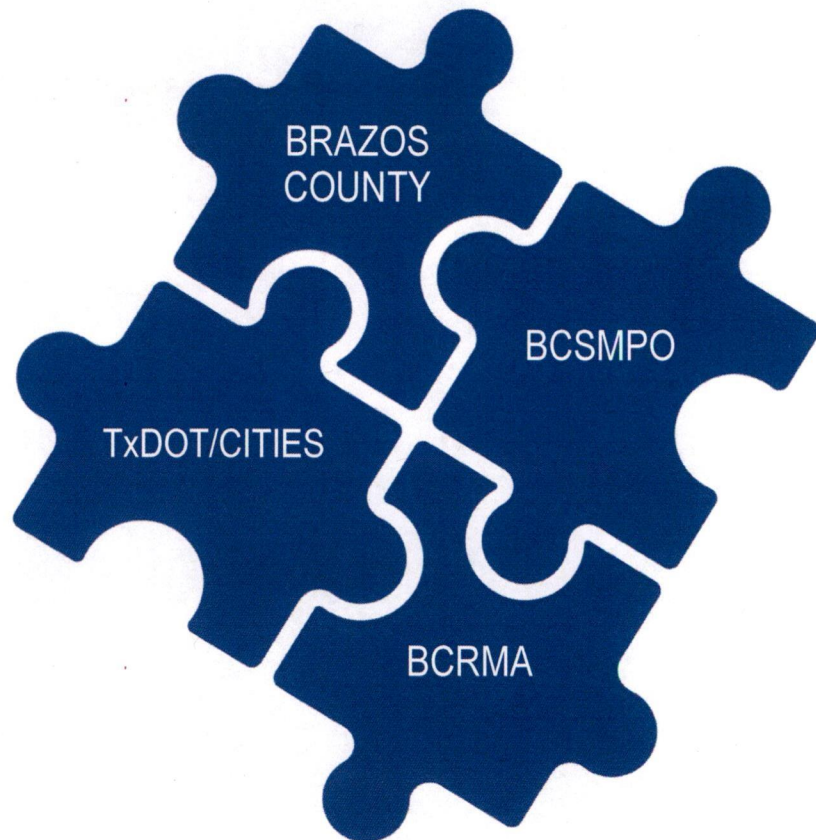


- Federal and state funding agencies look for partnerships for leveraging opportunities for new roads.
- Gas tax has not been increased in 23 years.
- Fuel efficiency is reducing available transportation funding.
- Regional funding requires local government financial participation.

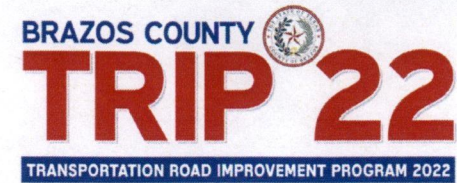
Partnership in Action



As money becomes available, TxDOT and BCSMPO will choose and prioritize projects that have existing local funding dollars committed. The local funding provided by the bond program will substantially expedite roadway improvements.

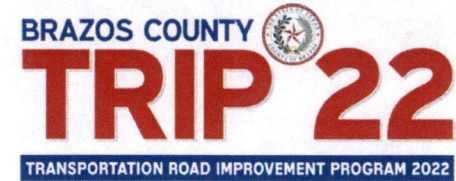


Benefits of Partnering



- Decreases congestion on city, county and state roads
- Enhances quality of life
- Provides through traffic on city roads
- Improves air quality
- Reduces standing traffic emissions
- Enhances economic development; keeps tax base strong
- Increases safety
 - Ambulance service accessibility
 - Reduces dangerously high roadbeds
 - Improves Bus Routes

Power of Leveraging

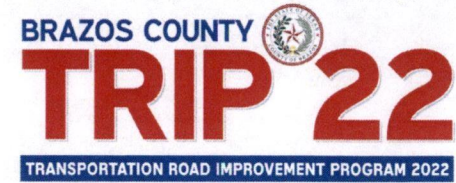


The Brazos County road bond program as currently drafted, has the potential to leverage more than

\$740 Million

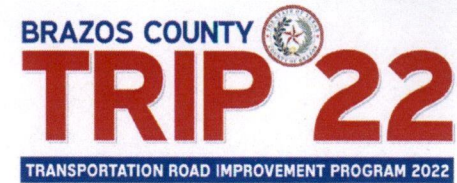
in roadway projects throughout the county that improve the quality of life of every resident.

Financial Stewardship



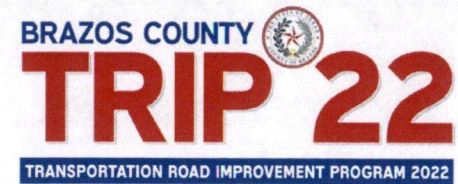
- Brazos County has effectively managed its finances to maintain its AA bond rating.
- Brazos County's tax rate has dropped from \$0.XX/\$100 valuation in 2009 to \$0.XX/\$100 valuation in 2021.

TRIP 22: Process to Date



- Brazos County has been meetings with the Texas Department of Transportation-Bryan District (TxDOT) to identify which on system projects had the best potential for partnership leveraging.
- Additionally, Brazos County met with the BCSMPO and BCRMA to ensure the bond program projects were consistent with their planning documents and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Brazos County worked with each community to identify the projects critical to their residents.
- A draft list of projects has been compiled for this initial Workshop.

TRIP 22: Next Steps



- Discuss project specifics.
- If consensus is reached, on August 2, 2022, Brazos County to consider calling a Road Bond election for November 8, 2022.



2022 BRAZOS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM-DRAFT

PROJ #	Entity	PROJECT	LIMITS FROM/TO	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TOTAL	OTHER COMMITMENT	COUNTY COMMITMENT	NOTES
ON SYSTEM PROJECTS								
1	Bryan	Inner Loop East	from SH 6 to W.D. Fitch	New location Super Street (4-lane divided)	\$305,000,000	\$101,000,000	\$13,000,000	Schematic and Environmental Clearance. This will give us the number of impacted parcels and utilities. W/O the EA, the value of the ROW and Utilities is a guess.
2	Bryan	SH 21	at SH 47	Interchange Improvements	\$65,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	Schematic and Environmental Clearance, ROW & Utility Local Match
3	Bryan	FM 1688	from SH 47 to FM 2818	Widen to 5-Lane Roadway	\$36,000,000		\$16,000,000	Construction (Project Total is Sch, PS&E, ROW & Ute Match - \$32 just for construction)
4	College Station/ Bryan	FM 2818	FM 60 to SH 6 North	Super Street (widen 4-lane undivided to 6-lane divided & intersection improvements)	\$150,000,000		\$6,000,000	Schematic and Environmental Clearance, PS&E, ROW & Utility Local Match. Could be reduced to \$6 million for ENV to determine ROW and Utility costs.
5	College Station	FM 2347	at FM 2154	Multimodal Single Point Urban Interchange	\$100,000,000	\$63,000,000	\$15,000,000	Local Match/ Bush/Welborn
6	College Station	SH 40	from Arrington Rd to SH 6	Intersection Improvements	\$16,000,000		\$16,000,000	Construction, ROW & Utility Local Match
7	College Station	SH 30	from Associates Ave. to FM 158	Widen to 5-Lane Roadway	\$27,000,000		\$11,000,000	Construction (Project Total is Sch, PS&E, ROW & Ute Match - \$24 MM just for construction)
OFF SYSTEM PROJECTS								
8	Brazos County	County/City Facilities	Various	Widen/New Location/Reconstruct	\$40,000,000		\$20,000,000	Possible partnership with Cities
TOTAL					\$739,000,000	\$165,500,000	\$100,000,000	MODIFIED 072822