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# TARRANT COUNTY

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2021 TRANSPORTATION  
BOND PROGRAM  
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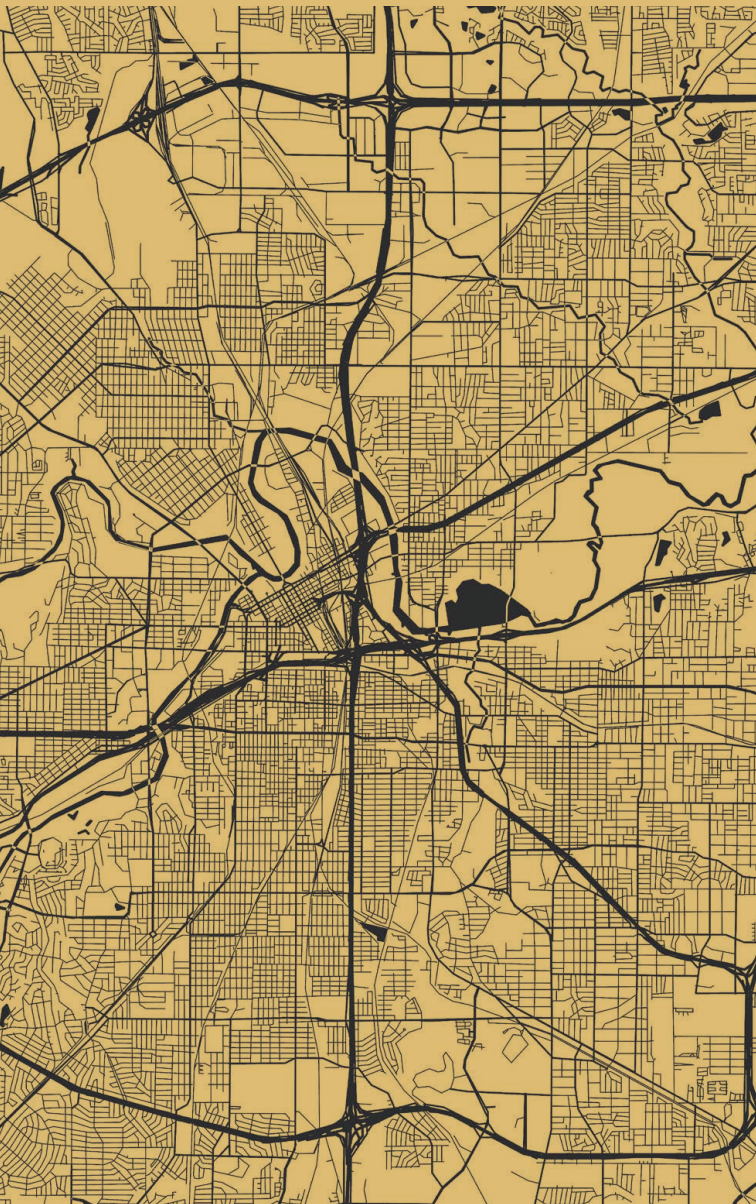
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# 2021 TARRANT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BOND PROGRAM



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tarrant County continues to experience significant population growth, increasing demand for the current transportation system. As the county continues to grow to an estimated 3 million residents by 2045, it will require a maturing local arterial system connecting to expanded highways designed to facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods. Historically, transportation improvements of this nature have typically been funded through bond programs, cash-on-hand capital improvement programs or the distribution of state and federal dollars. Unfortunately, these funds alone do not meet the growing need for transportation improvements countywide.

In 2006, residents of Tarrant County overwhelmingly approved a \$200 million Transportation Bond Program to fund road improvement projects across the county. However, since 2006, population increases and strong economic development within Tarrant County have once again highlighted the need for further improvements and expansion to the transportation system. These improvements included, but were not limited to, congestion mitigation, safety enhancements and system connectivity and were critical to ensuring a safe and reliable roadway network.

In recent years, improvements to Interstate Highways within Tarrant County have provided much-needed additional capacity designed to improve traffic flow. Some of these improvements were funded through public-private partnerships with TxDOT and the federal government. However, in order for mobility to reach its potential, the entire transportation network must be considered, and the supporting thoroughfare system must be improved. In order to achieve this, many major thoroughfares and local arterials located within municipalities need expansion and

upgrades requiring additional funding options for transportation improvements.

On November 2, 2021, Tarrant County voters passed Proposition A, Transportation Bond Program (TBP), with a 66% approval rate for a \$400 million bond sale to fund road improvement projects across Tarrant County. The Tarrant County Commissioners Court and County staff implemented projects identified in the 2021 bond program to increase mobility, reduce congestion, enhance safety, and improve connectivity.

At its core, this program seeks to bolster the vitality of our county by investing in critical infrastructure projects designed to alleviate traffic congestion, expand roadways, and improve overall mobility. Through coordination with our municipal partners, we have identified roadway facilities that require both immediate attention and long-term strategic planning.

Funding through the 2021 TBP depends upon the issuance of bonds and Commissioners Court approval to encumber funds for each project. On May 24, 2022, the Commissioners Court took action to authorize the sale of bonds to raise \$225 million for the 2021 TBP, and funding for the first project was approved by the Commissioners Court on November 1, 2022.

This quarterly report serves as a guide to the various projects this bond program will support, illustrating how these improvements will directly benefit the citizens of Tarrant County. We also encourage you to explore the Tarrant County Bond Program website at [www.tarrantcountybond2021.com](http://www.tarrantcountybond2021.com) to learn more about the projects funded in this program and how they may benefit your community.

## THE 2021 TRANSPORTATION BOND PROGRAM

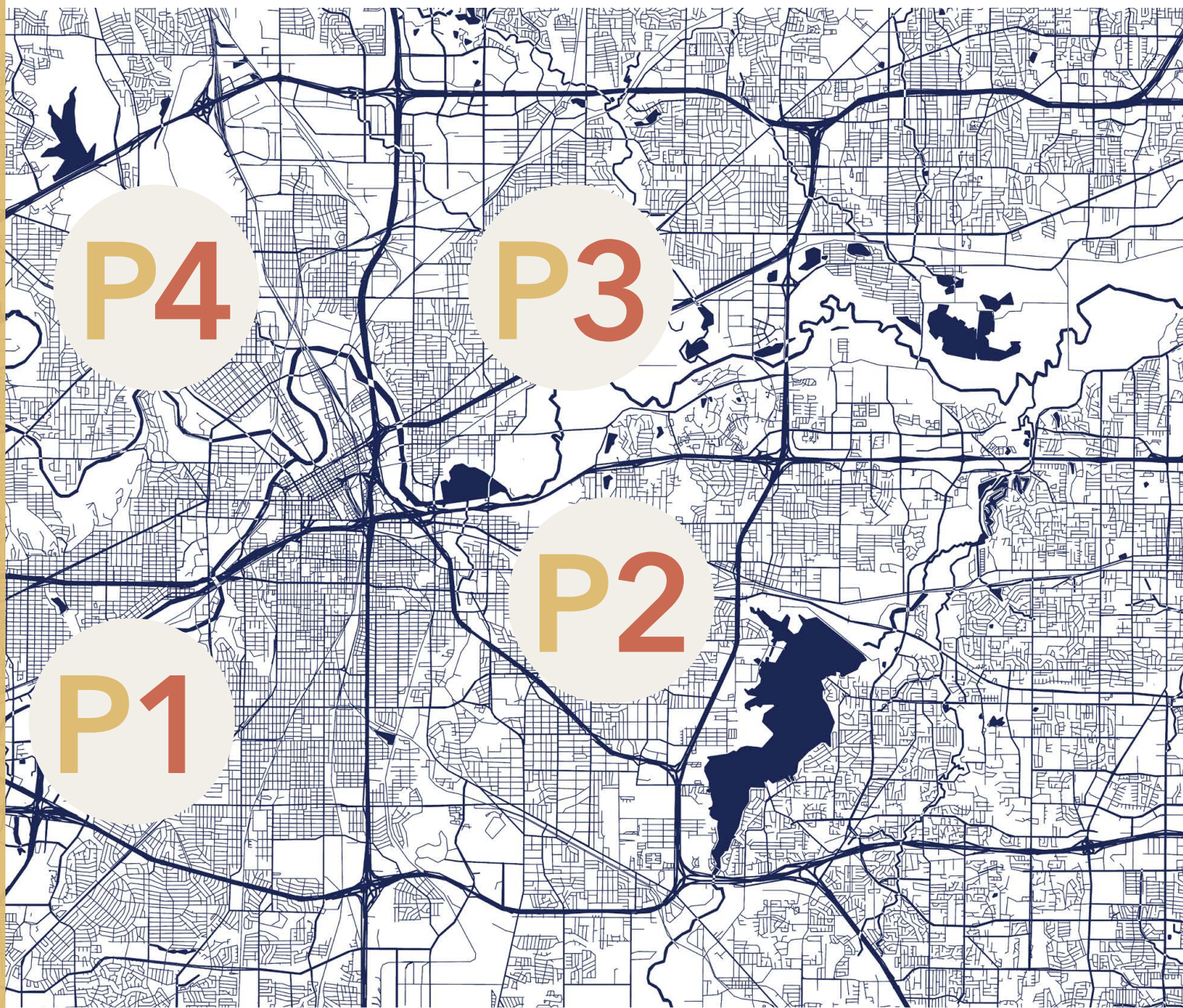
TBP 2021 intends to provide financial support to advance transportation improvements in all of the four Commissioner precincts throughout Tarrant County. This support will be manifested through the voter-approved Transportation Bond Program of up to \$400 million.

The 2021 TBP is comprised of Call for Projects, Discretionary, and County-wide Initiatives and Partnership funding categories.

A Call for Projects funding category within municipalities, with a fund allocation of up to \$200 million, went out to maximize the cost-effectiveness of each bond-funded project. The Tarrant County Transportation Services Department notified all municipalities in Tarrant County of the proposed program and requested project submittals for review and evaluation in a Call for Projects. Projects in this category required a local funding match of at least 50% of the total project cost identified in the municipality's project submittal. Twenty-six cities requested funding, and 33 projects were funded in the Call for Projects.

The Discretionary funding category allocates \$15 million to each of the five Commissioners Court members for any transportation-related project described in this program.

The Countywide Initiatives and Partnerships funding category allocates up to \$125 million for strategic projects identified by the Commissioners Court to provide multi-jurisdictional benefits and enhance financial leveraging opportunities.





# P1

Precinct 1 has five projects underway in various phases. Of those projects, three were selected in the Call for Projects, one is a countywide initiative and one is discretionary funded. Below are two highlighted projects.

### Fort Worth - Everman Parkway

This project involves the construction of the extension of Everman Parkway from Rosedale Springs Lane to Cameron Hills Point. The new extension consists of approximately 0.6 miles of four-lane divided concrete urban arterial with curb and gutter, internal drainage, one major creek crossing, one overpass railroad crossing, street lights, and shared use paths.

### Forest Hill - Wichita Street

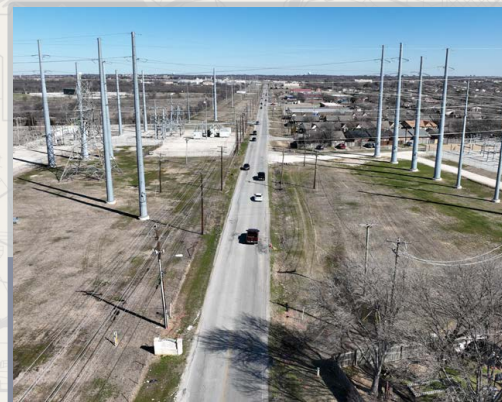
This project involves the reconstruction and widening of Wichita Street from an existing 2-lane asphalt roadway, from IH-20 to Roy Brooks Boulevard, to a 5-lane undivided curb and gutter roadway with continuous median turn-lane. Improvements will also include drainage crossings to minimize current flooding conditions, traffic signalization, illumination, and a 8-foot shared-use path.



Proposed location Everman Pkwy looking east from near Rosedale Springs Lane



Proposed location Everman Pkwy looking west from near Cameron Hills Point

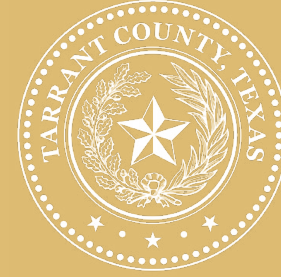


Wichita St looking north from near Roy C. Brooks Blvd



Wichita St looking south from near IH 20

## P1 ACTIVE PROJECTS



Day Miar Road clearing and grading looking south from Broad Street



Day Miar Road new pavement near Lake Ridge High School



Proposed location Little School Road extension looking west from Kennedale Pkwy



Proposed location Little School Road extension looking east from New Hope Road

Precinct 2 has nine projects underway in various phases, and all nine projects were selected in the Call for Projects. Six of those projects are in the design phase, and three are currently under construction. Below are two highlighted projects.

#### **Mansfield - Day Miar Road**

This project involves the construction of Day Miar Road from East Broad Street to E. Seeton Road. The proposed improvement is to upgrade the roadway from an existing two-lane asphalt roadway with roadside ditch drainage to a concrete four-lane, undivided thoroughfare with curb and gutter. A major open drainage facility is planned along the west side. Construction on this roadway improvement began in October 2023 and is expected to be completed by November 2024.

#### **Kennedale - Little School Road**

This project involves the construction of Little School Road from New Hope Road to Kennedale Parkway. The extension of Little School Road will include approximately 3,000 linear feet of new roadway and bridges, with two ten-foot-wide shared use pathways for pedestrians and cyclists. The bridge will be an elevated rail crossing to improve mobility. Storm lines are planned to capture and contain storm water underground, with additional roadway culverts being constructed.

## **P2 ACTIVE PROJECTS**



# P3

Precinct 3 has thirteen projects underway, and all thirteen projects were selected in the Call for Projects. All of the projects are in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase, and two are anticipated to begin construction by the second quarter of FY 2024. Below are two highlighted projects.

### Fort Worth - Avondale Haslet Road

This project involves the construction of Avondale Haslet Road from Willow Creek Drive to the eastern city limits with Haslet (John Day Road). It consists of widening and reconstructing 2.4 miles of the existing two-lane asphalt roadway to a four-lane divided concrete urban arterial with curb and gutter, internal drainage, two major creek crossings, streetlights, and shared use paths. This reconstruction will also include a major culvert crossing to carry the 100-year design storm along with traffic signal improvements at three intersections.

### Keller - South Elm Street

This project involves the construction of South Elm Street from Bear Creek Parkway to FM 1709. It consists of widening and reconstructing approximately 0.60 miles of existing two-lane undivided concrete urban collector, including street parking, curb and gutter, internal drainage, water and wastewater lines, streetlights, shared use paths and crosswalks.



Avondale-Haslet Road looking west from near John Day Road



Avondale-Haslet Road looking east from near Willow Creek Drive

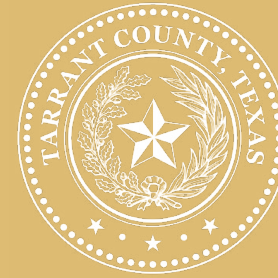


South Elm Street looking north from roundabout at Bear Creek Pkwy



South Elm Street looking south from near FM 1709

## P3 ACTIVE PROJECTS



Dunaway Lane looking east from near SH 199



Dunaway Lane looking east toward Ash Avenue from near Oak Street



Cromwell Marine Creek Road looking east from Boat Club Road



Cromwell Marine Creek Road looking east toward roundabout at Marine Creek Pkwy

Precinct 4 has ten projects underway in various phases. Of those projects, eight were selected in the Call for Projects and two are discretionary funded. Of the ten projects, four are in the construction phase. Below are two highlighted Precinct 4 projects.

#### **Azle - Dunaway Lane**

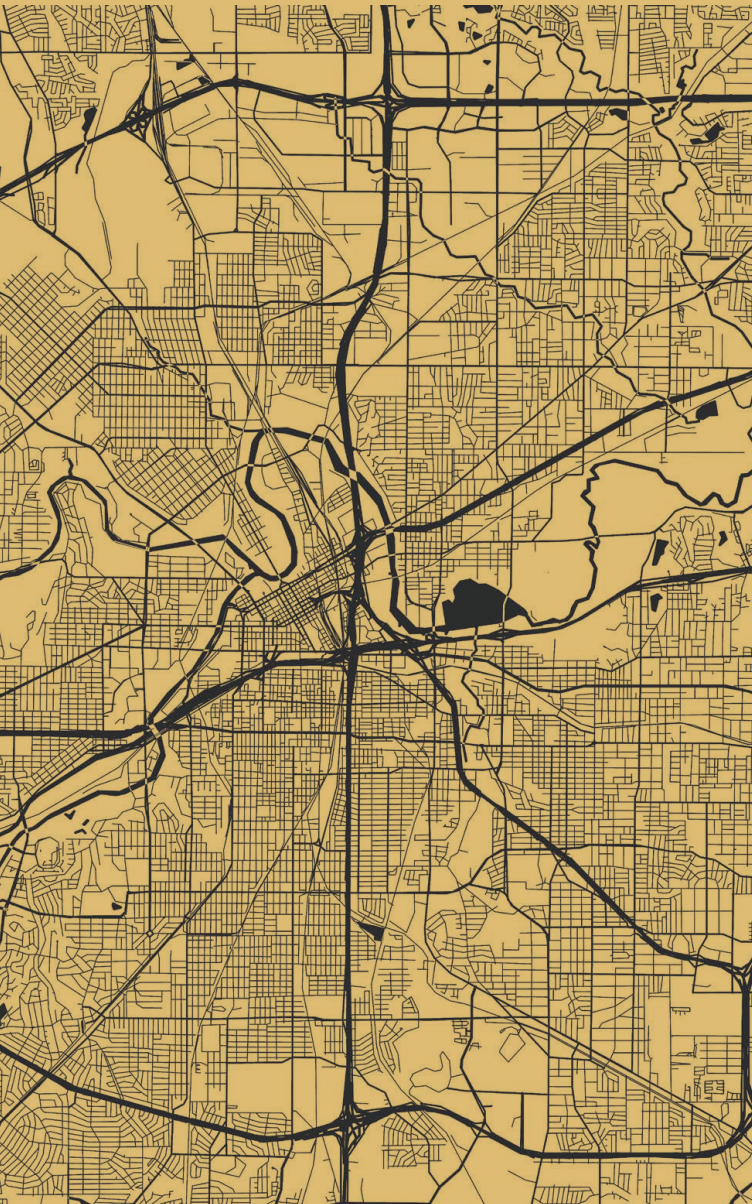
This project involves the construction of Dunaway Lane from State Highway 199 to Ash Avenue. It includes widening the roadway to include a middle turn lane as well as placing the current open-channel storm drainage underground. Adjacent sidewalks will be included with the widening of the thoroughfare, and there will also be water line and internal drainage improvements as well.

#### **Fort Worth - Cromwell Marine Creek Road**

This project involves the construction of Cromwell Marine Creek Road from Boat Club Road to Marine Creek Parkway. Construction will consist of widening and reconstructing 2.2 miles of existing two-lane asphalt roadway to a four-lane divided concrete urban arterial with curb and gutter, internal drainage, two major creek crossings, a bridge crossing, street lights, traffic signals, modification of existing roundabout at Marine Creek Parkway, and shared use paths. The reconstruction will also include the construction of a major culvert crossing to carry the 100-year design storm.

## **P4 ACTIVE PROJECTS**

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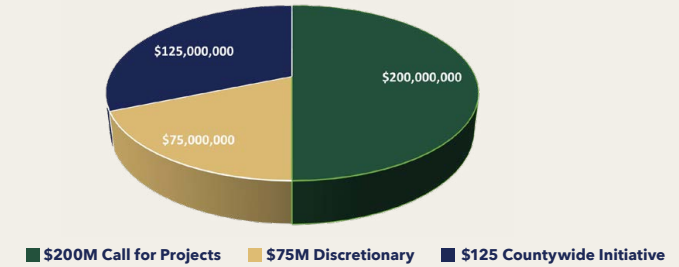
## FINANCIALS

**Chart 1** - As approved with strong support from Tarrant County voters, the 2021 Transportation Bond Program is subdivided into three categories, including the Call for Projects, Discretionary and Countywide Initiatives and Partnerships. Chart 1 indicates the funding level for each category. Projects selected in the Call for Projects will be completed through a funding partnership with the municipalities.

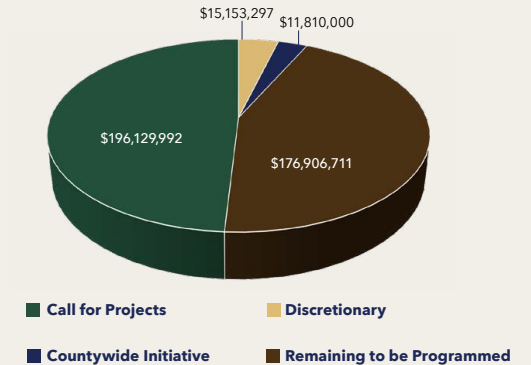
**Chart 2** - The initial \$225M bond sale for the Transportation Bond Program 2021 occurred in May 2022. Funding allocated to the Call for Projects was subsequently programmed to assist municipalities with 33 roadway projects (43 separate street segments). Discretionary funding has been programmed toward four roadway projects. And, the countywide initiative funding has been programmed for one roadway project.

**Chart 3** - Of the initial \$225M set aside with the May 2022 bond sale, approximately 5.3% has been spent to date. The remaining funds are encumbered for ongoing projects or to be encumbered for projects identified in the future.

### \$400M Voter-Approved Bond Categories



### Bond Funds Programmed to Date



### Current Bond Fund Expenditures to Date

