

## 2023 Collin County Bond Election FAQ's

1. Will my taxes increase because of the bond election?
  - **THE TAX RATE IS GOING DOWN AND HAS DECREASED FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS.**
2. Which roads will we be building with the bond election?
  - **AFTER THE BOND ELECTION PASSES THE COUNTY WILL MAKE A CALL FOR PROJECTS TO THE CITIES WITHIN COLLIN COUNTY. THE SUBMITTED PROJECTS WILL BE REVIEWED AND ASSESSED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT. THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL DETERMINE THE ROADS THAT ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO IMPROVE MOBILITY.**
3. Why do my taxes keep increasing while you are stating the tax rate is decreasing?
  - **BECAUSE YOUR APPRISAL IS INCREASING OR THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS INCREASING**
4. Does the county have a list of projects that make up the \$380M for roads?
  - **NO – SAME AS #2.**
5. For the cities that participate in the partnership with the county on the animal shelter will the city costs increase?
  - **YES THE CITIES AND COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR PROPORTIONAL AMOUNT BASED ON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTIES.**
6. What roads are left to build in Frisco that are in Collin County?
  - **GET WITH THE CITY ENGINEER TO DETERMINE.**
7. Will the partnership between the county and city for parks/open space be similar to roads?
  - **THE CITIES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A PROJECT OR PROJECTS EVERY YEAR AND THE COUNTY PARKS FOUNDATION BOARD WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD RECEIVE AWARDS.**
8. What year was the county courthouse constructed? Don't we have enough courtrooms? Why didn't we build enough courtrooms when the courthouse was built?
  - **IT OPENED IN 2007. YOU NEVER BUILD ANYTHING TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE GROWTH THAT MAY OR MAY NOT COME. THE COURTHOUSE WAS PLANNED AND CONSTRUCTED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. WE HAD ENOUGH COURTROOMS IN 2007 BUT THE POPULATION HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY WITH THE PLAN BEING TO EXPAND WHEN NEEDED. THE COUNTY DOUBLED IN POPULATION FROM 2000 TO 2017, AND IT WILL DOUBLE AGAIN IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS. IT IS NOT WISE NOR CAN THE COUNTY AFFORD TO BUILD 2 TO 4 TIMES WHAT IS NEEDED AND LET ALL THE EXTRA COURTS SIT EMPTY WAITING MANY YEARS TO BE USED.**
9. What is the County's plan for transit?
  - **TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGION IS PROVIDED BY ONE OF THREE 'AUTHORITIES', NOT BY CITIES OR COUNTIES. THE COUNTY CAN PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CITIES IN COLLIN COUNTY ARE BEING BUILT WITH THE DENSITIES TO JUSTIFY FIXED-ROUTE BUS SERVICE, SO MICRO-TRANSIT, WHICH IS 'ON-DEMAND' INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE SERVICE (LIKE UBER/LYFT) IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER THAT THE 'AUTHORITIES' WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSIT. THE EXTENSION OF DART LINE IN PLANO AND THE USE OF THE BNSF RAILROAD IN FRISCO WILL HELP. PROSPER AND CELINA WILL TAKE ACTION BY THE 'AUTHORITIES' AND THE BNSF RAILROAD.**

10. Will money be allocated for electric vehicle infrastructure?

- **MAYBE, BUT NOT IN THIS BOND PROGRAM, BUT IF A NEED ARISES IT WILL BE LOOKED AT. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CURRENT PLANS. CURRENT PLANNERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FUTURE (TRANSIT, AUTONOMOUS/CONNECTED VEHICLES, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS). COLLIN COUNTY HAS MORE ELECTRIC VEHICLES THAN ANY NORTH TEXAS COUNTY.**

11. What mechanisms does the County have to preserve right-of-way?

- **LEGISLATORS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT BUT THE COUNTY HAS THE SAME POWERS AS THE CITY. CITIES AND COUNTIES USED TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO REQUIRE DEVELOPERS TO DEDICATE R-O-W FOR FUTURE THOROUGHFARES. HOWEVER, THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TOOK AWAY THE AUTHORITY OF BOTH THE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO DO SO. CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE TRYING TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS MAY BE LEFT.**