

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**Interdepartmental Correspondence**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

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**DATE:** March 27, 2003

**SUBJECT:** "B" Session on Proposed 2003 Bond Program Projects

On March 27, the Council will be presented with a set of proposed streets and drainage improvements bond projects. On March 20, the City Council received a presentation on proposed bond projects for parks and municipal facilities improvements. These two presentations will together represent the complete list of staff-recommended projects for Council consideration in development of a bond package for 2003.

A total of \$155.5 million in capacity is anticipated to be available in 2003 for new bond projects. Of this amount, \$115 million is available through the authorization by the voters in General Obligation Bonds and will be considered on November 4, 2002. Up to \$40.5 million is available for drainage projects through the issuance of revenue bonds supported by the Stormwater Fee approved in this year's budget.

The proposed bond projects consist of parks, municipal facilities, and streets and drainage improvements. The recommended projects presented on March 20 and March 27 have been selected based upon the ability of each proposed project to meet at least three of the below criteria:

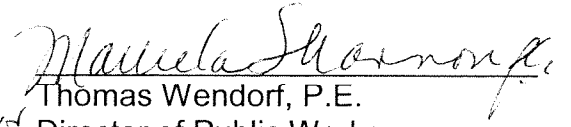
- Council or public request
- Project initiation within four years
- Linkage with a master plan
- Continuity with prior project
- Existence of a completed engineering plan
- Project identified by Public Works Infrastructure Model
- Ability to leverage non-City dollars
- Safety, health or ADA issue

Street and drainage projects that will be presented on March 27 have been selected starting with use of the City's Infrastructure Model developed by Public Works as a guide to identifying near-term priority projects. Those street projects coming from the model that can be initiated within the next four years have been given priority in making recommendations. Drainage projects associated with those recommended by the Regional Watershed Master Plan have been identified. Drainage projects have also been classified as being either regional or local in effect and those projects that will be closest to outfalls have been assigned as priority.

The proposed schedule for finalizing the 2003 bond program provides opportunity for presentation of staff-proposed projects to the City Council, significant community input, project selection by the current Council by May 31, and finalization of the package by no later than August 14. The specific schedule follows:

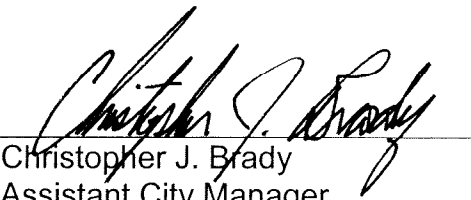
- Thursday, March 20 – “B” Session presentation on proposed parks and municipal facilities-related bond projects
- Thursday, March 27 – “B” Session presentation on proposed bond projects involving streets and drainage improvements
- March 28 through May 3 – Period for community input on bond program to the Mayor and Councilmembers.
  - For example, neighborhood meetings, community leader conferences, and district public hearings
  - Staff is available as needed to provide support
- Friday, May 9 – Mayor and Councilmembers submit their respective lists of desired bond projects to staff for cost estimation.
- Thursday, May 22 – “B” Session presentation of complete compilation of desired bond projects from the Mayor and Councilmembers with cost estimates.
- Thursday, June 19 – “A” Session Public Hearing on 2003 Bond project selection.
- Thursday, June 26 – Proposed “A” Session date for final 2003 Bond project selection
- Thursday, August 14 – Last possible day for 2003 Bond project selection, and to call bond election for November 4, 2003 for submittal for pre-clearance by the U.S. Justice Department.
- Saturday, October 18 – Early voting begins for 2003 Bond Program election
- Friday, October 31 – Early voting ends
- Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day

The Mayor and each Councilmember received a notebook at the March 20 "B" Session that containing detailed information on the proposed parks and municipal facilities bond projects. Materials for the notebooks providing details on the proposed streets and drainage improvements bond projects will be provided at the March 27 "B" Session.

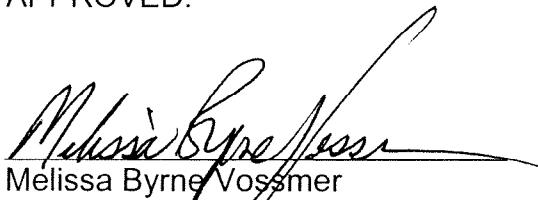
  
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