

Proposition No. 2 - PARKS/ RECREATION



Blackland Heritage County Park

The Williamson County Commissioners Court approved calling an election for voters to authorize the issuance of \$40 million in bonds for parks and recreation. The money will be used for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating, equipping and acquiring land, buildings and facilities for park and recreational purposes to include, but not limited to, parkland, open space/preserve land, trail acquisition, pedestrian and bike trail improvements.



River Ranch County Park

The actual projects to be funded with bond proceeds are subject to change based on future economic, market and other conditions. Some of the specific County projects mentioned are:

HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS

Brushy Creek Regional Trail extension:

(eastward from Hairy Man Road toward the City of Round Rock)

Brushy Creek Regional Trail extension:

(westward from City of Hutto toward the City of Round Rock)

Bagdad Road Trail:

toward the City of Liberty Hill

Trail from Southwest Williamson County Regional Park: toward Lake Georgetown

COUNTY PARKS

RIVER RANCH COUNTY PARK

More than 1000 acres located off County Road 282 between Leander and Liberty Hill

- Multi-use hike, bike, and equestrian trails
- Picnic areas, pavilions, and group gathering facilities
- Restrooms
- Arena
- Roads, parking, support facilities

BLACKLAND HERITAGE COUNTY PARK

348 acres located on State Highway 29 approximately two miles east of Jonah

- Hike and bike trails with Observation Tower
- Prairie restoration
- Restrooms, pavilions
- Roads, parking, support facilities

TWIN LAKES PARK

50 acre park located off U.S. 183 on Little Elm Trail that is operated for Williamson County by the YMCA of Greater Williamson County

- Utility upgrades and development
- Road, parking, and bridge improvements
- Pedestrian bridge and sidewalk development
- Playing field and parking

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EXPO CENTER

Over 50 acres located off NW Carlos G Parker Blvd in Taylor

- Renovate and enhance the existing facility / arena along with the following additions:
- Air Conditioned Expo Hall: approximately 25,000 square feet
- Covered Expo Space: approximately 25,000 square feet
- Warm-up Arena: approximately 17,000 square feet

LAND ACQUISITION – COUNTY WIDE CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE PARKS / PRESERVES

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF OTHER COUNTY PARKS AND FACILITIES

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 2013 BOND ELECTION

On August 8, 2013, the Commissioners Court voted to proceed with a bond election on November 5 for \$275 million in road construction and improvements and \$40 million for parks and recreation.

Road bonds pay for new construction and expansion of current roadways. The Road & Bridge tax rate only covers maintenance and operation for existing roadways.



On March 19, 2013, the Williamson County Commissioners Court appointed a committee of 9 people to serve on the 2013 Bond Advisory Committee. The Committee, made up of representatives from the four precincts, began meeting in April. During their meetings, they reviewed the current long-range transportation plan and parks master plans and received input from cities, MUDs, school districts, public safety entities, the county and the public. In their final meeting on June 24, 2013, they unanimously made a recommendation to the Commissioners Court to call a bond election for roads and parks/recreation.

Williamson County has had two successful voter approved bond elections in 2000 and 2006. In those elections, county voters passed bond packages for roads that completed 117 projects adding 184 new capacity lane miles with a total of nearly 310 lane miles constructed, and for parks that secured 15 miles of trails and 3,178 acres of parks and preserves.

Proposition No. 1 - ROADS

The Williamson County Commissioners Court approved calling an election for voters to authorize the issuance of \$275 million in bonds for the purpose of constructing, improving, extending, expanding, upgrading and/or developing roads. The estimated costs, proposed locations, proposed projects and proposed descriptions below represent possible uses of such bond proceeds. The actual projects constructed with bond proceeds are subject to change based on future economic, market and other conditions.

2013 BOND ELECTION PROJECTS

Forest North Estates and Pond Springs Road area:

Design drainage improvements to reduce flooding in the area.

N. Mays Street extension and expansion:

Construct a roadway from Paloma Drive to University Blvd. to provide north south alternative to IH 35 for local traffic.

CR 101: Widen roadway to 4 lanes from US 79 to north of Chandler Road.

CR 110: Reconstruct and add turn lanes on CR 110, from US 79 to CR 107.

Kenney Fort Boulevard:

Construct a roadway from Forest Creek Blvd. to Gattis School Road.

Little Elm Trail: Complete roadway to provide continuous route from Lakeline Blvd. to US 183.

Nameless Road/Old 2243:

Reconstruct 2 lane roadway to 5 lane roadway from Lakeline Blvd. extension to west of US 183.

The bond package also will address improvements to state highways including, but not limited to:

RM 620: Reconstruct RM 620 between west end of City of Round Rock overpass project and the east end of the current County RM 620 Project.

D.B. Woods Road and SH 29 intersection improvements:

Safety study of turn lanes and signals with implementation funds for results of study.

Ronald Reagan Bridge and IH 35:

Preliminary design and planning of bridge for Ronald Reagan to cross IH 35 including associated roadway work on east side to IH 35 to facilitate improved safety and access.

SH 29 Bypass:

Construct roadway from IH 35 to RM 2243.

FM 1431: Widen roadway to 6 lanes from Cottonwood Creek Trail to Market Street.

How will the bonds affect my tax rate?

Williamson County estimates that passage of the two bond propositions will not result in an increase in the overall county property tax rate.

The debt rate is based on assumptions regarding the timing of issuance of bonds, the assumed tax valuations, assumed growth rates and the projected interest rates. Based on an estimated assessed valuation growth of 5 percent for the next three years with \$315 million in debt issued over 5 years at a slightly increasing interest rate on each issuance of bonds, the projected tax rate would not increase from the current \$0.1675 per \$100 of valuation. The estimated 5 percent assessed valuation growth is a product of historical growth rates and then dropping the percentage to a lower level after three years. The County believes the assumptions to be reasonable, but the assumptions could be affected both positively and negatively by factors beyond the control of the County. The bonds will mature serially or otherwise not more than 30 years from their date.

Road and Parks Improvement Bond Election: November 5th, 2013

Important Voting Information:

Last Day to Register to Vote
Monday - October 7, 2013

First Day of Early Voting
Monday - October 21, 2013

Last Day to Apply for
Ballot by Mail
(Received, not Postmarked)
Tuesday - October 25, 2013

Last Day of Early Voting
Friday - November 1, 2013

Election Day is Tuesday,
November 5, 2013

Voter ID for the State of Texas is now in effect.

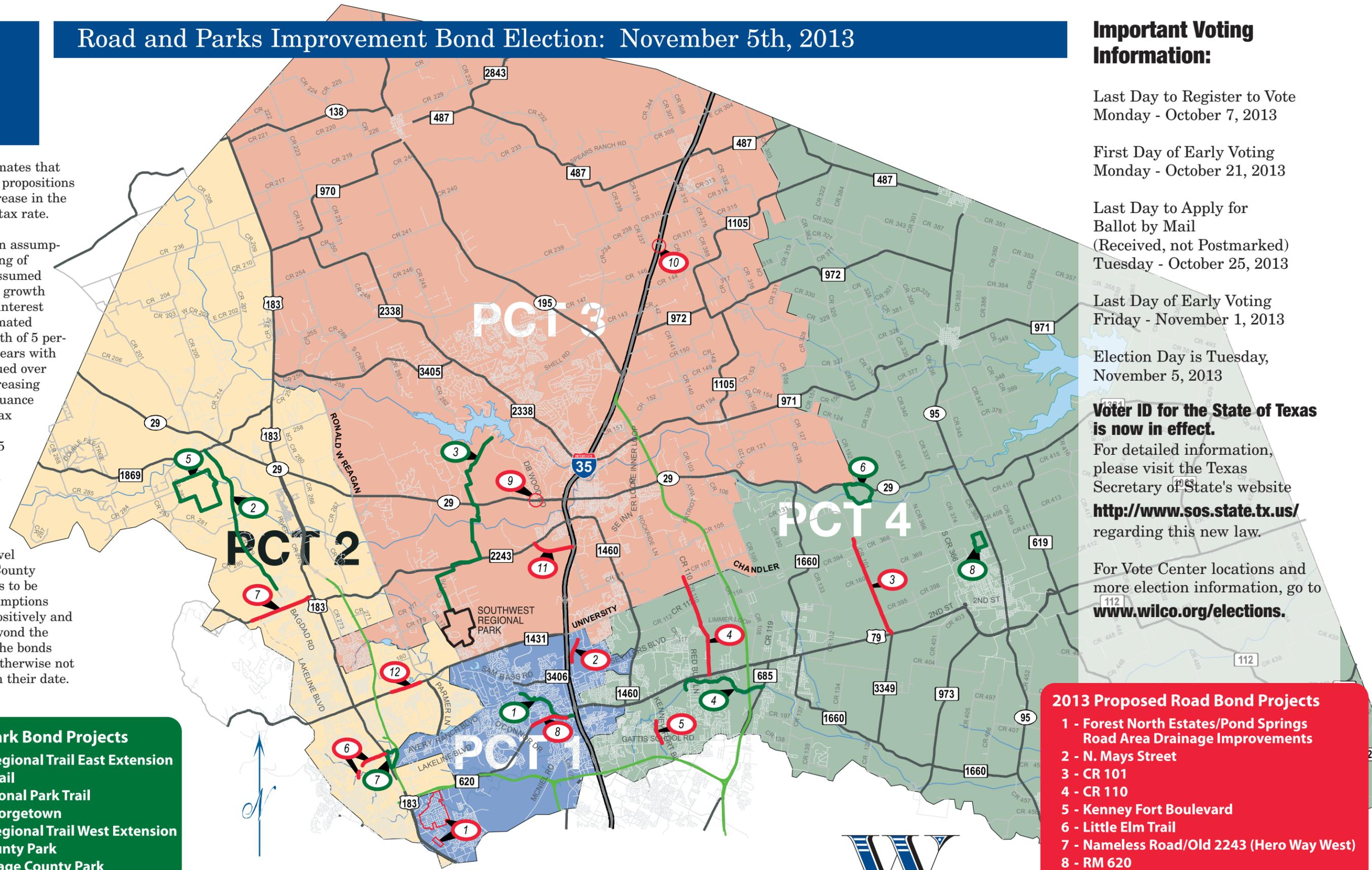
For detailed information, please visit the Texas Secretary of State's website

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/> regarding this new law.

For Vote Center locations and more election information, go to www.wilco.org/elections.

2013 Proposed Park Bond Projects

- 1 - Brushy Creek Regional Trail East Extension
- 2 - Bagdad Road Trail
- 3 - Southwest Regional Park Trail toward Lake Georgetown
- 4 - Brushy Creek Regional Trail West Extension
- 5 - River Ranch County Park
- 6 - Blackland Heritage County Park
- 7 - Twin Lakes Park
- 8 - Williamson County Expo Center - Land Acquisition



For more information on the County's bond election, go to www.wilco.org/bondelection



2013 Proposed Road Bond Projects

- 1 - Forest North Estates/Pond Springs Road Area Drainage Improvements
- 2 - N. Mays Street
- 3 - CR 101
- 4 - CR 110
- 5 - Kenney Fort Boulevard
- 6 - Little Elm Trail
- 7 - Nameless Road/Old 2243 (Hero Way West)
- 8 - RM 620
- 9 - Intersection of D.B. Woods Road and SH 29
- 10 - Ronald Reagan Bridge at IH 35
- 11 - SH 29 Bypass
- 12 - FM 1431