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**An Informational Guide
for the Citizens of Corpus Christi**

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About Bond 2012

The City of Corpus Christi is currently committed to offer voters a bond package every 4 years to fund infrastructure and public facility improvements. The voters approved the last bond program in 2008. Bond 2008 included \$153 million in projects funded from ad valorem property taxes.

The Bond 2012 propositions will be brought to the voters in the November General election. This year, voters will have the chance to decide on \$89.7 million in projects for street, infrastructure and public facility improvements.

Each of the eight Proposition's priority projects are included in this pamphlet, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions and key voting information. This pamphlet has not been adopted by City Council. If you'd like more information, including more details of the projects, a project map, the actual ballot language approved and adopted by City Council, or voting information, please visit www.cctexas.com/Bond2012.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much will my taxes increase?

A. That depends. The City can sell \$55 million in bonds without an impact to the current tax rate. The increase for all eight Bond Propositions may be up to \$19.27 per year on a property valued at \$100,000. Propositions 1 and 8 are both related to street improvements and would result in a utility fee increase of \$1.79 per month. See the chart on the following page for more detail.

Q. Will an increase apply to senior citizens and disabled property owners?

A. Senior Citizens and disabled whose property taxes are frozen will not be impacted by Bond 2012 Propositions.

Q. Am I voting on a Streets Fee?

A. No, Bond 2012 is not the Street User Fee. Street improvements proposed in the Bond package were chosen based on need and are the first phase of a larger streets plan.

Q. Where will the Bond 2012 Propositions be on the election ballot?

A. The Bond 2012 propositions will be the last thing on the election ballot, immediately after the local races for Mayor and City Council. The 2012 general election ballot will have federal races first, state races second, county races third, and local, or city, races last.

Q. Why does the City issue bonds?

A. A municipal bond is a financing method that allows the City to invest in public infrastructure at a larger scale than the City's operating revenues would be able to fund. The value of bond propositions to the community is two-fold: 1) larger scale investment of current dollars reduces/minimizes future replacement and maintenance costs and 2) the investment enhances the City's ability to deliver services to residents.



The Dollars

- ◆ **\$89.7 million** is the total dollar amount for all eight bond propositions.
- ◆ The City can sell **\$55 million** in general obligation bonds without an impact to the current ad valorem (property) tax rate.
- ◆ **\$0.019 per \$100 of valuation** is the potential tax rate increase that may be required if all eight bond propositions were approved by voters.
- ◆ **\$1.79** is the potential total cost added to the average utility customer's monthly bill if both Proposition 1 (Streets) and Proposition 8 (Economic Development Projects) were approved by voters. Propositions 2 through 7 would have **\$0** impact on the monthly utility bill.



About Corpus Christi

The City of Corpus Christi (*pop.* 305,215) is the 8th largest city in Texas and home to the 5th largest port in the nation. Corpus Christi is the seat of Nueces County.

Corpus Christi has a council-manager form of government, in which an elected City Council, hires a City Manager to serve essentially as the City's chief executive officer. The Council is comprised of a Mayor, three At-Large Council Members and five District Council Members, which are re-elected every two years.

The City also has four Assistant City Managers, who share oversight responsibilities for more than 25 departments in the specialized areas of: Public Works and Utilities; Safety, Health & Neighborhoods; General Government & Operations Support; and Business Support Services.

Corpus Christi is home to the Port of Corpus Christi, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, Del Mar Community College, the USS Lexington, the Texas State Aquarium, the Art Museum of South Texas and Whataburger Field/ Hooks Minor League Baseball.

Corpus Christi received national recognition as the 2nd Best mid-sized City for job growth in the US by Forbes in 2012.

For more information visit us at www.cctexas.com

Voting Information

Who Can Vote?

Any registered voter residing in the City of Corpus Christi and holding a valid voter registration card may vote in the election. If you're not sure whether you're registered, visit www.VoteTexas.gov and follow the directions.

Register to Vote

October 9th is the last day to register to vote in the 2012 General Election. Visit www.VoteTexas.gov to register.

Early Voting

Early voting will occur October 22nd through November 2nd, throughout the City. Check www.cctexas.com/Bond2012 or Nueces County's website for times and locations. Citizens can vote at any early voting location, regardless of their precinct.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012

More Information

For more information on the election, including times and locations, contact the Nueces County Clerk Diana T. Barrera, at (361) 888-0580 or visit co.nueces.tx.us

The Bond 2012 Propositions

Proposition 1	Street Improvements	\$ 55,000,000
Proposition 2	City Hall Improvements	\$ 1,750,000
Proposition 3	Service Center Complex Improvements	\$ 4,750,000
Proposition 4	Parks and Recreation Improvements	\$ 16,000,000
Proposition 5	Museum and Library Improvements	\$ 2,340,000
Proposition 6	Public Health Improvements	\$ 820,000
Proposition 7	Public Safety Improvements	\$ 700,000
Proposition 8	Economic Development Projects	\$ 8,400,000



For more information, including a detailed list of the Bond 2012 propositions, visit
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PROPOSITION 1 Street Improvements

\$55 MILLION



Navigation Boulevard from Up River Rd. to Leopard St. **\$4,000,000**

Includes reconstruction and expansion of the existing 4-lane road to a 5-lane road with a turning lane and bike routes, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps and pavement markings.

Tuloso Road from IH 37 to Leopard St. **\$1,800,000**

Includes reconstruction and widening existing road to 3-lane road with turning lane and bike route, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping and pavement markings.

McArdle Road from Nile Dr. to Ennis Joslin Rd. **\$3,100,000**

Includes the reconstruction and widening to 3-lane road, adding a turning lane and bike route, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping, pavement markings and accommodations for pending improvements to area bus stops.

South Alameda Street from Ayers St. to Louisiana Ave. **\$2,300,000**

Includes reconstruction of existing road and median, improvements to sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA ramps, pavement markings, bus stop rehabilitation and bike lanes.

South Staples Street from Brawner Pkwy. to Kostoryz Rd. **\$3,400,000**

Includes reconstruction and replacement of existing 5-lane road, wide sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping, pavement markings and bus stop rehabilitation.

McArdle Road from Whitaker Dr. to Nile Dr. **\$2,900,000**

Includes reconstruction, resurfacing and widening of the existing 4-lane road, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping, pavement markings, and bus stop rehabilitation.

Greenwood Drive from Gollihar Rd. to Horne Rd. **\$2,100,000**

Includes reconstruction and widening the existing 5-lane road, wide sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping, pavement markings and bus stop rehabilitation.

South Staples Street from Morgan Ave. to IH 37 **\$5,300,000**

Includes reconstruction of the existing 4-lane road, adjustments to accommodate recently improved curb and gutters, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, as well as lane striping, pavement markings and bus stop rehabilitation.

Kostoryz Road from Brawner Pkwy. to Staples St. **\$3,300,000**

Includes reconstruction and capacity expansion of the existing 4-lane road to a 5-lane road, with a turning lane and bike route, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps and pavement markings.

Ocean Drive from Buford St. to Louisiana Ave. **\$5,500,000**

Includes reconstruction and implementing Road Diet, narrowing existing 6-lane road to a 4-lane road with bike lanes. Improvements will also include traffic signals, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, lane striping, pavement markings and side slope stability repairs.

- ◆ All projects are stated generally and final scope may vary due to cost, design and other factors.
- ◆ Future Bike Routes will require evaluation at the time of roadway design and will conform to the adopted Bikeway Plan of the Urban Transportation Master Plan /Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

Horne Road
from Ayers St. to Port Ave.
\$900,000

Includes reconstruction and widening the existing 4-lane road by adding a center turn lane, wide sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps and pavement markings.

Morgan Avenue
from S. Staples St. to Crosstown Expressway
\$2,300,000

Includes reconstruction of the existing 4 lane road, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, pavement markings and bus stop rehabilitation.

Twigg Street
from Shoreline Blvd. to Lower Broadway St.
\$1,400,000

Includes reconstruction of the existing 2-lane, one-way street, sidewalks, curb and gutters, pavement markings, landscaping and area beautification.

Leopard Street
from Crosstown Expressway to Palm Dr.
\$2,600,000

Includes reconstruction of the existing 4-lane road, wide sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, pavement markings and bus stop rehabilitation.

Holly Road*
from Crosstown Expressway to Greenwood Dr.
\$2,500,000

This project will provide increased capacity for traffic. Improvements include a 4-lane road with a landscaped center median, sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, bike lanes, lane striping, pavement markings and street lighting. Also includes utility upgrades for storm water, water, wastewater and gas.

PROPOSITION 1
Street Improvements
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Williams Drive*
from S. Staples St. to Airline Rd.
\$1,700,000

This project will provide safety for pedestrians as well as increased capacity for traffic. Includes reconstruction to a 4-lane road with two travel lanes in each direction, curb and gutters, combination pedestrian/bicycle concrete paths, ADA curb ramps, bus stop improvements, dedicated left turn lane at South Staples St. and Airline Rd., lane striping and pavement markings. Also includes utility upgrades for storm water, water, wastewater and gas.

Yorktown Boulevard
from Rodd Field Rd. to Cimarron Blvd.
\$3,800,000

Includes reconstruction and capacity expansion of the existing 2-lane road to a 4-lane road with landscaped center median. Improvements will also include sidewalks, curb and gutters, ADA curb ramps, pavement markings and bike lanes.

JFK Causeway Area
Improvements
\$650,000

Includes access road improvements on the west and east side of the JFK Memorial Causeway. Project will require coordination with the Texas General Land Office and TxDOT.

ADA Master Plan
Improvements
\$2,300,000

This project will include improvements from remaining work outlined in the 2003 ADA Transition Plan, address priorities in Phase 1 of the draft ADA Master Plan, which includes up to \$100,000 per year for construction of curb ramps, as specified by the Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

Signal Improvements
& **Street Lighting**
\$2,000,000

Includes replacement of span wire systems, which currently cannot accommodate pedestrian traffic light control due to lack of push button signal operation. Needed upgrades will bring intersections into ADA compliance and include electrical equipment to improve traffic safety and efficient traffic movement. This project will also upgrade and install additional street lighting in residential areas and streets city-wide, including replacing existing street lighting with more efficient lighting and adding lights for public safety and area beautification.

TxDOT Projects
\$1,150,000

This project provides funding for the City's local share of costs on constructing projects leveraged with the Texas Department of Transportation..



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◆ Future bike routes will be evaluated at the time of roadway design and will conform to the adopted Bikeway Plan of the Urban Transportation Master Plan/Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

**The Street and Storm Water portions of the project will be federally funded with a 80% Federal to 20% City match. The cost included in the Bond represents the City's share. Improvements will be constructed to Texas Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration criteria.*

PROPOSITION 2

City Hall Improvements

\$1.75 MILLION



City Hall/MIS Data Center

Fire Suppression and Alarm Upgrades

\$550,000

This project proposes the replacement of the current fire suppression system in the City's data center to properly seal off Data Center from the rest of City Hall. Additionally, this project includes replacement of fire alarm devices and panels throughout City Hall.

City Hall

Roof Repair & Waterproofing Repairs

\$1,200,000

This project proposes the replacement of the portions of roof structure that allow water to leak into the building, as well as basic improvements to prevent future leaks. Additionally, the project includes repairs to the building's windows to eliminate leakage and the installation of a rain-water collection system to manage run-off efficiently.

PROPOSITION 3

Service Center Complex Improvements

\$4.75 MILLION



Streets & Solid Waste

Administration Building Roof Replacement

\$300,000

This project proposes the complete replacement of the existing roof membrane of building to eliminate water leaks.

Replacement of Storage Building Structure

\$450,000

This project proposes the demolition of the existing steel storage structure and replacement with concrete foundation and partially enclosed steel framed roof structure.

Fleet Maintenance

Heavy Equipment Shop Roof Replacement

\$350,000

This project proposes replacement of leaking roof portions and replacement of light and heating equipment in the shop.

Signs/Signal Operations

New Shop and Office Facility

\$2,500,000

This project proposes the replacement of the existing sign shop, which is beyond repair, with a new facility for signs, signals, markings and Traffic Engineering operations and personnel. This project also includes a 25-ton overhead crane for regular operations.

Animal Care Facility

Remodel/Improvements

\$1,150,000

This project proposes the conversion of the existing euthanizing building into adoption, storage and office spaces and construction of a new addition for the euthanizing operation, as well as updated equipment.

PROPOSITION 4

Parks & Recreation Improvements

\$16 MILLION



City-wide Community Parks*

Development and Improvements

\$5,000,000

This project will primarily focus on irrigation upgrades and extensions at **West Guth**, **Bill Witt/Oso Creek**, **Hector P Garcia/Salinas**, **Billish**, and **Parker** Parks as well as downtown squares **La Retama** and **Artesian** Parks. Additionally, improvements may include dog parks, skate parks and splash pads, shade structures, landscaping, trails, parking improvements and other items.

Hike & Bike Trails*

Development and Improvements

\$1,500,000

This project will focus on the design and construction of hike and bike trails throughout the City with emphasis on extending existing trails, providing off road recreational trail experiences and creating connectivity between parks, public spaces and residential areas.

It also includes completion of the **Schanen Ditch Trail**, the **Bear Creek/Oso Creek Park Trails** and other trail priorities. This project will bring continuity to a currently disjointed and segmented trail system. Funds may also serve as the cash match for any grant funds identified for increasing the number of hike and bike trails throughout Corpus Christi.

Ocean Drive Parks*

Repairs and Improvements

\$3,000,000

The scope of this project includes improvements and repairs to Swantner and Cole Park. Improvements to **Swantner Park** include installation of an automatic irrigation system and repairs to sea wall. Improvements to **Cole Park** include completion of shoreline stabilization from Bond 2008 and other general improvements.

Aquatic Facilities*

Repairs, Upgrades and Improvements

\$3,500,000

Collier Pool is one of the most utilized public facilities in the park system. Dedicated lap swimmers, open swim participants, learn to swim participants and neighborhood groups patron the pool on a regular basis, maximizing the pool's capacity as well as the city resources used to keep it operational on a year-round basis. **West Guth** is the second most popular park in Corpus Christi. The pool is one of the most popular places for residents in the Northwest to congregate on hot summer day.

Updates to these facilities and other neighborhood pools may include construction of splash pads, wading and zero depth entry pools, extension of lap lanes and swimmer amenities.

HEB & Al Kruse Tennis Centers

Repairs, Upgrades and Improvements

\$3,000,000

Includes repairs, upgrades and improvements to the HEB and Al Kruse Tennis Centers, which were both built in the 1960's. Improvements to the **HEB Tennis Center** will include repairs to the stadium structure and replacement or restoration of the viewing deck, as well as replacement of the surfaces of twelve of the Center's 24 playing courts. Improvements to the **Al Kruse Tennis Center** include repairs to the floors and ceiling in the pro shop, replacement of rollers and nets, resurfacing and/or patching on all 10 courts.

**All projects will be completed as designated in the 2012 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.*

Visit www.cctexas.com/PR to find out more about the Parks & Recreation Department.

PROPOSITION 5

Museum & Library Improvements

\$2.34 MILLION



Museum of Science & History Roof Replacement

\$1,600,000

This project proposes the complete replacement of the existing membrane roof system, replacement of the glass/glazing system at the two sides of the children's interactive activity area and construction of rainwater collection system.

Northwest and Garcia Libraries Roof Repairs

\$80,000

This project proposes the replacement of roof components to eliminate water leaks and construction of a new storm water collection/roof drain system.

Shoreline Barge Dock Parking Lot Facilities ADA Improvements

\$400,000

This project includes improvements to the ADA accessible route from the Barge Dock and Art Museum west parking lots to the American Bank Center, Watergarden and Art Museum.

Central Library Roof Replacement

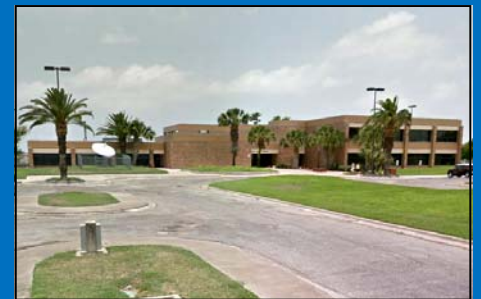
\$260,000

This project proposes the replacement of the roofing system components to eliminate water leaks, repairs to the stucco wall system, replacement of missing clay roof tiles and construction of a rainwater collection system.

PROPOSITION 6

Public Health Improvements

\$.82 MILLION



Health Department Building East Rear Restroom, WIC Building Roof Repair

\$220,000

This project proposes the replacement and repair of roof system components to eliminate water leakage.

Health Department Building Parking Lot Replacement and Repairs

\$600,000

This project proposes the replacement of asphalt drives, parking lots and concrete sidewalks, modifications to the dumpster area, and replacement of 8 light poles.

PROPOSITION 7

Public Safety Improvements

\$.70 MILLION

Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage, Phase 2

\$700,000

This project proposes the expansion of the current vehicle impound lot, including a 3,000 sq. ft. forensics garage for investigative work on vehicles and holding area for vehicles involved in crime scenes.

PROPOSITION 8

Economic Development Projects

\$8.4 MILLION



SeaTown (aka S.E.A. District) Pedestrian Improvements

\$500,000

This project is the first phase in implementing recommendations from the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities' Walkability Audit, conducted in May 2012. It includes improvements for Port Avenue, Mesquite Street, Brewster Street and Chaparral Street to create walkability in this area.

International Boulevard Airport Entrance Reconstruction

\$800,000

This project includes reconstruction of the entrance roadway looping from State Highway 44 through the Corpus Christi International Airport.

County Road 52 Extension

County Road 69 to Farm to Market Road 1889

\$2,500,000

This project includes extending County Road (CR) 52 from CR 69 to FM 1889. The project will be a 50/50 match with Nueces County, and the cost above reflects the City's portion.

North Beach Area

Road Improvements & Area Beautification

\$600,000

This project includes landscaping enhancements, roadway surface and pedestrian improvements for Surfside Boulevard, Breakwater Avenue, Pearl Avenue, N. Shoreline Boulevard, Bridgeport Avenue, Coastal Avenue and the medians along the Highway 181 entrances to North Beach.

North Beach Area

Pedestrian Improvements & Area Enhancements

\$1,000,000

This project includes repairs and improvements to the Breakwater sidewalk, on-street parking enhancements, pedestrian improvements and Breakpoint Plaza enhancements.

Developer Participation

Street & Utility Construction

\$3,000,000

This project will provide funding for the City's share of utility and street construction projects, which the City participates in to facilitate development under the Unified Development Code (formerly "Platting Ordinance").

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