



## CITY OF KYLE ROAD BOND REFERENDUM FAQ

The Kyle City Council has approved putting a bond package before the voters as part of the May 2013 election. The bonds would finance engineering and design services, and construction, repair and improvements of five road projects identified during the City's Visioning process conducted in 2012.

The proposed road projects are the reconstruction of Burleson, Lehman, Goforth, and Bunton Roads as well as the extension of Marketplace Avenue to Burleson Road. The total impact on the tax rate is estimated to be about \$.20 per \$100 of valuation on the average Kyle home.

1. *What is a bond package?*

This particular bond package will issue *General Obligation Bonds*. General obligation bonds are issued with the assurance that a municipality will be able to repay its debt obligation through taxation, in this case, property taxation.

2. *Who will be performing the engineering and design?*

Qualified engineering consultants (firms) will perform the design of the roadway improvements for each project.

The City of Kyle will solicit a request for qualifications for the engineering services to design and construct these road projects. Engineering firms will then be selected based upon qualifications statements submitted to, and evaluated by the City. Each of the selected firms, based upon their submitted statements of qualifications, would be assigned one of the proposed roadway projects.

3. *Will all roads be completely reconstructed?*

The intent is to reconstruct each of these roadways throughout the planned limits of each roadway as follows: a) Burleson Rd. limits extend north from Center St. to the I-35 side of the railroad and connect to the extension of Marketplace Ave. described subsequently; b) Lehman Rd. limits extend south between Goforth Rd. and FM 150; c) Goforth Rd. limits extend north from the I-35 frontage road to the Bunton (Creek) Rd. intersection; d) Bunton (Creek) Rd. limits extend east from the I-35

frontage road to the Lehman Rd. intersection, and; e) Marketplace Ave. limits extend south from City Lights Dr. to connect to Burleson Rd.

4. *Will utilities be upgraded with the roads?*

Utilities under the roadways are planned to be reconstructed. This will provide new utility infrastructure, thereby reducing the need to cut, or dig up the newly improved roadways to make repairs to aged utility infrastructure.

5. *What will be the impact on my property taxes?*

The total impact of the project is estimated to increase property taxes by \$.20 per \$100 of valuation on the average Kyle home. This increase will happen incrementally. As each bond is issued, the city will address the taxation rate and calculate accordingly.

6. *What is the proposed time line of the road bonds project?*

The project is proposed to be completed over a period of six (6) years. The intended timeline is to sell bonds to engineer all five (5) roadway projects in the first year. It is anticipated that bonds necessary to construct a single roadway project will be issued in each of the following five (5) years; covering a period of six years.

City Council will have the discretion to either extend or shorten this duration depending upon growth of the City's tax base and the attendant impact to the City's tax rate.

7. *Which roads will the City Of Kyle begin with and who decides the order?*

The proposed order of priority for construction of the roadways was set by the Envisioning Sessions conducted in 2012. The planned order is as follows: 1) Bunton (Creek) Rd.; 2) Lehman Rd.; 3) Burleson Rd.; 4) Marketplace Ave., and; 5) Goforth Rd.

The City Council has the ability to modify this order of priority for construction. Contact your Kyle City Council member to give them your feedback, as they will be the deciding whether to modify the proposed order of construction.

8. *What other factors, such as infrastructure projects and local development projects, will impact the feasibility of the project?*

Acquisition of the right-of-way needed to construct the proposed improvements is one of the several factors that could impact the feasibility of any of these projects. The estimates of probable cost prepared for each of these roadways included estimates for the needed right-of-way, with the exception of Marketplace Ave.

9. *Does the City Of Kyle currently have a road maintenance budget?*

The Public works Department's approved budget for fiscal year 2012-13 includes \$555,999 for the Street Maintenance Division. This division consists of six employees and support costs for street maintenance.

10. *What types of additional funding can the City Of Kyle acquire?*

The City can make application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for funding of any or all of these roadways. Upon completion of the design for any these roadway projects the City Of Kyle can submit an application to CAMPO when federal and/or State transportation funds become available to compete for award of these funds. An award of such funding may reduce the tax burden on citizens.

[CAMPO](#) is an organization composed of a five (5) county region generally located around Austin, which includes Hays County. CAMPO coordinates regional transportation planning including assisting with long-range projects that improve the overall mobility of the region. It also approves the use of federal and state transportation dollars allocated to the region. These allocations of funds typically occur twice a year.

11. *How did the City Of Kyle decide which roads needed improvement or reconstruction?*

In 2012, the City Of Kyle held a [Visioning Session](#) where citizens met to discuss the needs of the city and the cost of addressing those needs. As a result of the meeting, it was decided the five roads – Bunton, Goforth, Lehman, Burleson, and Marketplace, are in the greatest need of improvement due to safety and mobility concerns.

12. *Will impact fees be added to new business if the bond package passes?*

The City assesses impact fees for water and wastewater service only. Therefore, regardless of whether the bond package is passed any new businesses will still be assessed the City's current impact fees. Impact fees are payments that local governments apply to new development for the purpose of providing new or expanded public capital facilities required to serve the new development.

13. *Will the Right-of-Way be donated or purchased for the Burleson-Marketplace connection?*

The City is currently in discussion with the owner's representative of the property through which Marketplace will be extended south to meet Burleson regarding donation of the right-of-way (ROW) needed for the planned improvements. The road bond package is calculated presuming the land being donated.

The route for Marketplace Ave. is through un-developed property. At the time of development the property owner would be required to dedicate the ROW needed to construct the planned roadway; if done under typical land development processes. Therefore, this is the basis for the City's assumption regarding donation of the needed ROW for this project.

14. *How are bonds repaid?*

The City's property tax and sales tax revenue is used to primarily pay for General Obligation bonds.

15. *Why is the city voting on this bond issue?*

The City Charter requires that that voter authorization be obtained prior to the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. For this reason, the road bond package must be voted on by the citizens of Kyle, allowing citizens to choose whether or not to issue new debt.

16. *What is the duration of the bonds?*

The General Obligation Bonds, if authorized by the voters, will be issued with maturities up to 20 years.

17. *I would like to educate my community on the bond package, is there someone with the City Of Kyle that come and speaks to my group?*

You may contact either the City Council or the Mobility Committee. Contact information for both can be found in the City Of Kyle website.

18. *Once the project is completed, what will be the total cost?*

*The total dollar amount of the bonds for which the City seeks is \$36 million. Financing cost and interest over the 20-year life of the bonds is estimated to be \$16.67 million dollars. The total cost of the bonds over 20 years is estimated to be \$52 million dollars.*

19. *I would like to get more information on the proposed bond package, where can I get it?*

The [City Of Kyle](#) website is a great resource. If you are in town, information is also available at City Hall – 100 W. Center Street. There will also be information regarding the bond package available at the City Of Kyle Library, located at the information desk.

Para información en español, por favor llame a 512-262-1010