

2020 Citizens' Bond Committee Questions 5-4-20

General Questions

1. I am interested in attending a tour of projects if one is scheduled. / When will we schedule site visits?

If you are interested in touring certain facilities, please contact bajohnson@lcisd.org and we can coordinate a time with the Facilities & Planning Team.

2. Can we meet in person moving forward? can we begin to meet in small groups in one of the schools cafeterias or gyms?

Governor Greg Abbott has closed all schools and facilities for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, schools and facilities are not included in the Governor's plan to reopen Texas. It is our understanding that meeting at school facilities would violate the directives from the Governor and the Texas Education Agency. We appreciate the committee's flexibility and willingness to meet via videoconference to receive your feedback.

3. There is a large document that has all projects - Long Range Facilities Master Plan- is it available online?

Yes, the Long Range Facilities Master Plan can be found on the Facilities & Planning webpage here: <https://www.lcisd.org/departments/support-services/district-operations>

A direct link to the document can be found [here](#).

4. Are police officers district employees?

The current police officers working in Lamar CISD are employees of the Rosenberg Police Department. The City of Rosenberg has a contract with Lamar CISD to provide police officers and the District reimburses the City for their expenses. The City has given notice to Lamar CISD that it intends to cancel the contract on July 2, 2021. The District is currently in the process of creating its own police department. A police chief has been hired and the Lamar CISD Police Department is expected to be fully operational before the end of this calendar year.

Previous Bonds

5. I am interested in the timelines. Time quoted vs actual Time completed or Estimated Time of Completion. / In the previous bonds, can we see the budgeted amounts and the amount over or under budget? You can just add that column to the spreadsheet. It would be good to see the budgeted amounts and what is occurring in the real world.

Yes, an updated document with this information is attached. It will also be posted online.

6. Where does the excess monies of under budget projects go? What did we do with any excess bond dollars from the 2014 and 2017 bonds?

The District does not assess the amount of savings until each project is complete, sometimes including the construction warranty period. Also, in the case of a new school, the campus administrator is given additional time after the campus opens to assess furniture and equipment to ensure all needs are met. Once the amount of savings is established, the funds are moved to an available savings account. Project savings are typically used to expand, or upgrade projects already listed in the bond proposition (such as accepted alternates), however, additional projects have been approved when necessary. No expenditures are made from bond fund savings accounts until approved by the Board of Trustees (in open session) after recommendation by administration and proper vetting has occurred. The same legal procurement rules apply to these projects/expansions.

A few of the projects under the 2014 bond program are still underway, however, we have identified the projects for which savings from the 2014 bond were used. These include expansion of band storage and the Service Center (approximately \$250k), \$1.623 million to cover the overage on construction of the Traylor Stadium renovation and roughly \$1.625 million for the building/equipping of temporary buildings currently under construction on multiple campuses. We anticipate additional savings to emerge prior to completion of all projects.

The 2017 bond program has a significant number of projects still underway, so it's difficult to pinpoint the ultimate amount of savings. Currently, only a small amount of savings from the roof projects at Austin and Seguin will be used to fund the overage on the fuel storage tanks at the Rosenberg Transportation Center.

It may seem as though a long period of time has passed since the elections that authorized the sale of these bonds, and funds are still available. As we have mentioned in our first two meetings, construction timelines are adjusted as necessary to accommodate the growth experienced and other economic factors. Bonds are sold when funds are needed to support the project timelines, thereby minimizing the impact on the I/S tax rate.

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7. Has the proposal thus far been ranked by district personnel? If so, can we get a ranking list?

The proposal has not been ranked by District personnel.

The proposal only includes the necessary items to keep up with the projected growth by our demographer (facilities, land, buses, technology, etc.).

Beyond these items, the District only included Priority 1 items from the Long Range Facilities Master Plan that was completed in March 2020.

Items marked as Priority 1 are items needed within one to two years or deemed a safety hazard.

You can view the Long Range Facilities Master Plan by clicking [here](#).

8. The presentation last week included a new Police Station. Just to be clear, is this just the station (land and building) and all necessary equipment within the facility? What is LCISD's plan for vehicles and are there additional costs at various schools and/or other locations for staffing at sites during the school year?

The total projected cost in the Long Range Facilities Master Plan includes estimates for the land, construction, furniture, fixtures and technology (desks, chairs, telephones, computers).

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The vehicles and equipment used by the Rosenberg Police Department officers—except for weapons—are owned and maintained by the District.

Each officer assigned to a campus or color track have a designated office space in Lamar CISD.