



Harris County Commissioners Court

Request for Court Action

This is an update from the originally submitted item. This update was made before court and reflects what the court voted to approve. The original submission is recapped on the request for court action report at the end of this item.

Department: Management and Budget
Department Head/Elected Official: Daniel Ramos

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA
Type of Request: Policy

Project ID (if applicable): N/A
Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A
MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A
Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

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Request for discussion and possible action regarding completing the Road and Bridge Subdivision Drainage Program, a component of the 2018 Flood Control Bond Program.

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Background and Discussion:

The Road and Bridge Subdivision Drainage Program (Subdivision Program), a component of the 2018 Flood Control Bond Program, consists of 93 projects to address neighborhood street drainage. At the time they were disclosed to the public, many of the projects expected matches from local partners, and many had limited design and undefined scope.

Due to refined scopes and national and state-wide cost escalations, the estimated cost to complete the Subdivision Program has increased from \$460M, as estimated in 2020, to \$832.2M, as of today. The remaining unfunded amount is approximately \$276M, with \$125M needed in FY23 to continue to bid out contracts on current schedule.

Recommendation:

Consistent with Commissioners Court direction on January 31, 2023, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Office of the County Administrator (OCA), the Harris County Flood Control District (FCD), the Harris County Engineering Department, and the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA), recommends the following:

1. Fund to completion all 26 subdivision projects which have advanced into construction phase or beyond.

2. Place 13 projects, with estimated cost to complete of \$45M, on hold. These projects no longer have participating partners, or projects have limited impact; they are identified on Table 1 below. The projects may be resumed once partners or additional funding are identified.
3. Place 7 projects, with estimated cost to complete of \$59M, on hold. These projects score below 5.0 on the Prioritization Framework and have not yet progressed to procurement. These projects are identified on Table 2 below. They may be resumed once partners or additional funding are identified. In addition, a precinct may choose to use available funding at the precinct-level to complete projects on this list.
4. Direct OMB, HCTRA, and CAO to review surplus HCTRA Revenue and subject to limitations under the Section 284.0031 of the Texas Transportation Code, make a recommendation on additional transfers above what has been approved by Commissioners Court. The mobility transfers could be applied to the subdivision program or other drainage needs.

In addition, Commissioners Court may place additional projects on hold to reduce the amount of HCTRA surplus devoted to the Subdivision Drainage Program, freeing up these funds for alternative uses. A potential list of projects is shown on Table 3. That list of projects is ranked based on the Prioritization Framework. It does not include projects that have entered procurement or construction, and does not include projects that have won a competitive grant. All of the projects that have won competitive grants score above 5.0 on the Prioritization Framework.

Expected Impact:

Approving this plan would allow the County to complete the Road and Bridge Subdivision Drainage Program, while following a “worst first” framework. It would allow the highest-ranked projects to proceed with funding certainty. It will provide the greatest benefit to County residents, as determined by the Prioritization Framework, with the funds available.

Alternative Options:

The County has several alternatives it could examine instead of the plan above:

The County could review the list of subdivision projects that meet LMI requirement for CDBG-MT funding. This would delay projects, by requiring federally mandated environmental studies and increase administrative, design, and construction costs due to federal requirements. It would also divert funding away from Flood Control projects.

The County could use non-mobility Flood Resilience Trust funding for the Subdivision Program. Non-Mobility Trust funding is limited, and using this funding on Subdivision Program projects could delay channel or drainage projects. Currently, we do not recommend this course of action.

The County could use General Funds to fund cover any shortfalls. The County has very limited General Funds, and we do not recommend this course of action.

Alignment with Goal(s):

_ Justice and Safety

- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable): Multiple

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 2/21/2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: William McGuinness, Director—Capital Projects and Infrastructure, OMB

Attachments (if applicable): Table 1, 2 and 3 referenced in RCA.

1st Motion

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Lesley Briones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Presented to Commissioners Court

February 21, 2023

Approve: **B/G** To adopt recommendations 1, 2 ,and 4 as presented and to add the following: Pause the projects identified on Table 3 of Item 37, pending additional partner participation or precinct funding.

2nd Motion

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Lesley Briones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Presented to Commissioners Court

February 21, 2023

Approve: **B/G** To allocate the additional mobility transfer proposed by recommendation 4 on Item 37 to the precincts according to the distribution percentages used for the 2022 road and parks bond and to change the language of recommendation 4 so that it reads: subdivision program or other street drainage needs.

Table 1: Projects on Hold Based on Feasibility and Non-cooperating Partners

Precinct	Number of Projects	Program Cost Reduction	Total Project Cost
1	1	\$226,740	\$266,720
2	2	\$10,374,199	\$10,872,879
3	10	\$34,829,995	\$39,022,716
4	0	\$0	\$0
Grand Total	13	\$45,430,934	\$50,162,315

Project Name	Precinct	TOTAL SCORE	Current Phase	Total Project Cost	Spent + Encumbered to date	Reduction
Tidwell Lakes	1	7.2	HOLD	\$266,720	\$39,980	\$226,740
Miramar	2	8.6	HOLD	\$4,558,479	\$498,680	\$4,059,799
Todville Road Bridge & Related Infrastructure	2		HOLD	\$6,314,400	\$0	\$6,314,400
Cypress Crossing Mobile Home Park	3	8.4	HOLD	\$237,050	\$117,779	\$119,271
Aberdeen Green	3	6.8	HOLD	\$2,665,662	\$665,662	\$2,000,000
Canyon Village At Cypress Springs	3	5.9	HOLD	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stone Ridge	3	4.8	HOLD	\$1,368,690	\$29,390	\$1,339,300
Wortham U/R	3	2.55	HOLD	\$671,258	\$341,258	\$330,000
Northern Point	3	7.8	DESIGN	\$2,559,950	\$0	\$2,559,950
Hearthstone and Fairway West (Hearthstone Group)	3	7.4	DESIGN	\$3,843,890	\$936,617	\$2,907,273
Ravensway	3	7.1	DESIGN	\$19,151,010	\$1,244,736	\$17,906,274
Ravensway South	3	5.7	DESIGN	\$4,863,313	\$456,050	\$4,407,263
Sawmill Ranch	3	3.15	DESIGN	\$3,661,893	\$401,229	\$3,260,664
				\$50,162,315	\$4,731,381	\$45,430,934

Table 2: Prioritization Framework Scores Below 5.0

Precinct	Number of Projects	Program Cost Reduction	Total Project Cost
1	1	\$1,333,348	\$1,377,888
2	0	\$0	\$0
3	5	\$36,972,145	\$40,067,639
4	1	\$20,543,156	\$21,552,915
Grand Total	7	\$58,848,649	\$62,998,442

Project Name	Precinct	TOTAL SCORE	Current Phase	Total Project Cost	Spent + Encumbered to date	Reduction
North Park Forest	1	4.55	DESIGN	\$1,377,888	\$44,540	\$1,333,348
Cypress Creek Estates	3	4.15	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$10,383,440	\$1,018,084	\$9,365,356
Dula Lane & Related Inf.	3	4.15	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$828,943	\$239,685	\$589,258
Copperfield Southdown Village Sec 1	3	3.9	DESIGN	\$4,520,286	\$545,286	\$3,975,000
Wortham Estates (Regional Project)	3	3.35	DESIGN	\$21,823,038	\$780,507	\$21,042,531
Rock Creek	3	2.55	DESIGN	\$2,511,932	\$511,932	\$2,000,000
Roland Road & Related Infrastructure	4	4.55	DESIGN	\$21,552,915	\$1,009,759	\$20,543,156
				\$62,998,442	\$4,149,793	\$58,848,649

Table 3: Additional Potential Reductions

Precinct	Number of Project	Program Cost Reduction	Total Project Cost
1	3	\$41,000,027	\$43,202,717
2	5	\$67,036,797	\$71,851,433
3	13	\$103,596,709	\$114,933,342
4	2	\$25,843,156	\$27,698,045
Grand Total	23	\$237,476,689	\$257,685,537

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Project Name	Precinct	TOTAL SCORE	Current Phase	Total Project Cost	Spent + Encumbered to date	Reduction
Ralston Acres	1	7.3	DESIGN	\$18,324,829	\$1,060,753	\$17,264,076
Airline Estates and Blue Bell	2	7.1	DESIGN	\$13,216,468	\$0	\$13,216,468
Creel Country Estates	2	7.1	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$6,514,866	\$561,758	\$5,953,108
Kolbe Road & Related Infrastructure	3	7.1	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$13,584,633	\$1,301,888	\$12,282,745
Barwood	3	6.9	DESIGN	\$20,012,705	\$1,112,705	\$18,900,000
Tower Oaks Meadows	3	6.6	DESIGN	\$11,448,162	\$1,366,306	\$10,081,856
Dowdell Woods U/R (William Dowdell Rd)	3	6.2	DESIGN	\$5,052,984	\$473,525	\$4,579,459
Coles Crossing	3	5.9	DESIGN	\$3,049,366	\$673,366	\$2,376,000
Pine Trails Phase 1	2	5.9	DESIGN	\$9,822,186	\$100,836	\$9,721,350
Pine Trails Phase 2	2	5.9	DESIGN	\$22,375,078	\$3,041,728	\$19,333,350
Northfield Place	2	5.55	DESIGN	\$19,922,835	\$1,110,314	\$18,812,521
Timberlake Estates	3	5.5	DESIGN	\$13,458,899	\$1,315,655	\$12,143,244

Memorial Parkway	4	5.3	DESIGN	\$6,145,130	\$845,130	\$5,300,000
Riata Ranch and Barker Lake	3	5.3	DESIGN	\$5,758,079	\$1,554,939	\$4,203,140
North Forest	1	5.15	DESIGN	\$23,500,000	\$1,097,397	\$22,402,603
North Park Forest	1	4.55	DESIGN	\$1,377,888	\$44,540	\$1,333,348
Cypress Creek Estates	3	4.15	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$10,383,440	\$1,018,084	\$9,365,356
Dula Lane & Related Inf.	3	4.15	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$828,943	\$239,685	\$589,258
K500-01-00 Detention Basin	3	4.15	BID WITHIN 90 DAYS	\$2,500,875	\$442,755	\$2,058,120
Copperfield Southdown Village Sec 1	3	3.9	DESIGN	\$4,520,286	\$545,286	\$3,975,000
Wortham Estates (Regional Project)	3	3.35	DESIGN	\$21,823,038	\$780,507	\$21,042,531
Rock Creek	3	2.55	DESIGN	\$2,511,932	\$511,932	\$2,000,000
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			TOTAL	\$257,685,537	\$20,208,848	\$237,476,689