

LEAGUE OF NEIGHBORHOODS POSITION ON 2008 PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE

The Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods' Board of Directors voted to support the 2008 bond package for streets and arterials with the exception of the \$10.2 million allocated for construction of new bridges for the Trinity River Vision (Trinity Uptown) project. Instead, the League supports using that \$10.2 million for neighborhood street and arterial repair and construction.

BACKGROUND:

\$150 million is the total amount of the proposed bond package scheduled to go to voters in May 2008.

\$114 million is allocated to repair and construct streets and arterials citywide, even though \$971 million is the estimated cost to repair and reconstruct all the streets and arterials.

Neighborhoods will get less than 10% of their street needs met in the present bond allocations.

\$22.2 million is allocated to reconstruct the West 7th St. bridge (\$12 million) and to build two new bridges for the Trinity River Vision/Trinity Uptown project (\$10.2 million). The estimated funding need for the bridge projects is \$35 million.

Bridges will get 62% of their needs met in the present bond allocations.

The League believes the city needs to take responsibility for the pressing need for neighborhood street and arterial repair and construction BEFORE it builds new Trinity Uptown bridges. Since bond projects take as long as twenty years to actually be built (example: the widening of E. 1st Street was approved in a 1980s-era bond issue, but the project has yet to be started), the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods supports shifting the \$10.2 million for the construction of two new Trinity River Vision bridges into street projects that are sorely needed necessities TODAY.

Please visit www.fortworthgov.org for the line by line allocations in this upcoming bond issue.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

If you care about how the monies in this bond package will be allocated, let your voice be heard by contacting the Fort Worth City Council which will vote on the final package at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 12.

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