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Media Advisory

City of Kyle Road Bond Moves Forward After Election Day

KYLE, TEXAS – City leaders say they will move forward as quickly as possible on road improvements after Kyle residents passed a record transportation bond package on Tuesday's ballot.

"This is an historic step for the City of Kyle," Mayor Travis Mitchell said. "Kyle voters made it clear they want us focused on improving traffic, safety, and mobility throughout the city. With the passage of Proposition A, we intend to honor the trust of the community and get to work on these projects."

Interim City Manager Jerry Hendrix said he will convene engineers and planners as early as the coming week to begin work on implementing the bond package.

"Council knew this was an urgent issue for our residents and had the vision to put this bond package forward to the voters," Hendrix said. "The City Council and staff have laid a strong planning foundation so we could respond quickly and efficiently to the results of the election — whatever they were. Now we're ready to get to work right away on these important projects for the City of Kyle."

It will take time to begin selling the bonds and begin acquiring right-of-way, but city leaders say they will continue to make progress on planning and engineering designs in the meantime.

The city intends to keep citizens involved every step of the way. Plans for public meetings where Kyle residents can express their opinions about roadway design are underway and updates about these projects will be on the city's bond website, <u>KyleBonds.com</u>.

Proposition A calls for \$294.4 million to reconstruct, expand and upgrade specific roadways in the City of Kyle. It's also expected that these roads will have a positive impact on the quality of life for Kyle residents by facilitating the addition of amenities including restaurants, shopping, trails, and recreation.

All told, there are 8 roadway projects across the city totaling 10.3 miles of new roads, reconstruction, and widening projects to improve the city's transportation network.

These projects will provide additional capacity to support current and future traffic needs, boost quality of life experiences through economic development, congestion reduce emergency response times, increase vehicular and pedestrian safety, and strengthen connections between the east and west sides of Kyle.

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The City of Kyle is located in the heart of the I-35 Innovation Corridor, just 26 miles south of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport & 50 miles north of San Antonio International Airport. Kyle is the second largest city in Hays County and is poised to become the largest — with a population that grew from 5,000 citizens in 2000 to just over 52,300 in 2020. We are the designated Pie Capital of Texas and home of the annual Pie in the Sky Hot Air Balloon Festival. For more information, go to CityofKyle.com.

