

# Denton County Transportation Road Improvement Program 2022



Denton County Commissioners Court  
Transportation Workshop

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# Population Growth



- Denton County is routinely in the top 10 fastest growing counties in the nation by percentage.\*
- Denton County's population **grew 38.1%** from the **665,833** people who lived here in **2010**. For comparison, the population in the US **grew 6.5%** and the population in Texas **grew 16.3%** during that period.
- Annual growth for Denton County has averaged 5% per year since 2015.
- An estimated 82 people move into Denton County every day.

\* Source: US 2020 Census.

# Why County Funds for New Roads?

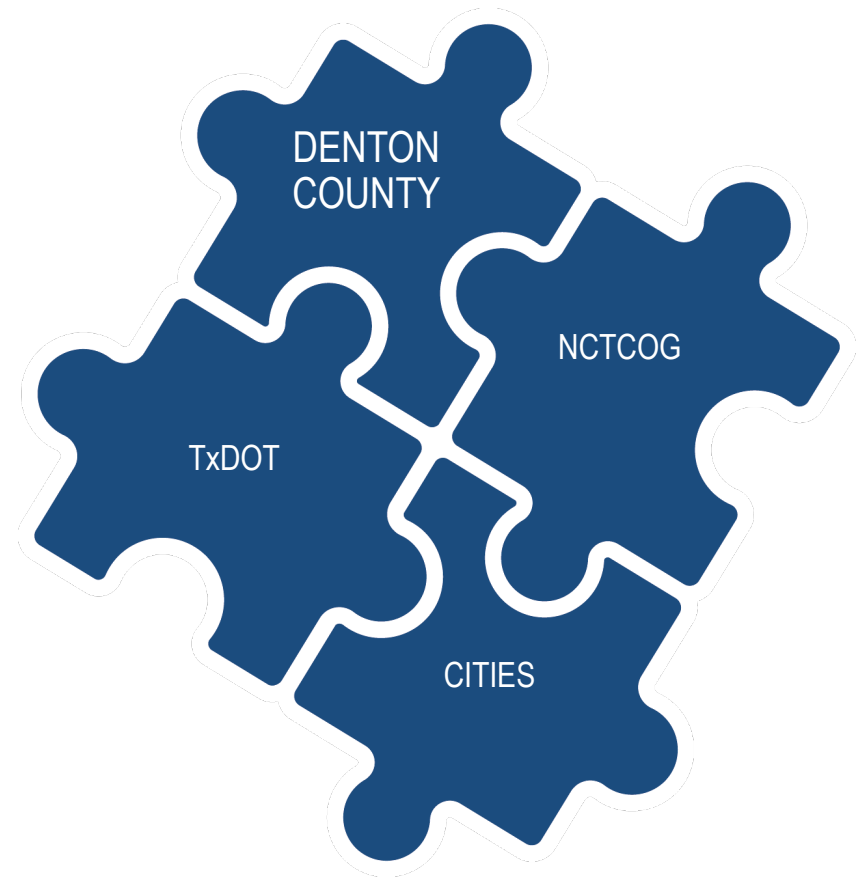


- Federal and state funding agencies look for partnerships for leveraging opportunities for new roads.
- Gas tax has not been increased in 23 years.
- Fuel efficiency is reducing available transportation funding.
- Regional funding requires local government financial participation.

# Partnership in Action



As money becomes available, TxDOT and NCTCOG will choose and prioritize projects that have existing local funding dollars committed. The local funding provided by the bond program will substantially expedite roadway improvements.



# Benefits of Partnering



- Decreases congestion on city, county and state roads
- Enhances quality of life
- Provides through traffic on city roads
- Improves air quality
- Reduces standing traffic emissions
- Enhances economic development; keeps tax base strong
- Increases safety
  - Ambulance service accessibility
  - Reduces dangerously high roadbeds
  - Improves Bus Routes

# Power of Leveraging



To date, Denton County Commissioners, working with partners, have utilized the voter-approved proceeds \$187 million from the 2004 and \$310 million from the 2008 road bond programs to fund and construct more than

**\$8.4 BILLION**

in roadway projects throughout the county that improve the quality of life of every resident.

# Financial Stewardship



- Denton County has effectively managed its road bond debt to maintain its AAA bond rating.
- Denton County's tax rate has dropped from \$0.24.98/\$100 valuation in 2009 to \$0.23.3/\$100 valuation in 2021.

# TRIP 22: Process to Date



- Denton County has been working with each community to identify the projects critical to their residents.
- A draft list of projects has been compiled for this initial Workshop.
- The County has had concurrent meetings with the Texas Department of Transportation(TxDOT) to identify which on system projects had the best potential for partnership leveraging.
- The North Central Texas Council of Governments is in attendance at today's Workshop.



# TRIP 22: Next Steps



- Discuss financial participation of the bond program within each municipality.
- Denton County Commissioners Court to consider calling a road bond election on August 16, 2022 for November 8, 2022.