



MELISSA MINUTE

AUGUST, 2007

County approves Four Road Projects for November Election

The Collin County Commissioners Court recently called a County bond election for November 2007, which includes substantial transportation projects for the City of Melissa. Due to the explosive growth, the County is proposing a bond election that will address critical transportation projects throughout the County but will not increase the County tax rate. During the spring and summer, a subcommittee of Collin County residents reviewed proposals from cities for transportation projects to be considered in the upcoming election. Because the City was able to present proactive transportation projects to the committee, four projects were recommended by the committee for the County Bond Election this November. This opportunity will allow Melissa to leverage 50% of project cost that would normally be 100% City responsibility. The City Council has selected residents to consider funding the City's obligation through a bond election. The committee will review the County proposal and several additional project opportunities to leverage funds from alternative sources for the completion of needed road projects in Melissa. In addition to constructing new roads, the City's bond proposal will create a rehabilitation and maintenance program for existing City roads. More information will be distributed in the September *Melissa Minute*.

Project	Section	Leveraging Funds
Melissa Road	Highway 5 to Highway 121	Collin County
Throckmorton	Highway 75 to Highway 5	Collin County
Fannin (N/S)	Melissa Road to Highway 121	Collin County
Fannin (E/W)	Melissa Road to Highway 5	TXDOT Safe Routes to School
Davis Road	Highway 75 to Fannin Road	Collin County

CITY COUNCIL

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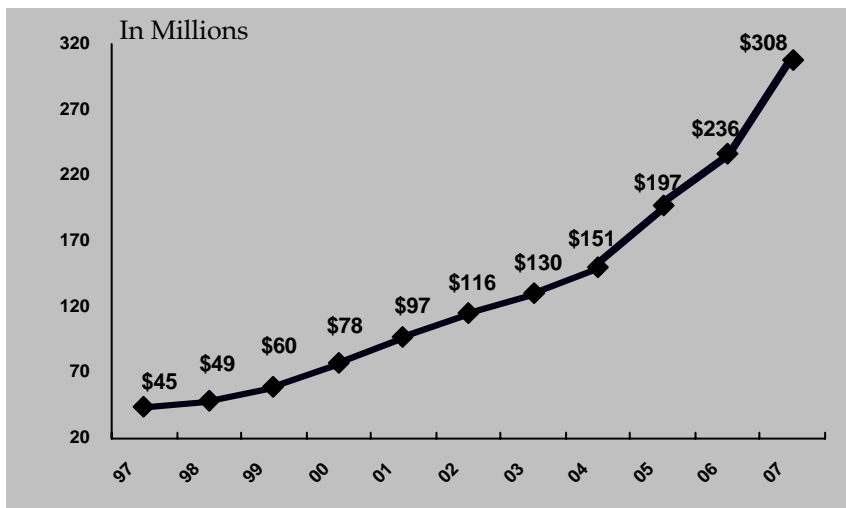
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Did You Know

Appraised Property Valuation in City of Melissa



City Hall is located at:

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Have You Inspected Your Smoke Detectors Lately?

It is a proven fact that Smoke Detectors, also known as Smoke Alarms, save lives. But, they can only protect you if they are properly installed and maintained. With very few exceptions, most fire fatalities occur in homes **without** a working smoke detector. It is truly the "cheapest form of life insurance you can buy."

TEST

When was the last time you heard the alarm sound on your smoke detector? Battery-operated detectors should be tested once a month to make certain they are working.

CHANGE BATTERY & CLEAN UNIT

You should replace the battery in each smoke detector at least once a year. A good way to remember this is, "change your clocks - change your batteries." This slogan is used by the fire service nationally to provide an easy reminder to change the detector battery each time you adjust your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. **The fall date to set back your clocks is Sunday, November 4, 2007.** The changing of the battery is also a perfect time to do a little maintenance on the unit. Just like other places in our homes, dust will collect over time on smoke detectors. Unfortunately, these dust particles may keep the unit from operating properly. To clean, just use the soft brush cleaning attachment that is part of most vacuum cleaners.

REPLACE

It is now recommended that smoke detectors be replaced every ten years. After ten years, a smoke detector has worked continuously for over 87,000 hours. If you do not know how old your smoke detector is, or if it is known to be at least ten years old, replace it with a new unit as soon as possible.

Protect yourself from mosquitoes

Collin County Health Care Services and Collin County Development Services are working cooperatively to combat, investigate and educate the public about potential cases of West Nile Virus.

"It is important that residents understand that the risk of contracting West Nile may be higher in the fall than in the spring," says Collin County nurse epidemiologist Janet Glowicz. "This is because the mosquitoes have been active longer with a greater chance of encountering an infected bird. Until the temperature drops below 50 degrees at night consistently the mosquitoes will continue to pose a risk."

The Collin County Health Care Services department recommends following the "Four D's" as follows:

1. Apply insect repellent that contains **DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Be sure to read label instructions. Spray clothing with repellent as well as exposed skin.
2. **Dress** in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
3. Stay indoors at **dusk and dawn**, times when infected mosquitoes are most active.

Drain standing water in your backyard and neighborhood; old tires, flowerpots and clogged rain gutters are mosquito-breeding sites.

Residents should continue to follow these recommendations until the first freeze this fall. For more information, please visit the Collin County website at www.co.collin.tx.us

2006 Area Tax Rate Comparison

City	Tax Rate	Rank
Murphy	\$ 0.47	1
Melissa	\$ 0.52	2
Anna	\$ 0.53	3
Allen	\$ 0.56	4
McKinney	\$ 0.59	5
Farmersville	\$ 0.60	6
Prosper	\$ 0.61	7
Princeton	\$ 0.65	8
Celina	\$ 0.69	9
Wylie	\$ 0.71	10
Average	\$ 0.59	