

Build Our Future
BA GO BOND
Aug 28

WELCOME

Broken Arrow has a long history of approving General Obligation bonds to support public improvements. A great deal of work has gone into preparing this upcoming bond package for Broken Arrow residents. We are excited to see our city grow and develop, and we want to continue investing in public improvements so our community will thrive for the next decade and beyond.

Inside this Voter Information Guide you will find details on 88 projects representing more than \$210 million in improvements to Broken Arrow. Every project was chosen after thorough consideration and input from residents and business leaders, whose desire was to maintain public safety as a top priority. These projects were presented to the City Council on June 6, 2018 and approved to be included in the 2018 GO Bond.

It is important to note that if this bond is approved by voters, it will NOT raise taxes and will instead replace other bonds that have already been paid off. You will see no direct effect on your property tax rate for the city if the bond is approved.

This Voter Information Guide will detail each project, including locations and estimated costs. We hope you will find it informative for your decision as you head to the polls on August 28.

A Note on Street Names

Dearborn St. / 41st St. South Omaha St. / 51st St. South Albany St. / 61st St. South Kenosha St. / 71st St. South Houston St. / 81st St. South Washington St. / 91st St. South New Orleans St. / 101st St. South Florence St. / 111th St. South Tucson St. / 121st St. South Jasper St. / 131st St. South Garnett Rd. / 113th East Ave. Olive Ave. / 129th East Ave. Aspen Ave. / 145th East Ave. Elm Pl. / 161st East Ave. 9th St. / 177th East Ave. / Lynn Lane 23rd St. /193rd East Ave. / County Line Road 37th St. / 209th East Ave. 79th St. / 257th East Ave. / Midway

A Note on Unnamed Projects

Throughout this booklet, projects marked with asterisks (**) are listed as unnamed projects. Unnamed projects are projects that the City of Broken Arrow intends to complete but is not required to by state law. These projects will take second priority to the named projects, utilizing bond funds that are remaining from the initial set of projects. Depending on availability of funds and shifting priorities over the life of the bond, some of these projects may not be completed with this bond. Named projects must be completed.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a General Obligation Bond?

A General Obligation bond, or GO Bond, is a common financing tool local and state governments use to fund certain infrastructure projects – usually large capital improvements like roads, bridges, flood control, parks and public buildings.

In Oklahoma, the property tax received by the city, also known as ad valorem tax, is used to pay the interest and principal on GO Bonds. GO Bonds must be approved by a vote of the people.

Will this raise my taxes?

No. The GO Bonds being voted on in August will replace previous GO Bonds that have been paid off. The city's levy for debt service on GO bonds is anticipated to remain at 16.46 mils.

How were the projects selected?

City leaders used internal reports and feedback from residents received at four public meetings and the results of the 2017 Citizen's Survey to compare to a running list of capital needs. Projects were selected based on various factors, including:

- Priority streets, public safety and stormwater management
- Comments from citizens, business leaders and Council members
- Availability of funding
- Desire to improve tourism and attract outof-towners to shop, dine and spend time in Broken Arrow

When is the election?

August 28, 2018 is the election date.

Where do I vote?

You will vote in the precinct assigned to you by the election board. To locate your precinct, view sample ballots, update your voter registration or complete an absentee ballot, you can contact the Tulsa County Election Board. If you are a Broken Arrow resident living in Wagoner County, contact the Wagoner County Election Board.

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Will I approve the entire bond with a single vote?

There will be six separate propositions you will need to approve. Each proposition will require you to vote either for or against the proposition.

Proposition No. 1 – Transportation Proposition No. 2 – Public Safety

Proposition No. 3 - Parks and Recreation

Proposition No. 4 – Public Facilities Proposition No. 5 – Stormwater

Proposition No. 6 - Drainage

Why are the stormwater and drainage proposals separate?

Some of the proposed drainage projects could potentially require work to be completed on private property. State law restricts the use of public funding on private property. In order to apply the bond money to these projects, Proposition No. 6 for drainage must pass with 60% approval or higher.

If the 2018 bond packages are approved in August, when will the projects be completed?

The city will sell the bonds over a 10-year period, which will ensure the city's levy remains at 16.46 mils. As a result, we anticipate work on all projects in the package will take approximately 13 years to complete.

Why does the Jail need renovations?

Two things have caused this need: growth in jail population and age. The Jail was opened in 2004 with a maximum occupancy of 22–14 males and 8 females. Due to changes in state laws, some crimes are now handled at the municipal level, which has increased our average daily population. Also, the jail does not have a full kitchen, so meals are currently being microwaved, one at a time, which is inefficient in both time and cost.

Why do we need new fire stations?

Fire Station No. 7 is nearly 50 years old. It was not designed to accommodate modern fire engines and other equipment, and the station has developed maintenance issues. Station No. 7 will be relocated to Washington St. and 1st Place on land the city purchased with voter approved funds from the 2014 bond issue. The location of the proposed fire station in the north part of town will be determined by Fire Department response times and population growth.

Why is turf needed on sports fields?

Synthetic turf will reduce the time and money invested in maintaining a portion of our athletic fields. Additionally, synthetic turf allows year-round use without risking prolonged damage to natural grass fields in the dormant winter months or hot and dry summer months. Additionally, synthetic turf fields may be used even during wet conditions, allowing for more play time throughout the year.

Why should we pay for Battle Creek's irrigation system?

Battle Creek Golf Club is owned by the City of Broken Arrow. More than 37,000 golfers played Battle Creek in 2017. It attracts numerous visitors to our city every year and not all of these are golfers -- Battle Creek also has a ballroom that regularly holds events such as weddings and company parties. The irrigation system is beginning to fall into disrepair and must be upgraded so we can continue to keep Battle Creek an attractive offering for golfers and event planners. An improved irrigation system also will save money on operating and maintenance costs.

When was the last substantial bond program in Broken Arrow?

Voters in 2014 approved a bond program that addressed critical infrastructure needs. Many of those projects are completed or currently underway. Broken Arrow typically does a bond issue every three to four years. The city has not had a bond issue of this magnitude before.

How do I know bond projects are actually being completed from prior bond programs?

The city keeps an up-to-date list of projects on its website that shows the status of the

different bond projects. Visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/BOND.

How will the bond program affect the city's debt levels?

This program will increase the amount of outstanding debt, although the millage rate to pay the debt service should remain the same.

What if there is money left over after the recommended projects are completed?

The state constitution allows for any excess funds to be spent on other projects with the same purpose as the original project, i.e. excess funds from a street project may only be spent on another street project.

Why does the city issue bonds to pay for these city projects rather than pay for the projects with cash?

The issuance of general obligation bonds allows for projects to be completed in the near term as opposed to an unspecified time in the future when cash financing might be available. The state constitution allows for the use of property taxes to pay for the principal and interest on general obligation bonds and judgments, which is the only use of property tax revenues for the City of Broken Arrow.

How will the projects be prioritized?

The city will first look at how much in bonds can be issued each year. Next, it will look at project and initiative priorities, which will be streets and public safety. Finally, city officials will plan our funding for projects that take multiple years.

If some propositions are passed and others are not, how will that affect the bond program as a whole?

The city can only proceed with what the voters approve. The failure of one proposition will not have any effect on the projects in another proposition.

If I don't live within Broken Arrow city limits but I'm within the fenceline, am I eligible to vote?

Only residents who live within the city limits are eligible to vote.



The following is a short overview of the six bond propositions that will be on the ballot, as well as a more comprehensive description of each proposition and the various projects it includes.

Proposition 1 - Transportation

Bond amount: \$142,625,000 What it will do: Widen and repair streets, intersections

Proposition 3 - Parks and Recreation

Bond amount: **\$17,750,000** What it will do: Improve parks and recreation facilities

Proposition 5 - Stormwater

Bond amount: \$7,500,000 What it will do: Upgrade stormwater facilities



PROPOSITION 1 - TRANSPORTATION

STREET WIDENING PROJECTS

These projects will include engineering, design and construction to widen streets in the areas described below. The costs include all necessary features as well as acquiring the easement and right-of-way.

Washington St. from Olive Ave. to Aspen Ave. \$4,700,000
Washington St. from 9th St. to 23rd St. \$5,200,000
Houston St. from 9th St. to Old Highway 51 \$7,400,00
Houston St. from Garnett Rd. to Olive Ave. \$5,900,000
Houston St. from Olive Ave. to Aspen Ave. \$4,600,000
Aspen Ave. from Tucson St. to West Shreveport St. \$7,500,000
Elm Pl. from Kenosha St. to State Highway 51 \$6,400,000
9th St. from Houston St. to Washington St. \$5,200,000
9th St. from Washington St. to New Orleans St. \$5,200,000
23rd St. from Omaha St. to Albany St. \$5,000,000
**New Orleans St. from Garnett Rd. to Olive Ave. \$1,325,000
**New Orleans St. from 209th East Ave. to S. 217th East Ave. \$2,500,000
**Washington St. from 23rd St. to University Blvd. \$1,700,000
**University Blvd. from Washington St. to New Orleans St. \$1,300,000

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

These projects will include improvements to intersections such as turn lanes or resurfacing intersection streets.

Reconstruct the intersection at **Washington St. and Aspen Ave.** \$2,200,000 Improve and repave the intersection at **Elm Pl. and New Orleans St.** \$600,000 Add dual left turn lanes to **Kenosha St. at the intersection of 9th St.** \$2,200,000 Improve the intersection at **9th St. and Hillside Dr.** \$1,900,000

- **Construct a roundabout or add signals at 23rd St. and Washington St. \$1,500,000
- **Widen the 79th St. and Kenosha St. intersection. \$1,450,000
- **Widen and add signals at 79th St. and Houston St. intersection. \$1,250,000
- **Upgrade various city-wide traffic signals, which will include 4-5 major upgrades. \$1,000,000

RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION

The following areas will receive new asphalt and may also see curb repair and handicap access ramp construction as required.

Rehabilitate various residential streets throughout the city. \$25,000,000

Tucson St. from 1st St. to 5th St. \$800,000

Aspen Ave. from Albany St. to Kenosha St. \$2,000,000

- **College St. from 9th St. to 23rd St. \$3,500,000
- **15th St. from Joliet St. to College St. \$1,100,000
- **Dallas St. from Main St. to 9th St. \$1,700,000
- **23rd St. from Albany St. to Kenosha St. \$2,000,000
- **Old town Streets: Kenosha St. to Houston St. and Elm Pl. to 9th St. \$1,000,000

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Replace the bridge at 23rd St. between Omaha St. and Albany St. \$4,100,000

GENERAL SAFETY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

- **Reconstruct, repair and add ADA ramps to sidewalks throughout the city. \$2,500,000
- **Install guardrails at critical locations on **9th St. from New Orleans St. to Creek Turnpike**. **\$1,500,000**
- **Improve and beautify State Highway 51 entryways on **Aspen Ave, Elm Pl, 9th St.** and Kenosha St. \$2,500,000
- **Improvements to shared city/county road projects. \$3,000,000
- **Improve downtown infrastructure, including street repair and drainage improvements. \$2,600,000
- **Improve the Elm Pl. and New Orleans St. corridor. \$2,000,000
- **Support development in the Innovation District with roadway and drainage improvements. \$6,000,000



PROPOSITION 2 - PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE STATION NO. 7 REPLACEMENT \$4,500,000

Develop a new fire station at Washington St. and 1st Pl. to replace the current 50-year-old facility.

POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING CENTER \$1,000,000

Expand and improve the Police and Fire Training Center Facility located at 4205 E. Omaha St. This budget includes the buildout of the annex facility with classrooms and an office.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES \$5,000,000

Purchase and equip fire trucks and/or ambulances. Replacements will be made based on age, condition, mileage and maintenance issues of the current fleet.

JAIL EXPANSION \$3,250,000

Expand and renovate the existing Broken Arrow Police Department Jail to meet current and future population needs.

SIRENS \$600,000

Replace or renovate many of the current outdoor warning sirens located throughout the city. Current sirens are 15-20 years old and new sirens will be louder and omnidirectional, allowing the warning to reach more people outside.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX PARKING LOT \$500,000

Resurface the parking lot at the Public Safety Complex, located at 1101 N. 6th St.

**REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION \$5,500,000

Build or renovate a replacement fire station in the north portion of the city. The exact location will be determined based on response times and population growth.

I believe expanding the police and fire training center is going to be essential as we continue to grow as a city and our police and fire departments continue to grow. One item that people talk about when it comes to Broken Arrow is the low crime and the great responsiveness of the first responders. As a citizen, I would like to see our first responders be able to do their training in Broken Arrow as much as possible.

PROPOSITION 3 - PARKS & RECREATION

Broken Arrow Parks Improvements

JACKSON PARK - 4800 W. Washington St. South \$300,000

Create additional restrooms for men and women and convert existing restrooms to family restrooms.

NIENHUIS PARK - 3201 N. 9th St.

Expand the existing playground. \$300,000

Expand existing skate park. \$650,000

Construct a new metal pavilion to accommodate park activities. \$50,000

ARROWHEAD PARK - 1st Pl. and Washington St.

Make improvements to fields 1-8, including installation of shade structures

for the softball fields. \$300,000

Improve restrooms and/or concession facilities. \$500,000

INDIAN SPRINGS SPORTS COMPLEX - Jasper St. and Aspen Ave.

Installation of synthetic turf on four soccer fields. \$3,000,000
Install new shade structures for baseball fields 1-8. \$250,000

WOLF CREEK PARK - 2501 W. Fulton St. \$35,000

Replace the existing pavilion with a new metal pavilion.

Park Playground Renovations \$665,000

WOLF CREEK PARK, located at 2501 W. Fulton St.

URBANA PARK, located at 400 W. Urbana St.

SIELING PARK, located at 525 W. Iola St.

LIONS PARK, located at 1948 S. Lions Ave.

WEDGEWOOD PARK, located at 1501 W. Knoxville St.

ROCKWOOD EAST PARK, located at 901 W. Queens St.

COUNTRY AIRE TOT-LOT, located at 2604 W. Joliet Ct.

ROCKWOOD WEST PARK, located at 1301 N. Redbud Ave.

New Broken Arrow Park in southwest Broken Arrow \$3,000,000

Develop a new park using an agreed land trade with Broken Arrow Public Schools. The area is currently underserved and the new park will be state of the art, including a possible community center, splash pad, playground, trails, sand volleyball, basketball courts, and plenty of green space for open play.

Recreation Improvements

BROKEN ARROW TRAILS

Construct approximately two (2) miles of the Nienhuis Park Pedestrian Trail. \$450.000

Construct pedestrian trails for a community trail network. The city will pursue matching funds from grant programs to create an expanded budget for this project. \$2,000,000

Design and construction of new community trail in the vicinity of South 1st

Pl. from New Orleans St. to Washington St. – Connect Arrowhead Park to trails system at New Orleans St. \$1,000,000

Other Improvements

- **NIENHUIS PARK 3201 N. 9th St. \$1,500,000
 Install synthetic turf on the remaining two football fields.
- **EVENTS PARK 21101 E. 101st St. \$750,000 Install synthetic turf on four softball fields at the quadplex.

**BATTLE CREEK GOLF COURSE – 3200 N. Battlecreek Dr. West \$2,500,000 Install a new irrigation system and replace the current pumping system.

**CENTRAL PARK ROSE GARDEN - 1500 S. Main St. \$500,000
Contribute to the establishment of a rose garden. These funds are contingent upon successful private fundraising for the project.



- Lauren Beach, BA Resident



PROPOSITION 4 PUBLIC FACILITIES

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Purchase land for an expansion of the Senior Citizen Center and add additional parking near downtown and Arrowhead Park to serve the seniors of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Girls Softball. \$1,300,000

Build a new, 20,000-square-foot meeting and activity center in the downtown area to serve as an annex to the existing Senior Citizen Center building. \$3,500,000

GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS \$3,000,000

Renovate the General Services building, located at 1700 W. Detroit St. This will include additions to both the maintenance facility and purchasing operations.

ARMED FORCES MEETING HALL \$2,000,000

Construct an Armed Forces Meeting Hall near Veteran's Park near downtown, including obtaining necessary right of way and making utility improvements. The hall will be available for all veterans' groups. It will incorporate meeting space as well as space for a food pantry, a charity closet and a covered patio.

CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITIES UPGRADE \$2,000,000

Improve areas including the maintenance garage and storage facility and provide secondary access to these facilities, including possible purchase of the adjacent properties.

**CITY FACILITIES SOFTWARE UPGRADE \$4,000,000

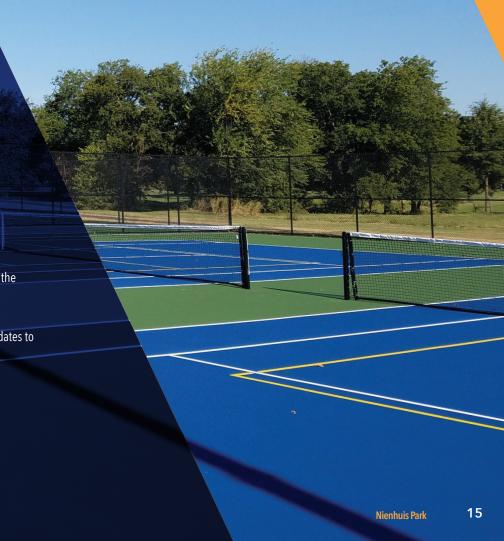
Replace the current software system in place to track city finances and manage city-wide services. The current system is more than 20 years old and lacks modern features to support city's needs.

**PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS \$1,000,000

Make improvements for safety and space needs, based on the facilities report, including upon the General Services Building and surrounding facilities.

Having quality parks/trails/recreation facilities are critical to our well-being. My opinion is that it all traces back to the impressions that citizens and visitors have about our public facilities. The same is true with the parks, playgrounds, pools and trails. Positive experiences will make people enjoy being here, thus a positive reflection on our City.

- Jim Beavers, BA Resident





PROPOSITION 5 - STORMWATER

The city will make stormwater system improvements in or near the following areas:

STONE RIDGE TOWNE CENTER, located at Albany St. and State Highway 51 \$3,000,000

This includes construction of the upper detention facility, located on the north side of Albany St.; new culverts under State Highway 51; and channelization and a new culvert between State Highway 51 and Southwest Expressway.

VILLAGE SQUARE II & VANDEVER ACRES, near Washington St. and Elm Pl. \$400,000 Upgrade the stormwater conveyance system.

INDIAN SPRINGS, near Jasper St. and Aspen Ave. \$600,000

Upsize culvert and improve channelization of the conveyance system.

ARROWWOOD ESTATES, near 115th St. South and 23rd St. \$500,000

Conduct various drainage improvements such as increasing the size of roadway culverts, channelization across properties, and redirecting drainage to the creek.

LANCASTER PARK DETENTION FACILITY, near Kenosha St. and Garnett Rd. \$500,000 Modify the existing detention facility.

TIGER CREEK NATURE PARK, near Albany St. between 9th St. and 23rd St. \$500,000 Enhance ecology and improve the Tiger Creek floodplain.

THE SHOPS AT ADAMS CREEK WETLANDS PRESERVE, along Hillside Drive between 9th St. and 23rd St. \$500,000

Enhance the wetlands, improve the detention, and install an overlook.

**BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS \$1,000,000

Replace three bridges that are currently experiencing erosion and are insufficient for drainage.

Jasper St. (Elm Pl. to Aspen Ave.)
9th St. (New Orleans St. to Florence St.)
Tucson St. (9th St. to 23rd St.)

**Master drainage plans - Haikey Creek \$500,000

Define future flow to protect critical structures and simplify current and future improvements to the area, making way for better development.

PROPOSITION 6 - DRAINAGE

The drainage improvement projects may include channelization, bank stabilization, stormwater detention, clearing of the drainageways and conveyance improvements. Work will be completed based on the severity of drainage issues to the following basins.

Adams Creek Basin \$1,000,000
Broken Arrow Creek Basin \$1,000,000
Haikey Creek Basin \$1,000,000
Elm or Aspen Creek Basin \$850,000

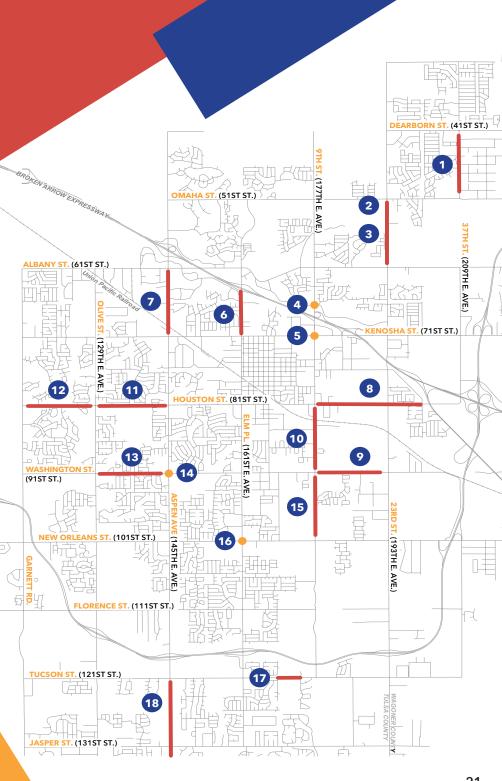
- ** Additional drainage improvements in Adams Creek Basin \$500,000
- ** Additional drainage improvements in Broken Arrow Creek Basin \$500,000
- ** Additional drainage improvements in Haikey Creek Basin \$500,000
- ** Additional drainage improvements in Elm or Aspen Creek Basin \$150,000



Stormwater management is not exciting on the surface, but it makes such a big difference in how quickly water sheds and things dry out. Without proper management of water runoff, infrastructure can be compromised and issues can result. It is good that we are looking ahead and developing and improving our stormwater management. This helps protect our businesses as well as our private citizens. If watershed is not managed properly, flooding can occur.

WIDENINGS, BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS, AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 37TH ST WIDENING Dearborn St. to Omaha St. (Liberty School)
- 9TH ST. WIDENING
 Houston St. to Washington St.
- 2 23RD ST BRIDGE REPLACEMENT Omaha St. to Albany St.
- HOUSTON ST. WIDENING Olive Ave. to Aspen Ave.
- 3 23RD ST WIDENING Omaha St. to Albany St.
- HOUSTON ST. WIDENING
 Garnett Rd. to Olive Ave.
- 9TH ST./HILLSIDE DR.
 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- WASHINGTON ST. WIDENING Olive Ave. to Aspen Ave.
- 5 9TH ST./KENOSHA ST.
 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- WASHINGTON ST./ASPEN AVE. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- 6 ELM WIDENING Kenosha St. to BA Expressway
- 9TH ST. WIDENING Washington St. to New Orleans St.
- 7 ASPEN AVE. REHABILITATION Albany St. to Kenosha St.
- 16 ELM PL. / NEW ORLEANS ST. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- 8 HOUSTON ST. WIDENING 9th St. to Old HWY 51
- TUCSON ST. REHABILITATION
 1st St. to 5th St.
 (Childers Middle School)
- 9 WASHINGTON ST. WIDENING 9th St. to 23rd St.
- ASPEN AVE. WIDENING
 Tucson St. to Indian Springs
 Sports Complex



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional questions about the projects in this bond issue, please contact:

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