



# CITY OF ELGIN 2021A CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

*A Capital Improvements Program to address public safety, transportation, pedestrian safety, parks & recreation, and downtown redevelopment needs*

## Certificates of Obligation (COs)

or incurring debt in general are a necessary component to funding major capital improvement projects for cities throughout Texas. The City Council voted on September 21 to proceed with issuing **\$12.5 M** in COs to fund capital improvements projects essential to our growing community

### Elgin Parks & Recreation Improvements

**Thomas Memorial Park:** Proposed upgrades include a new secondary entrance and parking on Madison Street; renovated restroom facilities, concession stand, basketball court surfacing, placemaking mural and shade structure over playground.

**Elgin Memorial Park:** Replace and upgrade public restrooms at Elgin’s largest park. Current facilities consist of two portable toilets. This new facility supports the playground and walking trail that were installed in 2020 through funding from St. David’s Foundation grant

**Veterans Memorial Park:** Expansion of park to create a vibrant, amenity filled central park for Elgin’s residents. Project includes perimeter sidewalks, fence along railroad track, event’s lawn, vegetation and thematic playground with shade. The City recently received the T-Mobile Hometown Grant which will provide free WiFi and an outdoor classroom with shade



Detailed information on the proposed Certificates of Obligation and the 2021 Five-Year Capital Plan, including all presentations and project details is available on-line at [City Manager | Elgin, TX \(elgintx.com\)](http://City Manager | Elgin, TX (elgintx.com))

### Elgin Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan :

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan sets a strategic direction for the ongoing development and management of a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and vibrant Park System in Elgin. The Parks Advisory Board worked with the community for over 18 months to develop the 2021-2031 Plan. The plan was adopted by City Council October 12, 2021 and guides the direction the City will take with park and open space development.

#### 2021A COs Projects:

- \* County Line Rd - Phase 1
- \* Renovated/expanded Elgin Police Station
- \* Thomas Park Improvements
- \* Memorial Park Restrooms
- \* Veteran’s Park- Phs 1
- \* Downtown Sidewalks
- \* Economic Development Infrastructure

#### Priority elements

- Upgraded or replaced restroom facilities.
- Land acquisition to accommodate new neighborhoods to the West and South of town.
- Splash Pads / Interactive Water Features in existing parks.
- Connected system of trails through Elgin linking parks, neighborhoods, schools and points of interest.
- Improved walking & jogging tracks in parks.
- Public Art and Place Making efforts.
- Dog Park to allow dogs off leash.
- Skate Park or “All-Wheel Park”.

The proposed 2021A COs-Capital Investment Program is an affordable & timely response to current issues that addresses community-wide needs.

Any further delays with these upgrades will only serve to increase the challenges faced by the City in providing improved public services during this historic time of Elgin’s growth