

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will the passage of Proposition A increase the city's sales or property tax rate?

No, this election only provides voter authorization for the City of Cedar Park to reallocate 1/8 of one cent from the City's Economic Development Sales Tax rate to be used for future stormwater drainage programs. Neither the City's overall sales tax rate nor property tax rate will increase or be impacted by passage of Proposition A.

### How much money do we currently pay for stormwater drainage and related street repairs?

Currently, the City pays approximately \$675,000 annually for stormwater drainage maintenance and State and Federal compliance services from the City's General Fund. We would continue paying this amount from the General Fund and the reallocation would pay for program management, large-scale projects and other program costs.

### If maintenance and compliance are paid by the General Fund, why can't it pay for the entire stormwater drainage program?

The General Fund cannot pay for the entire stormwater drainage program without a potential impact to the property tax rate.

### How much money would be needed to pay for the stormwater drainage and related street repairs program?

In today's dollars, program management requires \$225,000 annually; high-priority, large-scale projects are estimated to cost \$38 million; maintenance requires \$550,000 annually; and State and Federal compliance require \$125,000 annually.

### Won't FEMA pay for large projects to prevent future flooding?

In order to apply for FEMA grants, the City must provide matching funds. The reallocation would enable the City to apply for various grants that would offset the cost of some large, high-priority projects.

### What are the priority projects?

A list and map of the priority projects may be found at [www.cedarparkdrainage.com](http://www.cedarparkdrainage.com).

### Did the City consider any other options to pay for stormwater drainage?

Over the years, the City has explored several options to pay for a stormwater drainage and related street repair program, including a drainage utility fee, the City's General Fund, general obligation bonds, certificates of obligation and special taxing districts. Based on citizen feedback, reallocation of the Economic Development Sales Tax is the proposed option.

### If voters approve Proposition A, when will the reallocation begin?

If approved, the reallocation would go into effect for the fiscal year 2019, which begins on Oct. 1, 2018.

View more information and FAQs at [www.cedarparkdrainage.com](http://www.cedarparkdrainage.com)

## Key Dates

Voter Registration Deadline  
Early Voting  
Mail-In Ballots  
Election Day

April 5, 2018  
April 23 – May 1, 2018  
Must Be Requested by April 24, 2018  
May 5, 2018

More information about voting locations may be found at [www.cedarparktexas.gov](http://www.cedarparktexas.gov).



# Stormwater Drainage: Background and Information

On May 5th, Cedar Park residents will be asked to vote on Proposition A, which would redirect one-fourth of the revenue (or 1/8 of one cent) from the Type A Sales Tax Fund to the City's General Fund to provide revenue for stormwater drainage and related street repairs.

Enclosed is some background information about the proposed reallocation and stormwater drainage program.



## A STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED STREET REPAIRS PROGRAM WILL:



Reduce flooding now and in the future



Maintain our water quality in creeks and streams, as required by State and Federal regulations



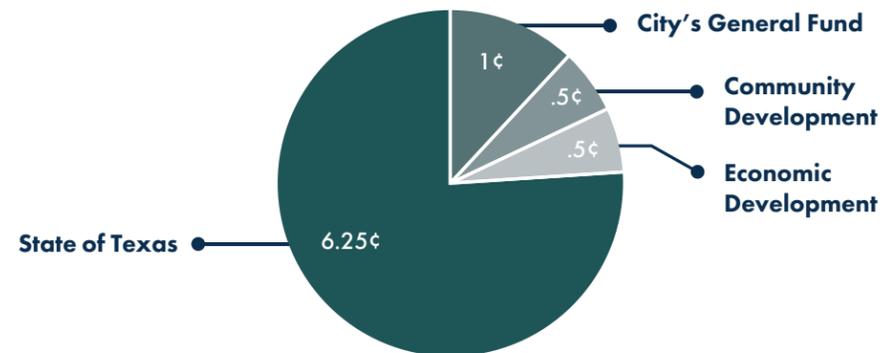
Extend life of infrastructure



Reduce water stagnation and mosquito breeding environments

## REALLOCATING SALES TAX REVENUE TO STORMWATER DRAINAGE

For every \$1 dollar you spend in Cedar Park, you pay an additional 8.25 cents in sales tax. Below is the current allocation of how this sales tax is currently distributed:



For every **1 Dollar** spent...  
**8.25 cents** in sales tax

Proposition A would reallocate one-fourth of the Economic Development Sales Tax (1/8 of one cent) to the City's General Fund to be used for a stormwater drainage program and related street repairs.



Under the current proposal, the reallocation would generate about \$1.8 million\* for stormwater drainage and related street repairs in 2019. This recurring revenue will also be used to finance major projects through the issuance of bonds. The Economic Development Sales Tax would continue with a recurring revenue source of \$5.4 million\* and available balance for business recruitment and retention.



## STORMWATER FUNDING IN ACTION

There are four components to the proposed stormwater drainage and related street repair program:



### PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

\$225,000 Annually\*

Program Management is the framework for the City's stormwater drainage program, providing oversight for large improvement projects, maintenance, funding (grants), and compliance. Initially, it would include the following:

- Two full-time staff positions (a Department Manager and a Project Engineer) dedicated to stormwater drainage issues and projects; and
- Stormwater drainage program operating expenses.



### LARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$38 Million\*

Over the years, the City has identified a number of high priority drainage and related street repair projects that would minimize the risk of flooding. Some of these projects would include:

- Major creek widening
- Major creek sediment removal
- Easement acquisition
- Bridge and culvert construction
- Erosion protection
- Street repairs, in association with stormwater projects



### INCREASED MAINTENANCE

\$550,000 Annually\*

Regular maintenance ensures that the City's stormwater drainage system functions properly and extends the life of infrastructure. These services would include:

- Debris removal from pipelines and drains
- Street sweeping and cleaning
- Soil removal
- Maintaining water quality of detention ponds
- Removal of trees and vegetation from creeks and drainage ditches



### STATE AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

\$125,000 Annually\*

Stormwater management is governed by State and Federal regulation, and the City must comply with their requirements to maintain a stormwater discharge permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in accordance with the rules mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some of these requirements would include the following:

- Maintaining public and private monitoring of water quality ponds
- Detecting and eliminating illicit discharges
- Enforcing construction stormwater runoff control
- Public education and outreach
- Ensuring best practices for handling

All of these programs would be paid for by a combination of the sales tax reallocation and by revenue from the City's General Fund, which currently pays for maintenance and State and Federal compliance services.

\*Estimates are based on today's dollars.