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2020 Year End Update

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A DeMerchant Community Collaborative

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& Flood Mitigation

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**PROUDLY SERVING
FORT BEND COUNTY
PRECINCT 4**

Happy New Year Dear Friends,

This past year we have all dealt with difficult challenges and losses as we combat the spread of COVID-19. However, we have also experienced much hope as the community has banded together to heal. With the vaccines on the horizon, it is still important to stay vigilant and continue to listen to our health professionals.

With the County finances in good shape, I felt good about bringing the 2020 Mobility and Parks bonds to you. This will provide better roads, parks, and trails. Your overwhelming support is greatly appreciated!

Our flood mitigation projects continue to move forward. Recent history has taught us to stay prepared for any heavy rain event. I rolled out my crowdsourcing **Pick N Fix** program to efficiently address drainage issues. I have continued to work diligently to fund Project Brazos which will address the erosion on the Brazos River.

I'm proud of the work with Commissioner's Court to bring recovery to our county through the CARES Act. My heartfelt thanks go out to all our essential frontline workers from the grocery store worker to our first responders and every volunteer who distributed a meal or a mask.

It is my pleasure to share my new initiative, the **Precinct 4 Giving**, to expand hope and affect change for the common good of the community. I will continue to listen to the community and look for innovative ways to solve problems we face every day to make Fort Bend County and Precinct 4 a better place to live, work, and play.

Proudly Serving you,

PRECINCT 4 *Giving*

[Learn More!](#)

Precinct 4 Giving

What we do



We are the Precinct 4 Giving, a diverse and talented community who believe in the collective power of working together for the greater good. We are a collaborative of residents, partner agencies, interfaith communities, businesses, and schools. My mission is to harness this collective power to enrich lives and *Keep Fort Bend County Strong!*



INITIATIVES



KEEP RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS THRIVING

ECONOMIC

PARTNER AND SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES TO KEEP FOOD ON TABLES

FOOD

OUTREACH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLNESS

HEALTH

ADVOCACY RANGING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL TO ANIMAL WELFARE

SOCIAL

Collective Power

COVID 19 Resources

APPLY NOW!

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Eligible grants vary from \$5,000 to \$25,000. You are not alone. Help your business recover and apply today!

RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Funding has been fully committed as of October 12, 2020. Follow-me for updates on future funding opportunities for 2021.



"The grants have been extremely helpful for our small business reopening and also staying open."
Cure & Co.

WE ALL EAT TEXAS

Feeding Families. Helping Businesses. Free daily to-go meals for families and desired patronage for restaurants.

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial Support for Childcare Providers. Assistance for Working Families.

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

PROJECT BRAZOS- ADDRESSING BRAZOS RIVER EROSION



**13 CRITICAL EROSION AREAS
ALONG 89 MILES OF RIVER IN
FORT BEND COUNTY**

**Economical and
Environmentally Friendly Solution**

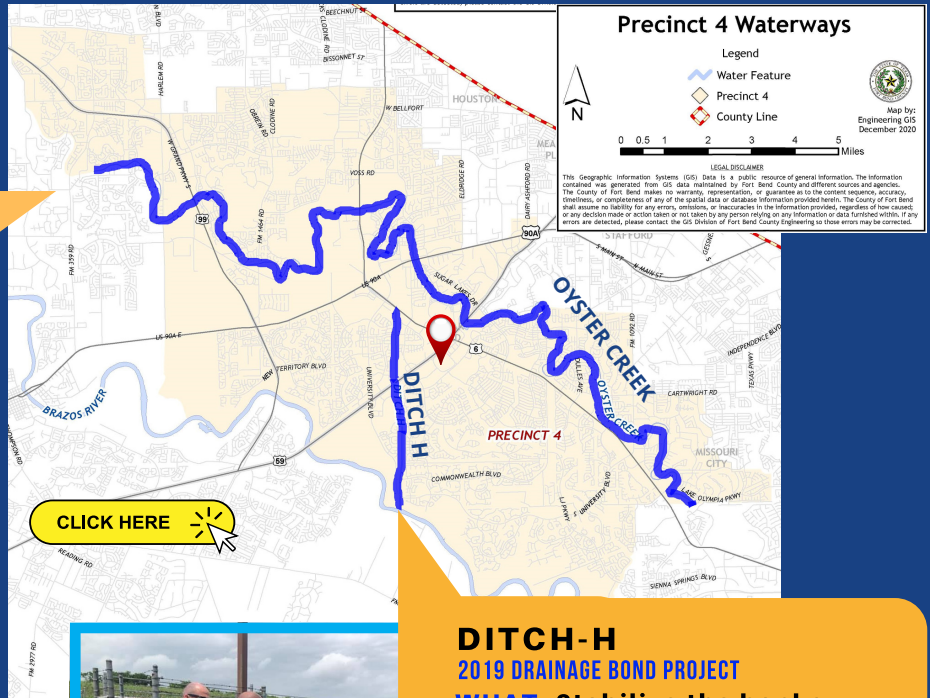
Project Brazos Update

- **Met with GLO (General Land Office), local stakeholders, and community leaders.**
- **Working through the application process for Federal and State funds.**
- **Expect notification of award by the end of the year or early 2021.**

FLOOD MITIGATION PRECINCT 4

OYSTER CREEK WATERSHED PROTECTION PHASES 1 & 2

- **WHAT**- Clearing of **waterway**
- **WHY**- Move water safely and quickly to **Brazos River**
- **WHERE**- Lake Olympia to **Aliana**



DITCH-H 2019 DRAINAGE BOND PROJECT

- **WHAT**- Stabilize the banks
- **WHY**- Effects over **thousands** of homes and **hundreds** of businesses in Sugar Land
- **WHERE**- Town Center, First Colony and Telfair



**EXPECTING HEAVY
RAINS IN YOUR AREA?**

PRECINCT 4 IS READY TO HELP

IF YOU SEE RISING WATER LET US KNOW.

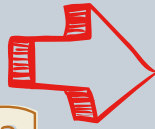
SNAP A PICTURE AND SEND IT TO US AT:

picnfix@fortbendcountytexas.gov



BOND

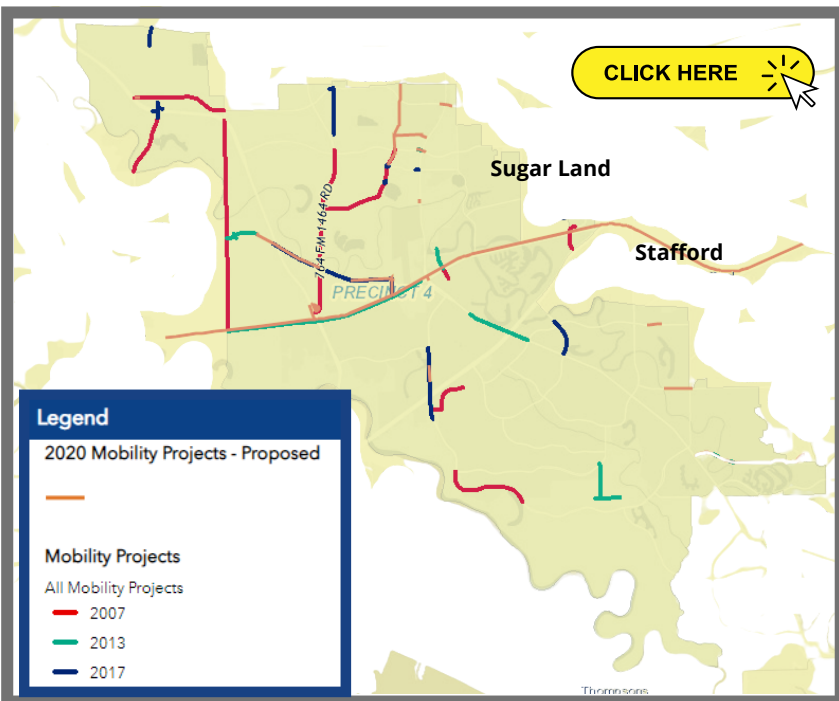
Thank you Voters!
For your support



- Mobility
- Drainage
- Facilities
- Parks

Plain and simple, Fort Bend County bonds do not raise your taxes. Bonds simply allows you, the resident, to decide how the County spends money on projects such as mobility, drainage, facilities, and parks.

MOBILITY & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



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INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

Upgrade and expand current railroad monitoring system (train detection, direction, speed)

Improve traffic flow-90A

MOBILITY 2020 PROJECTS

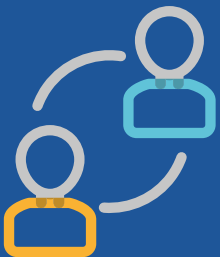
- West Airport
- West Belfort RTL
- SH 6 @ US 90A
- Lexington Blvd
- Cartwright Rd.

- SH 6 @ Cullinan Park
- McKaskle Rd.
- Old Richmond
- Bullhead Slough
- Owens Rd.
- University Blvd
- Glenn Lakes Ln.
- John Sharp Dr.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Sugar Land
Fiber Optic Cable Installation

Intelligent Transportation System



REPORT A CONCERN

100% of the reported concerns are responded to within 4 days or less.

[Meet with Commissioner](#)

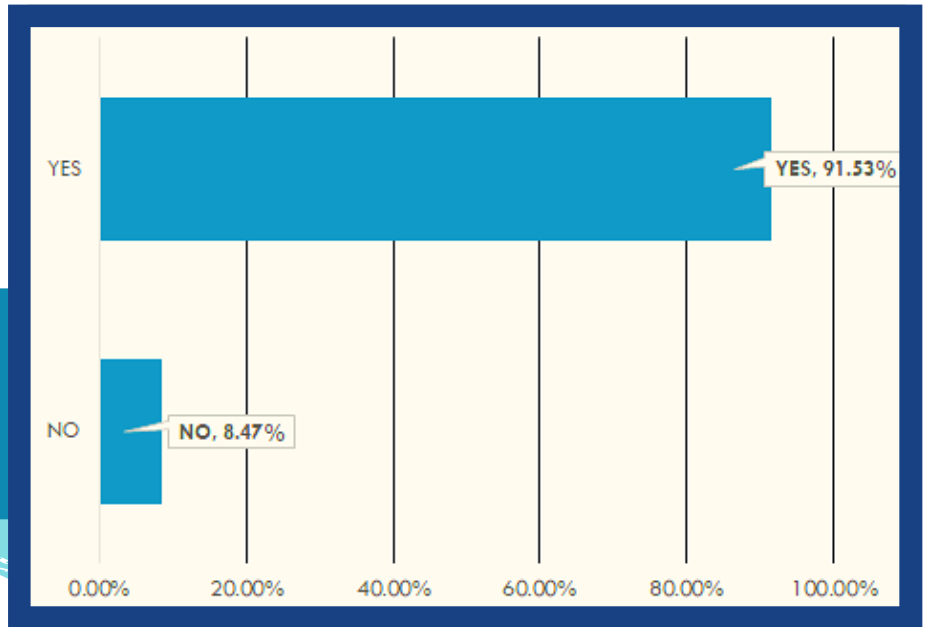
[COVID 19 Vaccine Information](#)

PARKS BOND

PRECINCT 4 SURVEY

The survey results show how important the outdoors are to you. I worked hard to bring you the best parks and trails for all to enjoy.

If a safe and well-connected trail network was in or near your neighborhood would you use it?



FORT BEND COUNTY
**PARKS
BOND
ELECTION**
2020

Future Projects

PRECINCT 4 PROJECTS



Cricket Field Improvements Terraces at Arboretum \$500k

Family recreation center and adult cricket field.

Gannoway Lake Park Trail* \$800k

Funding for an approx. 2 mile, 10-ft wide trail and pedestrian overpass on SH6.

Ditch H Trail* \$3.2 million

Funding for an approx. 4 mile, 10-ft wide concrete trail with below-grade crossings and two pedestrian bridges. Design is underway.

First Colony Trail* \$1.5 million

Funding for an approx. 1 mile, 10-ft wide concrete trail with four pedestrian bridges and below-grade crossing on Sweet-water Blvd.

Precinct 4 Trails Phase 1 \$3 million

A trail along Red Gully from W. Airport to W. Bellfort and from Cullinan Park to Old Richmond Road.

Sugar Land Area Regional Park \$4 million

Sugar Land area passive and serene park, educational area, pavilions and parking.

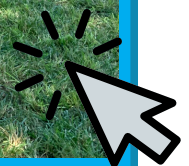
Sugar Land Area Cricket Field \$4 million

Sugar Land area cricket fields, bleachers, concession stands and parking.

New Territory Trail* \$900k

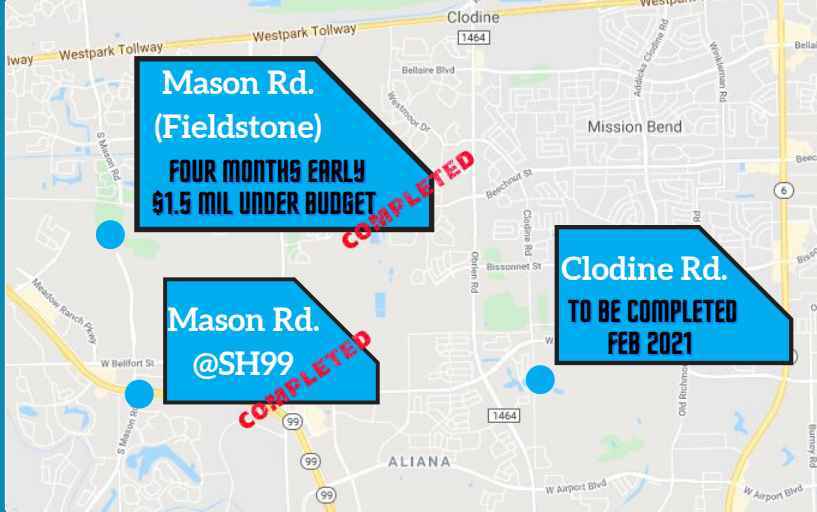
Funding for an approx. 3-mile, 10-ft wide concrete trail within CNP easement

*Partnership with City of Sugar Land



TRAFFIC PROJECTS

Keeping You Moving.....



STORY OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL

APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC STUDY (10 MONTHS)*

CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION (12 MONTHS)*

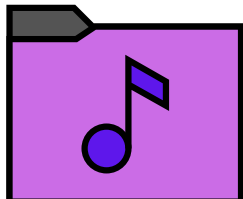
ACTIVATION (2 MONTHS)*

* APPROXIMATE AVERAGE TIME NOTED ABOVE

DID YOU KNOW - WHEN YOU DO A MOBILITY PROJECT DRAINAGE IS INCLUDED.

Project Name	Neighborhoods	Improve Traffic Congestion	Improve Public Safety	Improve Drainage	Beautification	Innovated Processes
Mason Road	Aliana Waterside Estates Fieldstone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Madden Road	Aliana (sections 2 & 5) Camellia (Section 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beechnut	Grand Mission Estates (sections 14, 13, 17, 22 and 24) Long Meadow Farms (section 40 & 42)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Sharp Drive	Near 90A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pheasant Creek	Pheasant Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harlem Road	Harvest Green (section 16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Voss Road	Park Pointe (sections 3-6) and Oak Lake Estates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

MOBILITY 2017 BOND- COMING SOON

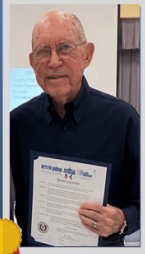


**PRECINCT 4
PLAYLIST**



DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD 2020

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Awarded to

Wayne Chandler

January 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Cliff Parker

February 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Karen Jennings

March 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Natalie Bostic

April 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Zona Johnson

May 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



In Recognition of

**Unity, Freedom,
& Justice**

June 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

**Deacon
Gilberto Rodriguez**

July 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Dexter L. McCoy

August 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Glenda Macal

September 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

**Irma, Sasha, &
Francesca Klink**

October 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Nasruddin Rupani

November 2020

DEMERCHANT SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Awarded to

Vickie Coates

December 2020

Thank you!

If you know someone who is making a difference in their community and inspires others to overcome life challenges, nominate them for this recognition.

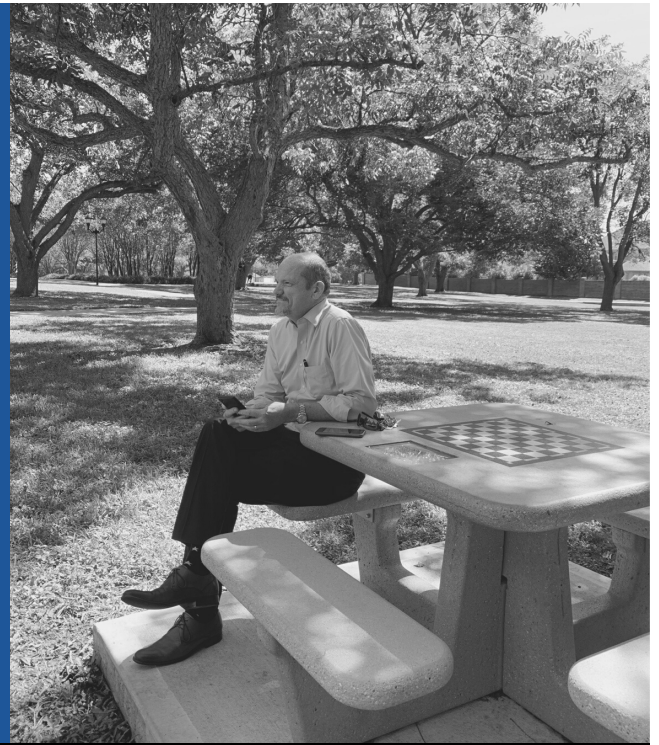
[Nominate](#)



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