

What will this bond authorization program achieve?

The results of this election will guide the City on capital improvement projects for the next several years. The projects address a variety of community needs and priorities:

- provide additional space for research and scientific purposes to maintain and possibly add to the job base in the city;
- continue to address current and future water needs through the drilling of wells, upgrading of the city's reclaimed wastewater system, and acquisition of additional water rights;
- more efficiently and effectively provide fire protection and response services;
- acquire land for the extension of the Flagstaff Urban Trails System in the city's neighborhoods;
- protect open spaces within the urbanized areas as well as on the edge of the City for public use and access;
- acquire lands for future public parks, and provide sports fields, a multi-generational facility, a swimming/aquatic center, and a snow play area to meet recreation needs of the community.

VOTER INFORMATION



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**City of Flagstaff
May 2004
Bond Authorization
Election**



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**General Election
May 18, 2004**



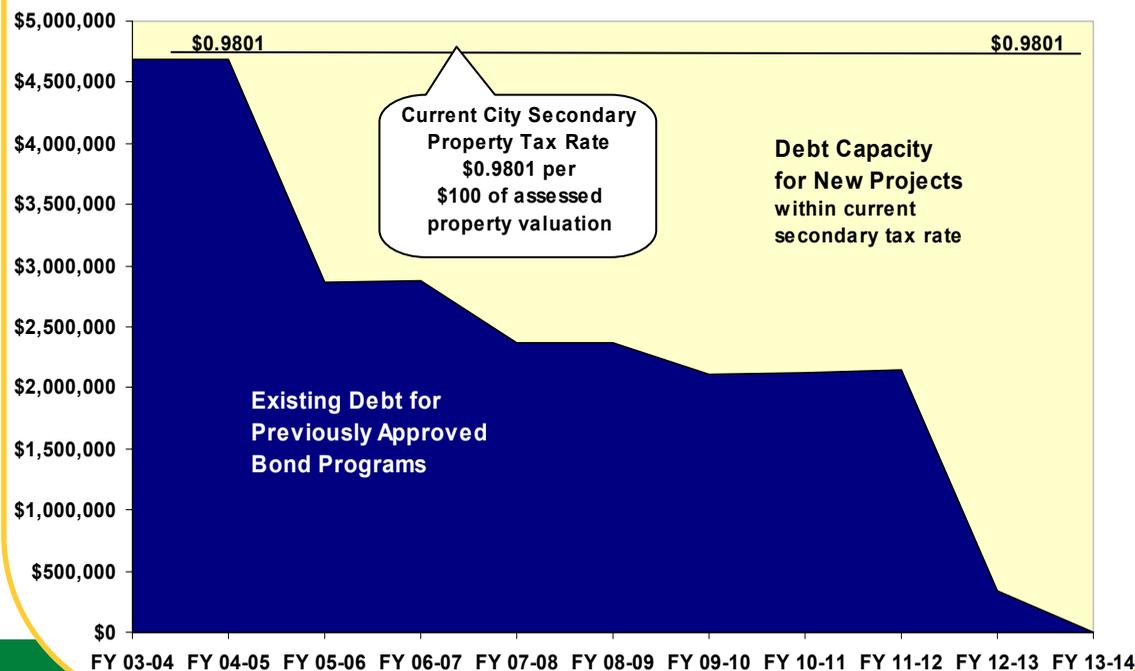
VOTE
**May 18,
2004**

At the May 18 General Election, the City of Flagstaff is proposing thirteen bond authorization questions for consideration by Flagstaff voters. These questions represent projects for the City's long-range capital improvement program. The results of the election will guide the City of Flagstaff on capital improvement projects for the next several years.

Financial Considerations for City Secondary Property Tax

If approved in the May election, Fire and Emergency Services, Open Space, and Parks and Recreation projects will be funded by bonds which will be repaid by City secondary property taxes. The chart below illustrates how debt capacity for new projects will be available with no increase in the City secondary property tax rate. New projects will be started over time as bonds for previously approved projects are paid off. The City secondary property tax rate is \$0.9801 per \$100 assessed valuation.

General Obligation Bond Debt Service



Note: Based on actual Secondary Assessed Valuation for 2003-04. Subsequent values assume 3% growth in FY 2005-2009; thereafter, no growth is assumed.

City of Flagstaff Bond Election*

The City of Flagstaff is seeking direction from voters on future capital improvement projects.

These projects have been identified through public comment, citizen Boards and Commissions, the Citizen Bond Advisory Task Force, and the City Council.

The projects will be implemented over ten years as part of the City of Flagstaff's future capital improvement program.

Bonds for the U.S. Geological Survey campus renovation will be repaid by lease payments and have no tax or fee impact on property or business owners.

Bonds issued for water and wastewater projects will be repaid by utility user and capacity fees, approximately \$1.93 per month for sewer and \$2.38 per month for water for a typical residence. Fees would be phased in over three years.

Bonds issued for Fire and Emergency Services, Open Space, and Parks and Recreation projects will be funded by secondary property taxes. These projects will be phased in over time, with new bonds issued only as bonds for existing projects are paid off.

By implementing projects over time, all projects will be funded with no increase in the City secondary property tax rate.

If voters do not approve all projects, future City Councils will have the option to complete projects sooner or reduce the tax rate.

The City portion of the secondary property tax rate will not be affected by the override election for the Flagstaff Unified School District.

PROJECTS REPAID BY LEASE FEES

U.S. Geological Survey Campus Facilities Construction and/or Renovation -

To provide for the construction and/or renovation of up to \$61.2 million in facilities to provide space for scientific research and development. Federal government lease payments will be used to repay the bonds.



PROJECTS REPAID BY UTILITY USER & CAPACITY FEES

Reclaimed Water System and Related Wastewater System Improvements -

Up to \$23.1 million to upgrade and extend the City's wastewater and reclaimed water systems.



Water Wells - Up to \$8.5 million to drill and equip additional water wells to provide for current water needs and allow existing well fields to recharge.

Water Rights Acquisition and/or Water Development - Up to \$15 million for the acquisition and/or development of property or water rights to provide for future water needs. This may include surface water, groundwater, or groundwater recharge located within or outside the City.

PROJECTS REPAID BY SECONDARY PROPERTY TAXES

Fire Fighting Facilities and Acquisition of Emergency Response Vehicles and Equipment - Up to \$16.8 million to provide improved response times and capacity for the City's fire protection system, including the relocation and construction of fire stations, acquisition of emergency vehicles and land for construction of fire stations, a training and emergency operations center, and fire fighting safety equipment.



Neighborhood Open Space and FUTS Land Acquisition - Up to \$7.6 million to provide approximately 550 acres of neighborhood open spaces and land for approximately 50 additional miles of the Flagstaff Urban Trail System.



Regional Open Space, Observatory Mesa Land Acquisition - Up to \$5.5 million to acquire approximately 480 acres of Arizona State Trust land on Observatory Mesa, adjacent to Lowell Observatory, to provide permanent natural open spaces for public use.

McMillan Mesa Open Space Land Acquisition - Up to \$10.1 million to acquire McMillan Mesa open space lands to provide for the preservation and public use of land in the City as open space.

Multi-Generational Recreation Center: Expansion or New Construction - Up to \$6.1 million for the design and construction or expansion of a multi-generational recreation center facility.



Municipal Swimming / Aquatic Center Construction - Up to \$8.6 million for the design and construction of an indoor municipal swimming and aquatic facility with leisure, therapeutic, and competitive swim features.

Lake Mary Regional Park and Other Parks Land Acquisitions - Up to \$2.8 million to provide for future park sites at Lake Mary Road and adjacent to Mount Elden Middle School and Christensen Elementary School.

Continental Park Recreational Field Development - Up to \$3.1 million for the design and construction of multi-purpose recreational playing fields at Continental Park.

Snow Play Area Development - Up to \$4.1 million for the design and construction of a snow play area at McMillan Mesa to provide a winter recreational facility.

Note: Project amounts represent inflated dollars estimated for the time of project implementation and bond issuance.

General Election May 18, 2004 / Last Day to Register April 19, 2004 / Early Ballots Available April 15, 2004 / Early Ballots must be Received by May 18, 2004

*Please refer to the official information pamphlet for the May 18, 2004 General Election for poll locations, detailed information on bond repayment terms, and potential property tax and user fee impacts.