

City of Leon Valley Proposed Capital Improvements

Calling all citizens! At last year's Town Hall meeting, the City Council heard a presentation on the condition of some of the City's facilities and how they are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The assessment of these facilities was performed as a part of the federal mandate that cities prepare and execute an ADA Transition Plan and work towards complete compliance with the ADA. These facilities include the Public Works facility, the Library Annex, and both pool facilities. City Hall, Police, Fire, and the Library are in compliance and some other facilities have been programmed for renovation.

The costs for bringing these remaining facilities into compliance exceeds what the City's General Fund Reserve is capable of funding, so it was decided to form a Capital Facilities Oversight Committee to investigate the needs and wants of the citizens, prioritize the projects, and recommend funding options. The Committee held its kick-off meeting on June 8, 2021 and is now asking for the public's opinion. Below is a brief explanation of the proposed projects, but more information can be found on the City's website at <u>www.leonvalleytexas.gov</u>.

Project 1 Public Works Facility

This facility was built in 1984 to house 10-15 employees and related equipment and vehicles. Since that time, the City has added seven more public facilities and four more parks, requiring additional personnel and equipment. The Department now has 24 employees and much more small and heavy equipment, vehicles, and storage units, and they have run out of space. The building is not ADA complaint, is not energy efficient, and is not in compliance with today's building code standards. The proposal is to construct a new personnel building and renovate the existing building to house equipment, vehicles, and supplies. The cost for a new building will be approximately \$2,000,000.



Project 2 Forest Oaks Pool (6221 Evers Road)

This facility was acquired by the City in 2017. Built in 1967, it was the Forest Oaks neighborhood pool, but a drop in membership in 2016, a lack of new volunteers, and increasing maintenance costs led the Association to donate it to the public. The pool needs replastering, the plumbing needs to be rerouted and repaired, and all of the concrete surfaces around the pool and the structure itself need to be brought into compliance with ADA requirements. The cost for this renovation would be approximately \$900,000 to \$1,000,000. To demolish the existing building, add a new modular building, shade coverings, and a small sprayground in place of the baby pool would cost around \$762,000.



Project 3 Leon Valley Community Pool (6600 Strawflower – near Poss Road)

This pool was donated to the City a few years after its construction in 1970. As with the Forest Oaks pool, both the building and grounds are out of compliance with the ADA requirements. This facility uses more energy per square foot than any other facility in Leon Valley and this pool also needs to be replastered. The grounds are not as out of compliance as the Forest Oaks facility, but the buildings are in rough shape and also don't meet the ADA requirements. The cost to renovate this facility to bring it into compliance is approximately \$265,000, but to demolish everything and rebuild a new facility and pool with a splash pad would cost approximately \$2-4 million, depending on the type of amenities chosen.



Project 4 Leon Valley Library Annex (Poss at Evers)

The only portion of this facility that complies with the ADA requirements is the ramp at the back of the building. The building is in very poor condition, all interior areas are old, not building code compliant, and it lacks the space needed to hold books sales and to display some of the historical archives. It's location at intersection of Poss and Evers makes parking a traffic hazard and books have to be hauled over from the library by the Leon Valley Board of Trustees & volunteers. The estimated cost to construct a new prefabricated building on a site adjacent to the existing library is approximately \$280,000.



Construction Financing

In order to pay for these much-needed improvements, the City is exploring the option of obtaining Bond funding. Before proceeding in this direction, we want to know what our citizens think. Attached is a survey designed to gauge the public's interest in pursuing these projects further. Please fill out the survey and submit it no later than April 15th, 2022. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and in helping to shape our future!