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**To: Members of the Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee:**

Enclosed is a Powerpoint presentation that my office will be presenting to you at your next meeting on Thursday, March 24. This material summarizes some basic information regarding debt capacity at Travis County. This includes a \$150 million target for road, parks and open space projects for an upcoming bond election. This amount represents how much debt can be issued over the next seven years within the County's existing annual debt service, after setting aside resources to address the County's facilities needs.

I am further enclosing a one page legal-sized sheet showing financial parameters related to historical and future debt issuances. In addition, there is a one-page summary of historical bond rates that was used as a basis for projecting future rates. I also thought you might wish to review Travis County's Financial and Budgeting Guidelines. These have proven to be rather helpful in guiding us through various fiscal matters. The County's Debt Policy is a part of these guidelines.

We are sending this material to you through the mail in advance of the meeting to allow time for you to review it. We look forward to going through this material at the meeting and answering any questions that you might have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Rhoades', is written over a horizontal line.

**Rodney Rhoades**  
County Executive, Planning and Budget

**CC: Commissioners Court**  
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**Attachments:**

**Powerpoint presentation**  
**Historical Interest Rates**  
**Debt Model**  
**Travis County Debt Policy**