



# CITY OF ELGIN 2021A CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

*A Capital Improvements Program to address public safety, transportation, pedestrian safety, parks & recreation, and downtown redevelopment needs*

## Certificates of Obligation (COs)

or incurring debt in general are a necessary component to funding major capital improvement projects for cities throughout Texas. The City Council voted on September 21 to proceed with issuing **\$12.5 M** in COs to fund capital improvements projects essential to our growing community

### New Elgin Police Station Project

Renovation and expansion of the existing Elgin Police Department Station at 202 Depot Street; construction project will maximize utilization of current EPD location in addition to new construction that is anticipated to double the overall size of the current station; will support continuous growth of staff and all EPD operations, including but not limited to administration, patrol, and investigations. Will be designed to address EPD needs over the next 5-10 years and will significantly improve staff morale, as well as building safety and security for employees and the general public. This project will also represent an enhancement to historic downtown Elgin as part of complete redevelopment of the 200 block of Depot Street.



Detailed information on the proposed Certificates of Obligation and the 2021 Five-Year Capital Plan, including all presentations and project details is available on-line at [City Manager | Elgin, TX \(elgintx.com\)](http://City Manager | Elgin, TX (elgintx.com))

### New Elgin Police Station will address many current issues:

**Building Safety** - The existing EPD Station continues to deteriorate and, in its current condition, is well past its useful life. Building upgrades have not occurred in a timely manner in the past, creating the need for a complete renovation and expansion of the existing facility .

**Growth** - In response to the City's historic growth of recent years, the EPD has also grown its staffing to the largest in its history. The Elgin Police Department is currently authorized for **thirty-six (36) employees** - including twenty-eight (28) uniformed officers - all based out of the current station. The lack of appropriate working space for both officers and support staff create daily challenges for EPD operations.

**Demand for Services** - General growth of the City has also greatly increased calls for service by the EPD. Over the last year, calls for service responded to by the EPD have increased 28% in traffic related, 1% in violent crimes, and 40% property crimes.

**Public Access/Interaction** - The current station does not accommodate in-person interaction or easy access to the facility by the general public. The building is also not handicap accessible.

**Employee Morale** - While all EPD staff remain committed to providing professional police services to the Elgin community, working conditions related to the current station cannot help but have an adverse effect on employee morale



### 2021A COs Projects:

- \* County Line Rd - Phase 1
- \* Renovated/expanded Elgin Police Station
- \* Thomas Park Improvements
- \* Memorial Park Restrooms
- \* Veteran's Park- Phase 1
- \* Downtown Sidewalks
- \* Economic Development Infrastructure

**The proposed 2021A COs-Capital Investment Program is an affordable & timely response to current issues that addresses community-wide needs.**

**Any further delays with these upgrades will only serve to increase the challenges faced by the City in providing improved public services during this historic time of Elgin's growth**