

Dear Fellow YPs,

I want to urge you vote in tomorrow's bond election and to take this opportunity to be a voice for the Lubbock community. The Chamber of Commerce has officially supported Proposition A, and I personally support Proposition A.

Aging infrastructure is a problem across America, and for communities to grow, they must invest in their infrastructure. Think of it this way: The Romans and the Mongols both ruled massive empires, but which empire was lasting and why? The Romans invested in infrastructure, which provided stability to their economy. The average American family loses \$2,900 annually to traffic delays. As the City of Lubbock continues to grow in all directions, we need to have sound transportation infrastructure in place ahead of this growth. Milwaukee Avenue was once a wide empty corridor on the edge of town, and now it is full of economic activity. Building in key locations ahead of the growth curve allows unrestricted economic growth. If infrastructure investment is behind the growth curve people avoid areas under construction and plagued with traffic, and economic growth slows.

This bond election will allow the County to make improvements to Woodrow Road in South Lubbock County, where parents, students, and teachers need better, wider roads to make traveling to school at Lubbock Cooper ISD safer. Better, wider roads can support more traffic, which leads to more businesses.

Lubbock County staff have identified \$600 million in transportation infrastructure improvements. This bond is for \$100 million dollars, and only addresses the top priority items.

Please go vote if you haven't already. Encourage your coworkers and family to vote, and I hope you'll support Proposition A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Travis Barnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Travis Barnett, PE, CFM

Chairman, Young Professionals of Lubbock