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Questions and Answers on the 10-Year Plan

1. What will my taxes be?

The tax increase will be very slight. For instance, on a home valued at \$4,000.00 and assessed at \$2,000.00, tax increases would be as follows:

Present Taxes 1931-'32 \$60.40

(No Increase over present tax)

Average tax over 10-year period 68.04

(Increase over present tax—\$7.64)

1940-'41—Maximum tax year 72.04

(Increase over present tax—\$11.64)

All taxes will be affected in proportion to the example given above. A day or two of extra work would more than equal this small tax increase.

2. What will I get out of this plan?

In addition to making Kansas City a better place to live the approval of the bonds at this time will provide jobs for thousands of men who need work. It is estimated by engineers that \$21,000,000.00 will be spent for local labor and \$8,000,000.00 for materials to be purchased on the Kansas City market. The balance will be spent for land and for expert engineering and architectural services.

Besides this direct employment of labor, all of these projects will indirectly increase Kansas City's payroll. These projects will bring new visitors, new business and new industries to Kansas City. All of this means more work, more jobs.

3. Will local labor be employed on projects?

The council has passed a resolution stating that, in so far as possible with the best interests of the taxpayers as a whole, local contractors will be employed and local labor will do the work, in order to keep this money at home.

4. Is it true that some sections of the city will receive more improvements than the others?

No. The map showing the location of improvements shows them to be fairly distributed in all sections of the city. This map can be seen at the Civic Improvement Committee offices. Congested areas have been favored particularly with playgrounds and parks

which have been concentrated in districts where yards are smaller.

5. Who is the Civic Improvement Committee?

The Civic Improvement Committee was formed on the request of Kansas City citizens. The members were chosen by civic improvement, religious, cultural and business organizations. The membership is nonpolitical. The Committee was started in 1928 with a membership of approximately one hundred. Mayor Smith was elected on a platform that provided for the development of the 10-Year Plan by a citizens' committee. After his election, Conrad H. Mann was asked to serve as Chairman and at his request the membership of the committee was extended to nine hundred and ninety persons. It is for this reason that it has become popularly known as the Committee of One Thousand.

6. How was the 10-Year Plan prepared?

The work was divided among sixteen sub-committees. The preparation of the program required seven months. More than 450 meetings of committees were held. Everyone was given an opportunity of being heard by the various sub-committees while the program was being prepared. The program is essentially a program of the people. Cost estimates and plans were based upon studies made by our most outstanding engineers and architects.

7. What is proposed to be done?

The voters will decide on a program of \$32,000,000.00 of city improvements and \$7,950,000.00 of county improvements at a special election to be held Tuesday, May 26.

8. Isn't this the wrong time to vote bonds?

No. It is most opportune. Interest rates are the lowest since 1913. Construction costs are also very low.

9. Will special assessments for trafficways confiscate the homes of our people?

No. Trafficways will not be started for a period of two years unless strongly urged by a large majority of the property owners in the benefit district. Trafficways have been built almost entirely by benefit assessments in the past. Now it is proposed that the city pay from bond funds \$8,300,000.00 of the total cost of the system, estimated by engineers at \$18,319,000.00. This is a very substantial aid to those property owners who may happen to be in benefit districts, so naturally the property owners, particularly in the benefit districts, are strongly in favor of the bonds.

10. How will the expenditures of bond funds be safeguarded?

A Citizens' Advisory Committee of ten men, selected on the basis of their character, experience and business ability, has been appointed to advise with the Council in the expenditure of bond funds.

Conrad H. Mann C. C. Peters

Judge H. L. McCune George L. Goldman

J. F. Porter R. Crosby Kemper

Herman M. Langworthy Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins E. E. Norquist J. E. Woodmansee

The high character of these men gives double assurance of the soundness of these improvements.

11. Will the program make Kansas City a better place in which to live?

Yes. More and better playgrounds, better hospitals, sewers, police and fire improvements, underpasses to protect children, city collection of refuse as well as garbage, soft water—all these go to make this a better place to live and work.

12. Will the bonds help business in Kansas City?

Yes. The Convention Bureau estimates that conventions bring each year to Kansas City \$4,000,000.00 in additional business. This additional business means more salespeople, more purchasing, more shipping, more jobs. The municipal auditorium will increase this amount \$2,000,000.00 or more. Other projects such as the stadium and the out-door theater will attract thousands of new visitors each year. The trafficway will extend the trading area of Kansas City 50 per cent or more. All of the projects will help make Kansas City more inviting to new industries. More business and more prosperous business means bigger payrolls.

13. Is the program too large?

No. During the past ten years \$52,650,000.00 of bonds were issued for city, county and school improvements. The present bond issues which cover both city and county improvements are for \$39,950,000.00. Even should the School Board issue \$10,000,000.00 additional in school bonds to continue the present school building program there would still be a direct saving of \$2,700,000.00 in the ten-year plan as compared with the total of bonds issued in the past ten years.

14. Will the worker be better off by voting the bonds?

Undoubtedly. The Kansas City payroll will be directly increased \$21,000,000.00. Prosperous business and a prosperous community go hand in hand. A progressive community attracts new industries and invites business. More business means more jobs and more money for everybody.

15. How do you vote for the bonds?

Scratch out "No" to vote "Yes" for each of the sixteen city proposals and for each of the four county proposals.

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10-Year Plan Bond Issues on Which You Will Vote May 26

The Proposals That Will Be Submitted to Jackson County Voters (this includes Kansas City voters)

1. New court house in Kansas City	\$ 4,000,000
2. Remodeling court house in Independence	200,000
3. New detention home and site	250,000
4. County roads	3,500,000

The Propositions That Will Be Submitted to Kansas City Voters

1. New city hall	\$ 4,000,000
2. Playgrounds, parks and boulevard improvements	2,750,000
3. Public hospitals	2,000,000
4. Public markets	500,000
5. Stadium and outdoor theater	750,000
6. Extension of fire department	375,000
7. Extension of police department	125,000
8. Trafficways and boulevard improvements	8,300,000
9. Blue River flood protection and parkway projects	1,000,000
10. Water works system, including softening plant	3,500,000
11. Municipal auditorium	4,500,000
12. Sewers and sewer pumping system	1,500,000
13. Improvement of municipal airport	500,000
14. Streets, underpasses, safety islands and safety zones..	200,000

15. Brush Creek sewer	1,000,000
16. Garbage and refuse incinerator	1,000,000

It Adds \$21,000,000 More to Our Payrolls! VOTE "YES" ON ALL THE BONDS!