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bond referendums

On Tuesday, December 9th, four bond issues proposed by the City for one-time capital improvements will go before Atlanta voters. Attached is a flyer prepared by the Citywide League of Neighborhoods which explains the projects involved.

The Civic Association Steering Committee has reviewed each of the bond issues carefully and wishes to point out several aspects of importance to our neighborhood:

- \$18.9 million for a New Central Library will:
 - make all books available for public use.
 - enhance services to branch libraries, including the Virginia-Highland branch.
- \$10 million for the Zoo and Parks will:
 - Make the zoo an important city resource.
 - Restore the Cyclorama, which earns money for the parks system.
 - Landscape the traffic island at Virginia and North Highland Avenues.
 - Provide a children's park at St. Charles Avenue and the highway land, when it becomes available.
- \$10 million for Street and Traffic Improvements will:
 - Not be used to widen any streets in or near our neighborhood.
 - Provide a computerized traffic light system which will aid traffic flow without widening streets.
 - Provide a rush-hour busway with special traffic signals along Peachtree and Roswell roads. This is important because the need for a busway along this corridor was used by the Atlanta Regional Commission as a partial justification for the revival of the North Atlanta Tollway. The busway provided by the bond would eliminate this pro-highway argument.
- \$10 million for Storm and Drainage Sewers will:
 - Provide localized flood control.
 - Repair worn out or damaged sewers.
 - Replace many sewer grates dangerous to bicyclists.

These four bond issues will cost the average homeowner in our neighborhood about \$13 a year. Atlanta has an excellent bond rating and the Mayor and the City Council have pledged no further property tax increases for the next two years. (The Civic Association will be watching that pledge.)

The Steering Committee feels that these bonds will be beneficial to our neighborhood as well as to the City as a whole, and deserve our support.