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TRAVIS COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR FM 969 RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Travis County Commissioner Ron Davis announces a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the Imperial Valley Roadway Drainage Improvement Project

Austin, TX – Travis County Precinct 1 Commissioner Ron Davis is pleased to announce the completion of the construction of roadway drainage improvements on Imperial Drive North near FM 969, on Imperial Drive North at Bitterwood Drive, and on Colfax Drive. The existing drainage structures at all three roadway crossings were replaced with larger structures that can withstand up to a 100-year flood event. To celebrate the completion of the improvements, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

The area of the project is within the Elm Creek watershed. North Imperial Drive is the primary entrance for the Imperial Valley subdivision, but due to a substandard roadway drainage system, the primary subdivision access roadways overtopped frequently during less-than-2-year storm events forcing area residents to enter or exit their subdivision from Decker Lake Road to the north. This added as much as 3 miles to their trips to and from home. The overtopping also created a hazard for motorists and barricades had to be placed to prevent motorists from attempting to traverse the inundated roadway. In addition, the overtopped roadway also impeded first responders to provide emergency services.

“In the 2005 bond election, the voters approved \$44,885,000 for Precinct 1 projects. The completion of the Imperial Valley Roadway Drainage Improvement Project is one of the many projects for Precinct 1 from those 2005 voter approved bonds”, stated Commissioner Davis. “We’re very thankful to the voters of Travis County for allowing such a significant accomplishment as this.”

The total funding for this project approved by the voters in the 2005 bond election was \$1,975,000. The design consultant for this project was the engineering firm of HDR Inc., and Smith Contracting was the construction contractor.