

Precinct One Newsletter

Winter 2008



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Happy holidays from our Travis County family to yours!

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Eastside Service Center Update

The buildings will be finished in November 2008 and the infrastructure (Site water, and electricity) to the buildings in December 2008. All furniture and equipment were ordered and will be delivered by end of November/early December. The substantial completion is on schedule for November 2008. The punch list items execution are in December 2008. Transportation and Natural Resources are scheduled to move in January 2009.

THE EASTSIDE SERVICE CENTER CAMPUS

1. Town Hall: Overall building is 3400 sq ft, the large meeting hall is 1800 sq ft, and can accommodate up to 150 chairs (chairs to be provided), or 250 people who are standing. The building has dedicated restroom facilities, water fountains, a large break room that can be used to serve food to a large gathering, and a small (145 sq) training/meeting room. Both large and small meeting rooms have internet connections.

2. Administrative Building: adjacent to the Town Hall, this building has offices for Transportation and Natural Resources

Department personnel, including Radio Dispatch. This building also has restroom facilities that are designed to be made available to Town Hall users, including after hours.

3. Crew Services Building - supports the Road and Bridge crew personnel, providing a meeting area, 80 lockers, 2 small offices and storage for safety equipment.

4. Fleet Services Building - combined repair garage for the eastern half of Travis County. Repair of heavy and light vehicles will take place here, along with storage for parts, tools, tires, etc. This replaces and consolidates repair garages at Satellite 1, Satellite 4 and Smith Road.

5. Warehouse - indoor, unconditioned storage for TNR

6. Sign Shop - the existing Sign Shop at Smith Road is to be relocated here.

7 & 8: Covered Vehicle Parking Structures - this is for Road and Bridge Vehicles

9. Fuel Station - this replaces an existing garage at Satellite 1.



Winter Pet Care Tips

It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with shelter. Their home should be elevated off the ground to prevent moisture accumulation and have a door of some kind to keep out winter winds. Shelters should be insulated or heated. Outdoor pets require extra calories to keep warm. Feed your pet according to its needs when the temperature drops. In severely cold or inclement weather, no pet should be kept outside. Indoor pets should have sleeping quarters in a draft-free, warm area with their bed or mattress elevated slightly off the floor.

Whisper Valley and Indian Hills



Christmas Light Safety

Christmas lights are beautiful and much safer than candles, but all that electricity can cause problems if not used properly. Christmas lights can get hot enough to burn or ignite other decorations. The cords can fray, leading to a short. Decorating with lights often requires the use of a ladder, and improper use could lead to an injury. Practice ladder safety when you are putting up Christmas lights.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Two mixed-use developments in the State Highway 130 corridor called Whisper Valley and Indian Hills.

Taurus of Texas Holdings LP, the Fort Worth-based partner of Taurus Investment Holdings Inc. in Boston, is investing \$3 billion in the two developments located in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction, the 322 square miles of unincorporated land just outside the city limits that the city is authorized to annex and levy taxes on.

Under Taurus' agreement with the city, Whisper Valley and Indian Hills would be annexed for limited purposes, meaning the city would not immediately assess taxes but gain full land use control.

Whisper Valley is planned for 2,100 acres at the intersection of State Highway 130 and the future extension of Braker Lane and calls for 2,850 single-family units, 5,000 attached units, 1.25 million square feet of retail and commercial space and 1.15 million square feet of office.

Indian Hills is planned for 240 acres at the intersection of State Highway 130 and the future extension of

Decker Lake Road. The development will set aside 100 acres for rental units, and the remaining acreage for light industrial, research and development, office and retail uses.

City leaders have targeted the emerging 90-mile SH 130 corridor as a major future growth area.

Taurus plans to use a public financing mechanism called a public improvement district to underwrite public infrastructure in the largely undeveloped area. The PID asks the city to issue bonds, the proceeds of which pay for infrastructure and are reimbursed through assessments on property owners. In exchange, city officials will have oversight of the project.

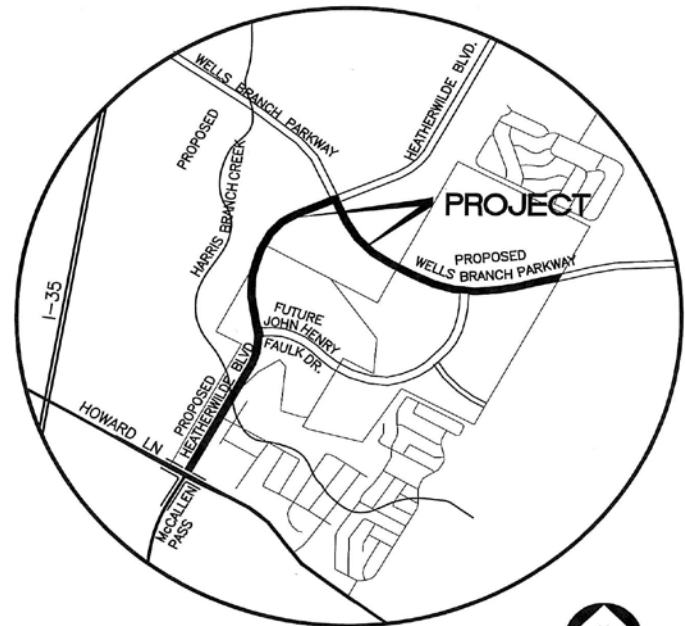
The PID is one of several available tools the city is using to promote dense, mixed-use development in the SH 130 corridor. Among those tools are planned unit developments -- which apply to master-planned projects of 10 acres or more -- with limited purpose annexation, and reimbursements for water and wastewater service extension to the SH 130 area. For information, questions and concerns you can call TNR at 512-854-9383

Update On Pct 1 Flood & Erosion Buy Out

The status of the 2005 Quietie Drive bond project (aka Walnut Creek) is that we have completed the acquisition of six properties that were in the most jeopardy from the Walnut Creek erosion problem (\$1,650,000).

Staff has completed the stabilization of the creek to prevent further erosion. The stabilization improvements are being monitored to determine if additional work may be needed.

Please call Project Manager Keith Colburn (854-5866) if you would like additional information.



MAP



FACTS ABOUT THE IMPERIAL VALLEY SUBDIVISION PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Travis County is proposing to make improvements to reduce the flooding on North Imperial Drive and Colfax Drive. The County wants to upgrade the drainage system by installing larger drainage culverts and building a new 50-ft bridge across Elm Creek. These improvements are designed to reduce the number of times the roadway floods and the depth of flooding that occurs at each crossing during heavy rain storms. The upgrades will also make it easier for emergency vehicles to drive in the neighborhood during storm events and improve overall public safety and welfare.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

SITE 1

North Imperial Drive at Elm Creek, just north of FM 969. The existing culvert pipe will be replaced and new larger box culverts will be added. A new 50 ft. bridge that includes sidewalks will be built. The roadway will also be lifted approximately 3 feet. These improvements will reduce the frequency of flooding at this location.

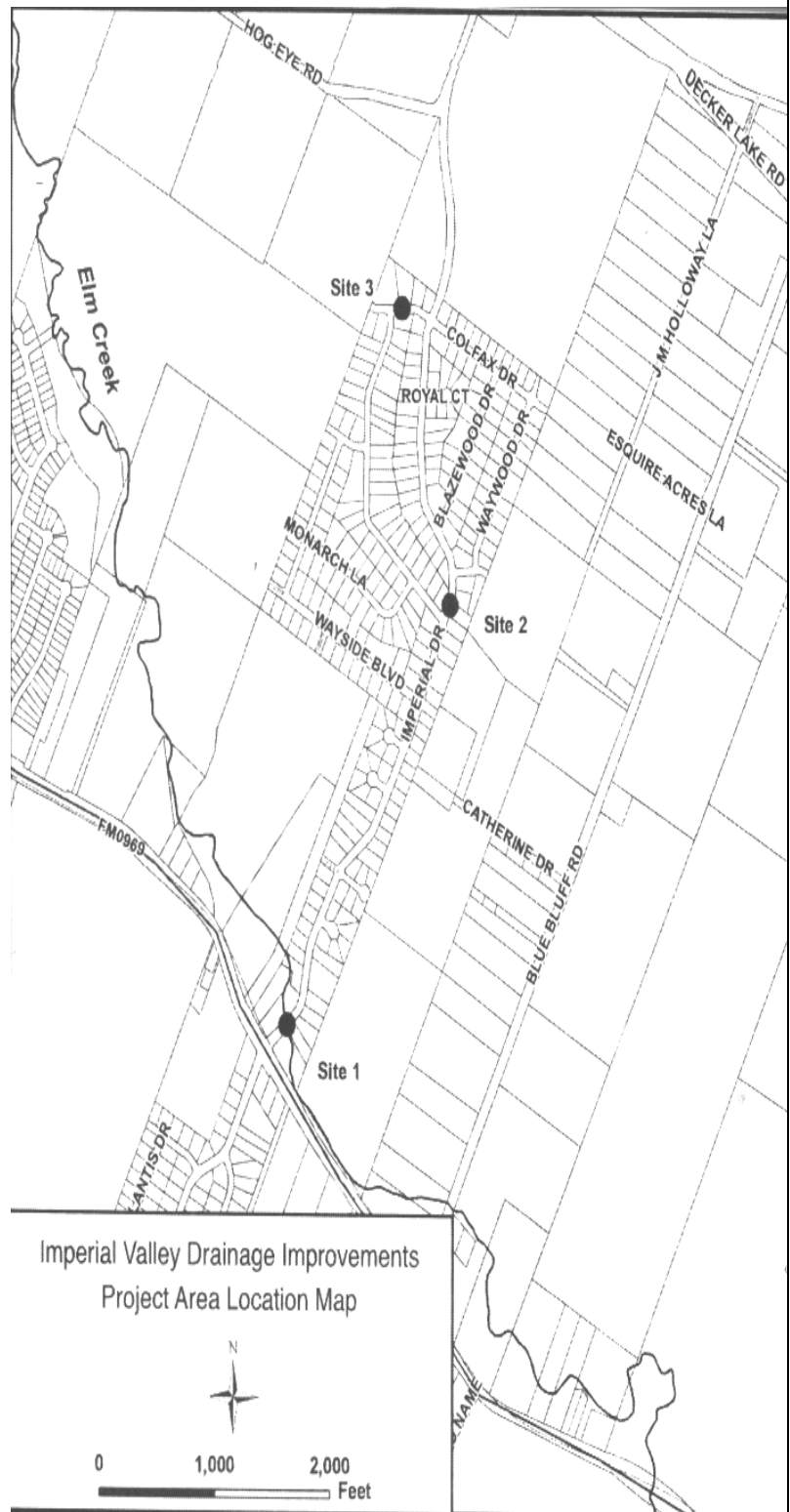
SITE 2

North Imperial Drive culvert at Elm Creek, just north of Bitterwood Drive. Larger box culverts will be added. The roadway will be lifted approximately 6 inches to accommodate the new box culverts. This will increase the amount of water able to flow under the road and reduce the frequency of flooding.

SITE 3

Colfax Drive culvert at Elm Creek, between Bitterwood Drive and North Imperial Drive. Two larger box culverts will replace the existing drainage pipe. The roadway will be lifted approximately 12 inches to accommodate the new box culverts. This will increase the amount of water able to flow under the road and reduce the frequency of flooding.

For more information or comments, please contact Mo Mortazavi with the County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department at 854-7589



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US 290 TOLL ROAD

On Monday, December 1, 2008, The CAMPO board approved a funding method for the US 290 Toll project, also known as the Manor Expressway. The cost of construction is \$624 million dollars. A 6.2 mile limited-access toll road. The CAMPO vote was passed 15-3 vote with Travis County Commissioner Sarah Eckardt, Sunset Valley Mayor Jeff Mills and State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez voting against. Mayor of Kyle, Miguel Gonzales was absent. Campo Chair Sen. Kirk Watson recused himself because he is on the board of a business that owns property along US 290. All other CAMPO members voting in Favor.

For more information on projects and who to contact:

CTRMA- (512) 996-9778
www.ctrma.org

CAMPO - (512) 974-2275
www.campotexas.org

Update On New Precinct 1 J.P & Constable Office Building

Travis County Facilities Management held several neighborhood meetings where comments were taken and on November 10, 2008 attendants approved the New building layout and location. November 25, 2008 the Commissioners Court approve the new location and layout. A geotechnical company will perform a soil investigation under the new location, and a environmental assessment. The survey of the property is now in progress. Once we get all the information listed above, we will start the design. Total proposed FY 09 Budget is \$3,029,645 for design and construction. The anticipated construction completion is May 2010. The new building will be for the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace and the Constable's office and their functions. The old building will be used for other county offices.

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1811 Springdale Road
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Austin, TX 78721
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Constable Precinct 1

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TAXES

Check out our Tax
Office Neighborhood
Annex, Located at

4705 Heflin Lane
(Springdale at MLK)

Drive through services
available.

Taxes Due Jan 1, 2009

T.C. HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas - December 25 and 26, 2008

New Year's Day - January 1, 2009

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 19, 2009

Presidents' Day Observed - February 16, 2009

Memorial Day - May 25, 2009

Independence Day Observed - July 3, 2009

Labor Day - September 7, 2009

Additional holidays for the remainder of calendar year 2009.

Veteran's Day - November 11, 2009

Thanksgiving Day - November 26 and 27, 2009

Christmas Day - December 24 and 25, 2009