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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER RON DAVIS

NEWS FROM PRECINCT 1

New East Metropolitan Park Community Center

The community pavilion is designed to accommodate parties and Community gatherings of up to 200 people. A separate kitchen and restroom facility supports this new Community Pavilion. The pavilion opens up to a large deck, which overlooks one of three scenic ponds at East Metro Park. It was designed by Gary Bellomy with Land Design Studios and constructed by Barecky Construction, Inc. The total cost for these improvements was \$1,498,006.

Phase one of the East Metro Park improvements included restrooms, concession buildings, four football / soccer fields, four baseball fields, a covered basketball court, a swimming pool, and pool house. In addition, Phase II also included the construction of three baseball fields, two soccer fields and two practice fields, restroom/concession building, and a multi-sport court (for basketball and tennis) with an adjacent shuffleboard court. The site amenities will include sport field lighting, concrete sidewalks, and irrigation systems.



East Metro Community Pavilion at
18667 Blake Manor Road

To get information and access to the new community pavilion, you can call the Travis County Parks

Reservation number at 512-854-PARK (7275). Or check out the Travis County Parks website: www.traviscountyparks.org

DOING SOME OUTDOOR BURNING ?

Want to do some outdoor burning? You need to know if the burn ban is in affect? Just want to know what is allowed, and what are the general requirements for allowable outdoor burning. Please call the Travis County Fire Marshall Office at

(512) 854-4621

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Check out our Website.

It's full of information.

Hunters Bend Safety Improvements

Travis County approved a contract for professional engineering service with Raymond Chan and Association to provide safety improvements to Hunters Bend in Austin Colony in the amount of \$72,346.00.

The project includes:

1. Constructing a new ADA-accessible pedestrian sidewalk on the west side of the existing right-of-way of Hunters Bend Road.
2. Relocations of utilities along the alignment of the proposed sidewalk.
3. Modifications to the drainage ditch along the alignment of the proposed sidewalk.
4. Modifications will be made to F.M. 969's existing guardrail, curb, drain-

age ditch and culvert and a power/signal pole at the southwest corner of the F.M. 969 intersection with Hunters Bend Road.

5. There will also be modifications to the existing signal system at the FM 969/Hunters Bend Road intersection to provide an ADA-accessible pedestrian intersection crossing.



NOTICE !

**If you are interested
in serving on the
Travis County
Children's Protective
Services Board
(volunteer)**

**Please contact our
office at (512) 854-9111**

A STINKY DEAL!

Will Eastern Travis County be the home to yet another unwanted Landfill? Not if Residents and the Mayor of Webberville have anything to say about it. The Mayor of Webberville and residents of the surrounding area, joined Travis County Commissioner Ron Davis, State Representative Dawnna Dukes and NAACP President, Nelson Linder and many other environmental groups at the March 18, 2008 Com-

missioner's Court meeting to oppose the City of Austin proposal to build a Landfill on the 2,853 acre Austin Energy Tract located near Webberville. Among heavy opposition of yet another undesirable facility being placed in Eastern Travis County, the Austin City Council has place discussion of this proposal on hold. Will this be a long term postponement? This

is an Issue to watch closely.

Key Meetings on problem Landfills:

Mini-trial on Waste Management expansion- April 16, 2008 at 10 am at the William Clements Bldg, 300 W. 15th St. 4th Floor.

Mini-trial on BFI Landfill expansion- May 8, 2008 at 10 am at the William Clements Bldg, 300 W. 15th St. 4th Floor.

*A Issue to
Keep Your Eye*

IMPERIAL VALLEY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

This project is in the vicinity of the intersection of FM 969 at North Imperial Valley Drive. Drainage improvements will be on Imperial Drive North at Elm Creek, north of the intersection of FM 969, at Elm Creek tributary crossing of Imperial Drive North near Bitterwood Drive and at another crossing of the same tributary in Colfax Drive.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2008 the Travis County Commissioner's Court approved negotiations with HDR Engineering Inc., professional engineering services. The service to be provided includes hydrologic

and hydraulic analysis for multiple storm events. Make determinations of impacts of proposed modifications upon water surface elevations upstream and downstream. Developing alternatives for mitigating any adverse impacts, completing plans and preparing construction documents.

In April / May Purchasing will bring to Court for approval the Professional Services Agreement for the engineering work. It is anticipated it will take up to a year to complete the design; up to 9 months for ROW acquisition; and, up to a year to complete construction. Travis County

Transportation staff will develop a more accurate completion schedule after the Consultant gets into the design and determines the full scope of work required to significantly improve drainage conditions, and determines what right-of-way and easements will be needed.

For more information: Contact the Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department at (512) 854-9383

County Land Use Authority

Increasingly the citizens are expecting county government to adopt and enforce municipal-like regulations that would protect them from the adverse impacts of urban development which is occurring within the unincorporated areas. While county government has the authority to adopt and enforce design standards for streets and drainage in new subdivisions, it cannot regulate the use of land, the compatibility of proximate uses, the intensity of use and its fiscal impact on existing infrastructure such as roads and public utilities, and the environmental impacts of new development. Travis County has been unsuccessfully in having new laws adopted by the Texas legislature that would enable the Commissioners Court to re-

spond to its constituents. The county wants to better understand whether its residents support its legislative initiatives and what values or perceptions of county government drive the opposition to such initiatives.

In late February the Commissioner's Court voted to employ a survey firm to develop and execute a strategy to conduct a community opinion survey of county land use authority. The survey would meas-

ure the conditions and limits of a range of authorities to be granted, such as Home rule, Land use, adverse or specific uses only, density of development, Impervious cover, Protection of environmental/historical/cultural resources. Developmental impact fees and more. The survey will identify, measure and rank reasons for supporting/opposing such authority.



Travis County Non-Residential Application Notification Requirement

<p>On October 30, 2007 the Travis County Commissioners Court approved an amendment to the Travis County development regulation Chapter 82 <i>Standards for Construction of Streets and Drainage in Subdivisions</i>. Section 82.201(h) was added to Travis County development regulation requiring public notification for non-residential</p>	<p>development applications outside the City of Austin extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Section 82.201(h) requires that upon receipt of a Preliminary Plan, Final Plat or site plan including a proposed non-residential land use the applicant send certified letters to the local Emergency Service District, the Travis County Fire Marshal and all</p>	<p>neighborhood and home owner's associations within 1000 feet of the proposed development. The notice will describe the development including the proposed land use. The applicant will file as part of the application process proof of notification prior to the approval of the development application.</p>
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Check out our **Tax Office**

Location at

4705 Heflin Lane

(Springdale at MLK)

Austin, Texas

drive through service available

Services include: collecting property and vehicle taxes and title motor vehicles. It serves as the county's voter registrar for eligible citizens. You can also pay property taxes and pay court costs and fees.

Go online to find out about payment options, vehicle registrations, property search and more.

Website:

www.traviscountytax.org

TOLL ROAD CONCERNS

In July 2004 Precinct 1 Commissioner Ron Davis wrote to CAMPO concerning his opposition to the tolling of existing non-tolled (free) roadways. In 2007 during the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2008-2011 (TIP) amendment process, he opposed the addition of toll roads located in Precinct One being included in the current FY 2008-2011 TIP. On March 31, 2008, Commissioner Ron Davis again sent a letter stating that he does not support the use of tolls as a solution to the region's financing problems.

TWO PRECINCT ONE PROJECTS

US 183 South (Ed Bluestein Blvd)
This project involves converting US 183 to a controlled-access expressway from Springdale Road to SH 71. The expressway will be tolled and non-tolled frontage roads will be provided along the entire corridor. The project has been approved for funding in the CAMPO 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and could be under construction by 2011.

US 290 East
The US 290 East project will involve converting US 290 to a controlled-access expressway from US 183 (Ed Bluestein Blvd.) to Parmer Lane. The expressway will be tolled and non-tolled frontage roads will be provided along the entire corridor. The project has been approved for funding in the CAMPO 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and could be under construction by 2009.

Please write/call your Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Members (CAMPO) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Need more information

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