

# **Hays County Precinct 2: Mid-Term Newsletter**



I just wanted to take a moment and update the residents of Hays County on projects that have been completed, ones that are in construction, and those that are in the planning stage. It has been an honor for me to serve as your Precinct 2 Commissioner for the past two years, and I will work just as hard in the next two.

## **\*Precinct 2 Completed Projects\***

- Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Hays County through excellent input from the public
- Dacy Lane Phase I Reconstruction
- Dacy Lane and Bebee Rd. intersection changed from a two-way to four-way stop
- Intersection improvements complete at SH 21 and High Road
- Intersection improvements complete at SH 21 and FM 2001
- HERO Program with CTRMA (512)-974-HERO(4376)
- The HERO Program provides assistance to stranded motorists, provides for the removal of debris, expedites the clearance of vehicular crashes, and removes disabled vehicles on I-35.
- Kai Vista Reconstruction
- Kohler's Crossing at Dryhole Road changed from a two-way to four-way stop
- Leisure Woods Subdivision Phase I Drainage Project
- Stop signs and speed tables added in Cimmaron Park

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- Construction of Turnersville Rd. to U.S. Foods

## **\*SH 45 SW Project\***

- A CAMPO Task force has been put in place to determine how the road will be built not whether to build it.

## **\*Proposition 12 Projects\***

- **Proposition 12 projects to improve conditions on I-35, in Precinct 2**
  - The improvements include 7 bridges and 8 ramps from FM 2001 to Robert S. Light Blvd. (Cement Plant Rd.) to RM 150.
  - The survey, geotechnical, and SUE services are complete.
  - The environmental document has been submitted to TXDOT

## **\*Pass-Through Bond Projects\***

- **Along with the Proposition 12 funded projects, the County is going to begin construction on several Pass-Through Finance Projects**
  - The I-35 Frontage Road Project has begun. The goal of the project is to turn the 2-way frontage roads from FM 1626 to Yarrington Rd. to 1-way frontage roads and improve traffic flow along IH-35.
  - The contractor is working on the southbound frontage road at Kyle Parkway and Center St. in Kyle.
  - The FM 150 realignment project is currently underway.
  - The long awaited FM 1626 North Project, from FM 967 to Brodie Lane, has begun. The contractor has set the construction signage and will begin clearing ROW at the bridge from McKinnon Loop to the Travis County Line portion. If you have any questions regarding the project construction you

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can visit the project website, [www.improve1626.com](http://www.improve1626.com). Two-week look aheads are available on the website to show impacts to traffic.

- The FM 1626 South Project, from FM 967 to FM 2770, is in the design phase.

## **\* Priority Road Bond Projects\***

- **Another set of projects funded through voter approved bonds are the Priority Bond Projects.**
  - Included in the FM 1626 North Project will be the Lakewood Dr. Bridge.
  - A preconstruction meeting has been set for the next couple of weeks. We will send out construction updates as often as possible.
- **Left Turn Lane for FM 967 @ Ruby Ranch**
  - This is a Priority Road Bond Project. Funding for this project includes proposed safety improvements at the intersection FM 967 and Ruby Ranch Road, covering the addition of a left turn lane on RM 967 onto Ruby Ranch Road.
  - Construction of the project is set to begin February 4, 2013.

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## **\*TXDOT Projects\***

- **FM 2001**
  - TXDOT is working on surfacing improvements to FM 2001 in conjunction with the addition of shoulders. This project will occur in three phases beginning at the Fire Station. The project is anticipated to last 6 months.
  
- Light at Meadow Woods Dr. and Plum Creek on FM 2770 for safety purposes for travelers and is expected to be installed in late summer early fall.
- TXDOT is discussing a continuous turn lane of FM 2770 in front of the softball fields.
- TXDOT is looking to increase the speed limit along FM 2770 to 55 mph from Buda to Hays High School.

## **\*Hays County Transportation Department Projects\***

- **Reconstruction of Rohde Rd. / Graef Rd.**
  - This project is estimated to begin in the next month.
  - Being that it is a full reconstruct, the Transportation Department is estimating that this will be a five month project.
  
- **Reconstruction of Satterwhite Rd.**

## **\* Projects in the Works\***

- **Dacy Lane Phase II from Bebee Road to Windy Hill**
  - No updates at this time

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- **Hillside Terrace Septic Project**

- Recently, Hays County and the City of Buda submitted an application for financial assistance with this project in Hillside Terrace Subdivision in Buda.

- **Hudson Ranch Project**

- **Dahlstrom Ranch Project**

- **Leisure Woods Drainage Project Phase II**

- Hays County forces will be working on these improvements.

- **Marketplace Rd.**

- **Onion Creek Flood Study**

- This flood study is currently underway. Maps have been made available to my office. If you would like an electronic copy you may contact Jennifer Scott at 512-262-2091 or via email at [Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us).

- **Turnersville Rd. Phase II**

- I am working with Travis County Commissioner Gomez to get the road extended.

- **Precinct 2 Building Construction**

- The building is currently under construction and will be open for business in mid-February. Having this space will help each office to serve the public more effectively and efficiently.

- **Realignment of FM 2001 from I-35 to SH 21**

- No updates at this time

- **Realignment of Old Black Colony Rd.**

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- Turn lanes and shoulders on FM 967 from Onion Creek to FM 1626
- At this time, I am trying to identify a funding source for this project.

## **\*Accomplishments for the Residents of Precinct 2**

- Two consecutive budget cycles with no tax increase
- \$34 million under budget in the Pass-Through and Priority Road Bond Project

## **\*Community Involvement of Your Commissioner**

- Hays County Food Bank Board of Directors (in a turkey suit too 😊)



- Co-chair on the SH 45 Committee established by CAMPO
- Holds monthly meetings with the Hays County Sheriff's Office, Kyle Police Department, and Buda Police Department
- Holds Mayor Meetings to discuss issues within each municipality

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**\*Don't forget we've moved\***

**Address: 5458 FM 2770. Pardon our dust as construction is occurring on site.**

**Location: Just south of Barton Middle School off of Crystal Meadow Dr.**

Please pass this information on to your friends and neighbors. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Hays County Precinct 2 Commissioner. If you have any questions please contact my office at 512-262-2091.

Thank you,  
Mark Jones  
Commissioner  
Precinct 2