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Dripping Springs Launches Enhanced Transportation Section on Website

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – March 4, 2024 – The City of Dripping Springs is aware that there are many questions and concerns over TxDOT’s plans to improve the US 290 Corridor between Austin and Dripping Springs. Residents want to know where to go to have their voices heard and learn the latest on transportation projects. Now, to help communicate with residents and businesses about transportation issues, Dripping Springs has launched an enhanced section of their website to answer questions and guide residents to the best places for information and direct residents to the best places to provide comments.

Per TxDOT, with traffic volumes on US 290 expected to double by 2045, upgrades are needed to improve safety and mobility in the corridor; enhance accessibility for residents and businesses; improve connectivity; improve emergency response times; and minimize impacts to the community and natural environment. TxDOT has been holding public meetings on their plans. Questions regarding TxDOT 290 plans should be directed to TxDOT at 512-832-7060.

But the City of Drippings Springs says there is much that needs to be done to help with traffic, not just challenges regarding US 290.

“We know that traffic is one of the major concerns of our residents. TxDOT has been cooperating with the city on a plan to improve US 290 and has been holding public meetings on its plans. But there is so much more to helping with the traffic than just 290. Improving transportation accessibility and reducing congestion are paramount priorities for our city and we have been proactive on it, as well as dealing with the drainage issues related to roads,” says Dripping Springs Mayor Bill Foulds. “Another priority is making sure we are communicating all that we are doing and conveying the latest information on transportation projects to residents, so we’re excited about this enhanced transportation information section of our website.”

While TxDOT is currently focusing on the 290 corridor, Dripping Springs has been working on many ways to relieve traffic, including releasing its Transportation Master Plan in 2021. Per the Mayor, “The plan is dynamic and was released following years of extensive meetings and public open houses. It is a long-range planning document that we will continue to update, that defines goals and policies for our transportation system. It includes recommendations to prepare for the future needs of the community.”

The City's both short- and long-term traffic improvements are included in the Master Plan. Funding and resources are not available to implement all recommended projects immediately, so projects are prioritized, and critical and/or short-term projects are identified in the plan.

Some of its short-term goals from the plan have already been met, such as the extension of Roger Hanks Parkway and the creation of Lone Peak Way. Both were created in partnerships with developers and have helped with congestion at the intersection of US 290 and Route 12. Additional future short-term improvements include enhancements to Rob Shelton Boulevard. Some long-term traffic needs, along with the US 290 project, include construction of new North/South connections within Dripping Springs and construction of bypass routes around the City.

The enhanced transportation section will be updated often and can be found here:

cityofdrippingsprings.com/transportation. Recognizing the integral role that transportation plays in shaping the livability and connectivity of Dripping Springs, the new section of the website will act as a resource hub, offering residents a way to get the latest transportation information. Along with the City's Master Transportation Plan, the section includes:

- Transportation Planning and Initiatives: Learn about ongoing transportation projects, infrastructure improvements, and long-term planning efforts aimed at enhancing mobility and accessibility across the city.
- Traffic Updates: Stay informed about road closures in Dripping Springs to help plan routes and minimize commute times.
- Walkability Plans: Coming soon, information on our latest sidewalk connectivity projects.
- Community Engagement Opportunities: Learn about public hearings and forums.
- Resources and Contact Information: See who to contact for the latest information on TxDOT's plans, the county's plans, and the City's.

"The launch of this enhanced transportation section underscores our commitment to promoting transparency, accessibility, and collaboration in addressing transportation challenges," said the Mayor. "We are doing much to help ease the traffic congestion. Yes, we have far to go as traffic is not an overnight fix and will take ongoing planning and decisions. This one-stop section on transportation will provide our community with information and resources they are seeking. It will go a long way to keeping our residents informed on all that is going on with transportation projects in our City."

For information specifically tied to transportation projects in Dripping Springs, go to cityofdrippingsprings.com/transportation. Questions regarding transportation can be sent to our planning department at planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com. The proposed plans for the US 290 project are being carried out by TxDOT. They are planning another public meeting to be held over the next few months. Questions regarding TxDOT plans and projects should be directed to TxDOT at 512-832-7060.

For questions or for more information on this press release, please contact the Communications Department at communications@cityofdrippingsprings.com or call the City at 512-858-4725.