

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, MAY 5, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Special City Council Meeting on the 5th day of May 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Reyna, Baldrige, and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, and HR Officer/Assistant City Secretary Caldera were also present.

Update from TXDOT officials on the status of the Bandera Road flyover construction project.

Mayor Riley welcomed the audience and explained that the meeting was being held to update the citizens and businesses of Leon Valley on the Loop 410/Bandera Road construction. She thanked everyone for coming and introduced Julia Brown, P.E. , Interim District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation(TxDOT) San Antonio District.

Engineer Brown introduced staff members present at the meeting with her: David Kopp, P.E. , Director of Construction, Larry Coyle, P.E. - Assistant Area Engineer, and Maggie Rios and Laura Lopez , Public Information Officers. Ms. Brown presented an overview of the construction project describing work being done on both Loop 410 and Bandera Road. She described how the two connector lanes will connect Loop 410 with Bandera Road from the middle of Bandera Road at Rue Francois to Loop 410. She stated that the project is slated to be finished in June 2009 and the cost will be almost \$75 million dollars. She explained that some work for the project was being done overnight to minimize inconvenience to motorists.

Ms. Brown explained that the former Evers Road exit off for motorists from the outer loop of Loop 410 will remain closed and that motorists exiting to Evers Road from Loop 410 will use what was the Summitt exit. She also stated that the Summitt exit would be renamed Evers Road exit.

Ms. Brown provided additional information on upcoming lane closures for the project and highlighted the expected benefits of the connector lanes for motorists. She explained that the project will build curbs and sidewalks at Loop 410 and State Highway 16 (Bandera Road), improve drainage, optimize the signals along S. H. 16, reconstruct business driveways, and enhance safety conditions with less congestion at Loop 410, Wurzbach, and Bandera Roads.

Comments and Questions from the Public.

TxDOT officials answered questions and replied to several requests from both members of City Council and the audience.

1. Council and audience members asked that the traffic lanes in the construction project area need to be marked more clearly, especially for night drivers. Ms. Brown asked

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TxDOT representative Larry Coyle to address the issue.

2. The owner of a new business center at Echo Hill/Bandera Road stated the project has burdened his center with a loss of prospective tenants because they are unsure as to when project will be finished. Ms. Brown stated the project was on target for completion in June 2009. She also addressed issues with sodding and sprinkler systems for the center that may have been affected by the construction project.

3. Residents asked for clarification on how connector lanes will join Bandera Road, and Ms. Brown explained that the ramp will meet grade level and remain a full lane when it joins Bandera Road.

4. Questions were asked about any plans for a toll road on Bandera Road to which Ms. Brown explained the role of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA). Ms. Brown stated that she knew that the ARMA had looked at Bandera Road and explained that an at-grade tollway could use flyovers at intersections along Bandera Road rather than using elevated lanes through the City. Residents also asked why Bandera Road from Loop 1604 to Lop 410 was considered for a toll road, as studies have shown that only 6.5% of motorists accessing Bandera Road at Loop 1604 go to Loop 410; therefore, most are exiting Bandera Road to feeder roads before they reach Loop 410.

5. Other questions regarding TxDOT intersections at Huebner and Bandera Road and it reported humps brought answers from TxDOT that no funding was available through their offices for any improvements at that intersection.

Ms. Brown invited the audience to see maps and diagrams of the construction project that were on display in the room and stated that TxDOT staff would be available to answer any other questions.

Announcements.

Mayor Riley thanked the audience and TxDOT officials for their time and for coming to the meeting. She reminded everyone of the next night's Council meeting and a meeting scheduled on May 7, 2008 by the Environmental Protection Agency to provide an update on the progress of the Superfund Site.

Adjourn.

Mayor Riley asked if there was any other business, and after hearing none, Mayor Riley announced the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Riley _____
Mayor

Marie Feutz _____
City Secretary

Approved by majority Leon Valley City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of May 20, 2008