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Mr. Ray Dishaw
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Dear Mr. Dishaw,

As you are aware, Collin County Public Works is in the process of upgrading CR 577 from rock to an asphalt surface pursuant to our 50 mile per year asphalt program. The County expects to realize substantial savings from these upgrades since rock roads tend to cost more to maintain, all other things being equal. In addition, the wider and more stable surface of the new road enhance the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike.

This program is predicated on Collin County's responsibility to provide the safest roadways possible through proficient construction and maintenance of the County road and bridge network. It is incumbent upon us to assess and if necessary, resolve any safety concerns discovered by County staff or reported by citizens. Collin County officials have met with you to address some of our construction and maintenance obligations relative to the proximity and arrangement of the cedar trees to the road. Collin County is under a duty to remove obstructions from the roadway and surrounding Right-of-Way to ensure the safety of motorists. This includes the trees which are located in the Right-of-Way.

As a result, the County requests that the trees be removed from the prescriptive Right-of-Way (20 feet from the center of the road). County staff has researched the Texas statutes governing this subject and found that Section 251.008 and Section 255.002 support our position to impose this request. If the trees are not moved by October 1, 2010, County personnel will remove the trees in preparation of completing the CR 577 paving project.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Kleinheksel
Director, Public Works
Collin County