

# Collin County

Commissioners Court

## Discussion on Collin County FY 2015 Proposed Tax Rate

Whereas:

1. Two state senators, five state representatives, and five members of the Collin County commissioners court signed a letter to the Executive Director of TxDOT, expressing our unified opposition to the establishment of tolls on US 75.
2. The federal and state governments will be hard pressed to provide transportation funding adequate to address the population growth and infrastructure demands on federal and state highways in Collin County as we grow towards 2 million citizens over the next decades.
3. TxDOT and the Texas Transportation Commission have been very open that if local funds are brought to a project, they will advance the project with TxDOT funds.
4. It will be necessary for Collin County to identify local funds to partner with TxDOT on the future reconstruction of US 75.
5. The major study on the future reconstruction of US 75 will be complete and issued by the end of December 2014.

In order to accumulate the funding necessary to partner with TxDOT on the future US 75 reconstruction project, we will discuss leaving the county tax rate at \$0.24/\$100, and setting aside these funds for the express purpose of transportation infrastructure development in the county.

This is not a tax rate increase; this decision would simply leave the county tax rate unchanged at the current rate.

In fact, this represents a calculated and targeted decision to forego a tax rate decrease with the express purpose of avoiding the installation of a new toll/tax on Collin County taxpayers.