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Date: March 29, 2016
To: Commissioner's Court
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Re: 2016 Planned Road & Maintenance Projects relative to Prescriptive Easements

With extensive repairs nearly complete to 132 county roads damaged by severe weather in 2015, Public Works crews are close to resuming normal planned maintenance and capital improvement operations. However, because PW crews have been dedicated to storms repairs, the "50Miles" program is currently experiencing a delay of between 12 and 16 months.

In an effort to apprise Commissioners' Court of planned activities, PW staff has compiled a comprehensive record of anticipated road projects for 2016. The attached documents group the projects into two major categories:

- 50 Mile Program – Rock to Asphalt
- Road Reconstruction (Full Depth Reclamation)

Road projects with a significant tree presence along the borders of the roadway will receive increased scrutiny from PW staff. Established practice encourages the removal of trees in this area to preserve the integrity of the new road base. Root systems are known to deplete sub base structures of vital moisture which cause deterioration of the base and subsequent failure of the road surface.

To avoid this result, PW will carefully assess each site to determine disposal requirements. Upon completion, PW staff will respectfully and diligently communicate with landowners in an attempt to amicably resolve any discrepancies. Although PW staff may encounter resistance, crews will commence tree removal operations in the 40 ft. prescriptive ROW consistent with the Texas Transportation Code to optimize the success of the project. Title 6, Subtitle C, Chapter 251 of the code grants government entities broad authority to ensure the safety of the traveling public with respect to management and maintenance of roadways.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will respond accordingly.