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The Collin County Public Works Department has been pursuing a program to pave all county roads since 2005. At that time, County staff researched and investigated the advantages of paved roads compared to rock roads.

The economic and environmental benefits of road paving have been well documented. Various university studies have established the alarming amount of dust released to the atmosphere from rock roads. In 2010, Public Works spent \$320,955 to oil rock roads for dust control and health letters. In addition, the perpetual dissipation of road material caused Public Works to add 34,144 tons of rock at a cost of \$633,712.

Safety is also substantially enhanced with paved roads. Braking distances and control are significantly compromised on rock roads compared with asphalt. To further improve safety, regulatory signs can be installed and enforced on paved roads.

Approximately half of the roads remaining to be paved are Mutual Boundary roads in which a county road is located along shared borders with one or more of the County's 24 cities/municipalities. While eager to pave these MB roads and realize the tremendous benefits associated therein, the County is sensitive to the precarious budget constraints to which many municipalities are subjected.

As such, Commissioners' Court voted on November 21, 2011 to proceed with paving the County/Municipality shared boundary segments while offering a menu of remuneration options for city staff to consider. Because the County will invoice the municipality for only ½ the cost of materials (no labor or equipment charge), the municipalities will realize a substantial savings in total project cost compared to outside contractor. The County Public Works Department is also capable of paving 100% municipality owned segments if so requested. Full project rates will apply in these instances.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss payment options or projects schedules, I am happy to oblige such requests and collaborate towards a mutually beneficial solution. Please feel free to contact me at 972-548-3735.

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