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Date: March 18, 2014
To: Judge Self and Commissioner's Court
From: Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works 
Re: 2014 Planned Road & Maintenance Projects relative to Prescriptive Easements

In an effort to apprise Commissioners' Court of planned activities, PW staff has compiled a comprehensive record of anticipated road projects for 2014. The attached documents group the projects into three major categories:

1. 50 Mile Program – Rock to Asphalt (includes mutual boundary)
2. Road Reconstruction (Full Depth Reclamation)
3. Surface Treatment (Sealcoat, TRMSS, Micro-Surfacing, etc.)

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.