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Town Council set to again oppose bypass incursion

PROSPER (March 22, 2019) A meeting that the Texas Department of Transportation is calling a MAPO, or meeting for affected property owners, has been scheduled for Thursday, March 28 in Prosper to share the latest iteration of the Hwy 380 bypass and gather reaction from residents.

The two-hour meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Lorene Rogers Middle School, 1001 Coit Road. While the meeting is styled as one for homeowners within 1,000 feet of the bypass option that will be revealed during that evening's meeting, Prosper officials are encouraging residents to attend and express their sentiments to TxDOT personnel.

The March 28 meeting is designed to gather information only on the bypass option that will be shared that evening.

TxDOT officials have promised to hold additional meetings later this spring on the entire proposal to transform Hwy 380 into an LAR (limited access roadway) similar to US 75 and other freeways.

Those later meetings will be designed to allow residents to share their thoughts on all of the proposed bypass routes, including any that cross into Prosper.

Significantly, the Prosper Town Council is expected to pass yet another resolution at next week's Council meeting strongly objecting to any bypass connector which crosses Custer Road into Prosper's Town limits, a proposed bypass configuration known as Red Alignment Option B. That meeting is set for Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 200 S. Main St.

The Town has consistently maintained that any version of Red Alignment Option B does not comply with the Town's Thoroughfare Plan. Even so, the Prosper Town Council has not wavered in its support of the current alignment of U.S. Highway 380 within Prosper Town limits expanding to an LAR.

While not taking a stand on whether or not a bypass around north McKinney is needed, the Town Council has consistently expressed its strong opposition to any alignment that takes Hwy 380 out of its current alignment within the Town limits. In other words, Prosper officials want Hwy 380 to remain where it currently sits within Prosper, whether as an LAR or in any other configuration.

The resolution set for the March 26 Council meeting, the third such resolution restating the same position, restricts Town staff from working with TxDOT or any other entity on right-of-way acquisition or any other process or procedure while a Red Alignment Option B type incursion into Prosper is part of the Hwy 380 conversion.

Further, the March 26 resolution includes language that instructs Town staff to contact TxDOT officials in Austin to ask for detailed explanations of why a Red Alignment Option B was ever proposed, as well as explanations on why other proposed solutions to the Hwy 380 transformation are not being examined.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 24,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."