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Prosper, Celina and County Break Ground on Frontier Parkway Project



Left to Right – City of Celina Councilmember Place 6 Chad Anderson, City of Celina Councilmember Andy Hopkins, Town of Prosper Councilmember Marcus Ray, Town of Prosper Mayor Ray Smith, Collin County Commissioner Susan Fletcher, City of Celina Mayor Sean Terry, City of Celina Councilmember Jay Pierce, City of Celina Councilmember Wendie Wigginton and City of Celina Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Justin Steiner.

PROSPER (August 6, 2021) Officials from the Town of Prosper, the City of Celina, and Collin County gathered on Tuesday, August 3 to symbolically break ground on the expansion of Frontier Parkway which forms the boundary for the two municipalities.

The three-way cooperative project will expand Frontier Parkway from a two-lane blacktop to a modern divided, concrete, four-lane roadway which can be expandable to six-lanes in the future. In addition, the project will include a bridge that will overpass the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks which bisects both Prosper and Celina.

The completion of this project is expected for summer of 2023. The reconstruction of this portion of Prosper's northern boundary has been discussed for several years as the predictions of major increases in the populations for both Prosper and Celina are bearing out, making the reconstruction a critically important part of the area's transportation infrastructure.

Frontier Parkway borders the campus of Prosper High School and allows access to the Prosper ISD Stadium, the Natatorium and the Town's signature park, Frontier Park. During construction, entries to Frontier Park may be limited by

construction. Town officials have pledged to provide constant updates on detours, street closings, and other impediments to Frontier Parkway and the amenities surrounding it.

Mayor Ray Smith shared the excitement of the start of the long-awaited construction. “Collin County has done an outstanding job taking the lead on managing the design of this essential project with Prosper and Celina as close partners. It’s a tremendous project that we have anticipated for quite some time. We’re all very pleased,” he said.

“The Frontier Parkway overpass will be a key element in ensuring better mobility across the tracks as well as improved safety for motorists and reduced response time for emergency vehicles,” said Hulon Webb, Director of Engineering Services for Prosper and the staff person who has been involved with the project from its inception. “The critical importance of the reconstruction of Frontier Parkway with an overpass at the BSNF tracks cannot be overstressed. It has been part of Prosper’s Comprehensive Plan from the very start and the stakeholders are excited to see this project begin.”

The construction firm of Mario Sinacola and Sons will manage and construct the road project, including the overpass, at a cost of almost \$22 million. Total cost of the project including engineering and right-of-way acquisition is \$31.5 million. Funding is shared by the county, the two municipalities and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Realtime updates for this project and a video illustration of the finished project can be found on the Town of Prosper website at <https://www.prospertx.gov/business/land-development/engineering/construction-updates/>

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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 31,000 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.”