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Family and Friends of Cibolo,

It is no secret that our city is in the middle of a population boom. Cibolo is a very desirable place to live. This is why nearly 30,000 of us have made the choice to call Cibolo home and it is why more people are making Cibolo their "City of Choice" every year. It is why Cibolo has grown by more than 700% since 2000. This also means that we must be forward-thinking in our planning for the future of our city and proactive in the steps we take today to ensure Cibolo remains the City of Choice.

More than anything else, our streets and highways bear the brunt of growth, and this is especially true of FM 1103. Most of the growth we see in Cibolo is happening along FM 1103, and it has become one of the most congested roadways in our city. Many of us have stories of sitting in our cars, waiting to get onto FM 1103 when we leave for work or school, and we all know about the long wait at the stop light at I-35. FM 1103 is an important transportation corridor for our city: it is one of our two direct connections to I-35 and beyond. This is why our city was proactive when it came to making the investments of our tax dollars that brought TxDOT to the table is making possible the widening of FM 1103 from I-35 to Wagon Wheel Way early next year.

While the planned TxDOT improvements are a great start and are much needed, we must also understand that they will ultimately not be enough to address the traffic demands that will continue to increase as our city grows. We must understand that planning and building or upgrading roadways, especially those that we are already driving on, takes time—often, several years or more. In that time, congestion will continue to get worse. This is one of the reasons the Cibolo Parkway Project is an important part of our city's future. It is our way of making sure that we stay ahead of the growth we know is coming. It is also our way of keeping our city a desirable place to live by making it possible to drive on FM 1103 without sitting at a stop light, waiting for traffic to move. It is the beginning of transforming FM 1103 from the road that it is today into an attractive corridor that leads people to their homes and businesses, and creating an environment that people want to call their own. Furthermore, no taxpayer funds would be used for the construction of the Cibolo Parkway.

The first step in building that attractive corridor is building the road itself. The TxDOT upgrades are only the first part and are separate from the Cibolo Parkway Project. The Cibolo Parkway Project includes two parts:

Cibolo Expressway (Non-Tolled) – This portion of the project would add overpasses at Orth Avenue, Green Valley Road and Saddle Spoke/Gatewood Bay on the upgraded FM 1103 roadway. This part of the project would remain non-tolled and would decrease your wait time at stoplights. It would also make it easier for drivers to get to I-35 and I-10.

Cibolo Parkway Toll (Tolled) – This portion of the project would connect FM 1103 near Wagon Wheel Way to I-10. This would make it possible to get to I-10 in moments and would build the first roadway that will truly tie the north half of our city to the south half. This part of the project would be a new road and give drivers an alternative to Haeckerville Road.

The Cibolo Parkway Project brings more to our city than just making it easier to drive to where you need to go. It provides safety to the driving public and to our citizens as well. This project includes an overpass at FM 78 that would carry traffic over that highway and the Union Pacific Railroad lines. Today, you have to cross the railroad line on the ground, which means you spend a lot of time waiting for trains to go through the intersection. On a given day, an average of 30 to 32 cargo trains pass through our city (about one train every 45 minutes), with each train taking up to 7 minutes to pass through the intersections. This means that the drivers on our streets—including our school buses, fire and police vehicles, and EMS—must wait for the train to clear the intersection before they can cross the tracks. This overpass would reduce the risk of collisions between trains and drivers, and also would dramatically reduce the response time of our emergency services.

Additional information about the Cibolo Parkway Project can be found with the Summer 2017 City Newsletter and includes a project overview, common misinterpretations, a project map and information about tolls.

We are excited for the future of our city, a future of growth and economic development that continues to make Cibolo the City of Choice. To keep that future bright, we must strive to continue planning for and building our future one piece at a time. I hope you find this information helpful in answering all of your questions. We look forward to moving ahead on the Cibolo Parkway Project and, together as friends and neighbors, building the next part of the incredible future that awaits us!

Very Respectfully,
Allen Dunn
Mayor



THE CITY OF CIBOLO, TEXAS

CIBOLO PARKWAY

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Cibolo Parkway Project aims to serve as a north-south connection between Interstate 35 and Interstate 10, with the goals of improving mobility within Cibolo and helping drive economic growth in the city's southern sector. Currently, FM 1103 serves as an important corridor connecting commuters from Cibolo to I-35 to San Antonio and points beyond, but it does not have the capacity to satisfy current or projected traffic trends in the area.

The Cibolo Expressway portion, as part of the Cibolo Parkway, would complement TxDOT improvements set to be made on FM 1103 from I-35 to Weil Road. This portion of the project would remain non-tolled and add overpass bridges at Orth Avenue, Green Valley Road and Saddle Spoke/Gatewood Bay.

The Cibolo Parkway Toll portion would start at Weil Road and continue to I-10. Overpass bridges would be built at FM 78, Lower Seguin Road and Bolton Road. This portion of the project would be tolled and give Cibolo commuters an option to access I-10.



The proposed overpass (above), as part of the Cibolo Parkway Toll portion, would allow drivers and emergency vehicles to drive over FM 78 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH #1: Drivers on the Cibolo Expressway portion of the project would have to pay tolls.

FACT: Residents currently living alongside the existing FM 1103 would not have to pay tolls to drive the upgraded roadway. Only drivers that access the Cibolo Parkway Toll portion, will be tolled.

MYTH #2: The Cibolo Parkway Project would use the city general obligation bonds issued in 2015 to improve FM 1103.

FACT: The city's general obligation bonds would only be used for TxDOT's planned widening of FM 1103. The proposed overpasses, as part of the Cibolo Expressway portion, are independent of the

TxDOT improvements and would be privately funded. No city funds are being allocated to build any part of the Cibolo Parkway Project.

MYTH #3: There is no evidence the project will improve safety for Cibolo residents.

FACT: An average of 30 to 32 cargo trains daily use the Union Pacific Railroad through Cibolo, blocking north-to-south access for emergency vehicles for up to seven minutes at a time. The project includes adding an overpass bridge at FM 78 over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the Town Creek Drainage watershed that would substantially improve emergency vehicle travel times to areas south of FM 78.

PROJECT MAP



THE CORRIDOR

- The map to the left displays the limits of the Cibolo Expressway portion in yellow (non-tolled) and the Cibolo Parkway Toll portion in blue (tolled).
- The Cibolo Parkway Toll portion is the proposed 7-mile tolled parkway that would connect northern Cibolo to Interstate 10.
- The Cibolo Expressway portion would include the labeled overpasses and remain non-tolled. Trips that begin and end on the Cibolo Expressway portion would not be tolled.
- The entire project corridor would be located inside Cibolo city limits.

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Standing Meetings

Youth Council Meeting

1st Monday , 6:30PM

City Council Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30PM

Municipal Court

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30PM

Planning & Zoning Meeting

2nd Wednesday, 6:30PM

Economic Development Meeting

3rd Thursday, 6:00PM



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