

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
March 8, 2011
Update on Mayhill Road Improvements

Board Goal:

Parent & Community Involvement... In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

Growth & Change ... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Denton ISD Board of Trustees about the City of Denton's project to widen and improve Mayhill Road. The project proposes to widen Mayhill Road to a four lane, divided roadway from its intersection with Colorado Boulevard to the south to its intersection with US-380 on the north. The new roadway will have 135-feet of right-of-way which will enable the city to modify the four (4) lane roadway to a six (6) lane divided arterial section in the future.

Objectives

- Update the Board of Trustees on City of Denton's Mayhill Road Project
- Describe the impact of the proposed improvements on Denton ISD students, staff & facilities.
- Provide an opportunity for City of Denton staff to describe the project to the Denton ISD Board of Trustees

Operational Impact

The Mayhill Road Widening and Improvement Project is divided into various phases.

These are as follows:

Preliminary Design, Final Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utility Relocations, Bid/Award and Construction

The City indicated in its December 2010 meeting that the anticipated timeframe is between 3-5 years with 2 ½ years of construction. The total budget for the project is \$56 million dollars with a roadway length of 3.9 miles, including 3 bridges and 7 traffic signals. The length of construction will pose challenges to Denton ISD, especially for Billy Ryan High School students & staff, Transportation, Child Nutrition, Warehouse and Maintenance. Many of these departments are housed within the Norman T. Sisk Service Center Annex located directly off of Mayhill Road. In addition, any

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modifications to existing parking allotments would cause difficulties for Denton ISD constituents accessing services.

Specific Operational Impact:

Ryan High School:

Ryan High School is located at 5101 E. McKinney Street. McKinney is the primary road used by students and staff but many opt for the alternative access from Mayhill & Mills Road. Currently, Ryan HS has between 375-390 student drivers which will increase over the coming years. The facility is used year around for school activities, City of Denton Youth Sports, Teacher Certifications and SAT Testing to name a few. Construction on Mayhill will surely increase an already crowded McKinney Street.

Denton ISD Transportation:

The Transportation Department employs over 200 busses six days a week. The main entrance and exit for them is Mayhill Road. Today, Mayhill Road is a two lane roadway. The proposed road will increase to four lanes with the possibility of six lanes as the City of Denton grows. Vehicles turning left onto Mayhill Road will need to navigate across more lanes of traffic. Continued discussions with the City of Denton are required to work through possible remedies.

Child Nutrition:

Child Nutrition is housed in the Norman T. Sisk Annex Facility. Many Denton ISD families take advantage of the free & reduced lunch program. Between the months of August & October their offices are full of families inquiring into the program. Many constituents, including the majority of our Spanish speaking population, prefer to visit in person rather than fill out applications on line. Parking during these times is vital to a timely and efficient process.

Denton ISD Warehouse:

The Denton ISD Warehouse Department is contained within the Annex facility. Vehicles such as FedEx, UPS and freight trucks 48-50 feet long access the building four to five times a week. The warehouse helps with the delivery of testing materials, textbooks and furnishings to Denton ISD schools. The loading area for them is from Mayhill Road. It is difficult for them to access from Mills Road or Ryan High School.

Maintenance:

The Maintenance staff is housed at the Annex Facility. There are a total of 50 vehicles including contract services that access Mayhill Road multiple times a day. Special accommodations will be needed during the construction process to ensure that services to our schools are not interrupted.

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Results

This report is to provide information, early in the process, to the Denton ISD Board of Trustees so they have ample opportunity to relay any concerns or opinions to the City of Denton. It also continues the dialogue between City of Denton & Denton ISD staff not only for this project but other opportunities throughout the City. Staff would recommend the inclusion of a signal at Mayhill & Mills Road. The current proposal does not indicate one at this location. A signal would help during peak traffic times for Ryan High School students, families & staff as well as vehicles needing access to Transportation or the Annex facility. The Trustees may also entertain the possibility of another remote Transportation facility in the southern sector of the District, similar to the one at Navo Middle School. This facility would minimize the impact from the Mayhill Road construction and save the District money on Transportation cost.

Other Options

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