

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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Resource: Christopher Eyle
Vice President of Facilities and Construction

AGENDA ITEM: Report Out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee and Consideration of Approval of Funding for the New Choate Parkway Project at the Celina Campus.

DISCUSSION: When the original 75-acre parcel of land was purchased for the Celina Campus in 2009, a development agreement was executed between the City of Celina and Collin College. One of the provisions of the agreement called for future improvements to existing County Road 88, which borders the northern edge of the College's property and was planned to be the main access to the new campus from both Preston Road to the west and Coit Road to the east.

Studies performed by the College's traffic consultant in 2019 showed that the anticipated traffic when the campus opened would necessitate these improvements. The 2009 agreement gave the College two options for their cost obligations for these improvements: 1) Pay a portion of an amount to be determined by the City in the future for design and construction costs related to these improvements, estimated to be in the range of \$5-10 million, or 2) Deposit \$421,223 with the City in an escrow account to satisfy the College's obligation. The College chose Option #2.

As the Celina Campus project progressed through the planning, design, and early construction phases, several external factors came into play that impacted the design of the needed road improvements. They are listed below:

1. Outer Loop – The final location and routing of the Collin County Outer Loop had been discussed and debated for many years. In late 2019/early 2020, NTTA and Collin County agreed on the final alignment. One portion of the Outer Loop will carry over the intersection of Preston Road and east Bound County Road 88. This alignment led the City to plan for the removal of a portion of County Road 88 between Preston Road and the new campus. This removal would affect access to the new campus.

2. Choate Parkway design – In response to the alignment of the Outer Loop and in anticipation of the traffic load on County Road 88 once the campus opens, the City designed a roundabout at the intersection of County Road 88 and Kinship Parkway (the new four-lane roadway constructed along the eastern edge of the College's property) to control the traffic flow coming from the new campus. Once campus traffic enters the roundabout, drivers will have three options to exit the roundabout:
 1. Travel east on County Road 88.
 2. Travel north on a new road section named Choate Parkway, which connects to the Outer Loop east and west bound access roads.
 3. Travel west on existing County Road 88.

The City's design contained two construction options to address the north and west exit options for the roundabout. Refer to Exhibit A attachment for the following two options:

- 1) Base bid – Construct the south bound portion of the new Choate Parkway and a limited section of the north bound roadway with a temporary connector road to west bound County Road 88. The remaining balance of the north bound Choate Parkway would only be constructed when the city had enough funding in the future.
- 2) Base bid with alternate – The full north-south portion of the new Choate Parkway would be constructed, connecting to the Outer Loop's new east bound access road, which would be used as a bi-directional road connecting to Preston Road until the Outer Loop project is completed.

The cost to the College for Option #1 is already covered by the \$421,233 in the College/City escrow account. Based on bids received by the City, the additional cost to the College for Option #2 would be not-to-exceed amount of \$461,550 above the cost for Option #1.

The College believes Option #2 is the best option for future traffic levels and will present the best driving conditions for all users of this portion of Choate Parkway.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval of the additional funding needed for the construction of Option #2 of the Choate Parkway at the Celina Campus.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

This item comes as a motion and second out of committee. A suggested motion would be, "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the additional funding in a not-to-exceed amount of \$461,550 needed for the construction of the new Choate Parkway at the Celina Campus."