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Caldwell County Public Announcement Hwy 21 Virtual Public Process Has Started

Caldwell County Citizens,

As many of you are aware, your county government has been working with TXDOT on a regular basis to help make safety improvements and future plans for our state highway system in Caldwell County.

One of our highest priorities is the Hwy 21 corridor in Hays and Caldwell County. Working with our partners, we were able to get the state to make some short-term safety improvements to different segments of Hwy 21. Those projects are moving along and are in different phases of development. We are confident these improvements will develop in the near future.

Additionally, the Highway 21 expansion to a Super 2 highway system has already begun on the portion of Highway 21 between Highway 71 in Bastrop County continuing to SH 130 in Caldwell County. The next phase of this project is set to begin in June 2020 and will continue the Super 2 construction from SH 130 to Hwy 80 in Hays County. This project will add shoulders to Hwy 21 along with alternating passing lanes.

Through a formal long standing partnership with TXDOT and with voter approved bonds that passed overwhelmingly in Hays County in 2017, our neighbors in Hays have started to develop a process for our communities to take a long-term view of what Hwy 21 will look like in our future. We are pleased to see this process move forward and grateful that TXDOT and Hays County have asked our county and its citizens to fully participate in this planning process.

The public outreach process has started and we encourage you to visit this link <a href="www.sh21corridor.com">www.sh21corridor.com</a> and get involved. We plan on hosting Hays County at one of Caldwell County's June Commissioners Court meetings to get updated information and to formally share with them our views and vision for this important corridor.

As always, feel free to reach out to our offices to ask any questions or share any comments you may have about the future of Hwy 21 corridor.

Sincerely,

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