



Support for Proposed SH 71 Roadway Improvements

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To the Texas Department of Transportation Team,

On behalf of Burnet County, we express our strong support for the proposed roadway improvements along SH 71 from Spur 191 to County Road 401. This project represents a vital and consistent investment in transportation infrastructure that mirrors previously completed improvements along the SH 71 corridor in Burnet County.

The project scope—to convert the existing undivided four-lane highway into a five-lane section featuring a continuous two-way left turn lane and 10-foot shoulders—will significantly enhance operational safety, improve traffic flow, and reduce crash risks associated with turning movements along this rapidly developing corridor.

This segment of SH 71 has experienced increasing traffic volumes due to population growth, commercial activity, and recreational travel. The existing configuration no longer adequately supports current traffic demands, contributing to congestion, limited passing opportunities, and turning conflicts. The addition of a continuous center turn lane and wider shoulders will improve roadway functionality, reduce delays, and enhance safety and travel times for motorists, cyclists, and emergency responders.

These improvements will further strengthen connectivity across Burnet County by providing safer access between local roads, major collectors, and the regional state highway system. The project aligns with the long-term transportation goals of improving mobility, supporting economic vitality, and ensuring the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

We appreciate the thoughtful planning and coordination that has contributed to the development of this project. We also appreciate TxDOT's timely completion of similar projects along SH 71. We fully support its advancement and timely implementation to deliver lasting benefits for the traveling public and the broader community.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wilson, County Judge

Jim Luther, Jr., Comm. Pct. 1

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