

# Address to the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

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The following petition is being circulated in the neighborhood referenced below:

## CITIZENS PETITION TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

We, the citizens of Precinct 1 of Hidalgo County living in the immediate proximity of the intersection of Sioux Road and Old LaBlanca Road want the full repair and/or replacement the pavement of Sioux Road westward from that intersection for a minimum of one mile and similar full repair, and or replacement of the pavement on Old LaBlanca Road from that intersection southward to the intersection with 10 Mile Road. Current conditions are unacceptable, as are the piecemeal unserviceable pothole filling along these routes. The road surfaces are so badly deteriorated that vehicles are driving up onto easements to property owners' land and destroying private property, endangering children, residents, livestock. As law abiding tax payers, we respectfully request immediate attention and resolution of these problems be accomplished.

1. Residents of the Sioux Road from the aforementioned intersection, proceeding eastward to hwy 493 have requested that they be included in this petition. A second iteration of the petition will be submitted within 7 days. The condition of that section of road is equally disastrous and actually dangerous, because parents driving their children to school at J.S. Adame Elementary, or returning home following such a mission dodge back and forth on the road trying to miss the deep and omnipresent potholes, increasing the risk of head on collisions.
2. The road conditions on Sioux Road, as it intersects northbound Old LaBlanca Road are abominable. Though recently, potholes on Old LaBlanca Road was promptly addressed, the same potholes have reappeared and are equally hazardous. Therefore, it was only minimally successful. My daughter, traveling at 25 mph "bottomed out, in one of the potholes, resulting in \$1,000 damage to her Jeep Cherokee.
3. Deep, almost contiguous potholes as much as 8-12 inches deep are in the roadbed of Sioux Road from 493 to approximately 1 mile past the intersection with Old LaBlanca Road.
4. Drivers have elected to drive on the 9 foot easement to my property, which stretches  $\frac{1}{4}$  of this distance, and some tire tracks are between 4-6 inches from my fence on that property line, which has resulted in breakage of 5 fence posts, and damage to a street sign warning of a stop ahead at the intersection.
5. I pasture 4 horses in the 3.5 acre field along that route, and damage to that fence not only endangers the livestock, which tried to escape due to the damage, but also to drivers who might encounter them in the roadway. I have discovered that I am no longer strong enough to manage the "pounder" to put in metal fence posts to counter the damage, but was fortunate enough to have two neighbors who came to my aid.
6. Those pothole fillers which have not disappeared on Old LaBlanca Road are so uneven and close together that the road is dreadfully rough and almost un-navigable, therefore, vehicles dodge back and forth to the older pavement, and risk head on collisions as they travel southward to the intersection with 10 mile road.