





## 2011/2012 Joint Road Re-Naming Project

### City of Georgetown Addressing/Williamson County Addressing

With the construction of the City of Georgetown Southeast Arterial, several roadways will be split into separate and distinctive road segments. This construction project also extends an existing roadway, and creates a cul-de-sac on another. All of those events create a vastly different road network than was present prior to the construction of SE1, or "Sam Houston Ave" as it will be known henceforth.

Because many of the roadways that will be effected by this construction project are present in both the City of Georgetown and in Williamson County jurisdictions, a collaborative effort was needed to ensure that all of the effected residents would be informed and involved in the decision making process.

In March of 2011, I contacted Teresa Baker and Richard Semple at Williamson County 911 Addressing and GIS. I informed them of what the City of Georgetown was planning to do and explained the reasons behind our decisions and I asked if they would like to participate in the process. At that time, I felt that it would be easier for one entity to handle all of the legwork of the project and take care of all notifications, balloting and citizen interaction. And since the City of Georgetown was the entity initiating all of the changes, I offered to assume all of the work. Teresa contacted me in April and let me know that Williamson County was agreeable.

The plan was for me to notify all residents of the necessary changes and answer all inquiries. I would be responsible for all balloting and record keeping and final notifications. The re-namings that occurred in the Georgetown City Limits would be approved by the Georgetown City Council and those roads in Williamson County would be approved by Williamson County Commissioners Court. The City of Georgetown would change all necessary signage.

The total project involves creating, extending or changing streets names for six roads. Of those six, four are roads that are partially in Williamson County jurisdiction. Therefore, this information packet will contain all pertinent correspondence to the four roadways in Williamson County.

**County Road 104** – With the construction of SE1, CR 104 will be completely divided into two separate parts that will not even connect to one another. Each newly created portion will be partially in Georgetown jurisdiction and partially in Williamson County. Because the two roadways will no longer intersect in any way, it is important for emergency service response to make a defined distinction between the two roadways. If two roadways have an identical name, emergency responders may inadvertently respond to the wrong area. Therefore, separating the two roadway segments is of importance.

Also, because portions of CR 104 have already been annexed by the City of Georgetown, renaming the entire roadway also saves emergency responders from having to change road names in the middle of a segments simply because it leaves/joins the City Limits.

Finally, both Teresa Baker and myself are well aware that changing an individual's address is a disruptive and time consuming process. Therefore, plans to rename a street are not taken lightly. However, cases do arise in which changing a street name is necessary. In this particular case, it makes little sense to change only the portion of the street name that is inside the City Limits and then create a situation when the exact same process must be followed a few years down the road when the remaining portions of the road are annexed.

**County Road 110** – Much like CR 104, the portion of CR 110 to be renamed is partially inside the City Limits and partially out. Therefore all of the same reasoning applies in this situation. However, due future road alignment plans at the intersection of CR110/CR111, assigning a new name to the portion of CR110 that is currently under consideration will allow for a more smooth transition when the Bell Gin subdivision is developed. When that occurs, existing CR110 will continue in a straight line heading south as shown on both City of Georgetown and City of Round Rock transportation/thoroughfare plans.

Marvin Lewis Ln – This is a small portion or former CR 104 that will be transformed into a cul de sac and provide access to only two landowners. The name of the road reflects the wishes of those two owners.