

To: Titus County Commissioners Court

From: Mark W. Heidaker

Date: May 12, 2014

RE: Titus County Pass-Through Program Status Report

## MEMORANDUM

## Status

To keep the Titus County Commissioners Court fully updated as to the progress of the Titus County Pass-Through Program, PTP Transportation (PTP) offers the following status report.

#### Construction

## US 271

No work has taken place on the bridge beams for the last week and a half due to the crew being moved to Fort Worth. Williams Brothers have been working on the approaches to the bridge on the North side by bringing in fill dirt as well as removing the existing concrete in order to raise the approaches to meet up with the new bridge height. No costs are being incurred for the lack of production for the cranes sitting not being utilized. The bridge beam crew is expected to resume work beginning Monday per Williams Brothers.

# FM 1000

As of the letter dated April 24, 2014 to Mr. Pat Pluenneke with James Construction PTP did receive a response to the follow up email Mr. Heidaker sent to Mr. Pluennekke asking about the status of the schedule. Mr. Pluenneke was under the understanding a new updated schedule was sent with a response to the letter dated April 24. PTP did receive a schedule on May 6<sup>th</sup> but it did not address many of the concerns in the letter. After correspondence with Judge Lee, it was decided to call a meeting with Pat Pluenneke and Scott Pickett on Wednesday 14th of this week to discuss the concerns of the time frame of the project and the lack of staff and progress made to the schedule.

### FM 1000 - Denman Southern Remainder

# **Property Owner Requests:**

- Relocate dam across pond from being split on the ROW to being 20' on remainder so that driveway can be connected from CR 4710 to existing (estimated cost from property owner: \$75,000)
- Relocate driveway planned to be constructed near pond from FM 1000 to existing driveway to a location on the western end of the remainder (estimated cost from PTP: no cost if relocating driveway)

#### PTP Recommendation:

- No action on relocating/reconstructing the dam across the pond. The roadway
  construction only removes existing asphalt on top of dam that served as existing
  driveway that is within ROW. No changes are made to the dirt slopes or existing
  drainage pipe leaving the pond.
  - A separate contractor would have to be brought in to accomplish this work as the roadway contractor would not have experience performing and has completed their dirt work operations with the exception of small areas.
  - o Driveway, as planned, would connect the existing driveway to FM 1000 to serve as direct connection.
- Relocation of the driveway would remove access to existing driveway. The property
  owner has placed a gravel roadway on the remainder property to the location where the
  driveway is being requested. No notification was given until after this gravel roadway
  was in place. PTP recommends that relocation not take place due to causing access
  break.