

October 13, 2021

The Honorable Brian P. Lee
Titus County Judge
100 West First Street, Suite 200
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Dear Judge Lee,

Please consider this letter expressing Northeast Texas Community College's interest and appeal for a left-hand turn lane to be placed at the north entrance to the NTCC campus. This turn lane would be utilized for north bound traffic on FM 1735. TXDOT has recently added a "no left turn" sign at this location (summer 2018) to help try and ease the traffic issue. They also added a right-hand turn lane at this same location (summer 2018) for south bound traffic on FM 1735. In addition, the college has added signage encouraging north bound traffic to use the "Main Entrance" which is south of the "North Entrance." However, because more than 80 percent of our parking spots are located on the north side of the campus, we have been unsuccessful "re-routing" traffic to that entrance location.

The north entrance intersection has become very dangerous over the years. The traffic turning left must stop in the middle of the highway. This backs up to oncoming traffic, including many trucks coming from the power plant. We now have cars using the shoulder to go around the north bound traffic that have stopped to turn left. In addition, the south bound traffic right-hand turn lane also backs up so much that the line of visibility is obscured for people who are not turning right, but continuing south on 1735 past the entrance. We believe a left-hand turn lane at the north bound entrance would create the safest situation at this intersection.

Thank you for any support your office might be able to provide to help NTCC advocate for these much-needed safety improvements.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ron Clinton, President
Northeast Texas Community College