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Frontier Parkway undergoing major improvement *Surfacing project connects Community Park to Dallas North Tollway*

PROSPER (September 2, 2010) A large portion of the road which essentially forms the northern boundary for the Town of Prosper, Frontier Parkway, is undergoing major improvements that will result in an enhanced route to and from the soon-to-open Prosper Community Park, according to Director of Public Works Frank Jaromin.

“Frontier Parkway from Talon Drive, at the entrance to the Community Park, to the North Dallas Tollway is the next major project for us. This project combined with the almost-completed Prosper Trail are our largest efforts for 2010, and gives us another major east-west artery, allowing residents a more direct route to the tollway,” he said.

The project, undertaken jointly with the City of Celina and contracted to Quality Excavation LTD of Aubrey, involves major improvements that include conditioning and compacting the existing gravel base, reinforcing it with additional gravel mix, then installing a tack coat to that surface, and overlaying five inches of high-grade asphalt. Completion of the project is anticipated by the end of September.

“In order to preserve the integrity of the new surface on the portion of Frontier Parkway being improved, and to ensure the longevity of the improvements, the City of Celina and the Town of Prosper have agreed to set limits on both the type of vehicles and speed allowed on the new stretch,” he added.

The Public Works Departments of both municipalities are collaborating on developing a set of regulations governing the use of the affected roadway. Because of the destructive nature of heavy trucks and the stress on the pavement as a result of vehicles driven at higher speeds, both of these issues are being addressed in the new regulations.

“We’re in agreement with the staff in Celina that oversized industrial trucks larger than a single rear axle will be prohibited from using the roadway, and a speed limit that serves both the traffic flow and preserves the blacktop will be implemented,” he said. The speed limit will be determined after the Town of Prosper conducts a study.

Determinations on these issues are expected by the time the thoroughfare opens.

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More than 2,800 tons of gravel and gravel mix will be added and compacted during the initial phase to a depth of some four inches. Following the tacking coat, which provides a strong and resilient seal with the asphalt, two separate sections of asphalt will be layered in. The first section includes enough Type A asphalt to raise the bed about three inches. The second section of asphalt consists of Type C asphalt, elevating the road bed another two inches. In all, some 14,500 square yards of asphalt will be laid down to ensure strength and durability of the road.

“The contractor will provide construction traffic control during the life of the project, and will make every effort to maintain traffic to all properties during construction,” he added.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”