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**TO:** Timothy Nesbitt, P.E. **DATE:** August 19, 2005  
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**SUBJECT:** SH 190 Transportation Study – The East Branch  
Public Survey Results

A survey was developed to help gauge public opinion and project understanding of the SH 190 Transportation Study – The East Branch. The survey was posted on the website in August 2004 and sent to over 18,000 persons in the study area in July 2005 as part of the notification for the Public Scoping Meeting. As of August 18, 2005, 855 completed surveys were returned; 783 via the mail and 72 via the website. The following is a summary of responses received.

**Question 1. What roadway do you most commonly travel on a daily basis?**

Responses 1.

303 responses - IH 635	4 responses - US 75
300 responses - US 80	4 responses - East Fork
273 responses - Belt Line Road	4 responses - Military
241 responses - IH 30	4 responses - East Glen
194 responses - Bobtown Road/Collins Road	3 responses - Pioneer
94 responses - IH 20	3 responses - Town East
76 responses - Scyene Road	3 responses - Bruton
16 responses - US 175	3 responses - Buckner/Northwest Highway
14 responses - Rowlett Road	2 responses - Galloway
14 responses - Lawson Road	2 responses - Main
9 responses - SH 190	2 responses - Quail
6 responses - Cartwright Road	2 responses - Liberty Grove
6 responses - Tripp	1 response - Davis
5 responses - Lyons	1 response - Broadway
5 responses - Clay	1 response - SH 66

**Question 2. How would you rate current day-to-day travel conditions as far as congestion levels and number of travel lanes provided in your area?**

Responses 2.

54 responses or 6.3% of responses - Unacceptable  
240 responses or 28.2% of responses - Poor  
355 responses or 41.4% of responses - Adequate  
148 responses or 17.4% of responses - Good  
54 responses or 6.3% of responses - Excellent

**Question 3. According to the 2000 Census, the 10-county Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex has over 5.1 million residents. By 2030, it has been projected that over 9.1 million people will live here. Below is a table showing the change in population within the IH 30/IH 20 study area:**

City/Town	1970	1980	1990	2000	Estimated 2030
Garland	81,437	138,857	180,650	215,768	241,767
Sunnyvale	995	1,404	2,228	2,693	11,554
Mesquite	55,131	67,053	101,484	124,523	157,259
Heath	520	1,459	2,108	4,149	17,669
Balch Springs	10,464	13,746	17,406	19,375	34,247
Forney	1,745	2,483	4,070	5,588	43,825
Rockwall	3,121	5,939	10,486	17,976	53,265

Source: 1970 through 2000 data from US Census Bureau. Projected 2030 data from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

**Based on this information and recognizing that local cities/towns are pursuing more residential and business development, do you think the current roadway system(s) in the area can adequately accommodate projected (future) increases in both population and drivers?**

Response 3:

59 responses or 7.1% of responses - Yes

776 responses or 92.9% of responses - No

**3a. If "NO," what type of transportation improvements would you prefer, knowing there could be community impacts associated with each improvement? Check all that apply.**

Response 3a:

North-South Improvements

438 responses - Add lanes to Bobtown Road/Collins Road

272 responses - Bus Service (this would require local cities/towns to join DART or forming a transit agency)

253 responses - New tollway

226 responses - Add lanes to Belt Line Road

220 responses - New arterial parkway (similar to Oates Road near Audubon Park)

East-West Improvements

272 responses - Add lanes to IH 30

558 responses - Add lanes to US 80

124 responses - Add lanes to IH 20

148 responses - Add lanes to Scyene Road

202 responses - Adding High Occupancy Vehicle lanes

253 responses - Bus Service (this would require local cities/towns to join DART or forming a transit agency)

Other Responses:

- Eliminate Rowlett Road
- Adequate except IH 30
- Don't tear down any homes. We fought this 15 years ago
- Non-evasive doesn't seem likely to protect the integrity of communities. Non-invasive would. Non-invasive would. What exactly does this description mean? Is it intentionally confusing & easily misread?
- We need DART in Mesquite & surrounding cities.

- Add lanes to IH 20 - make it over Trinity River to I 80. Need east/west roads over the river if I80 is backed up.
- Make two lanes on IH 30 E/S specifically for large trucks.
- Adequate - Travel off peak hours
- New tollway - extension of 190
- East-West fine as it
- Do away with HOV lanes. It is not fair for 100% tax payers.
- Adequate - occasionally / Tollway - NO!
- We do not want 190 anywhere in Sunnyvale!
- Adequate - No, Not sure
- Evasive - invasive? Build your damn road somewhere else!
- North/South bus service - no way! East/West bus service - no way!
- Adding HOV lanes - No-No-No
- I-20W, 635S + 175 E&W Dangerous
- US 80 (Poor) Lawson Rd (Adequate) IH 20 (Excellent)
- North-South Improvements - No Buses East-West Improvements - No Buses
- Business in Rowlett; also Quinlan. Put new road along Collins Blvd.
- Add to 635/I20
- North-South: Bus Service - DART light rail East-West: DART light rail
- Poor: into Dallas Good: out of Dallas County; North-South: prefer rail; East-West: prefer rail
- Future: Yes with new loop east of Lake Ray Hubbard - Features rating: (5) A far eastern Rockwall Co. alignment
- More off lanes that are 2 lane instead of one lane!
- Census: This should include Rowlett if Rockwall is.
- Adequate: unsure
- Add lanes to IH 635
- More lanes for US80 needed!
- North-South: Bus service: No way East-West: Buss service: No way
- North-South: Bus Service - light rail East-West: light rail
- North-South Improvements - No Buses East-West Improvements - No Buses - Wider median: takes too much land - 75182 should have been added to this survey
- North-South: New tollway \*(connect G. Bush to Hwy 80!!! - preferably near Belt Line)
- What about railway? We have a railway that goes to downtown (think about it)
- HOV: NO - waste of \$
- Future? Unacceptable on Collins/ Adequate on 20 and Belt Line
- Add lanes to 635
- Question 4: Don't understand your terminology?
- Re Question 4/Item 1: or further east
- North-South: None acceptable East-West: None acceptable
- No bus - only train
- North-South: Bus service - NO
- Re Question 4/Item 1: no one goes out that far - Collins would be better to access 190
- Re Question 4/Item 1: way east - by the lake or over the lake
- North-South: Bus service: No way East-West: Bus service: No way - Add lanes to LBJ
- Re: Question 4: Maybe add a road following Ray Hubbard Creek
- Build 190 ASAP!

- Since Mesquite & Garland want 90 thru their communities we need more mass transit such as DART trains
- Re: Arterial parkway - depends on location
- North-South Improvements - Do not know
- North-South Improvements - No DART East-West Improvements - No DART
- Current Condition: Good but after Bass Pro Shop opens they'll be unacceptable
- Collins Rd - Poor
- This proposal is unneeded and will blight Mesquite. NO ROAD!
- Re Question 4/Item 1: - On County line
- North-South Improvements - South
- East-West Improvements - Light rail through downtown Mesquite
- Current condition: Barely adequate - I travel at 4pm and 12:30pm
- North-South Improvements - Bus Service NO-NO-NO-NO-NO-NO-NO East-West: Bus service: NO-NO-NO-NO-NO-NO
- Re Question 4/Wider Medians - or barriers
- North-South Improvements - Bobtown Road/Collins Road - Straighten it out
- North-South: Train Service East-West: Train Service
- Re Question 4/Please remember schools and that kids walk - check with Mesquite bus policy.
- North-South Improvements - Add lanes to Bobtown/Collins Road - Huge need
- North-South Improvements - No new tollway. Beltway needs to be further east for growth
- Freeway that runs from US 80 to IH 30
- East-West Improvements: Add lanes to US 80 @ Trinity River bridges - I live very close to the route! (30 years) I don't want to have to move nor listen to the noise.

**4. If a new north-south roadway were proposed to accommodate future traffic, what would you think are the most important features/aspects that should be included/considered, understanding most improvements require right-of-way (property) to do so? Rate each using a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being most important.**

Response 4:

Rating Scale	Far eastern Dallas County, Lawson Rd route/ alignment	A non-evasive route protecting the integrity of communities	A route/ alignment enjoying the benefits of development and commercialization	Numerous local access locations	Wider median	Landscaping buffers	Community gateways or aesthetic effects	Bicycle/ pedestrian facilities
1	87	53	116	96	158	99	117	208
2	58	38	82	102	134	85	119	115
3	90	92	168	163	132	143	135	84
4	100	101	122	138	76	123	110	83
5	326	425	131	115	80	195	140	106
<i>Total Responses</i>	661	709	619	614	580	645	621	596

**5. What is your home zip code?**

Response 5:

276 responses - 75181	2 responses - 75089	1 response - 75142
168 responses - 75043	2 responses - 75098	1 response - 75159
184 responses - 75149	2 responses - 75216	1 response - 75181
137 responses - 75182	2 responses - 75217	1 response - 75192
23 responses - 75180	2 responses - 75253	1 response - 75205
18 responses - 75150	1 response - 75030	1 response - 75206
6 responses - 75126	1 response - 75040	1 response - 75244
3 responses - 75088	1 response - 75042	1 response - 79043
3 responses - 75243	1 response - 75044	
2 responses - 75032	1 response - 75080	

**6. If you work outside your home, what is the zip code at your place of employment?**

Response 6:

65 responses - 75149	5 responses - 75252	2 responses - 75189
57 responses - 75150	5 responses - 75226	2 responses - 75201
54 responses - 75201	5 responses - 75217	2 responses - 75205
38 responses - 75202	5 responses - 75115	2 responses - 75212
19 responses - 75246	5 responses - 75082	2 responses - 75218
17 responses - 75228	5 responses - 75006	2 responses - 75220
17 responses - 75043	4 responses - 75266	2 responses - 75221
16 responses - 75042	4 responses - 75260	2 responses - 75223
15 responses - 75243	4 responses - 75251	2 responses - 75237
14 responses - 75240	4 responses - 75215	2 responses - 75242
14 responses - 75207	4 responses - 75209	2 responses - 75253
12 responses - 75227	4 responses - 75203	2 responses - 75390
12 responses - 75182	4 responses - 75159	1 response - 74247
12 responses - 75181	4 responses - 75041	1 response - 75007
12 responses - 75040	3 responses - 75019	1 response - 75013
11 responses - 75235	3 responses - 75034	1 response - 75016
11 responses - 75080	3 responses - 75039	1 response - 75023
10 responses - 75238	3 responses - 75050	1 response - 75027
10 responses - 75081	3 responses - 75062	1 response - 75049
9 responses - 75231	3 responses - 75074	1 response - 75052
9 responses - 75230	3 responses - 75208	1 response - 75057
9 responses - 75180	3 responses - 75225	1 response - 75067
9 responses - 75063	3 responses - 75229	1 response - 75070
8 responses - 75219	3 responses - 75241	1 response - 75071
8 responses - 75204	3 responses - 75244	1 response - 75083
8 responses - 75024	3 responses - 75287	1 response - 75089
7 responses - 75214	2 responses - 75002	1 response - 75099
7 responses - 75087	2 responses - 75025	1 response - 75134
7 responses - 75075	2 responses - 75032	1 response - 75143
6 responses - 75247	2 responses - 75044	1 response - 75149
6 responses - 75206	2 responses - 75048	1 response - 75151
6 responses - 75126	2 responses - 75061	1 response - 75155
6 responses - 75093	2 responses - 75069	1 response - 75183
6 responses - 75088	2 responses - 75125	1 response - 75187
6 responses - 75038	2 responses - 75141	1 response - 75204
6 responses - 75001	2 responses - 75160	1 response - 75211

1 response - 75233  
1 response - 75245  
1 response - 75254  
1 response - 75275  
1 response - 75474

1 response - 76001  
1 response - 76011  
1 response - 76015  
1 response - 76017  
1 response - 76102

1 response - 76106  
1 response - 76155  
1 response - 76177  
1 response - 77032

Other responses:

- All D/DFW
- All of above
- All over
- Collin Co.
- Contractor
- Dif daily
- Irving
- Multiple zips
- Temporary
- Town East Mall
- Travel
- Unknown
- Varies
- Varies cons

**7. How long have you lived in the South Garland/Sunnyvale/Mesquite area?**

Response 7:

20 responses or 2.4% of responses - under 1 year  
107 responses or 12.7% of responses - 1-5 years  
253 responses or 30.1% of responses - 6-15 years  
461 responses or 54.8% of responses - More than 15 years