

ACCESS MANAGEMENT BY MUNICIPALITIES

LUFKIN DISTRICT EXPERIENCE

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BACKGROUND

- TXDOT ACCESS MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2003
- EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2004
- DISTRICT WRITTEN PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED AUGUST 2004

LUFKIN DISTRICT PROCEDURES

- DRIVEWAY PERMIT REQUESTS BEGIN AT THE MAINTENANCE OFFICES
- DOCUMENTATION AND PHOTOS SENT TO AREA ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL
- MAJORITY OF DEVIATIONS SENT TO DISTRICT DRIVEWAY DEVIATION COMMITTEE

DISTRICT DRIVEWAY DEVIATION COMMITTEE

- DIRECTOR OF TP&D
- DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE
- DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
OPERATIONS
- RESPONSIBLE AREA ENGINEER

COORDINATION & APPEALS

- MEET WITH PROPERTY OWNER TO TRY AND REACH A SOLUTION
- IF SOLUTION CAN'T BE REACHED, DEVIATIONS ELEVATED TO DISTRICT ENGINEER
- IF DISTRICT ENGINEER AGREES WITH DEVIATION COMMITTEE, PROPERTY OWNER CAN APPEAL DECISION TO AUSTIN
- APPEAL PACKAGE SENT TO DESIGN DIVISION FOR FINAL DECISION

CITY OF NACOGDOCHES

- TXDOT MET WITH CITY PERSONNEL IN JULY 2004 TO EXPLAIN NEW GUIDELINES AND THE BENEFITS OF ACCESS MANAGEMENT
- PREVIOUSLY LOCAL TXDOT OFFICE HAD DEFERRED DRIVEWAY PERMITS TO THE CITY

CITY OF NACOGDOCHES

- MARCH 2005 – DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION TO NEW DOCTOR'S OFFICE STOPPED AND ADVISED A PERMIT WAS NEEDED
- DISTRICT DEVIATION COMMITTEE DENIED DRIVEWAY DUE TO REASONABLE ACCESS FROM ADJOINING CITY STREET

CITY OF NACOGDOCHES

- DOCTOR APPEALED DISTRICT DECISION TO AUSTIN
- MAY 2005 - AUSTIN CONCURRED WITH DISTRICT
- DOCTOR ADVISED BY LUFKIN DISTRICT TO REMOVE PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED DRIVEWAY BY JUNE 1

CITY OF NACOGDOCHES

- DISTRICT ENGINEER AND AREA ENGINEER MEET WITH PROPERTY OWNER, GIVEN UNTIL JUNE 30TH TO COMPLY
- JUNE 2005 - CITY MANAGER MET WITH DESIGN DIVISION PERSONNEL
- AUGUST 2005 – CITY PASSES ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC STREET ACCESS; CITY REQUESTS AND IS GRANTED PERMITTING AUTHORITY

CITY OF LUFKIN

- JANUARY 2005 –TXDOT ACCESS MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION TO LOCAL TSPE/ASCE SECTIONS
- CITY HAD APPROVED ACCESS LOCATIONS PRIOR TO JANUARY 2004 WITH TXDOT INPUT

CITY OF LUFKIN

- DECEMBER 2005 - LUFKIN DIALYSIS CENTER, ACCESS DENIED TO LP 287, DID NOT APPEAL
- NO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WORKING WITH CITY BUT CITY PASSED AN ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC STREET ACCESS IN LATE DECEMBER 2005
- JANUARY 2006 – CITY REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED PERMITTING AUTHORITY

RESULTS

- LESS COORDINATION WITH CITIES REGARDING NEW DEVELOPMENT
- MORE EXPENSE TO DEVELOPERS TO PERFORM TRAFFIC STUDIES
- TXDOT NOT RECEIVING DRIVEWAY PERMITS FROM EITHER CITY
- POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE SAFETY AND CONGESTION PROBLEMS

RESULTS

- SMALLER CITIES – MOST LOCAL ENGINEERING FIRMS, DEVELOPERS AND BUSINESSES KNOW TXDOT PERSONNEL
- LESS WORK FOR MAINTENANCE SECTIONS AND AREA ENGINEERS
- LESS WORK FOR DISTRICT DEVIATION COMMITTEE

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QUESTIONS?

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