Hazardous Materials Transportation Route Designation Report

City of Paris, Texas

Submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation

December 2018

I. Introduction

The transport of hazardous materials through densely populated areas presents potential dangers and unintended consequences to a community. These dangers can pose great risk unless the community is prepared for action. Limiting public exposure, planning proper emergency response, implementing containment methods, and organizing clean up after an unfortunate event involving hazardous materials is crucial to minimizing these risks.

In an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to hazardous materials resulting from a crash involving trucks carrying Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM), the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implemented regulations in 1985 that limit the through-routing movement of commercial vehicles carrying non-radioactive materials classified as hazardous, such as petrochemicals, gases, and corrosive substances, to designated highways or routes. The regulation requires each state to designate NRHM routes within their jurisdictions. In Texas, the Department of Transportation delegates the authority to complete the FHWA prescribed process of designating specific highways as NRHM routes to local municipalities who also have the legal authority to enforce the use of these routes through municipal ordinances.

Therefore, the City of Paris, Texas (City), proposes a NRHM route designation along Loop 286 for all trucks carrying hazardous materials through its city limits. The purpose of this report is to summarize the steps taken in consideration of this proposal and to justify the designation of Loop 286 as the local NRHM route.

II. Hazardous Materials Definition

Hazardous material means a substance or material that the Secretary of Transportation has determined is capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, and has been designated as hazardous under Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 CFR, Subtitle III, Chpt. 51, Sec. 5103) (including an explosive, radioactive material, infectious substance, flammable or combustible liquid, solid, or gas, toxic, oxidizing, or corrosive material, and compressed gas) . The term includes hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, marine pollutants, elevated temperature materials, materials designated as hazardous in the Hazardous Materials Table (49 CFR, Subtitle B, Chpt. 1, Subchpt. A, Part 172.101, pages 132-300), and materials that meet the defining criteria for hazard classes and divisions in part (49 CFR, Subtitle B, Chpt. 1, Subchpt. A, Part 173.2). If these substances are released or misused they can cause death, serious injury, long lasting health effects, or damage to structures and other properties as well as to the environment.

Hazardous materials sites are those sites required under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations to maintain material safety data sheets (MSDSs) for hazardous chemicals stored or used in the work place and must submit a Tier II report to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

III. Background to Designation Proposal

Since 2014, the City has planned infrastructure improvements throughout its downtown historic district and other areas of town in order to replace aging infrastructure, reduce maintenance cost, and to promote redevelopment and revitalization in the community. The plans include a number of recommended changes to on-system business routes through the center of town in an effort to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and merchants alike by reducing traffic speeds and creating pedestrian friendly environments that attract new businesses.

A major issue affecting the transformation of the downtown central area district is the high volume of trucks traveling through town. While Paris has regulations prohibiting trucks from traveling through town without a local destination, the signage along Loop 286 and approaching highways is less than effective. Once inside the loop there is not a good route to turn around, leaving truck drivers with limited options, and most continue through town and the central area district. While large trucks can be a nuisance in an entertainment district, a truck carrying hazardous cargo puts the entire downtown area at risk to contamination, explosions, and other factors posed by NRHM cargo. In working with the local TxDOT offices to improve signage along Loop 286 and approaching highways, the City proposes the NRHM route designation so that its residential districts and historic areas are protected from the increased risk of exposure by a traffic related incident with hazardous cargo.

IV. Process

The FHWA process requires the jurisdiction seeking a NRHM route designation to comply with 49 CFR Section 397, which calls for the following criteria to be addressed: *Population density, type of highway, types & quantities of NRHM, emergency response capabilities, results of consultation, continuous routes, exposure risks, alternate routes, effects on commerce, delays in transportation, climate conditions, congestion & accident history.* The following sections will elaborate on these requirements.

A. Study Area

The study area includes the City of Paris, Texas, with consideration of surrounding jurisdictions including Lamar County, Red River County, Fannin County, Delta County, and the Choctaw County in Oklahoma. Although the study considers these jurisdictions, priority is given to the City. This is because the Texas Administrative Code prescribes the authority to designate and enforce NRHM routes through municipal ordinances within incorporated areas, where counties do not have such authority in unincorporated areas.

B. Route Alternatives

Option 1 – Loop 286 (Proposed Designation)

The proposed route designation is for the entire length of Loop 286 in Paris, Tx. The loop is a continuous bypass route, and most suitable for traveling through Paris when there is no local destination. It also provides direct access to the hospital and other emergency medical service providers.

Figure A: Option 1 – Loop 286 Route Designation

Option 2 – No Designation (Existing Condition)

This "do nothing" option prevents any improvements to signage and routing for through trucks and NRHM cargo, allowing these vehicles to enter and travel through the middle of town, increasing exposure to residential and populated areas.

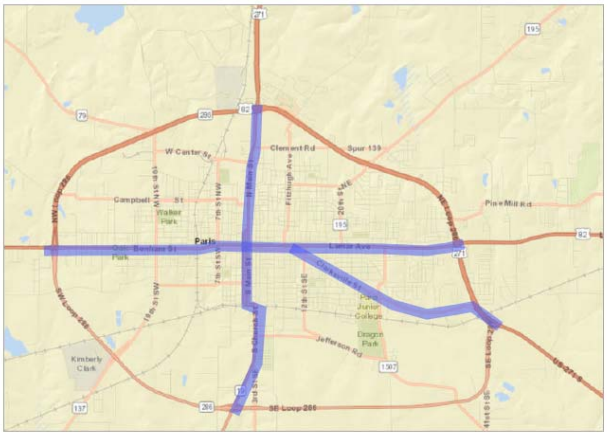


Figure B: Option 2 – Existing Condition

C. Roadway Network

The City has a network of roadways comprised of highways, arterials, collectors and local streets. There are multiple state highway routes passing through the City, including: US 82, US 271, SH 24, FM 195, FM 137, FM 79, and bypass Loop 286. Most of the highways leading into Paris have business routes that send traffic to and through the Downtown Central Area/Historic Districts, passing through areas where people live, work and play.

In the 1960's, the Texas Department of Transportation built the bypass highway known as Loop 286. It provides continuous access to all highways entering the city while generally avoiding residential areas. The loop is approximately 2.5 miles from the center of town in all directions. The north loop (extending north of US 82) is a four-lane divided highway with an average speed limit of 60 mph. All but one intersection is grade separated, providing for efficient flow of traffic. The north loop provides access through industrial, commercial, and retail districts. The south loop, from US 82 West to SH 24 is a five-lane undivided highway with speed limit of 70 mph, and passes through industrial and commercial districts. The remainder of the south loop is two-lane undivided arterial. Figure C shows the City's existing roadway network and city limits, while Figure D identifies the arterial roadways maintained by TxDOT as part of the municipal maintenance agreement.

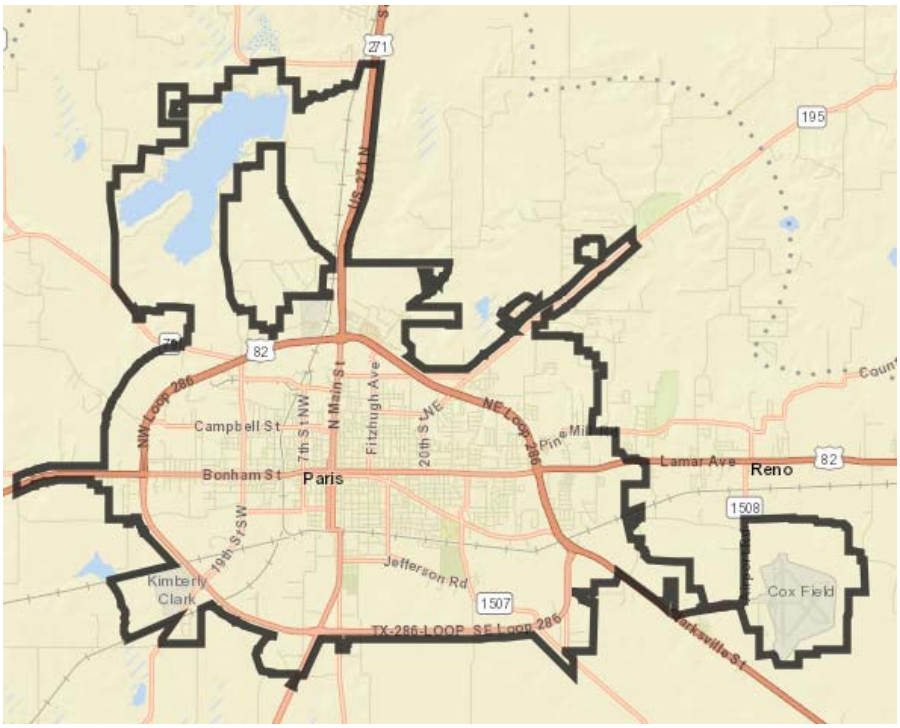


Figure C: City of Paris Roadway Network and City Limits

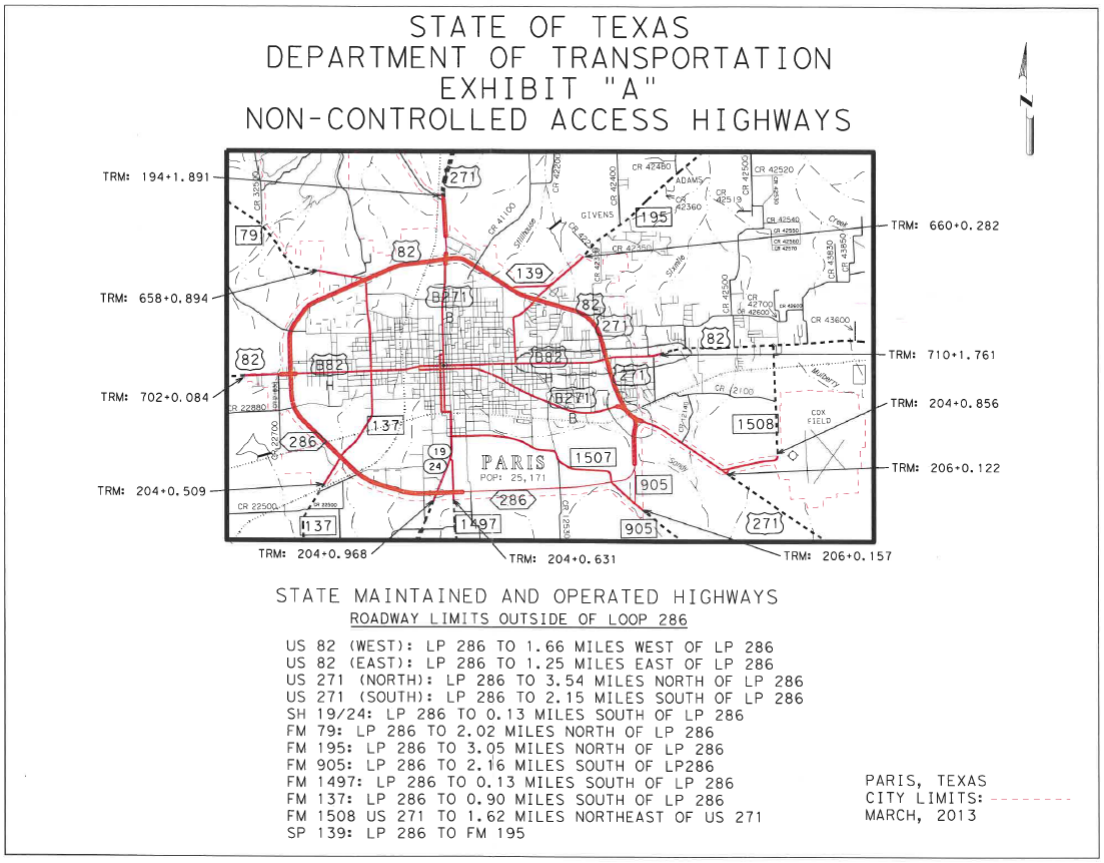


Figure D: TxDOT Designated Routes in the City of Paris

The City's master thoroughfare plan (MTP) identifies Loop 286 as a principal arterial. TxDOT is currently performing a detailed traffic study to consider mobility improvements along NE Loop 286 while maintaining local access to the City's developable properties using frontage or service roads. This would make the NE Loop 286 a controlled access highway through the commercial district. If approved and constructed, this project would further enhance the safety and containment of NRHM cargo traveling through the area.

D. Population

Paris is the county seat of Lamar County and has a population of roughly 25,000 residents within its city limits, though the daytime population is significantly higher due to the draw of local commerce and employment opportunities. The population of Lamar County is over 49,000, much of which contributes to the increased traffic and population during daytime hours in Paris. Commercial activities are concentrated to the NE Loop 286 corridor, as well as B US 82 and B US 271 North. Figure B shows the current zoning district map for Paris. The yellow and tan shapes indicate residential districts, while red and purple represent commercial and industrial uses, respectively. Green shapes are agricultural or undeveloped properties.

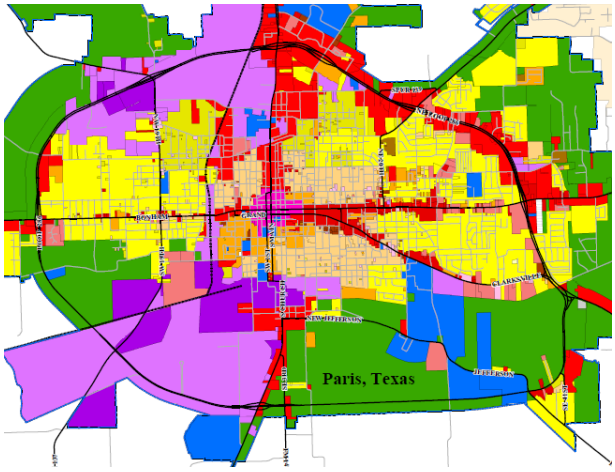


Figure E: City of Paris Zoning District Map

As depicted in the zoning map, Loop 286 provides a continuous route around town and adjacent to land uses that are better equipped to withstand exposure to NRHM in the case of a spill or incident, while business routes through the center of town leave Paris residents at risk for exposure with less effective options for evacuation.

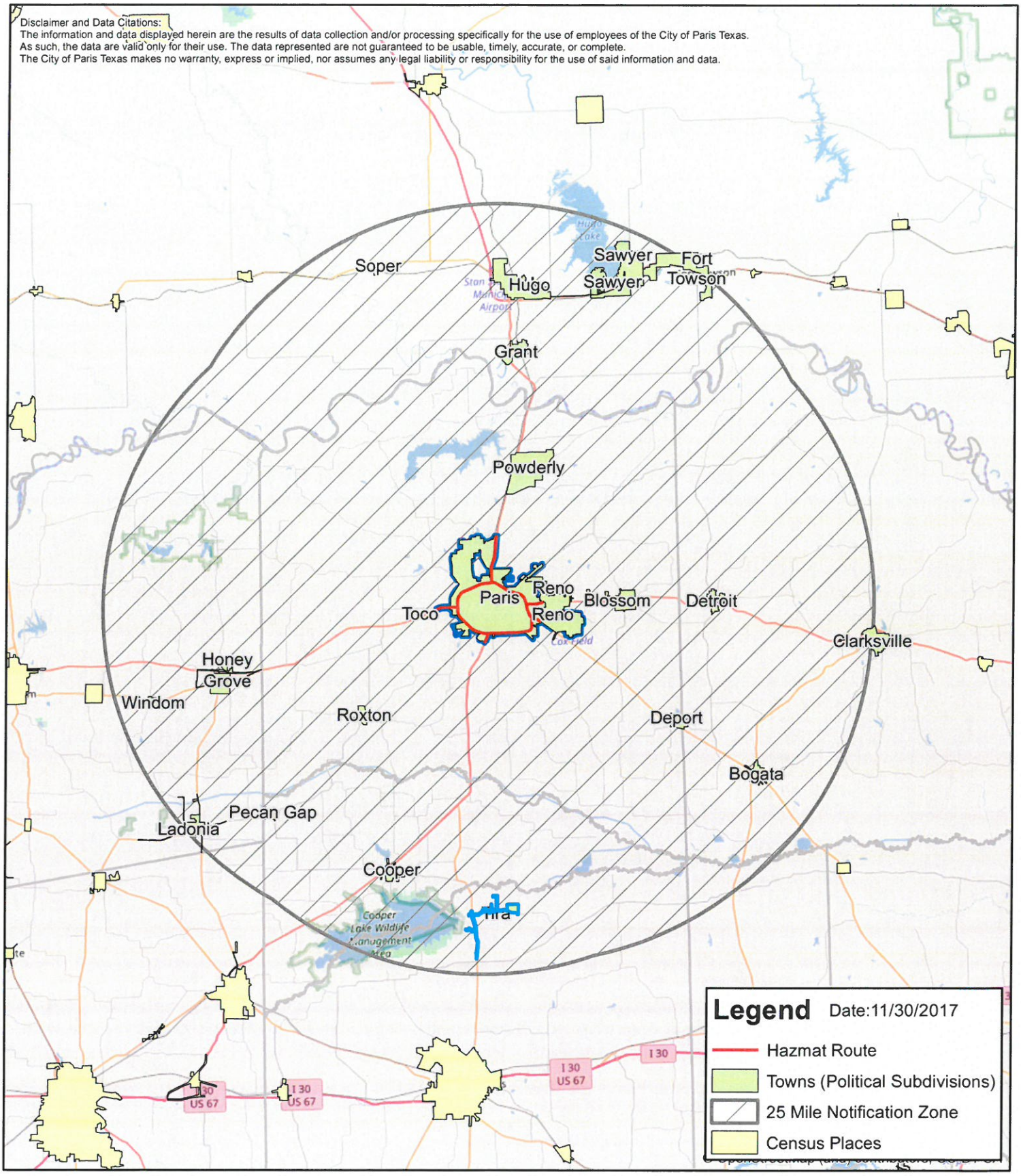
E. Emergency Response Capabilities

The City currently operates three fire stations and three emergency medical service stations within the city limits. Medical services are provided by a single hospital located on the north Loop 286, and a future hospital development is proposed along southeast Loop 286. When responding to emergencies, the travel time from local city streets to hospitals and care centers is only slightly increased when traveling inside the loop due to slower speeds, signalized intersections, added congestion, and increased access points.

For example, the average travel time from West US 82 to East US 82 traveling through town at average speed of 35 mph is 9 minutes (does not include delay for traffic signals), whereas the travel time along Loop 286 is 7 minutes. Designation of Loop 286 as a NRHM would not have an adverse impact to emergency response times, as travel times are improved along the loop.

F. Consultation and Public Input

In the summer of 2017, the City consulted with local TxDOT leaders who advised of the process for obtaining the NRHM designation. Notifications were sent to all jurisdictions within a 25 mile radius advising of the route proposal and inviting comments or concerns. Figure F (next page) is a map of jurisdictions. No comments or feedback were received from any jurisdiction.



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City of Paris, Lamar County Texas

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On June 11, 2018, a public hearing was held by the City Council to receive public input regarding the route designation. Again no comments were received. Copies of the legal notice and meeting minutes are provided for reference in Appendix A.

Having received no indication of opposition from residents of Paris or the surrounding jurisdictions, the City is prepared to proceed with the formal request for NRHM route designation for Loop 286.

V. Recommended Action

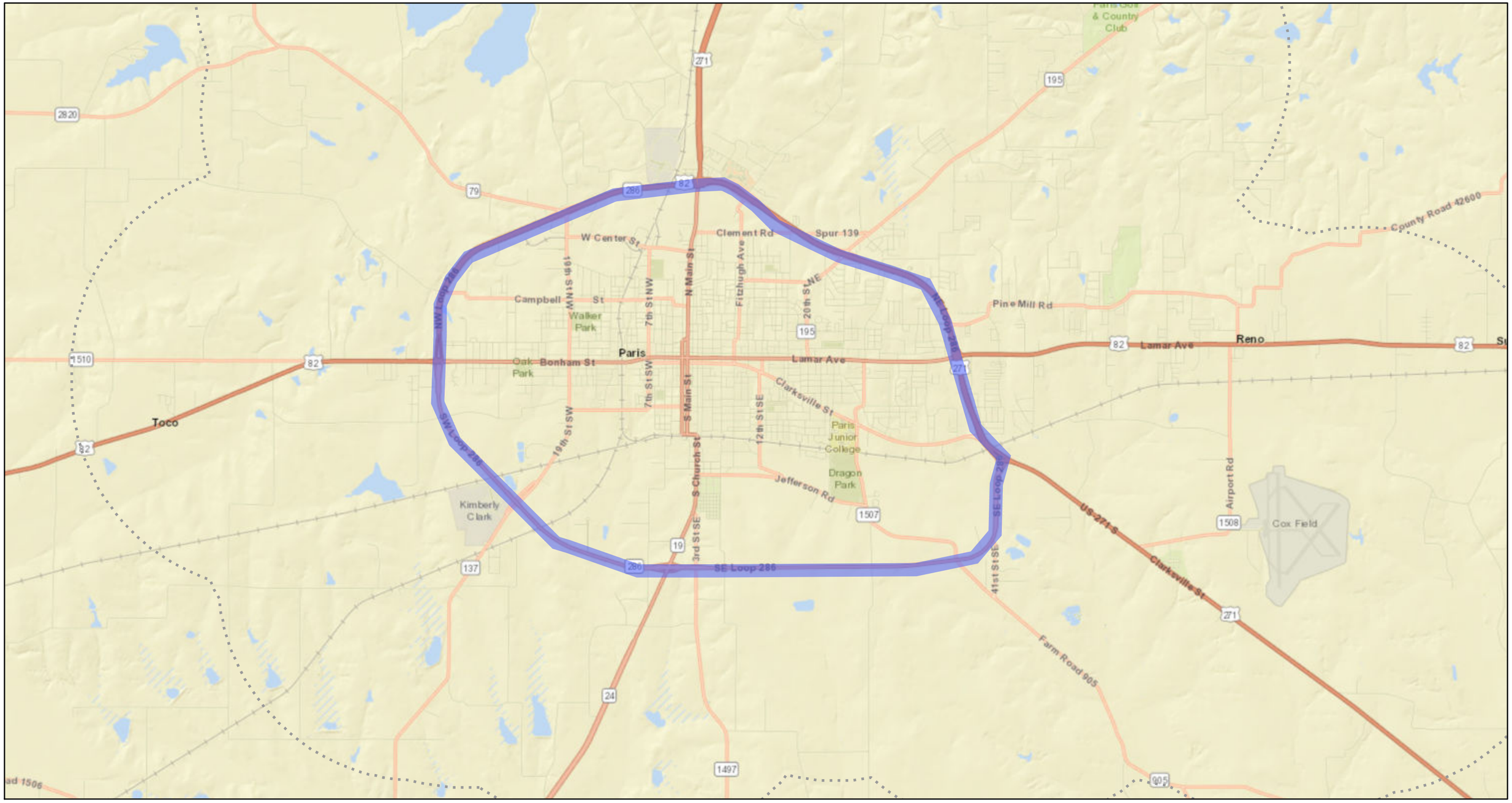
There is a significant public safety threat created by the transport of hazardous material and wastes through the residential and central area historic districts in Paris, Tx. Loop 286 offers a solution to this concern, but must be formally designated as the NRHM route before proper signage and enforcement can be implemented. The loop provides ideal access, travel times, design elements, containment opportunities, emergency response ability and safe transport for hazardous materials through the City of Paris, and its designation as a NRHM cargo route is respectfully requested.

VI. Exhibits/Attachments

A. Proposed Option 1
B. Proposed Option 2
C. TxDOT Controlled Roadways
D. Zoning District Map

1. Notice of route designation proposal (letter, recipient list, and 25 mile radius map)
2. Notice of public hearing
3. Public Hearing minutes
4. Proof of publications with copy

NRHM ROUTE DESIGNATION - OPTION 1: LOOP 286



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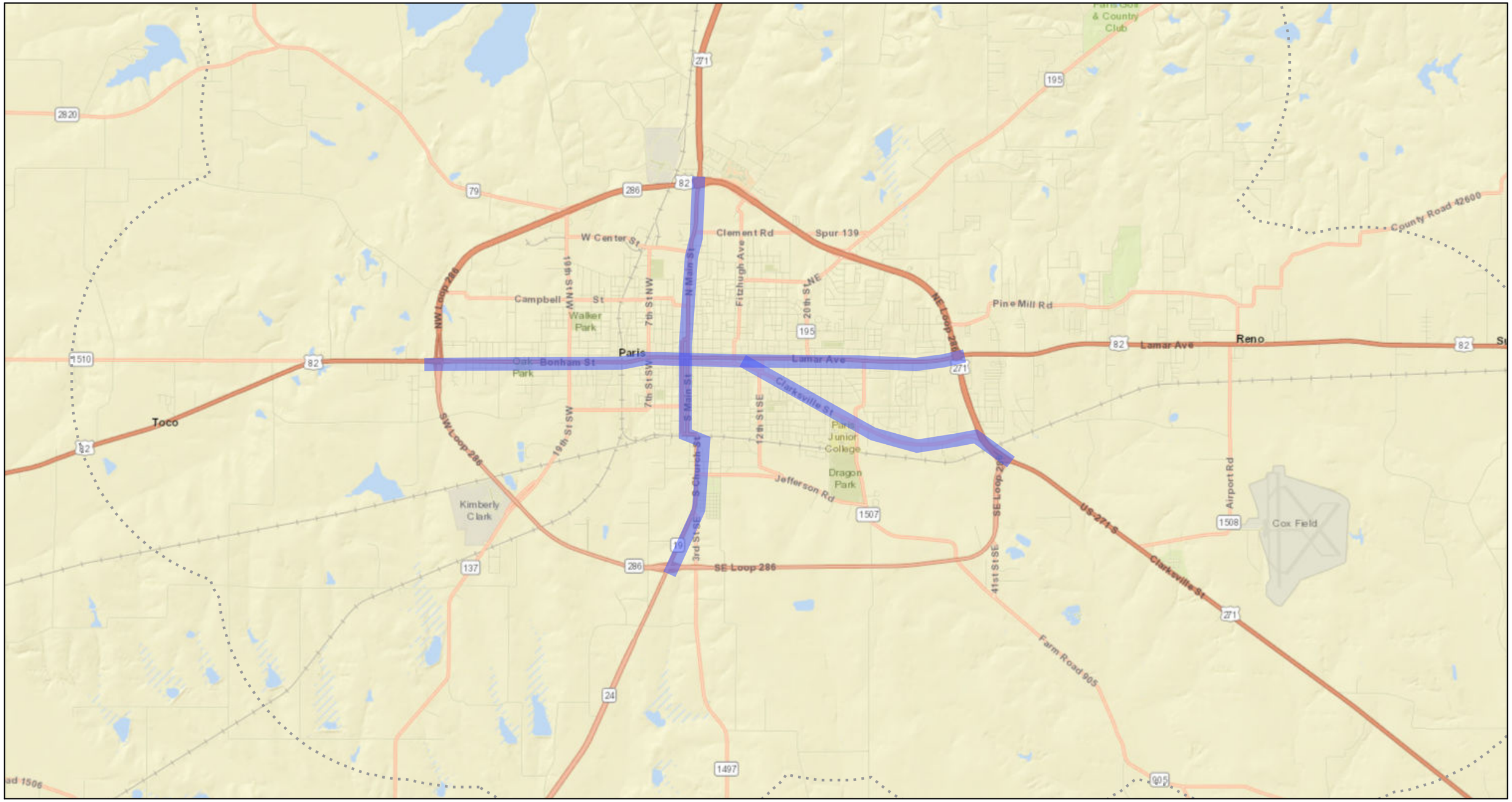

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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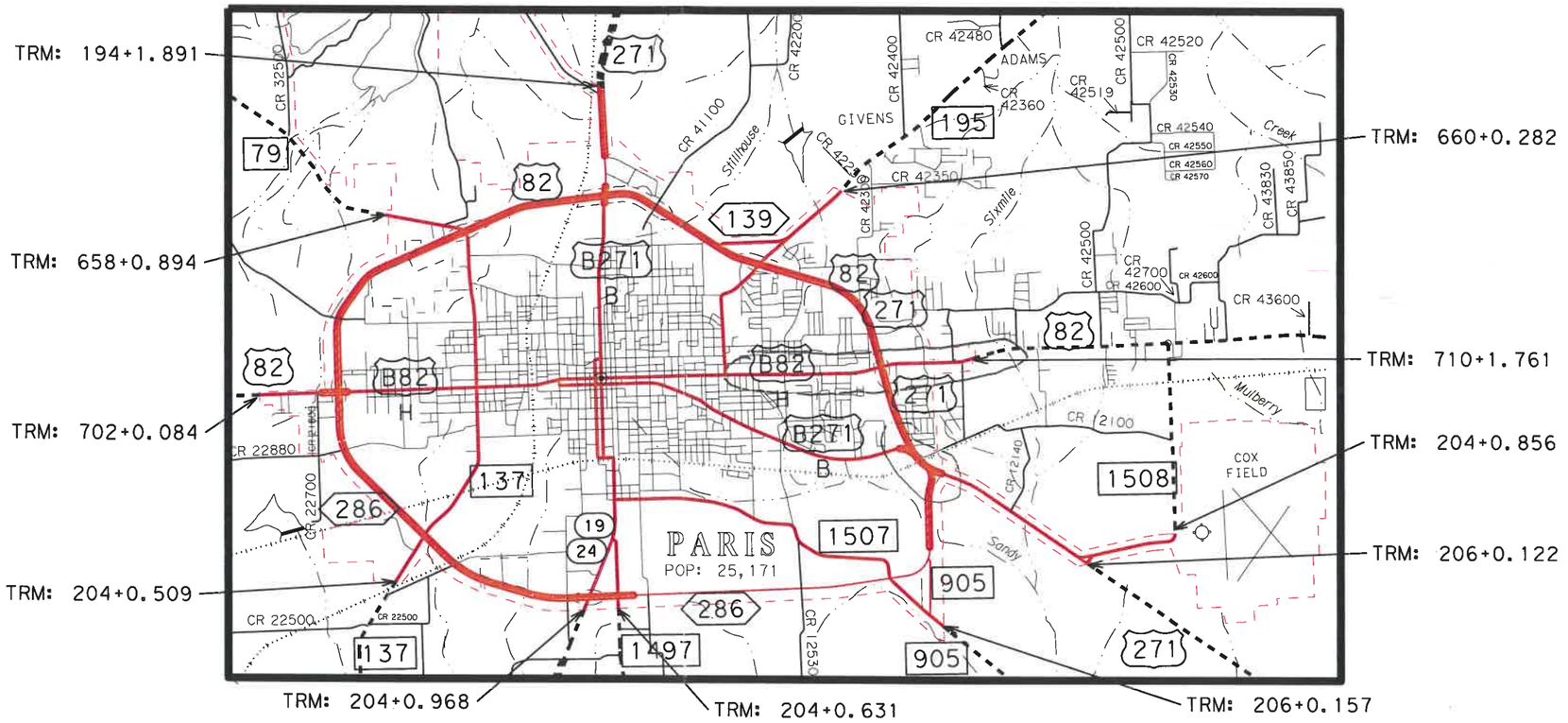
NON-CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAYS



STATE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED HIGHWAYS

ROADWAY LIMITS OUTSIDE OF LOOP 286

US 82 (WEST): LP 286 TO 1.66 MILES WEST OF LP 286
US 82 (EAST): LP 286 TO 1.25 MILES EAST OF LP 286
US 271 (NORTH): LP 286 TO 3.54 MILES NORTH OF LP 286
US 271 (SOUTH): LP 286 TO 2.15 MILES SOUTH OF LP 286
SH 19/24: LP 286 TO 0.13 MILES SOUTH OF LP 286
FM 79: LP 286 TO 2.02 MILES NORTH OF LP 286
FM 195: LP 286 TO 3.05 MILES NORTH OF LP 286
FM 905: LP 286 TO 2.16 MILES SOUTH OF LP286
FM 1497: LP 286 TO 0.13 MILES SOUTH OF LP 286
FM 137: LP 286 TO 0.90 MILES SOUTH OF LP 286
FM 1508 US 271 TO 1.62 MILES NORTHEAST OF US 271
SP 139: LP 286 TO FM 195

PARIS, TEXAS
CITY LIMITS: - - - - - - - -
MARCH, 2013

Service Layer Credits:

CITY OF PARIS TEXAS - Planning & Development GIS Data,
LAMAR COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Jan 2018 Imagery
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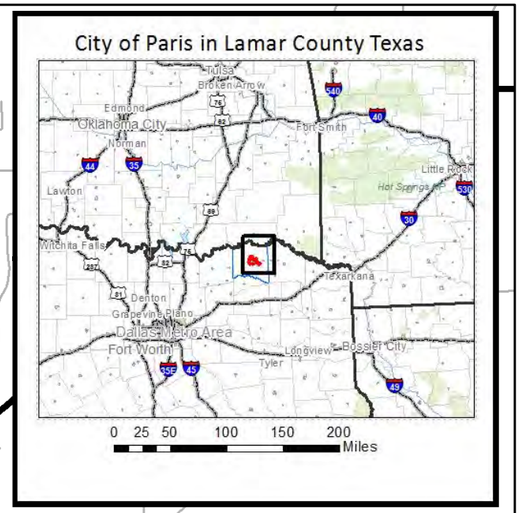

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EXISTING ZONING LAND USE LEGEND

- Municipal Boundary for Paris, Texas
- Lamar County Town - Municipal Boundary
- Water Bodies

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- City or County Roadway
- State Roadway
- Lamar County Operational Railroad

Existing Land Use by Zoning Districts

Zoning District Codes

- Agricultural (A)
- General Retail (GR)
- Commercial (C)
- Office (O)
- Central Area (CA)
- C & LI
- Light Industrial (LI)
- Heavy Industrial (HI)
- One-Family Dwelling No 1 (SF-1)
- One-Family Dwelling No 2 (SF-2)
- One-Family Dwelling No 3 (SF-3)
- Two-Family Dwelling (2F)
- Multi-Family No 1 (MF-1)
- Multi-Family No 2 (MF-2)
- Neighborhood Service (NS)
- Expressway Service Station (ESS)
- Planned Development (PD)
- Public Lands and Institution (PLI)

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PARIS TEXAS

EXISTING ZONING LAND USE PLAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE OCTOBER 2018

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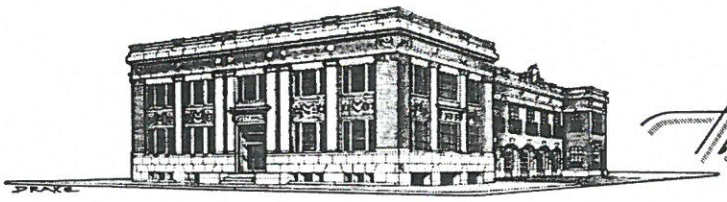


the CITY OF PARIS

April 2, 2018

{Name of Organization}
Attn:
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

RE: LOOP 286 DESIGNATION AS HAZARDOUS CARGO TRUCK ROUTE

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Paris, Lamar County, Texas (City) is working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to designate Loop 286 as a hazardous cargo truck route. The route designation would require that all vehicles carrying hazardous cargo travel through the City of Paris, Texas, via Loop 286 to their intended point of exit, rather than travel on local streets or state business routes through the center of town, which is currently taking place.

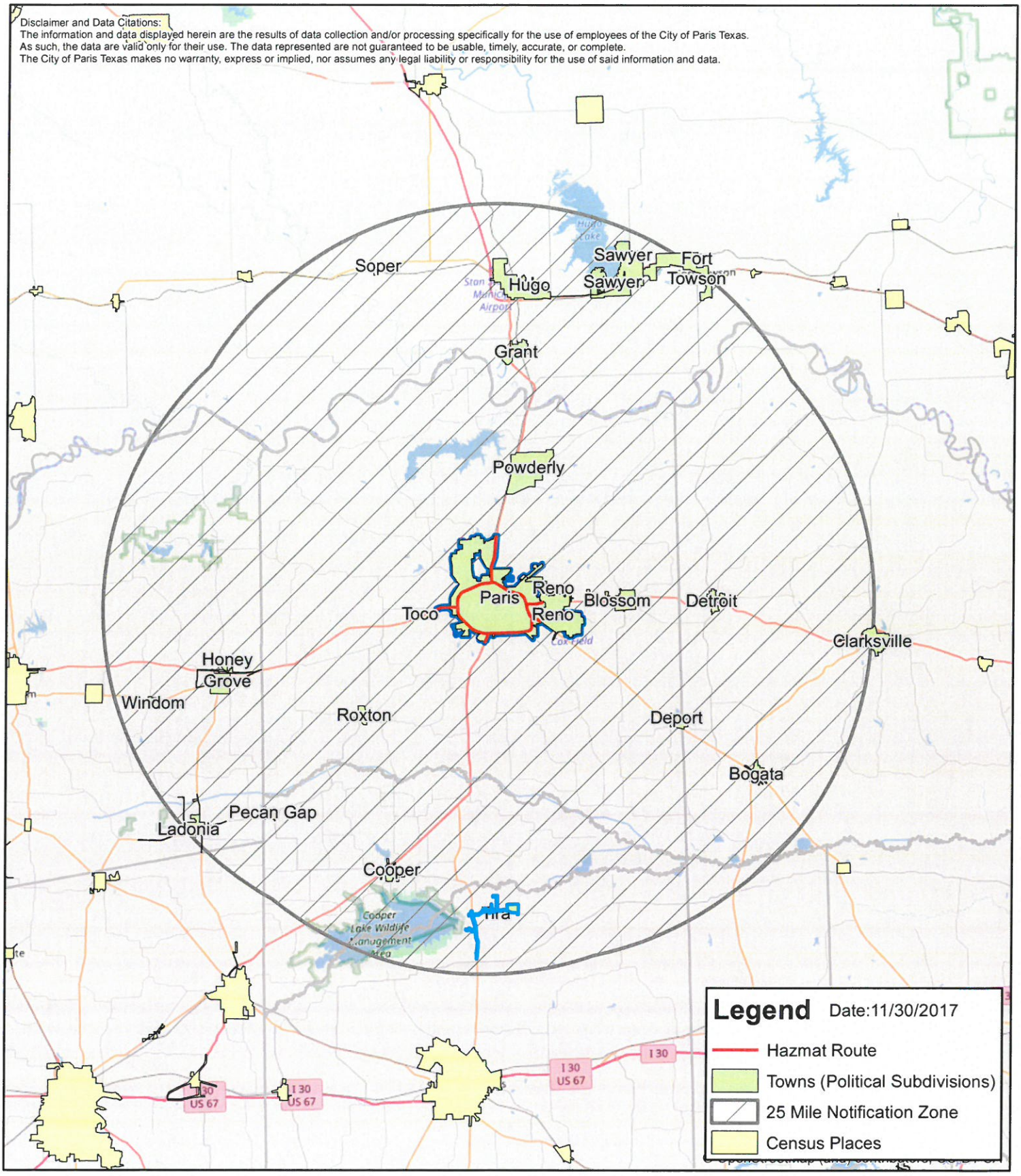
Before a route can be designated by the FHWA, federal regulations require that the City contact political subdivisions within a 25 mile radius to make them aware of the route designation and to receive input regarding the change. Please accept this letter and the attached supporting documentation as notice of our request to designate Loop 286 as a hazardous cargo truck route, to be signed and duly enforced throughout the city limits of Paris, Texas.

Your comments and feedback on this matter are respectfully requested no later than May 15, 2018, to the office of the City Engineer located at 150 1st SE, Paris, Tx 75460.

Respectfully,

Carla Easton,
City Engineer
Cc: City Clerk

P. O. BOX 9037 PARIS, TEXAS 75461-9037 (903) 784-9234 FAX (903) 784-1798



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HUGO ISD
208 N 2ND
HUGO, OK 74743

FORT TOWSON ISD
205 NW 3RD
FORT TOWSON, OK 74735

SAWYER RURAL WATER DISTRICT
DAM ACCESS RD HWY 70
SAWYER, OK 74756

CLARKSVILLE ISD
1500 W MAIN ST
CLARKSVILLE, TX 75426

410 WATER SUPPLY
190 E GARNER
DETROIT, TX 75436

RED RIVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
C/O JUDGE WILLIAMSON
400 N WALNUT
CLARKSVILLE, TX 75426

SOPER ISD
100 ST LOUIS ST
SOPER, OK 74759

GRANT ISD
201 N EVERIDGE ST
GRANT, OK 74738

CHOCTAW NATION
104 ED PERRY RD
HUGO, OK 74743

COOPER ISD
P.O. BOX 478
COOPER, TX 75432

NORTH HOPKINS WATER SUPPLY
9364 HWY 19 N
SULPHER SPRINGS, TX 75482

TEXAS DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY
4200 BONHAM ST
PARIS, TX 75460

NORTH LAMAR ISD
3201 LEWIS LN
PARIS, TX 75462

CHISUM ISD
3250 S CHURCH
PARIS, TX 75462

PRAIRILAND ISD
466 FM 196 S
PATTONVILLE, TX 75468

LAMAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE SUPERVILLE
119 N MAIN
PARIS, TX 75461

CITY OF SUN VALLEY
800 SHADY GROVE RD
PARIS, TX 75462

CITY OF TOCO
2108 WIMBERLY DR
BROOKSTON, TX 75421

PARIS ISD
1920 CLARKSVILLE ST
PARIS, TX 75460

ROXTON ISD
303 DENTON ST
ROXTON, TX 75477

LAMAR COUNTY WATER SUPPLY
184 CR 32180
BROOKSTON, TX 75421

RIVERCREST ISD
4126 US HWY 271 S
BOGATA, TX 75417

RED RIVER COUNTY WATER SUPPLY
1404 E MAIN ST
CLARKSVILLE, TX 75426

CITY OF BLOSSOM
1240 W FRONT ST
BLOSSOM, TX 75416

CITY OF RENO
160 BLACKBURN ST
RENO, TX 75462

CITY OF TIRA
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CITY OF LADONIA
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LADONIA, TX 75449

CITY OF WINDOM
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WINDOM, TX 75492-1027

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GRANT, OK 74738

CITY OF SAWYER
P.O. BOX 9
SAWYER, OK 74756

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DEPORT, TX 75435

CITY OF COOPER
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CITY OF ROXTON
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CITY OF HONEY GROVE
633 N 6TH ST
HONEY GROVE, TX 75446

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CITY OF FORT TOWSON
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FORT TOWSIN, OK 74735

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CLARKSVILLE, TX 75426

CITY OF BOGATA
128 N MAIN ST
BOGATA, TX 75417

CITY OF PECAN GAP
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PECAN GAP, TX 75469-0037

POWDERLY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
100 CR 44112
POWDERLY, TX 75473

CITY OF SOPER
600 MAIN ST
SOPER, OK 74759

Notice of Public Hearing
For Hazardous Cargo Route Designation

The City Council of the City of Paris, Texas will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Chamber, 107 E. Kaufman Street, in Paris, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and concerns of all affected persons and entities with regard to the designation of a Hazardous Cargo Route.

The primary objective of designating a Hazardous Cargo Route is to minimize the potential for incidents and risk of harm to the public, should a truck/vehicle carrying hazardous materials be involved in an incident and the material be released. The designation of a Hazardous Cargo Route will not remove or prohibit all trucks/vehicles carrying hazardous materials from Lamar County roadways.

Proposed Route Description: The route designation would require that all vehicles carrying hazardous cargo travel through the City of Paris, Texas, via Loop 286 to their intended point of exit, rather than travel on local streets or state business routes through the center of town.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PARIS, TEXAS
June 11, 2018

The City Council of the City of Paris met for a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, at the City Council Chamber, 107 E. Kaufman, Paris, Texas.

Present:	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Derrick Hughes
	Council Members:	Renae Stone; Billy Trenado; Linda Knox; Clayton Pilgrim; and Paula Portugal
	City Staff:	John Godwin, City Manager; Stephanie Harris, City Attorney; Janice Ellis, City Clerk; Gene Anderson, Finance Director; Bob Hundley, Police Chief; Larry Wright, Fire Chief; Carla Easton, City Engineer; Doug Harris, Utilities Director; Kent Klinkerman, EMS Director; Jerry McDaniel, Public Works Director; Alan Efrussy, Planning Director; and Clyde Crews; Fire Marshal
Absent:	Mayor:	Steve Clifford

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

   Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Invocation.

   Reverend Slaughter gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

   Council Member Pilgrim led the pledge.

4. Citizens' Forum.

Jay Hodge, 3070 Aspen – he referenced the process used for selection of mayor and mayor pro-tem, citing there needed to be parliamentary procedures so that appointments could be made in a fair manner. He said when one council person is not heard then one-seventh of the citizens are not heard. Mr. Hodge also said Council would be making board appointments at their next meeting and they needed to make sure they had procedures in placing for making appointments.

Louise Hagood, 556 Fitzhugh – she referenced the mayor and mayor pro-tem selection and said the entire process took one and one-half minutes, with a single nomination. Mrs. Hagood said an opportunity for other names to be considered was an absolute must. She suggested the city attorney help the Council with procedures using Robert's Rules of Order.

Carolyn Williams – she said she spoke three weeks ago about a lot being cleaned and it was done, and now you could see the stop sign. She said she had another problem, in that grass was over the railroad track.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes inquired of Council Members if they wished to pull any items from the consent agenda for discussion. There being none, a Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Trenado. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays.

5. Approve minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2018.

6. Receive reports and/or minutes from the following boards and commissions:

   a. Paris Economic Development Corporation (3-2-2018 & 4-20-2018)
   b. Building & Standards Commission (4-16-2018)
   c. Historic Preservation Commission (4-11-2018 & 5-9-2018)
   d. Airport Advisory Board (4-19-2018)
   e. Paris Public Library Advisory Board (4-18-2018)
   f. Housing Authority of the City of Paris (4-17-2018 & 5-15-2018)
   g. Love Civic Center (3-8-2018)
   h. Paris Visitors & Convention Council (4-16-2018)
   i. Planning & Zoning Commission (5-7-2018)
   j. Traffic Commission (4-3-2018)

7. Receive April monthly financial report.

8. Approve transfer of Ground Lease from PTERODACTYL, L.L.C. (Hangar S) to Erik Zarones.

9. Approve RESOLUTION NO. 2018-014: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARIS, TEXAS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN EXTENSION OF AN AUTOMOBILE BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION (ABTPA) GRANT FOR CONTINUATION OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE; APPROVING A CASH MATCH FROM THE CITY OF PARIS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT EXTENSION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID GRANT UPON NOTICE THEREOF; MAKING

OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Regular Agenda

Council Member Portugal requested that item 15 be moved up, because there were a number of people at the meeting for this item. Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes moved to item 15.

15. Discuss and act on a procedure for appointing individuals to serve as council officers, and to serve on city council-appointed boards, committees, and commissions, and clarifying the selection process of boards and commissions for the 2018 year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes said Council Member Pilgrim placed this item on the agenda. Council Member Pilgrim said after the last Council meeting, he had received several calls from residents in several districts. He said residents expressed concern about not having a policy for the nomination process. Council Member Pilgrim said they had three options received from Mr. Godwin. He also said videos of past meetings reflected the selection process was done in several different ways. Council Member Pilgrim suggested the fair way would be to have each council member nominate an individual for each of the boards and commissions, and then have those names drawn out of a hat, with the first name drawn being the first one they take a vote on. Council Member Pilgrim said they needed a procedure instead of doing it one way one year and another way another year. He also said they may want to do the same process for the mayor and mayor pro-tem as opposed to changing the Charter, but could look at that at a later date.

Council Member Portugal said there was a concern that the Charter lacked a procedure for the selection process. She did not favor the options Mr. Godwin brought forward. Council Member Portugal said Robert's Rules of Order were universally used, and they did not have to accept Robert's Rules completely but could edit them.

Council Member Trenado said Mayor Clifford was elected mayor and he knew some did not like it but that was the vote, and the vote would probably still have been 4-3.

Council Member Knox said she did not think they were asking to rescind the selection. She favored a stream line procedure so they do not have this confusion in the future. Council Member Trenado agreed with putting a procedure in writing.

Council Member Stone agreed that they needed some type of procedure in place so that citizens were not confused.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes said he spoke with Mayor Clifford, who was also in agreement that a written procedure needed to be in place. By the rules in place, Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes said the selection was legal. He agreed they needed to have a procedure in place and asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. Following additional discussion, Council Member Pilgrim said he thought they needed to get a procedure in place for selection of boards and commissions because the selection would be in two weeks. He said they could discuss the mayor and pro-tem

selection when the entire Council was in attendance. Council Member Clayton said the language from Robert's Rules would be best for the mayor and mayor pro-tem election.

A Motion that Council hear all nominations, that all names be drawn from a hat by City Clerk Janice Ellis, and voted upon by Council in the order drawn, by a yes or no vote was made by Council Member Pilgrim and seconded by Council Members Stone and Knox. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays.

10. Conduct a public hearing on the TxCDBG Dickson Orange Street Project for Grant Closeout.

City Engineer Carla Easton explained that a public hearing was required on this project prior to the grant close-out.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes opened the public hearing and asked for anyone wishing to speak about this item, to please come forward. With no one speaking, Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes closed the public hearing.

11. Conduct a public hearing to receive comment about a proposed Hazardous Cargo Route Designation.

Ms. Easton explained that the City was proposing to designate Loop 286 as the Hazardous Materials route through Paris to limit exposure citizens to hazardous materials. She said TxDOT and FHWA had a process for designating a highway as a Haz Mat route, and the first step in the process was to solicit input from the community and adjacent jurisdictions. Council Member Pilgrim inquired if this route included the entire loop, to which Ms. Easton answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes opened the public hearing and asked for anyone wishing to speak about this item, to please come forward. With no one speaking, Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes closed the public hearing.

12. Discuss and award a bid for reconstruction of portions of S. Collegiate, 33rd S.E., and Graham Streets to Richard Drake Construction in an amount not to exceed $920,000.

Ms. Easton said the 2017 Street Program included funding for improvements to S. Collegiate Drive from Lamar to Clarksville; 33rd S.E. Street from Lamar to Clarksville; and Graham Street from 3rd N.W. to the railroad. She also said six bids were received, and that Richard Drake Construction submitted the lowest qualified bid in the amount of $844,302.04.

A Motion to approve this item was made by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Trenado. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays.

13. Receive presentation from Main Street Advisory Board about completed improvements downtown and a 2018 plan of work.

City Council received a presentation from Main Street Director Cheri Bedford and the Main Street Advisory Board outlining completion of downtown improvements, activities downtown, fundraising efforts, grants, and their 2018 plan of work. Paris Downtown Association President Glee Emmite reviewed recent downtown events, such as the Cinco de Mayo and the Art Walk.

14. Discuss and act on ORDINANCE NO. 2018-016: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARIS, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCES CREATING HISTORICAL OVERLAY DISTRICTS TO INCORPORATE "DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF PARIS, TEXAS" AND ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager John Godwin explained that the Historic Preservation Commission used the 2009 Design Standards which were never adopted as part of the preservation ordinance. He said the commission created a review committee to prepare a list of clarifications to the standards. Mr. Godwin also said the Commission voted in April to adopt the design standards as amended.

Council Member Pilgrim inquired if the ordinance had been publicized. Mr. Godwin said it was posted on the website. Council Member Knox said she was the HPC liaison, and they had reviewed it for a long time.

A Motion to approve this item was made by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Pilgrim. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays.

16. Receive and discuss annual departmental reports from Public Works, Engineering, Utilities, and Finance.

City Council heard from Utilities Director Doug Harris about rebuilding of pumps at Ground Storage, electrical and valve replacement of water transfer pumps, resurfacing the 0.5 MG clear well, repainting of the sedimentation basin components, and the contract for installation of a screening structure to protect the headworks of the treatment plant. Mr. Harris said installation of VFDs on the Pat Mayse intake pumps, replacement of sludge disposal pumps, completion of the headworks screening structure and purchase and installation of a belt filter press were capital improvement projects planned for FY 2018/19.

Next, Finance Director Gene Anderson reviewed the warehouse, the utility billing office operations, and the finance office. Mr. Anderson said the primary goal for the utility billing office was the radio read meter project and 25.3% of the 9,800 meters were now radio read meters. He also said the priority was funding to complete the radio read meter project. Mr. Anderson said the goals and priorities for the warehouse were above-ground fueling station with fleet management software and an all-weather surface loading/unloading zone. He also said the most recent major accomplishment was installation of an electronic inventory system. Mr.

Anderson explained about needed renovations needed at city hall, which included windows rotting, cracked plaster and weather proofing of the exterior building, as well as interior damage caused by exterior problems. Other items he asked to be considered were an update of the City pay scale, and an increase in contributions to the Fire Pension Fund by 2%.

City Engineer/Community Development Director Carla Easton reviewed the downtown plan, sidewalk grant matches, the need for a chief building official, airport hangars, and construction projects.

Public Works Director Jerry McDaniel reviewed the need for an increase in starting pay for maintenance workers, heavy equipment needs, and swimming pool improvement needs. He also reviewed parks development, programs for the Events Center, and status of drainage.

17. Discuss and act on Ordinance Amending Section 34-22(b), Water Rates, Section 34-23 (a)(b)(c), Sewer Rates to reflect changes recommended by the 2018 Water and Sewer Rate Study.

Mr. Anderson explained that the City had treated water contracts with four major industries, and that the contracts required the City perform an annual cost of service study. He said the City retained NewGen Strategies and Solutions to conduct a Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

Chris Ekrut with New Gen Strategies presented the findings of the rate study. In summary, Mr. Ekrut said the retail rates for both water and wastewater were insufficient and water usage for all wholesale customers had decreased significantly. He went over the proposed residential and commercial water rates and residential and commercial wastewater rates, providing two scenarios for each. Mr. Ekrut also reviewed the proposed residential total monthly bills and a residential monthly bill comparison. Following additional discussion about the rates and publicizing of the proposed increases, City Council discussed what would happen if they did not pass this ordinance. Mr. Anderson said if they did not pass increases, the fund would go in the red. Mr. Anderson also said staff could advertise again by putting a paragraph of every resident's water bill. Mr. Godwin said he was sure Paris News would report on this subject again and suggested City Council table the item to June 25.

A Motion to table this item to June 25 was made by Council Member Pilgrim and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hughes. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays.

18. Consider and approve future events for City Council and/or City Staff pursuant to Resolution No. 2004-081.

No future events were referenced.

19. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Trenado and was seconded by Council Member Pilgrim. Motion carried, 6 ayes – 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For Hazardous Cargo
Route Designation

The City Council of the City of Paris, Texas will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11,2018, at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Chamber, 107 E. Kaufman Street, in Paris, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and concerns of all affected persons and entities with regard to the designation of a Hazardous Cargo Route.

The primary objective of designating a Hazardous Cargo Route is to minimize the potential for incidents and risk of harm to the public, should a truck/vehicle carrying hazardous materials beinvolved in an incident and the material be released. The designation of a Hazardous Cargo Route will not remove or prohibit all trucks/vehicles carrying hazardous materials from Lamar County roadways.

Proposed Route Description: The route designation would require that all vehicles carrying hazardous cargo travel through the City of Paris, Texas, via Loop 286 to their intended point of exit, rather than travel on local streets or state business routes through the center of town.

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