



August 3, 2022

Double Oak Citizens and Town Council,

Per my phone conversation with Denton County Commissioners Office Precinct 4, Double Oak needs to let Denton County know if they are taking part in the upcoming Road Bond package.

I realize we discussed at the Town Council Meeting on Monday August 1st that we still had time to bring this back to the council for a vote it appears that is not the case, and we must submit no later than Monday August 8th, 2022, or sooner.

On Sunday August 7th the Town Council has an open meeting workshop to complete the Town budget. Since this is an open meeting if you would like to attend to share your thoughts on being included or not included on the bond please feel free to do so.

During the Town Council on August 1st meeting a non-scientific, non-binding straw poll was conducted on the projects.

- The intersection only received one hand up saying YES
- Kings, road I believe had over 15 hands saying YES.

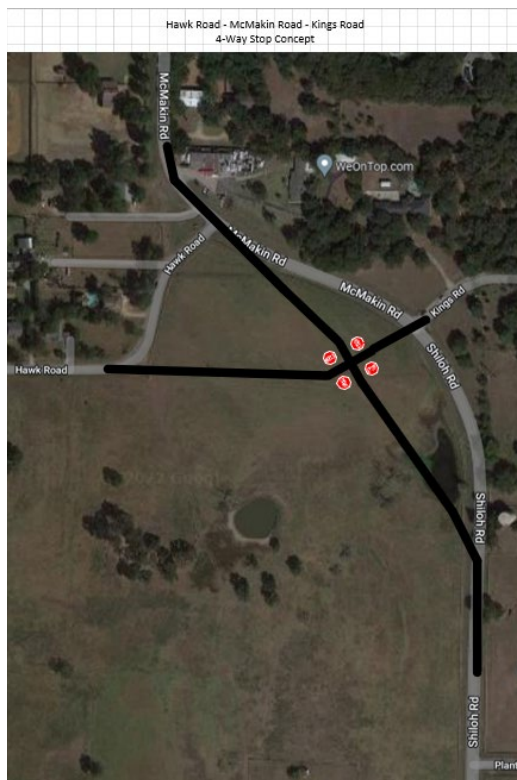
I would like to share with you some facts from my conversation with Diane Edmondson's office on Tuesday August 2nd:

Deadline for being on the bond package is Friday 8/5/2022

- Denton county has given **Double Oak until August 8th** to decide to be in or out of project.
- Bond package goes to approval and submission for November election on August 16th.
- Municipalities need to be on the bond to take advantage of the partnership for funding road projects
- Double Oak could opt out when it comes time to fund our projects. It will be frowned upon from the county if we do opt out last minute, but Double Oak has that option.
- Denton County is expecting a 50/50 match on funding of road projects in future bonds, however with municipalities the size of Double Oak that may not be feasible and they suggest a "savings" type account to accumulate the 50%.
 - Denton County could require less of the municipality if the project is important, and the Town cannot provide the amount required to fund the project and this is for future bond packages.
- The former Double Oak Mayor had some discussion with D.C.C. on \$125K committed in two consecutive years for total of \$250K for Kings Road so there is possibility this expectation has been set with Denton County.
 - It is not documented anywhere and many of these conversations including the two that I personally had with Capricious, and Diane are done over the phone. Thus, open to interpretation of what is said and heard.



- The roads designs have not been developed yet for either project.
- A 4-lane divided with medians for Kings Road and Hawks/Shiloh/Kings/McMakin intersection is not being considered.
- New concrete with shoulders and larger lanes for bikes is the preferred solution for Kings Road and not overlays of asphalt as was requested by citizens at the meeting.
- **Traffic is going to increase regardless of type of road** on Kings so Double Oak needs to begin to plan on how to slow traffic and provide safe passage on Kings Road now.
- If Double Oak is not included in bond and the need arises to do something major to Kings Road then Double could have to fund the entire construction or look into its own bond package done local.
 - Double Oak cannot afford to do this.
- I made a request to have the Hawks/Shiloh/Kings McMakin intersection moved off of Double Oak list and onto the Denton County list. No guarantees this will happen.
- Below is just a concept for the four way stop at Hawks/Shiloh/Kings/McMakin intersection.
 - This is provided by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson as a visual only.



- I have received emails and texts and had conversations in the past week from many Double Oak Citizens regarding Kings Road and being in favor of being included in the bond package.
- Very few citizens have said not to be included in the bond package.



So here is what I am suggesting the Town of Double Oak do next.

1. Have our Town council Open meeting Budget Workshop on Sunday August 7th at 1pm.
2. Any citizens that would like to provide input can attend and be brief with comments.
3. Unless there are a considerable number of correspondence to not in favor of being on the Bond then **Double Oak should send a letter to Denton County Commissioner Diane Edmondson confirming our inclusion in the bond package for Kings Road ONLY on Monday August 8th.**
4. If the bond package passes in November election, the Town Council begins dialogue with Denton County as the projects come up to include Town meetings with citizens, inputs on design and future votes on how Double Oak would like to see the projects done similar to other bond packages in the past.

Someone once gave me advice when it came to serving in a public roll. That is *"if you can make 51% of the people happy, you are still only half-way to achieving your overall goal"*.

Thank you for taking the time to read this long letter but more importantly for being involved citizens in this Great Town called Double Oak.

Sincerely



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