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The Colony Economic Development Corp. & The City of The Colony Help Businesses Prepare for Main Street/FM 423 Construction

The Colony, Texas, March 14, 2011...The Main Street/FM 423 Street Widening project is expected to begin between September 2011 and February 2012, but The Colony Economic Development Corporation and The City of The Colony are acting now to help local businesses prepare for this important infrastructure improvement.

“While the long-term benefits of an improved Main Street are significant, we understand that the construction period can present short-term challenges for businesses,” said Joe McCourry, mayor of The City of The Colony. “We are striving to keep our business partners informed and minimize inconveniences.”

One of the first steps taken was a Pre-Construction Business Dinner, hosted in February by the Economic Development Corporation and City to provide Main Street business owners with information about the project. The complimentary event featured representatives from TxDOT and the City who shared project details, tips on how to prepare for the construction phase, and answered questions.

“The dinner was very helpful to me,” said Lewis Jue, owner of Lewis Jue State Farm Insurance, which has been located on Main Street for 22 years. “I got a better idea of the process and schedule. I also appreciated the opportunity for area business owners who share a common ground to come together.”

The 70 business owners in attendance learned that the Main Street project encompasses over 10 miles of construction in three cities and will cost more than \$100 million. The road work in The Colony will involve widening approximately four miles of Main Street from Stewart Creek Road to State Highway 121.

It is estimated that construction in The Colony should take approximately 29 months to complete. Two lanes of Main Street will be open for traffic in each direction during this time.

The City has hired a construction communication facilitator, Brant Shallenburger, who is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist with any issues that businesses may encounter. He will also provide timely updates on the City’s website at: www.thecolonytx.gov.

Another resource provided by the Economic Development Corporation is a Construction Guide, which was distributed at the dinner. The guide offers information to help businesses prosper before, during and after the road improvements. A copy of the guide is available on the Economic Development Corporation's website at: www.TheColonyEDC.org.

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