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Board,

The Road Committee met with Tex D.O.T. at the subdivision entrance last Wednesday.

We discussed the possibility of a right turn lane into our subdivision. We do not believe we need a full deceleration lane, but enough to slow for a safe turn.

Our estimation is this may need to be 300 feet long.

The drainage ditch toward the bridge will need to be moved toward the hill to meet all the sloping requirements and it will need a covered extension to that side, to ensure safe turning.

The project will have to meet TX DOT requirements including base materials. The 2 TX DOT employees thought the cost would be well over \$ 100,000.00 and may be \$ 200,000.00

To do this in a timely manner would require a special assessment for each lot.

Next steps:

1. Check with City Planning and TX DOT for road expansion plans/timeframe for highway 71.
2. Get engineer drawing of the turn lane/improvement. We will have to pay for this. I suggest the board approve a budget of \$ 2000.00
3. Determine if TxDOT or County or anyone will help pay for project
4. Get bids
5. Present to Members at January meeting.

Factors:

1. Large trucks from cement and other plants west of us on 71
2. Rapidly increasing traffic, and this is coming: Thomas Ranch subdivision:
<https://www.bizjournals.com/austin/news/2017/02/13/planned-2-800-unit-residential-development-to-be.html>
3. More families, so more cars turning into the subdivision, may cause a line at certain times of day

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