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# Meandering Road Project Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the City of Fort Worth, and the City of River Oaks are proposing to improve Meandering Road from State Highway 183 to Anahuac Avenue and LTjg Barnett Road from Meandering Road to the east side of West Fork Trinity River in Tarrant County. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. To log onto the virtual public hearing, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: **www.txdot.gov** and search keywords "Meandering Road".

Following the virtual public hearing, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until at least Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Eric Greenman, P.E. at 972-764-4606 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, the Cities of Fort Worth and River Oaks and TxDOT are providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public hearing which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the River Oaks Events Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive in River Oaks.

For both the virtual public hearing and in-person option, members of the public may call 833-933-0430 to provide verbal testimony immediately following the conclusion of the virtual public hearing presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24 through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

Formal written comments may also be provided by mail or email as explained below. All verbally provided testimony and

timely written comments will be considered by TxDOT and included as part of the official record. Responses to verbally provided testimony and comments will be prepared by TxDOT, included as part of the hearing and project record, and made available online at **www.txdot.gov** and search keywords "Meandering Road".

Road reconstruction on Meandering Road between Roberts Cut Off Road and LTjg Barnett Road would result in a reduction from four lanes to three lanes with the two outside lanes being 11 feet wide and the center lane being a 12-foot-wide continuous left turn lane, and the addition of a 10-foot-wide shared-use path on the north side of the roadway, and a six-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side.

On LTjg Barnett Road from Meandering Road to the east side of the West Fork Trinity River, the project would involve reconstructing the two 12-foot-wide lanes to 11-foot-wide lanes and adding a five-foot-wide bike lane in each direction (on-road), a six-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of the roadway, and a 10foot-wide shared-use path on the south side. In addition, Brocks Lane would be converted into a dead-end at the intersection with LTjg Barnett Road and Meandering Road. From the east side of the West Fork Trinity River to the East Gate of the NASJRB, only pavement restriping would occur (i.e., no construction).

A new traffic signal would be installed at the intersection of Meandering Road and Roberts Cut Off Road. Roundabouts are proposed at Meandering Road's intersections with Yale Road and LTjg Barnett Road. At the Yale roundabout, bicycle traffic would remain on-street within a typical 17- foot-wide lane and pedestrians would continue around on the 6-foot-wide sidewalk while at the LTjg Barnett Road roundabout, a single 10-foot-wide shared use path would accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians. A dead-end would be created by the project at the eastern end of Brocks Lane (at LTjg Barnett Road). Drainage would remain curb-and-gutter throughout the length of the project.

Approximately 1.1 acres of additional ROW, mostly consisting of land required at the proposed dead-end and at corner clips at existing intersections, would be (continued on page 5) Suburban Newspapers, Inc.



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Applications are available at City Hall located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

For more information, call River Oaks City Hall at 817-626- 5421.

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# From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters **FWDP Monthly Meeting Feb. 21**

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The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 21 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth. Beth Stodieck will teach *Welcome Angel* as the project.

A short business meeting will held at 6:30 p.m. and painting will begin at 7. Guests are welcome to join us!

For more information contact Suzane at 817-269-2821 or visit the website at **www.fwdecorativepainters.com**.





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Governments Regional Transportation Council Meeting Feb. 10

The next business meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will convene at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 and will be conducted as a videoconference meeting.

Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC meeting at **www.nctcog.org/video** under the "live" tab. The meeting agenda and supporting items can also be accessed through the Internet at NCTCOG's Transportation Department RTC home page. The address is **www.nctcog.org/rtc**.

The Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of served Governments has as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at www.nctcog.org.

# The next River Oaks City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

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# Meandering Road Public Hearing (continued from page 1)

acquired from properties scattered along the proposed project. would also be needed.

ations, require additional right of way and potentially displace Eric.Greenman@lamb-star.com. All written comments must be two non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available received on or before Friday, March 11. Additionally, as stated for displaced persons and businesses.

and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022. Responses to written comments property owners, as well as information about the tentative sched- received and public testimony provided will be available online at ule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained www.txdot.gov and search keywords "Meandering Road" once from the TxDOT Fort Worth district office by calling 817-370- they have been prepared. 6500, reference CSJs: 0902-90-046 and 0902-90-172.

drawings showing the project location and design, tentative con- contact Eric Greenman, P.E. at 972-764-4606 or by email at struction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed Eric.Greenman@lamb-star.com. project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Worth district office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 76133, telephone 817-370-6500. Project materials are also avail- U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, able online at www.txdot.gov and search keywords "Meandering 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT. Road". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document transla-

tor because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Eric Greenman, P.E. at 972-764-4606 no later than 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.



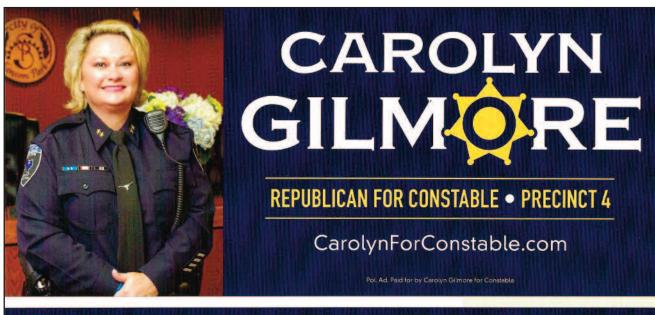
Written comments from the public regarding the proposed Approximately 0.752 acre of temporary construction easements project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX The proposed project would, subject to final design consider- 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to above, members of the public may call 833-933-0430 and verbal-Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program ly provide testimony from 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24 until 11:59

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and proposed project or virtual hearing or in- person option, please

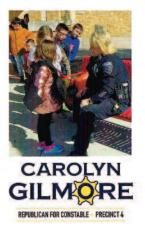
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project

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Carolyn served as the Chair of Fort Worth Cops for Kids and started the Student Advisory Committee at Joy James Elementary, where she encouraged children, and their families, to work with police and find ways to positively impact their community.

Carolyn lives in Fort Worth with her husband, Raymond, a retired Fort Worth Police officer. The Gilmore's are members of Grace Baptist Church.

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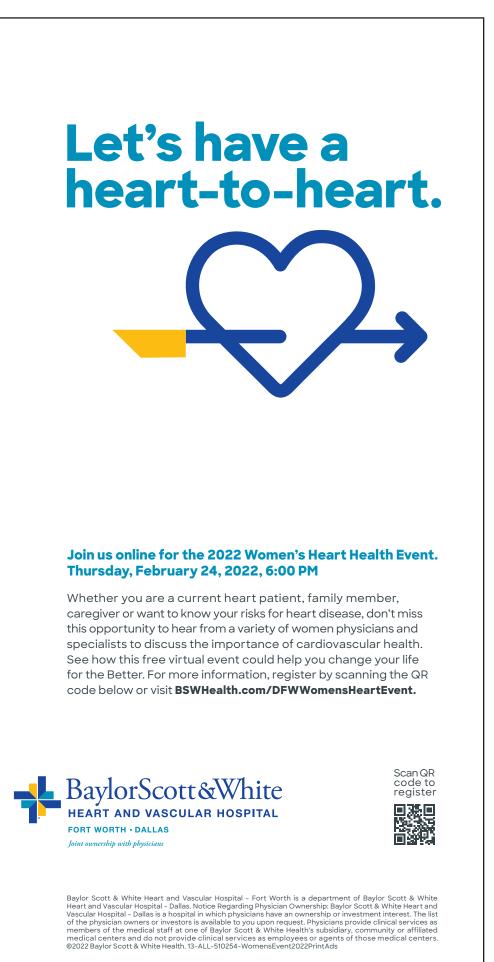
will be held on March 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This family- Parking will be available for \$5 at the River Park Trailhead, friendly event, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District 3100 Bryant Irvin Road, on the day of the event. For a parking (TRWD), will take place in and along the Clear Fork of the Trinity map and other important event information, visit www.trwdfly-in southwest Fort Worth. Admission is free. fest.com.

To create an optimal experience for anglers, TRWD will stock the river with 1,800 lbs. of rainbow trout prior to the event just north of Bryant Irvin Road.

Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun-filled event will have something to hook the whole family. Two of the event's biggest attractions are the Orvis Big Trout Contest and the Coffee & Caddis Fly Tying Area. Anglers will compete in the contest to catch the biggest trout or the most fish in the time allotted. Patrons can also learn new tricks and methods from professional fly tiers. Open fishing for fly and bait fishing will also be available in designated areas.

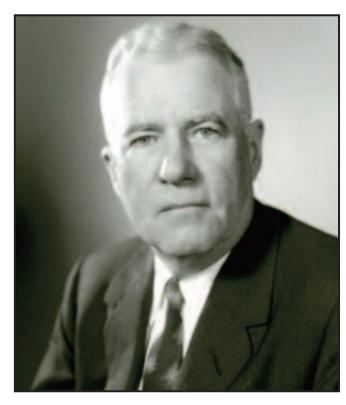
The event will also feature live music from local band Chattahoochee Music and many children's activities, including a mini stocked tank for fishing and a rock climbing wall. Food trucks, wine and craft beer and many outdoor vendors will make





### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. **Texas History Minute**

# Engineer and Geophysicist, Eugene McDermott by Dr. Ken Bridges



The world is changing fast. Some see that as a reason for fear, while others see an opportunity. The most successful men and women are those who seize what life has to offer and charge ahead into the future. Those most worthy of admiration are those who not only become successful themselves but also open a door for the success of others. One of those Texas builders of the future was Eugene McDermott, cofounder of both Texas Instruments and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Eugene McDermott was born in Brooklyn, New York, in February 1899, a time when cars and airplanes were still only dreams and electric lights and telephones were still distant luxuries for others. He had a sharp sense of curiosity, and as a young man, enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1919 while still only 20 years old.

In 1923, he started working at Western Electric, an electrical engineering and manufacturing firm that mostly developed telephone wires and components for American Telephone and Telegraph Co. At the same time, McDermott began furthering his own education and earned a masters degree in physics from New York City's Columbia University in 1925.

company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Geophysical Graduate Research his skills to fine-tune their techniques.

Karcher and E. L. DeGolyer to form on the cutting edge of developing science Geophysical Services Inc., continuing their and technology. seismographic oil exploration efforts. McDermott picked up five patents for his helped fund a new building for the facility devices. With World War II, the company in Richardson in 1964. In 1969, Texas began making equipment for the military, reorganized the center into a full university making radars and equipment to detect as the University of Texas at Dallas. submarines. In 1946, the company developed its own electronics lab. Though there the company as a member of the TI Board was still a lot of money to be made in oil of Directors until his passing in 1973. exploration, McDermott and his partners Though he left behind a successful, thrivrealized that the future was in electronics. ing company with Texas Instruments, he In 1951, McDermott pulled together a team left a legacy for education. of partners, including J. Eric Jonsson, the future mayor of Dallas, Cecil Green, an established in 1955, gives grants for educa-English-born geophysicist, and engineer tional and cultural purposes. With more Patrick Haggerty to re-form the company than \$70 million in assets, it has become as Texas Instruments.

company began developing ways for these In 2000, his wife, Margaret, gave \$32 milproducts to run faster and new ways to lion to UTD to establish the Eugene process information. In 1954, TI engineers McDermott Scholars Program, which developed the silicon transistor, a new type brings together students majoring in engiof semiconductor. This was followed by neering, physics, medicine, and the human-Jack Kilby's invention of the integrated cir- ities to train not only future minds but help cuit for the company in 1958, a break- transform them into future leaders. through that heralded the beginning of the Margaret McDermott has continued genercomputer age. Texas Instruments became a ous philanthropy to the university with a runaway success and pushed for steady new multi-million dollar gift in 2010 to improvements in computer technology improve and modernize the look of the unithrough the 1960s. While the company versity and a donation of \$10 million in rewarded innovation, it also strove for effi- January 2017 to the honors school at the ciency, weeding out waste. It also moved university. into consumer products, producing the first hand-held electronic calculator by 1967.

Education became a special passion for more than 26,000 students. McDermott. Green and Jonsson also recognized the critical problem that the lack of locally-available engineers posed for the long-term viability of the company. То

After graduate school, he soon began create the products and breakthroughs of working with Western Electric co-worker the future, they needed trained profession-Clarence Karcher, who had started a new als. As a result, the three founded the Center of the Research Corporation. Karcher was using Southwest on the campus of Southern seismographs not just to detect earthquakes Methodist University in Dallas in 1961. but as a promising new tool in oil explo- Not only would this help ensure a steady ration. Along the way, McDermott used supply of future engineers and scientists for Texas Instruments, but it allowed In 1930, McDermott partnered with countless students to have the skills to be

The school steadily grew, and the three

McDermott remained an active part of

The Eugene McDermott Foundation, one of the largest foundations in Texas. As they created electronic products, the One of the UTD libraries is named for him.

> Texas Instruments today is a multi-billion dollar corporation, and UTD boasts

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## Friday, Feb. 11:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 73. SW wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear; low around 43. South wind around 10mph becoming N/NW after midnight.



## Saturday, Feb. 12:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 55. North wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly cloudy; low around 31.



### Sunday, Feb. 13:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 59. <u>PM</u> - Clear; low around 37.

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