

Holleman widening to ease traffic flow

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The reconstruction of Holleman Drive will provide better traffic flow between Texas Avenue and Wellborn Road, highway department engineer Bob G. Bockmon says.

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation proposed the plans to improve Holleman Drive.

The project involves turning Holleman Drive into a four-lane street between Winding Road and Wellborn Road. The change will allow traffic to travel easily between Wellborn Road and Texas Avenue, he said.

Bockmon said the portion of Holleman Drive from Texas Avenue to Winding Road already has two lanes with bicycle routes and parking space on both sides. However, the portion between Winding Road and Wellborn Road is in need of im-

provements.

Jersey Street and Southwest Parkway are the only well-constructed roads that connect Texas Avenue and Wellborn Road south of Texas A&M University, he said. The improvements on Holleman Drive will add a third route for traffic.

Maleck Construction Co. Inc. is scheduled to begin construction soon, and should have the job completed by September, Bockmon said.

"They have been given 125 working days to complete the job. However, utility adjustments must be made before the construction can begin," he said.

The City of College Station is making the adjustments, which include re-arranging gas, water, sewer, cable and telephone lines, Bockmon said.

He said the Federal Highway Administration designated the project as vital for public trans-

portation, and therefore the federal government will help pay the \$496,648 construction costs.

College Station will pay for part of the project, including funds for drainage, curb and gutter work, Bockmon said.

"Normally when road construction begins, a detour is routed for the traffic to continue while the work is done in half sections. However, because the right of way is extremely narrow, and for road re-alignment purposes, a section of Holleman Drive will be closed during the construction," Bockmon said.

The barricade will begin at the intersection of Holleman and Wellborn and will extend approximately 1,000 feet on Holleman Drive. The barricade will remain until drainage and pavement structure have been completed, he said.

Up to 30% of jailed youths someday return, study says

AUSTIN — A Texas Youth Council study indicates that up to 30 percent of the youths sent to Texas reform schools eventually wind up in the adult prison system, but the study also notes that its information was imprecise.

TYC officials cautioned that the information was based on interviews with inmates in the Texas Department of Corrections and there is a lack of access to records to make confirmations.

"This figure (30 percent) should be used with extreme caution since much of the data is based on results of inmate reports at the time of TDC admission and self-reported data is often open to error," TDC spokesman Adrian Moore said.

During fiscal 1981, 535 of TDC's newly imprisoned inmates between the ages of 16 and 21 voluntarily admitted they had previously been incarcerated in a juvenile facility, Moore said.

TYC later confirmed that 458 of the inmates had been in juvenile facilities.

Moore said if the number remained constant over the past five years, the reincarceration rate may be about 30 percent.

TYC also is limited in making an exact determination of the rate because it only has access to juvenile records while a person is between the age of 16 and 21. That age groups represents only 15 percent of the prison population.

Because juvenile records are not public information in Texas, TDC officials cannot obtain TYC records without a court order.

A bill that would have opened TYC records to research purposes failed during the last

session of the Texas Legislature, but may be introduced again in January.



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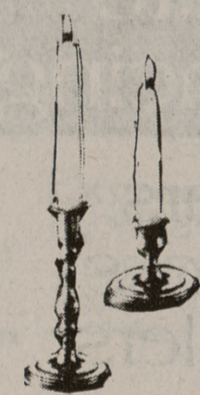
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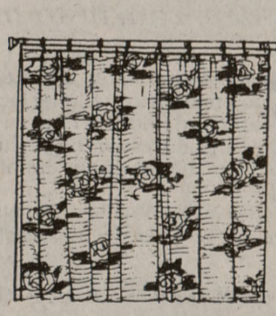


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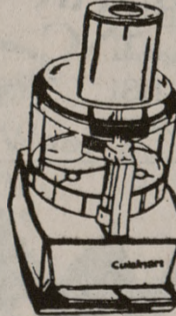
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