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Donations help to build new freeways

DALLAS (AP) — Right-of-way donations from developers and purchases by local governments are paving the way for new Texas freeways that otherwise would remain on the drawing board because of high land prices and a tight state budget, officials say.

"We don't have sufficient funds to do everything everyone wants to do tomorrow," said L.E. Clarke, director of the right-of-way division for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Since the use of donated easements began about three years ago, the state has received about \$74 million worth of right of way from developers and local governments, Clarke said. About \$62 million was donated in 1986, he said.

"We probably have \$275 million in right of ways pledged to us," he said in a telephone interview from his Austin office. "That's more than some states probably buy in 10 years."

The state sometimes gets cash donations for right-of-way purchases and other assistance, such as payment for consulting engineers to help with construction plans, Clarke said.

The highway commission recently approved construction of a 10-mile stretch of State Highway 190 through the east-west corridor of Richardson, Plano, Dallas and Collin County after local officials promised to provide more than \$100 million of the \$136 million needed for the highway's right of way.

Collin County Judge Bill Roberts said, "It was the only way we were going to get approval."

Landowners donated \$80 million of the right of way, while another \$25 million to \$26 million was provided by local governments, Roberts said. That leaves the state's cost at about \$141 million, including \$107 million for construction and \$34 million for land, according to state figures.

Officials hope the highway, which will connect State Highway 78 in Garland with Interstate 35E in Carrollton, will ease congestion on other Dallas-area freeways.

Clarke said the use of donated easements began about three years ago when the state was considering a three-mile freeway extension in Austin. The department originally had budgeted \$10 million for purchasing land.

While the proposal was being studied, Austin land values exploded, driving up the estimated price to \$37 million, Clarke said.

"The department recognized we didn't have that kind of funding," he said.

Stumped by the problem, commission members recalled an earlier case in which the city of San Antonio and major landowners west of that city had offered to donate 10 miles of easements for a freeway. The contributors also agreed to pay for one service road if the state paid for another, Clarke said.

Commission members suggested that Austin donate land. The state wound up getting more than \$20 million for the Austin project and was able to approve the project.

Clarke said state officials are not trying to pressure landowners and local governments, but rather give them an alternative to waiting for the state to be able to afford increasingly expensive projects.

"It's not a threat," he said. "We're not saying if you don't give us the money, we ain't going to build."

Developers have an obvious motive to help with these projects, he said.

"They're not motivated by benevolence," he said. "There's a great deal of motivation created by anticipation of being able to reap profits quicker."

What's up

Tuesday

- TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- PRE-LAW SOCIETY:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
- MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** Aggiecon-18 workers will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. All those interested in working on Aggiecon-19 should attend.
- STUDENT Y:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 225 MSC.
- STUDENT Y — AGGIE FRIENDS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** entries racquetball singles and team bowling are available in 159 Rudder.
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS & ASTRONAUTICS AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS:** Col. Leonard Vernamonti will discuss the National Aero-Space Plane at 7 p.m. in 108 Hamilton.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY:** student section will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences.
- ECONOMICS SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 125 Block.
- MOUNT PLEASANT AREA HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
- OMEGA PHI ALPHA:** will hold a meeting for prospective members at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC.
- TAMU ONE-WHEELERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in front of Rollie White Coliseum.
- CAP AND GOWN HONOR SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
- HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY STUDENT CHAPTER:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 333-B Zachry.
- WILDLIFE BIOLOGY SOCIETY:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 207 Harrington.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the meditation room in the All Hallows Chapel.
- MSC FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS:** membership applications are available through today in 145 MSC.

Wednesday

- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:** Laurence Speck will speak at 7 p.m. in 207 Harrington.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon in 145 MSC.
- STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- SULLY'S SYMPOSIUM:** will be held at 11:50 a.m. at the Sully statue in front of the Academic Building. The speaker will be Aggie Muster.
- THE SOCIETY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS VENTURES:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 201 Rudder.
- CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
- GREAT COMMISSION STUDENTS:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
- DANCE ARTS SOCIETY:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 159 Rudder.
- EUROPE CLUB:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Flying Tomato.
- RACQUETBALL CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. at court 159 Rudder.
- OMEGA PHI ALPHA:** will hold a meeting for prospective members at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.
- STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 341 Zachry.
- STUDY ABROAD:** students interested in the study abroad program will meet at 11 a.m. at 251 Bizzell West.
- AGGIE TOASTERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
- OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** are accepting applications for spring semester apartment council presidents. Applications are available in 223 Pavilion.
- BRAZOS COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER:** will hold training sessions for new volunteers through Friday, Feb. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Call 776-RAPE for applications and information.
- TAMU JUDO:** will hold practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in 236 G. Rollie White Coliseum. Members are welcome, and no experience is necessary.
- INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** entries slam-dunk, wallyball, pre-season softball and softball are available in 159 Rudder.
- SIGMA TAU DELTA:** is accepting applications for members through Feb. 9. Applications are available in the English Department office.

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Austin art class brings out color in lives of head-injured student

AUSTIN (AP) — Painting with oils has brought color back to the lives of many of the head-injured art students who attend classes at a local recreation center.

Theresa Mosely, an Austin artist who teaches the classes, said the students with disabilities have come alive after a little stroking.

"I started out with one student — Dean Correll," she said. "He was sitting in a terminally ill unit at a nursing home with people waiting to die. Dean was only 29."

A head injury from a motorcycle accident had paralyzed Correll on his right side and impaired his speech, Mosely said. "He could only say 'Hi' when I met him, but his lively brown eyes said to me, 'Give me what you've got,'" she said.

Mosely said that after meeting Correll, she knew she would teach him and other people with disabilities to paint. "Dean was my teacher, also," she said. "He taught me how to meet the needs of the people I wanted to help."

Mosely met with Correll and other persons who had suffered head injuries and began classes in September 1985.

Correll, who has been painting for more than a year, has sold many of the 30 landscapes he has painted, Mosely said.

Several other students in the class also have sold paintings.

Diana Webster, who has been confined to a wheelchair since 1982, has sold three paintings in the past year. "They ranged between \$55 and \$85," she said. "I was even commissioned to paint a landscape."

Webster, like the other art students in the class, had never taken lessons before meeting Mosely.

Don Hachenberg, another student in the class, said, "Theresa is donating her time to us. She has been an inspiration to us and is an excellent teacher."

Mosely said her goal was to teach the students to paint in order to restore their self-worth, and, "My second goal is to help them become self-sufficient by selling their work."

She said the students had displayed their work at the Round Rock professional building in November and at the Shriners circus at the Heritage Center in October.

"What we need now is a place to sell our work," she said. "Most of the students' wheelchairs" and are used for the work needed for an art class.

Mosely said the students typically need a permanent place and display their paintings.

"Right now I must carry my paintings around in my car. There is no place to store them," she said. "It is also inconvenient for students to lug their art back and forth."

Mosely said her work with the students is a labor of love.

"My mother had rheumatoid arthritis," she said. "I wanted to be in bed and wither away. That taught me compassion."

Mosely said Lucy Hachenberg and Marcella Wheeler with the classes.

Mosely, who has been painting for nine years, said she is studying portrait painting. Austin artist John Hachenberg said she will be teaching for the Institute of Living beginning Feb. 12 at the Cock Recreation Center.