

Hi Mayor Jensen,

Thank you very much for taking time out of your schedule to speak with me and Mayor Pro Tem Hogue about your experience with the SH 161 tollway. As a followup to that call, we wanted to get your input on the following questions that we had:

- 1.) How much public support for the project was there and how did those who supported the project show their support?
- 2.) How much public opposition for the project was there and how did those who opposed the project demonstrate their opposition?
- 3.) Did the SH 161 project require any approvals from the City of Grand Prairie as a condition of the project moving forward to construction?
- 4.) Was the group Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom (TURF) involved in the public discussion of this project before its approval?
- 5.) Since the completion and opening of SH 161, what impacts has this roadway had on Grand Prairie, particularly in terms of quality-of-life, crime rates, and economics?
- 6.) What has been the largest benefit to Grand Prairie from the construction of SH 161?
- 7.) What has been the largest problem for Grand Prairie from the construction of SH 161?
- 8.) Where do you think Grand Prairie would be if SH 161 had not been built, particularly in terms of quality-of-life, crime rates, and economics?

In addition to these questions, I am attaching a memorandum that I wrote to my council in response to a flyer that has been circulated in Cibolo with regard to our proposed project. This flyer was produced by the TURF organization and they used Grand Prairie as an example of how a "once thriving community" became an "undesirable place to live" because of the construction of SH 161. I wanted to pass that along to you for your response if you are so interested.

Along that same line of thought, the Cibolo City Council is holding a public hearing tomorrow at 6:30 with regard to our project and another on September 27 for public input on our project. We would love to include any responses you may feel appropriate to either the questions above or to the TURF flyer and my response at either or both of those hearings, whichever is most convenient for you.

Thank you so much again for your time on the conference call and for any additional information you can provide us! If you have any questions, or if I may be of service, please give me a call or shoot me an email. Thanks again and have a great day!

Sincerely,

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1.) How much public support for the project was there and how did those who supported the project show their support?

This project was not widely publicized, so there was very little support due to its discrete nature. TxDOT held a public forum; more information can be obtained from Dan Perge (214-320-6383).

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Yes, it required a council vote to approve the Highway to get tolled.

4.) Was the group Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom (TURF) involved in the public discussion of this project before its approval?

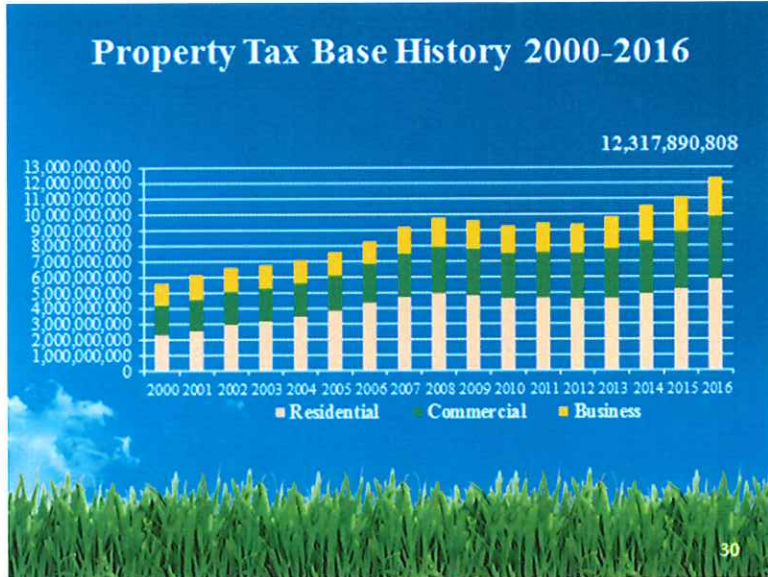
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5.) Since the completion and opening of SH 161, what impacts has this roadway had on Grand Prairie, particularly in terms of quality-of-life, crime rates, and economics?

Quality-of-life has increased. Crime rate has gone down however; the opening of SH 161 has not been a sole factor in the crime rate positively or negatively. SH 161 has become a catalyst for economic development in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grand Prairie. The opening of this highway has significantly reduced travel time for the public, improved emergency services response times, and improved the quality of life for Grand Prairie residents through quality development that will ultimately reduce the tax burden on residents.

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Murder</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>703</b>
<b>Larceny (Theft)</b>	<b>4,325</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>2,906</b>

Auto Theft	818	632	580	601	490
Part I Total	7,542	5,735	5,658	5,148	4,581



### Historical Trend Sales Tax Per Capita

Fiscal Year	Population	GF Sales Tax	Per Capita
2001-2002	130,438	15,386,738	118
2002-2003	134,596	15,126,705	112
2003-2004	137,872	15,868,484	115
2004-2005	141,450	16,462,678	116
2005-2006	145,600	17,515,487	120
2006-2007	156,050	19,166,603	123
2007-2008	161,550	21,029,895	130
2008-2009	166,650	20,251,492	122
2009-2010	168,500	19,870,901	118
2010-2011	169,350	19,516,355	115
2011-2012	175,960	22,006,143	125
2012-2013	176,980	24,602,744	139
2013-2014	178,290	24,895,400	140
2014-2015	181,230	26,117,981	144
2015-2016	182,610	27,019,379	148
2016-2017	184,620	27,559,766	149

2016-2017 is Proposed Budget, prior year data is actual sales tax collected less rebates.

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6.) What has been the largest benefit to Grand Prairie from the construction of SH 161?

SH 161 opened up hundreds of acres of developable land, and there has been a surge in economic development due to that availability. IKEA will break ground on October 25<sup>th</sup>, entrusting their 4<sup>th</sup> store in the State of Texas and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the metroplex, just off SH 161 here in Grand Prairie. It has also made Grand Prairie accessible to and from the metroplex. Grand Prairie is located in the center of the metroplex and following the opening of SH 161 it is much easier for citizens in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to easily travel to Grand Prairie.

7.) What has been the largest problem for Grand Prairie from the construction of SH 161?

What some would consider a problem has been a great benefit for Grand Prairie. Since the opening of SH 161, there has undoubtedly been more traffic which has led to an increase in accidents. However, that has also been a major contributor to the economic development boom we are experiencing in Grand Prairie.

8.) Where do you think Grand Prairie would be if SH 161 had not been built, particularly in terms of quality-of-life, crime rates, and economics?

Without the opening of SH 161, Grand Prairie would not have been considered for IKEA and the upcoming project, the EPIC would not have been explored. The Epic will be the finest health/wellness/life enrichment/water park/recreation center in all of America. This "legacy project" also will include: a library, amphitheater at Central Park, additional trails at Central Park, an all-accessible playground, the grand lawn, and outdoor water opportunities as well! As previously stated, SH 161 was not a sole contributing factor for crime rate positively or negatively. It has enhanced Grand Prairie citizens' quality-of-life.