

# TxDOT briefs Leon Springs business mixer

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A Texas Department of Transportation official briefed Leon Springs Business Association members on construction projects at the intersection of Interstate 10 and the Dominion, including the widening of frontage roads from Camp Bullis.

"In this area, we're beginning to see a lot of growth, a lot of activity," said TxDOT area engineer Greg Malatek.

As the guest speaker at the association's monthly meeting at the Scenic Loop Cafe, Malatek talked about construction projects that hopefully will address the traffic congestion in the Leon Springs area.

It was the new group's third gathering and more than 50 members and local business leaders attended.

Malatek said motorists, who travel past Leon Springs Elementary School from work or from picking up the kids at school, will see a signal at Boerne Stage Road and IH-10 soon.

Work should start on that project at the end of July or the first of August, the TxDOT engineer predicted.

"It usually takes a month, a month and one-half," he said. "I would say we'll see the signal up and running about September."

Malatek said also that residents could eventually expect to see signals at Ralph Fair Road and IH-10. TxDOT has been studying the Ralph Fair intersection for about five years.

Also, Malatek noted, work was slated to begin on the overpass at the Dominion and IH-10 in July.

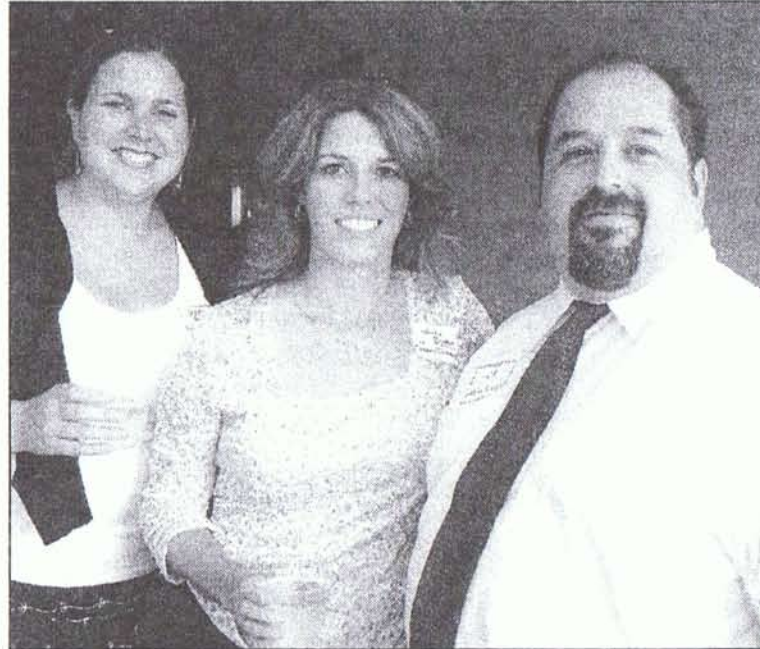
"Interstate 10 is going to go over and the Dominion will go under," Malatek explained.

Malatek said the project would begin around Camp Bullis Road and extend slightly west of Boerne Stage Road.

"The plan is to elevate the main lanes of Interstate 10," he said. "After the lanes are elevated with the overpass at Dominion Drive, TxDOT will build a roadway under the highway, extending Dominion Drive to the frontage road on the other side."

TxDOT also plans to build a turn around on the interstate on the south side of the intersection.

As part of the project, the frontage road from Camp Bullis



Jessica Cullitan, Chris Bryan and Luis Tellez attended the Leon Springs Business Associates meeting.

to Dominion Drive will be converted to a one-way system.

"When we change frontage roads to one way, the exit ramp is going to be further away and the entrance ramp is going to be closer to where you want to get off at. From TxDOT's perspective, it's basically a crossover for drivers who want to travel in the other direction.

For that reason, the crossovers will be a mile to two miles apart."

Malatek said that eventually all frontage roads in the

state would become one-way roads. "Three or four years ago, a commission in Austin that the governor appointed said that all frontage roads in the state will eventually be one way, so any construction projects that we do will be upgraded to one way," Malatek said.

The \$20 million project, which includes the elevation, the turn around and the conversion on the frontage roads is expected to take two to two and a half years.

TxDOT plans to widen the



Staff photos by Craig Racho

TxDOT area engineer Greg Malatek.

frontage roads from Camp Bullis along IH-10 to at least Loop 1604 beginning in January 2007.

The \$26 million dollar project is expected to take about three years to complete.

The Leon Springs Business Association will hold its next mixer on July 13 at Los Encinos Hill Country Estate, 24183 Boerne Stage Road. Area developers are scheduled to speak on future plans for that region.

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