

MONTGOMERY TRACE ROAD WORK

Many of you have had questions regarding the recent work on Fish Creek Thoroughfare in Section 3 and the work on Subdivision roads in sections 5-10. This communication is intended to give you an understanding of the current work as we understand it.

Regarding work on Sendera Ranch Drive in Section 3, the county has begun work to bring the roads in Section 3 and Sendera Ranch up to the state standards that will be required when the entire road is complete. The plan is for a 30 foot roadway with 24 feet of paved roadway and 3 feet of shoulder on each side. This will involve a roughly symmetrical extension of the roadway on each side of the current midline of the current road. Unfortunately, this will involve the county needing to shorten driveways by a foot two and extend the road a bit on each side of the existing road..

The roadways in both Section 3 and Sendera Ranch will be modified, but they will not be connected until work on the bridge across Lake Creek is near completion. Work on the bridge is currently on hold pending final certification by the TCEQ. Finally, although the easement allows for a four lane highway, the current work (including bridge) will only develop two lanes.

Regarding work on the roads in Sections 5-10, as noted earlier they are now county roads. The problem is that the base of portions of them is unstable. This is indicated by sags and extensive crumbling and cracks in the pavement. The plan is to identify those areas requiring reinforcement of the base, stabilize it then patch and wait to determine if it is stable.

This may take several years. Ultimately the county will pave over the patched, stabilized areas, but it may take several years to become confident that all sections of the roadway are stable. This makes sense from both economic and engineering standpoints, so the county asks for your patience to allow the process to work.