



City of Simonton

January 31, 2018

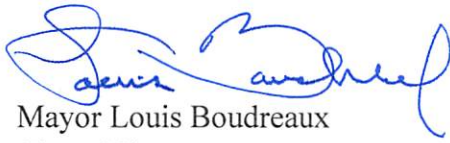
City of Simonton
35011 FM 1093
Simonton, TX 77476

The city of Simonton has received requests and complaints recently about road conditions in Valley Lodge. As the Mayor of our general law city, it is my purview to see that the public infrastructure within our city is maintained by professional public works officials. The city has an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County Road and Bridge to assist us with road work requests. The city pays for materials and Road and Bridge provides labor and equipment. They are the experts on assessing road condition needs, and as a temporary solution to our deteriorating road conditions, they made the determination to place crushed concrete on roads that need the most work. Financially, our city is like many other municipalities, where capital improvement projects exceed the amount of resources available to facilitate the improvement of all such projects. This means that priorities need to be placed in perspective to available resources and abilities to achieve such goals. The factors that limit our ability to commence every infrastructure project we have planned, including permanently fixing the roads with asphalt/chip coat, are as follows:

1. Availability of Funds, keep in mind that the sum of these projects could easily reach over a million dollars. Our average annual income is about \$300,000.
2. County's availability/scheduling, again keeping in mind that Simonton is one of seventeen cities in the county. They also serve all the unincorporated areas in the county. We were notified that the county has a substantial backlog in their scheduling following the 2016 flood and even more so after Hurricane Harvey.
3. Heavy Construction vehicles continue to drive on roads that were not built to sustain such weight. Building Permits continue to progress. The rebuilding of the community could take a year or more. Reconstructing new roads is not advisable as long as heavy vehicles continue to frequent our roadways.
4. Public Safety Infrastructure continues to be a high priority due to our potential for flooding. These projects include internal and external drainage. These are very expensive projects for which we have completed a capital budget plan. We are working on easements for external drainage and seeking a grant for internal drainage, though these grants are competitive, council can decide to fund projects as time and budget allows.

As Mayor, I have done my due diligence to see that the roads are a priority. I hope the information provided has given you an idea of the complexity of making public decisions. This can help your understanding of what it takes to govern a city. I respect your opinion by bringing this matter to my attention. As you may all be aware, I am not running for office for the next term. Anyone who feels they have ideas for improving our city's progress should consider running for office as Mayor or Council in the upcoming election.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louis Boudreaux", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Louis Boudreaux
City of Simonton, Texas

Please see below capital improvement projects submitted to Commissioner Meyers office. Items 1,2 and 4 are road rebuild projects and Item 3 in Phase 1 of the Internal Drainage Capital Improvement Project:

1	the city is requesting a project agreement for Public Assistance Grant roadwork number 00722 sim003C, on Flintlock (2) road, Stockade rd., Lariat rd., Maverick (3) rd., Stirrup rd., and Canyon rd.	Mayor Louis Boudreaux	35011 FM 1093	281-533-9809	mayor@simontontexas.gov	11/16/17
2	the city is requesting a project agreement for Public Assistance Grant roadwork number 00723 sim004C, on Longhorn (2) rd., Indian (2) rd., and Cavalry rd.	Mayor Louis Boudreaux	35011 FM 1093	281-533-9809	mayor@simontontexas.gov	11/16/17
3	the city is requesting a project agreement for Phase I Outfall Restrictions: o Fort Bend from Outfall Channel to Comanche (Fort Bend Seg. A) o Surrey from Fort Bend Drive to 1,000' north (Surrey Seg. A) o Pony from Canyon to Tejas and channel from Pony to Oxbow (Pony Seg. G) o Pony from Indian to Cavalry and channel from Pony to Oxbow (Pony Seg. I) o Pony from Comanche to outfall channel at Buckboard (Pony Seg. C) o Lariat from Alamo to Pony and channel (Lariat Seg. A) o Lariat from Fort Bend to Cowhide (Lariat Seg. E) o Wrangler from FM 1093 to Longhorn (Wrangler Seg. A) o Sagebrush from Cheyenne to Rue (Sagebrush Seg. D) o Fort Bend from Cowhide to Outfall Channel (Fort Bend Seg. C) o Lariat (North Ditch) from Cowhide to Fort Bend (Lariat Seg. D) o Lariat from Fort Bend to Alamo (Lariat Seg. C)	Mayor Louis Boudreaux	35011 FM 1093	281-533-9089	mayor@simontontexas.gov	11/16/17
4	the city is requesting a project agreement for the following: 1. rebuild of Nails Road from south city limit to Ashe Road 2. rebuild of Ashe Road from east city limit to FM 1093 3. Asphalt on Barnes Road from FM 1489 to FM1093.	City of Simonton	35011 FM 1093	281-533-9809	cityhall@simontontexas.gov	7/19/17