



CITY OF CORSICANA, TEXAS

BYPASS APPROVED

6/29/2012

For over 20 years it's been talked about, planned and proposed and now will become a reality. Officials of the City and County along with concerned citizens traveled to Austin yesterday and met with the Texas Transportation Commission to discuss the proposed Corsicana bypass. The Transportation Commission approved the project dedicating \$41 million from the Unified Transportation Program. An additional \$5.3 million will come from the local TxDOT office, and local entities will need to raise \$3.7 million to complete the project. The expected cost for the project is about \$51 million.

The loop will begin to the west of Corsicana near the TxDOT facility, loop south to Hwy 287 and continue to Hwy 31 near the Pactiv plant.

The benefit of the bypass will relieve the congestion on 7th Avenue and divert the hazardous materials carried by 18-wheelers that currently travel through our city. This will make it more conducive for travelers passing through and much safer for our citizens.

The planning, environmental studies and the acquiring of the right-of-way will begin immediately, and actual construction may begin as early as 2014.

Sincerely,

Chuck McClanahan

Mayor