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City sets two public briefings on sidewalk and trails *Program to fund \$5 million in upgrades*

MURPHY (March 7, 2022) The public is cordially invited to attend either one of the two public briefings designed to share information on the recently-approved sidewalks and trails initiative.

The briefings, which will be held in the lobby of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, will be hosted by staff and include a brief presentation covering the initiative. Following the presentation, staff will answer questions and provide clarification where necessary.

The first of these is set for Tuesday, March 15 at 5 p.m. before the City Council convenes during one of their regular monthly meetings. The other is set for Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. Both public briefings will be identical and will likely last no more than one hour.

In addition to the presentation and the question-and-answer session, the briefings will feature large display boards with illustrations and maps of the sidewalks and trails that are planned for completion or construction.

While the public is invited to participate in the briefings, the purpose of these is to share information on the decisions regarding this topic that have already been made. Suggestions for changes or modifications to these decisions are appreciated, but the designs that will be presented have already met with the approval of the Council.

The completion and construction of sidewalks and trails have been a topic of discussion since the compilation of Capital Improvement Project suggestions submitted to the Capital Projects Review Committee which preceded the 2017 bond election.

While the sidewalk and trails projects were widely popular, these did not make the final recommendation for the 2017 bond election. Nevertheless, because of the savings realized from the projects that were completed as part of the bond election, the Council decided to move forward with a certain number of sidewalks and trails.

Of the estimated \$5 million cost of the sidewalks and trails contemplated for completion, \$2 million will come from unused funds related to the 2017 bond projects, and \$3 million will come from other sources, including bond sales, and grants.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.