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PRESS RELEASE

Denton ISD Future High School Proposed for Cross Roads

(Cross Roads, Texas – January 18, 2023) – Denton ISD approached the Town of Cross Roads in mid-September of 2022 regarding their intent to purchase property in Cross Roads for a future “Flagship” high school. Several regional entities including the Regional Transportation Commission and Denton County assisted DISD in locating the optimal property for their future campus, generally located at the southeast corner of Naylor Road and US 380 in Cross Roads. This proposed site encompasses the property proposed for the Cross Roads Market Square development, a development approved in 2019 that included retail and hotel space along with nearly 300 multifamily units, as well as future phases of the Oak Hill Ranch Subdivision.

Mayor Tompkins and Town Staff have held multiple meetings with Denton ISD Administration since that time and have sought direction from Town Council on representing the best interests of our residents. Recognizing that the Town is unable to regulate the location of schools, the Mayor and Staff have held productive meetings with the DISD team to impress upon them the Town’s desire to maintain the standards and desires set forth in the Vision 2035 plan along with the need to have property available along the US 380 corridor for sales-tax-producing businesses. Vision 2035 is a Town Visioning project initiated by Mayor Tompkins to create a roadmap for the future, based on full community’s input. DISD has committed to working with the Town to address these concerns.

Vision 2035: The Town of Cross Roads is a thriving community built on small-town country charm that is committed to an excellent quality of life for our community, citizens, businesses and visitors. We seek sustainable growth that protects our natural and historic resources, while preserving our values, qualities and culture. A strong and active multi-generational population enjoys its spirit of community. Details on Vision 2035 are available at: <https://www.crossroadstx.gov/town-council/pages/vision-2035>.

Potential advantages of the proposed High School campus are that it enables the community to benefit from infrastructure improvements voiced in Vision 2035. Residents stated they wanted amenities such as a community center, fields, tracks, sports courts, etc. for community and family use. Because of the Town’s commitment to nature, parks and green spaces, DISD would work with the Town to create hiking and bike trails near the school, potentially qualifying for federal funding. DISD also has proposed that the school library would give Cross Roads residents access to library facilities within our Town. Other improvements, such as improved high-speed internet and fiber optics to support learning at the new campus could also be available to the community.

Discussions with DISD are on-going and if a tentative agreement is reached that supports Vision 2035 and protects the tax-producing 380 Corridor, the Town will conduct a public meeting to obtain input from the public prior to the final agreement. In the meantime, residents who have specific concerns or suggestions are encouraged to communicate them to Mayor Tompkins via email at l.tompkins@crossroadstx.gov.

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