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City officials to break ground for south Murphy project *Project includes street panels and drainage remediation*

MURPHY (March 11, 2019) The symbolic start of construction for the southernmost project of the City's 2017 Capital Improvement Projects Bond program is set for Saturday, March 30.

The ceremonial groundbreaking will occur at 9 a.m. for what is commonly referred to as the Travis Estates street improvement project near the intersections of Skyline Drive with Summer Place and Horizon Drive.

Mayor Scott Bradley and Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Berthiaume will lead the shovel brigade which will include City Manager Mike Castro, PhD, Public Services Director Tim Rogers and officials of Texas Civil Construction, the general contracting company overseeing the project.

The set of individual improvement jobs that constitute the entire project include replacement of the pavement for the entire streets of Summer Place, Horizon Drive, and Horizon Court, as well as a section of Skyline Drive beginning just west of Summer Place and terminating at the entrance to Travis Farms Park, as well as a number of individual street panel replacements on Ridgeview Drive and Sunset Drive.

In addition, the project includes the cleaning and sloping of drainage ditches along both sides of Skyline Drive and Horizon Drive, as well as the drainage improvements along the rear property lines of homes on Summer Place and Horizon Drive that back up to each other.

In all, approximately 7,500 linear feet of drainage ditches will be cleaned and graded for proper drainage slope.

While the start of very few of the 52 projects in the 2017 Capital Improvement Project Bond program will be celebrated with a groundbreaking, City officials are choosing certain projects for either their size, significance to the surrounding neighborhood, length of time the project may last, or some other extenuating factor. The first project in which a groundbreaking was held was the culvert and drainage remediation of Waters Edge Park in October of last year.

Parking for the March 30 groundbreaking ceremony, which will include light snacks and beverages, is available at Travis Farms Park, three blocks north of the ceremonial site. A canopy and chairs will be set up for the comfort of attendees.

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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.