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Proposed Parish Road Program Presentation Now Posted On Parish Website

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GONZALES – Following two public input meetings that were held earlier this month, Ascension Parish officials have posted a PDF format slide presentation for preview detailing plans for a proposed parish road program that will go before voters in November.

The presentation, now available at www.ascensionparish.net, was made during a special Transportation Committee meeting Tuesday night at the Gonzales Courthouse. Michael Songy with CSRS engineering firm presented the presentation and answered questions from the committee.

“With the growth in the parish over the past 10 years, growing at about 40 percent, we are in the same situation that the school board is in,” President Tommy Martinez said. “They’re going to have to build a new school, one every year for the next twenty years, so we keep building and people keep coming. When we had all these meetings for the Master Plan, everybody would say, ‘We don’t want any more growth until we have infrastructure.’ This is an opportunity to present a plan to the people of Ascension Parish that will help infrastructure along at a quicker pace. If we continue what we are doing, the only thing we will be able to do is maintain what we have, and we may not be able to do that adequately.”

In November, if voters approve a proposed half-cent sales tax for unincorporated areas of Ascension Parish, Songy said it would generate about \$8 million annually. This would also provide for \$80 million in initial bonding capacity, he said.

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A recorded video cablecast of Tuesday's special Transportation Meeting is located on the Ascension Parish website at

http://www.ascensionparish.net/index.php?option=com_seyret&Itemid=265&task=video_directlink&id=904

or in the website's video archive under Transportation Meeting videos.



Michael Songy (left) and Travis Woodard of CSRS, Inc. check monitor screens in the Gonzales Courthouse East meeting room as they present a detailed summary of transportation projects to members of the Transportation Committee Tuesday evening. The projects are part of the proposed Ascension Parish Road Program .

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