



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Fort Bend County, Texas

Vincent M. Morales, Jr.
Commissioner

In response to the status of Westpark Tollway extending further into Simonton at FM 1489 / FM 1093, here is what Fort Bend County is currently faced with:

Fulshear's population has grown from 1,134 in 2010 to over 42,000 in 2023. In 2023, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that Fulshear's population increased by 25.6%, the fastest-growing small town in America. New housing developments, businesses, and schools have been built to accommodate the growth and plans for approximately 8,000+ acres in Precinct 1 alone are in the planning stages to begin development within the next 2 years. Fort Bend County and the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority (FBCTRA) are striving to keep pace with accommodating the increase of vehicles on the roadways while increasing road safety. In response to this growth, a westward extension of the Westpark Tollway is under construction to just east of Charger Way.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Fort Bend County, local cities of Fulshear, Weston Lakes, Simonton and the FBCTRA will continue to work cooperatively to address the increasing congestion and safety issues along our roads. An element of the response would include widening of FM 1093 and future extensions of the Westpark Tollway. Recent traffic forecasts for the Westpark Tollway show travel demand increasing by 50% over the next 10 years and doubling over the next 20 years. While planning for the above improvements are in preliminary stages, a schedule for implementation has not been developed. However, given the growth patterns, it is reasonable to expect that within the next ten years we may begin construction of another Westpark extension.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Morales, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

Vincent Morales, Jr.
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Fort Bend County, Precinct One