

PUBLIC HEARING:

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED CITY-INITIATED ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 21.0 ACRES OF LAND IN DENTON COUNTY, LOCATED ON THE NORTH FREEWAY (I-35W), SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 114 AND EAST OF CHAMPIONSHIP PARKWAY. (AX-11-003 NORTH FREEWAY/I-35W)

- a. Report of City Staff
- b. Citizen Comments

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**June 7, 2011**

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**Subject: Service Plan Public Hearing for AX-11-003, Located on the North Freeway (I-35W), South of Highway 115 and East of Championship Parkway (Council District 2)**

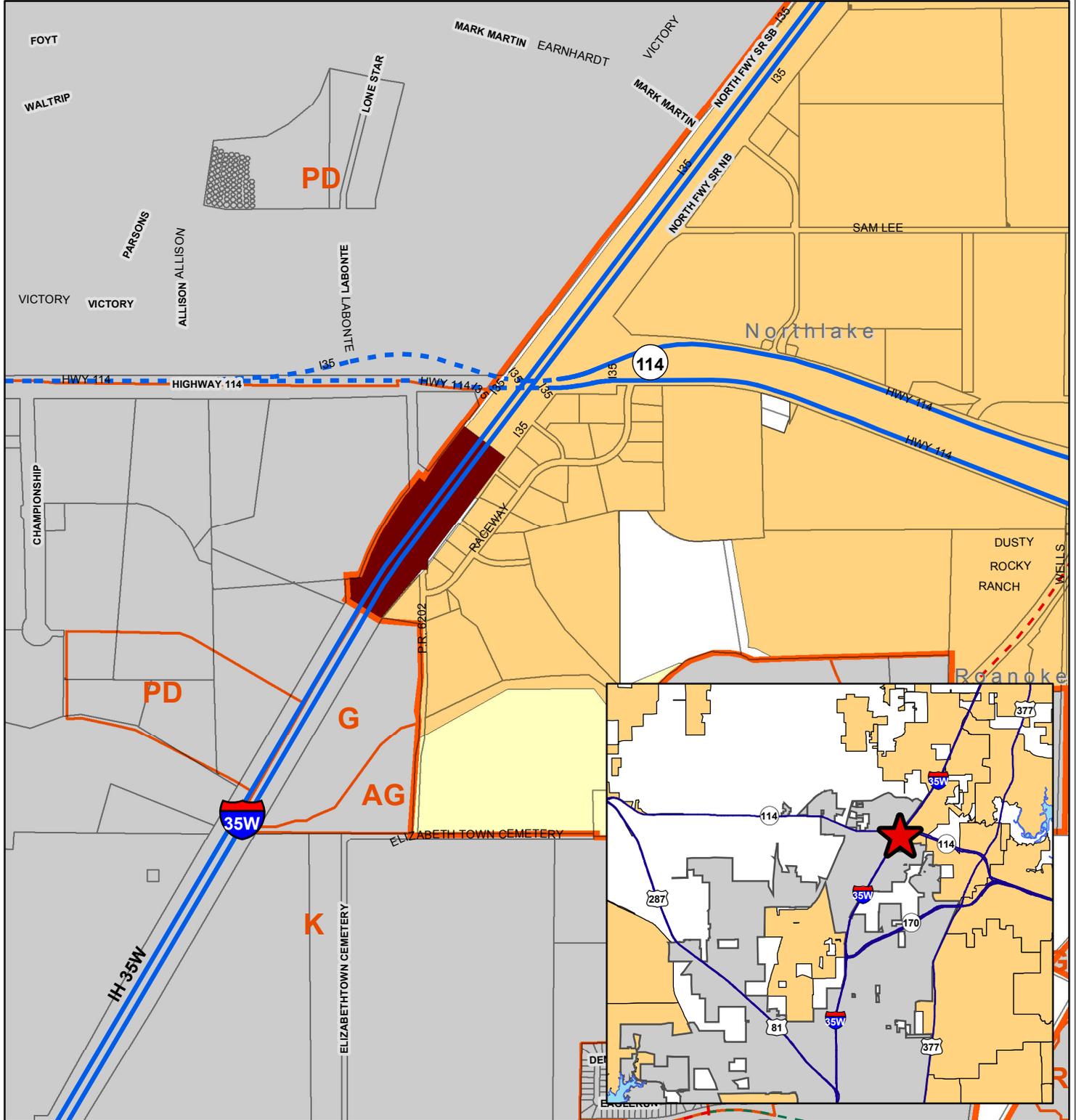
The 2011-2015 annexation program, adopted with the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, recommends several areas be considered for full-purpose annexation in 2011 that would be additions to Council District 2. The property under consideration for annexation as AX-11-003 is 21 acres and currently is right-of-way for the North Freeway (I-35W), owned by the Texas Department of Transportation. No additional development is anticipated. For property used as rights-of-way, the zoning of the adjacent parcels will be extended upon annexation.

The purpose of tonight's public hearing is to collect public comments on the city-initiated annexation service plan for the North Freeway (AX-11-003). The services that the annexation area will receive immediately upon annexation are: police, fire, and emergency medical services; garbage pick-up; library services; building inspection and code compliance; maintenance of existing public water and sewer lines; and public roadway maintenance. The only Council action necessary is to close the public hearing after receiving public input. Final annexation action will take place at the July 12 City Council meeting, which will contain an M&C to consider and institute adoption of this enclave in the Far North sector.

Project Case # AX-11-003

Exhibit A

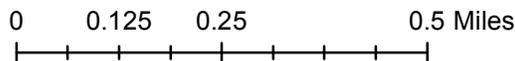
Addition of 21.0 Acres to become part of Council District 2



Legend

- Proposed Annexation Area
- Fort Worth City Limits
- Fort Worth ETJ

Proposed Process Schedule		Map References	
1st Public Hearing	06/07/11	Mapsc0	643U
2nd Public Hearing	06/14/11		
Date of Institution	07/12/11		
Current Full-Purpose Incorporated Area		334.52 Square Miles	



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CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
SERVICE PLAN FOR ANNEXED AREA

Property Subject to Plan: BEING 21.0 acres of land situated in the G. W. Shamblin Survey, Abstract Number 1191; situated about 18.4 miles North 9 degrees East of the Courthouse in Tarrant County, Texas.

Location and Acreage: Approximately 21.0 acres of land in Denton County, located on the North Freeway (I-35W), south of Highway 114 and east of Championship Parkway.

Municipal services to the Annexation Area will be furnished by or on behalf of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, at the following levels and in accordance with the following service plan programs:

1. PROGRAM FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ANNEXATION

The City will provide the following services in the Annexation Area on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise noted. As used in this plan, the term 'providing services' includes having services provided by any method or means by which the City may extend municipal services to any other area of the City, including the City's infrastructure extension policies and developer or property owner participation in accordance with applicable city ordinances.

A. Police Protection

The Fort Worth Police Department will provide protection and law enforcement services in the Annexation Area commencing on the effective date of annexation. The services will include:

- Normal patrols and responses to calls for service
- Handling of offense and incident reports
- Special units, such as traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, narcotics law enforcement, gang suppression, and crime response team deployment when required.

These services are provided on a citywide basis. The area will be combined with existing Police Reporting Areas Q300. The area will be added to Beat N15 in Zone N1 in North Division.

B. Fire Protection

Fire protection services will be provided by existing personnel and equipment of the Fort Worth Fire Department. These services will be provided based upon available water, road and street conditions, and distances from existing fire stations. Services will be provided to the annexation area commencing on the effective date of the annexation. These services include:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) 1st responder emergency medical services;
- Fire suppression and rescue;
- Hazardous materials mitigation and regulation;
- Dive rescue;
- Technical rescue;
- Fire Safety Education;
- Aircraft/rescue/ firefighting;
- Fire protection system plan review; and
- Inspections.

These services are provided on a citywide basis. All Fort Worth firefighters are certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

On the date of annexation, the first responding fire services will come from Fire Station 11, located at 1900 Texan Drive. The second responding fire company will be from Fire Station 35 located at 2201

Flight Line Road. The Fire Department estimates the response time to be 9.7 and 10.8 minutes, respectively.

C. Emergency Medical Services – Basic Life Support

Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency medical services by existing personnel and equipment of the Fort Worth Fire Department will be provided to the annexation area commencing on the effective date of the annexation. The Fort Worth Fire Department serves as the first responder on life threatening medical emergencies as a part of the MedStar system. All Fort Worth Fire Department personnel are certified as Emergency Medical Technician basic level or higher. All engines, trucks, and rescue units carry Automated External Defibrillators for use with victims who are in cardiac arrest.

Emergency Medical Services – Advanced Life Support

Advanced Life Support response provided by MedStar is greater than 9 minutes to the proposed annexation area with a potential of at least a 30-minute transport time to the nearest trauma center.

D. Solid Waste Collection

Solid waste collection shall be provided to the Annexation Area in accordance with existing City ordinances and policies commencing on the effective date of the annexation. For residential collections, private solid waste service providers under contract with the City will provide services. Residential customers using the services of a privately owned solid waste management service provider other than the City's contracted service provider may continue to use such services until the second anniversary of the annexation.

At the discretion of the customer, private service providers may provide solid waste collection services for businesses and multi-family dwelling complexes having three or more units. Private solid waste collection providers must have an active Grant of Privilege issued by the City of Fort Worth to provide service within the city limits.

E. Operation and Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities

Currently, there are existing 8-inch and 12-inch water lines and 8-inch and 30-inch sewer lines located along the North Freeway (I-35W). Fort Worth is maintaining the 24-inch water and sewer mains located in the North Freeway (I-35W). Fort Worth will provide water and sewer service to the Annexation Area, at the developer's cost, in accordance with the "Installation Policy of Community Facilities".

F. Operation and Maintenance of Roads and Streets, Including Street Lighting

The following services will be provided in the Annexation Area commencing on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise noted.

These services include emergency pavement repair and repair maintenance of public streets on an as-needed basis. Preventive maintenance projects are prioritized on a region-wide basis and scheduled based on a variety of factors, including surface condition, ride ability, age, traffic volume, functional class, and available funding. Any necessary rehabilitation or reconstruction will be considered and prioritized by the City.

Streetlights installed on improved public streets shall be maintained by the City of Fort Worth in accordance with current City policies. Other street lighting shall not be maintained by the City of Fort Worth.

The City will also provide regulatory signage services in the Annexation Area. Traffic signal, stop, and all other regulatory studies are conducted in conjunction with growth of traffic volumes. All regulatory signs and signals are installed when warranted following an engineering study. Faded, vandalized, or missing signs are replaced as needed. "CALL BACK" service is provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for emergency sign repair.

G. Operation and Maintenance of Parks, Playgrounds and Swimming Pools

Residents of this property may utilize all existing parks and community service facilities throughout the City, beginning with the effective date of the annexation. Existing parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and other recreational and community facilities within the Annexation Area that are private facilities will be unaffected by the annexation.

Existing parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and other recreational and community facilities within this property shall, upon deeding to and acceptance by the City and appropriations for maintenance and operations, be operated by the City of Fort Worth, but not otherwise.

H. Operation and Maintenance of Any Other Publicly Owned Facility, Building or Service.

In the event the City acquires any other facilities, buildings or services necessary for municipal services located in the Annexation Area, the appropriate City department will provide maintenance services.

2. PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

In addition to the services identified above, the following services will be provided in the Annexation Area on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise noted:

- A. The residents of the Annexation Area will receive the following library services from the Fort Worth Library commencing on the effective date of the annexation.
 - Genealogy, Local History, and Archival Collections
 - Youth & Teen Services
 - Interlibrary Loan to borrow materials from collections of 10,000 libraries
 - Telephone, Mail, and E-mail Reference Services
 - Remote access to over 50 online databases
 - U. S., Texas, and City of Fort Worth documents
 - Free computer classes for the public
 - Large Print Books
- B. The City will provide general municipal administration and administrative services.
- C. The Annexation Area will be included in the Transportation and Public Works Department's Storm Water Utility service area, but as state property is exempt from utility fees. Routine drainage maintenance remains the responsibility of Texas Department of Transportation. The City's Storm Water Utility will provide floodplain management and information regarding flood plains.
- D. Enforcement of the City's code, consumer health, and animal care and control ordinances and regulations, that include but not limited to: high weeds and grass, trash and debris, solid waste, trash carts and illegal dumping, junked and abandoned vehicles, zoning, food, daycare, pool and spa inspections, stray animals, cruelty and bite investigations. Complaints of ordinance or regulation violations within the area will be answered and investigated by existing personnel within the appropriate department beginning on the effective date of the annexation.
- E. The City's building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and all other construction codes will be enforced within the Annexation Area beginning with the effective date of the annexation.
- F. The City's zoning, subdivision, sign, manufactured housing, junk yard and other ordinances shall be enforced in the Annexation Area beginning on the effective date of the annexation.
- G. All inspection services furnished by the City of Fort Worth, but not mentioned above, will be provided to the Annexation Area beginning on the effective date of the annexation.

3. PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING FULL MUNICIPAL SERVICES WITHIN 2-½ YEARS

In addition to the services listed above, the City will provide full municipal services to the Annexation Area commensurate with the levels of services provided in other parts of the City except if differences in topography, land use, and population density constitute a sufficient basis for providing different levels of service, no later than two and one-half (2-½) years after the effective date of the annexation. If full municipal services cannot be reasonably provided within the aforementioned time period, the City will propose a schedule for providing said services within a period of four and one-half (4-½) years after the effective date of the annexation, and/or upon commencement of development of a subdivision within this property, whichever occurs later.

“Full municipal services” are services provided by the annexing municipality within its full-purpose boundaries, excluding gas or electrical service. The City shall provide the services by any of the methods by which it extends the services to any other area of the City.

4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The developer will initiate acquisition or construction of capital improvements necessary for providing full municipal services adequate to serve the Annexation Area. Any such construction shall be substantially completed within two and one-half (2-½) years after the effective date of the annexation. If capital improvements necessary for providing full municipal services for the Annexation Area cannot be reasonably constructed within the aforementioned time period, the City will propose a schedule for providing said services within a period of four and one-half (4-½) years, and/or upon commencement of development of a subdivision within this property, whichever occurs later.

Acquisition or construction shall be accomplished by purchase, lease, or other contract. Any such construction shall be accomplished in a continuous process and shall be completed as soon as reasonably possible, consistent with generally accepted local engineering and architectural standards and practices.

- A. Police Protection. No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide police protection to the Annexation Area. Need for construction of new facilities will be assessed periodically based on population growth, predicted growth and call volume.
- B. Fire Protection. Currently, Fire Station 11 has a 9.7 minute response time to the Annexation Area. Consideration should be given to constructing new stations and staffing new facilities prior to final decision to complete annexation.
- C. Solid Waste Collection. No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide solid waste collection services to the Annexation Area.
- D. Water and Wastewater. Currently, there are existing 24-inch and 16-inch water lines and 24-inch sewer lines located along the North Freeway (I-35W).
- E. Roads. No future capital improvements are required for the widening of the North Freeway (IH-35W) from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. These improvements will be paid for by the Texas Department of Transportation.
- F. Storm Water Utility. All drainage improvements in this interstate highway right-of-way will remain the responsibility of Texas Department of Transportation.
- G. Street Lighting. It is anticipated that new subdivisions in the Annexation Area will install street lighting in accordance with the City's standard policies and procedures. In other cases, the City will consider installation of additional street lighting in the Annexation Area upon request, with priority given to street lighting for traffic safety. Provision of street lighting will be in accordance with the City's street lighting policies, and those of the providing utility.
- H. Parks, Playgrounds and Swimming Pools. Capital improvements such as parkland acquisition and development of facilities will be dictated by future land use of the area, goals established by the Park,

Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and appropriation of resources. Should additional residential development occur, parkland dedication, neighborhood park development and neighborhood park infrastructure or payment in lieu thereof will be required in accordance with the Park Dedication Policy of the Subdivision Ordinance.

- I. Other Publicly Owned Facilities, Building or Services: Additional Services. In general, other City functions and services, and the additional services described above can be provided for the Annexation Area by using existing capital improvements. Additional capital improvements are not necessary to provide City services.

5. IMPACT FEES

Notwithstanding any other provision of this service plan, a landowner within the Annexation Area will not be required to fund capital improvements necessary to provide municipal services in a manner inconsistent with Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code governing impact fees, unless otherwise agreed to by the landowner.