

NEWS RELEASE

Restoration Underway on MKT Depot

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(April 26, 2010) Restoration of the historic MKT Depot on South Rogers Street is now underway, as well as construction of new parking facilities. With the restoration, the parking lot on the north side of the Rogers Street Bridge will be temporarily closed.

“The new parking lot will add more parking, a total of twenty-two new spaces, that will provide parking for the restored depot and the hike and bike trail,” said city manager Paul Stevens. During the construction of the new lot, citizens may access to hike and bike trail from the parking lot on the south end of the Rogers Street Bridge. Other parking options for the trail include Getzendaner Park, Lions Park and Richards Park.

As a safety precaution, the construction areas, including the new parking facilities and the depot building have both been secured with fencing around the perimeter. “It is also important to note that the drive from Rogers Street to Boyce Feed Store will remain open through the construction process,” said Stevens. Motorists are encouraged to use caution when driving through these areas to ensure the safety of construction personnel and pedestrians.

The MKT Depot was purchased by the City of Waxahachie in 2008. The restoration project will be paid for with TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) funds. Plans for the depot are to restore the building and upon completion, the depot will be outfitted to house a restaurant. Within the coming months, a public request for proposals will be submitted and after reviewing, the MKT Depot Committee will then select a tenant. Construction of the depot is expected to be completed within 180 days.

For questions regarding the MKT Depot Restoration, please contact the City of Waxahachie at 972-937-7330, ext. 284.

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