



Fort Bend County Engineering
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

J. Stacy Slawinski, P.E.
County Engineer

May 19, 2021

Commissioner Vincent M. Morales, Jr.
Fort Bend County Precinct 1
1517 Eugene Heimann Circle
Richmond, TX 77469

RE: Tara Subdivision – “No Thru Trucks”

Dear Commissioner:

Fort Bend County Engineering Department has evaluated the request for No Thru Truck signs at the following locations within the Tara subdivision:

- Northbound Tara Plantation Drive, north of FM 2759
- Northbound Savannah Moss Drive, north of FM 2759
- Eastbound Tara Drive, east of FM 2759
- Eastbound Harpers Drive, east of FM 2759

Through truck traffic currently cutting through the Tara subdivision will be adequately served by remaining on major thoroughfares in the area.

The attached Traffic Control Plan (TCP) shows the proposed locations for the “No Thru Trucks” signs.

The attached Commissioners Court Order establishes the thru truck restriction and imposes a criminal penalty for its violation.

If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 281-633-7528 or chris.debaillon@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Debaillon".

Chris Debaillon, PE, PTOE
Assistant County Engineer - Traffic

cc: Judge KP George, County Judge
Scott Wiegat - FBC Road & Bridge
Brian Fields - Signage Department
Major Rudy Castaneda – FBC Sheriff’s Office
Major Manuel Zamora – FBC Sheriff’s Office
File

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**AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
IMPOSING THRU TRUCKS RESTRICTION ON
TARA DRIVE, HARPERS DRIVE, TARA PLANTATION DRIVE, AND SAVANNAH
MOSS DRIVE IN PRECINCT 1
AND IMPOSING A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR
VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has determined that imposing a Thru Trucks restriction on Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive in Precinct 1 would be a valuable law enforcement tool of benefit to the public by reducing the danger to the public, increasing the efficiency of traffic flow and control, and decreasing the number of accidents to which public safety agencies must respond at the expense of the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.151 of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to regulate traffic on a county road that is under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.155 (a) of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to adopt regulations establishing a system of traffic control devices in restricted traffic zones; and

WHEREAS, Section 251.161 of the Texas Transportation Code establishes authority for the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County to impose a criminal penalty for violations of said regulations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing as required by Texas Transportation Code Section 251.152 was held on July 6, 2021, prior to the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County imposing a Thru Trucks restriction on Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive, which are public roads located in the unincorporated area of Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County finds and determines that it is necessary for safety to the public to impose a Thru Trucks restriction for traffic flow on Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive located in Precinct 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:

Article I. Definitions

In this Order, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section:

Commissioners Court: Fort Bend County, Texas, acting by and through its Commissioners Court.

Person: An individual, company, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

Thru Truck: A Truck which accesses FM 2759 (Crabb River Road) via Tara Drive or Harpers Drive from Tara Plantation Drive or Savannah Moss Drive, or a Truck accessing FM 2759 (Thompsons Highway) via Tara Plantation Drive or Savannah Moss Drive from Tara Drive or Harpers Drive.

Truck: A motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used to transport construction materials or debris.

Article II. Thru Trucks Restriction

Section 2.1 The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, imposes a restriction prohibiting Thru Trucks traveling on Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive, from their intersections with FM 2759, to again access FM 2759 via any of the other three streets. Only trucks with a destination accessible solely by travel on Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive are permitted.

Section 2.2 The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, shall cause signs to be installed along Tara Drive, Harpers Drive, Tara Plantation Drive, and Savannah Moss Drive designating the Thru Trucks restriction imposed by this Order.

Section 2.3 The signs must be within 100 feet of the intersections described in Section 2.1 or located according to standards established in the manual adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission under Section 544.001 of the Texas Transportation Code. The signs must be easily readable to any operator of a motor vehicle approaching the intersections.

Article III. Offense

Section 3.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a Truck in violation of this Order.

Section 3.2 A person commits a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00 if the person operates a Truck in violation of this Order, as authorized by Section 251.161(b) of the Texas Transportation Code.

Article IV. Effective Date

The effective date of this Order shall be July 20, 2021.

Article V. General Provisions

Section 5.1 All orders or parts of orders inconsistent with the terms of this Order are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency of other orders regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this Order.

Section 5.2 If any provision, section, exception, subsections, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void, or invalid, such provision(s) of this Order or its(their) application to other sets of circumstances are declared to be severable.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
KP George, County Judge

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk



Plan by: Engineering GIS
Date: 5/12/2021

Plan Approved by: Chris Debaillon, PE PTOE
Date: CD 5/19/2021

Tara Subdivision (No Thru Trucks)

Sign Legend

-  No Thru Trucks
-  Stop

0 100 200 300 400 Feet



Notes:
The purpose of this traffic control plan is to revise traffic control for some intersections in Tara Subdivision with the addition of No Thru Trucks signs.