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Partnership to pave Medical Drive

A joint partnership with Dow Chemical, Brazoria County and the City of Lake Jackson will provide for a ½ mile stretch of Medical Drive in Lake Jackson to be expanded to 4 lanes to allow a full four lanes (2 in each direction) of Medical Drive from Oak Drive South to the new Dow temporary gate east of Plantation Drive.

This asphalt paving will provide improved traffic flow in the area, especially for the new contractor vehicles which will be entering the west side of Dow for the next two years as part of their plant expansion projects.

Dow Chemical has agreed to provide the City of Lake Jackson \$135,000 to pay for this project. This will pay for materials and equipment to provide drainage, asphalt paving and street markings. Brazoria County will pave the roadway, while the City of Lake Jackson will do the drainage work and street markings.

This asphalt project should last 5 years and give the city time to secure funding in the future, likely through a bond issue, to put in the permanent concrete lanes.

"I am grateful to both Dow and Brazoria County, especially Commissioner Payne, for making this possible" said Mayor Rinehart. "I am also grateful for the citizen input that helped press this issue", the Mayor added.

Upon approval of the project by Commissioner's Court, the project will be scheduled and once underway should take 4-6 weeks to complete. The hope is to have this project completed before the holidays.