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Last night, the Sachse City Council approved a 50-50 funding partnership project with Dallas County to complete an asphalt overlay of Merritt Road. This is a temporary fix until the road is reconstructed as part of the Merritt Road Realignment Project. The Merritt Road Realignment Project provides for a four-lane concrete reconstruction of the roadway from Sachse Road to Pleasant Valley. (Information at [movingmerritt.com](http://movingmerritt.com).) Since the full realignment and reconstruction is not scheduled to begin construction until 2022, the City is committed to provide an alternative plan for the safety of Merritt Road drivers.

The approved overlay project is for maintenance only, not widening the road. The City of Sachse is managing the project with total costs estimated at \$419,540, with Dallas County paying 50 percent up to \$209,770. The overlay project is anticipated to begin construction next month with completion set for April 2020.

The City reached out to Dallas County to find funding in support of a short-term solution for the rapidly deteriorating conditions on Merritt Road. Since last fall, City staff collaborated with Dallas County to identify potential funding and partnership options to provide relief for Sachse residents traveling on Merritt Road.

Dallas County, Commissioner J.J. Koch and his staff are strong advocates for the Sachse community and assisted in coordinating on several infrastructure projects. Mayor Mike Felix said "This project has been in the works since October. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Dallas County on such an important project for Sachse."

The City of Sachse and Dallas County entered into a Master Interlocal Agreement on October 3, 2017, whereby Dallas County agreed to provide partial funding for qualified road and bridge maintenance projects situated within the City of Sachse. Merritt Road is identified on the Dallas County Thoroughfare Map as a secondary arterial street and is eligible for maintenance funding.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF SACHSE** – Sachse is an emerging city in Collin and Dallas counties with a population of 20,329 according to the 2010 census. Located about a mile north of President George Bush Turnpike off State Hwy 78, the City is chartered as a Council-Manager municipality. Founded in 1845 by William Sachse, the City enjoys an eclectic mix of established neighborhoods and new residential and commercial developments. Proud of its history, the City is home to a strong historical restoration movement which includes an extensive history museum.