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Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) is a member-driven organization that provides leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment in a range of industries such as aerospace engineering, biotechnology/bioscience, specialty chemicals and plastics, and information technology and communications. BAHEP partners with 270 member companies, 13 cities, Galveston County, Harris County and the Port of Houston Authority in southeast Texas to foster economic vitality through regional collaboration.

Commercial / Office / Industrial Development

Lummus Technology, a CB&I company, is expanding its Research and Development operations at its **Pasadena** facility. The company plans to build 20,000 SF for office and 80,000 SF for manufacturing. Existing buildings and structures will also be renovated to support expanded R&D activities and new equipment will be used for production. The investment value is approximately \$31 million for this new facility. Up to 35 new, direct jobs will be created with yearly salaries totaling approximately \$2.7 million plus benefits. Additionally, over 200 indirect jobs will be created.

CB&I engineers and constructs some of the world's largest energy infrastructure projects. Will Groten, Vice President, Research & Development at the Pasadena plant, said "Houston has always welcomed us with open arms providing an ample work force and space to build and expand. It was a natural progression of this relationship and commitment that Pasadena and the Houston region would be at the top of our list when we were looking to grow our research and development efforts. The Houston region is a great place to grow our business. We're close to our suppliers, including the world's largest petrochemical companies."

Construction began in August and completion is expected by December 2012. The estimated net benefits of this expanded facility to Harris County, La Porte ISD, and other special taxing districts over the first ten years is more than \$10 million.

Big expansion in the works! Kuraray America will increase production of its ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVAL) resin at its facility in **Pasadena** by more than 17 million pounds per year. Continued global demand for the product is the reason for this expansion which will see completion in January 2014 at a cost of \$49 million. It's expected that this project will create 15 permanent jobs. Kuraray has three manufacturing plants for the EVAL resin: Pasadena, TX, Japan and Belgium. The company was the world's first to develop and commercialize this high-barrier performance resin; it's used in the food packaging, agricultural, auto industry and many

other consumer and industrial applications that require a barrier to a gas or chemical resistance.

Oil and water do mix! The Neutral Buoyancy Lab at the Sonny Carter Training Facility at **Ellington** Field will be shared for use in survival training for oil and gas workers. The pool, 40 ft deep, 202 ft long and 102 ft wide, has been used for years to support training for NASA's space shuttle and space station work. This new and innovative agreement will use the expertise of both the NBL managing contractor, Raytheon Technical Training Services Co., and Petrofac Training Services to create a center of excellence for survival training. This is an example of how NASA Johnson Space Center's facilities and resources are being used by non-aerospace industries to grow new technologies. Read more about this here: [Guidry News](#) and <http://www.nasa.gov> for information about NASA and agency programs.

NASA has announced plans for the first Exploration Flight Test (EFT-1) of the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV) in early 2014. Orion MPCV is America's first interplanetary spacecraft designed for deep space human exploration missions to such destinations as Lagrangian Points, asteroids and ultimately Mars. EFT-1 will acquire critical re-entry flight performance data and demonstrate early integration capabilities that benefit Orion, the new heavy lift Space Launch System, and 21st Century Ground Systems programs. Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor for development of the Orion which is managed from **NASA's Johnson Space Center**.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University plans to offer at least three new Master's degrees in the fall of 2012 and relocate to a new facility in **Houston**, TX. A Master of Systems Engineering, Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Master of Science in Project Management are in the planning phases. To help facilitate the growing student body in Houston, a larger classroom location is also currently being planned.

Embry-Riddle's decision to offer the degrees comes after an extensive review of industry needs. Based on the results of its study, the university believes it is important to offer targeted degree programs that meet the requirements of industry and the Houston market is perfectly suited for this mission.

Sens Road Distribution Center, a 276,320 SF facility, is under construction in **La Porte** off SH 225. The bulk distribution warehouse will have 30 ft clear height, dock high and grade level loading, ESFR sprinkler system and a truck court up to 320 ft long. Completion is anticipated for the first quarter of 2012. It's 75% preleased.

Total Safety-Webb Murray has a new 40,000 SF office/warehouse complex underway at 4210 Malone Drive in **Bayport North** Industrial Park. It's scheduled for completion in February 2012.

Another new industrial building is coming up at Bay Oaks Business Park in **Pasadena**. Specs for this one: 30,000 SF concrete tilt-wall, 20-ton crane ready. Construction starts in January with delivery in April 2012.

Another industrial project will be off the ground first quarter 2012. The first phase of approximately 250,000 SF will be built at Energy Commerce Center, an office and warehouse business park on 45 acres along Beltway 8 near SH 225 in **Pasadena**.

A new \$1.3 million medical clinic is under construction for Friendswood Family Chiropractic Clinic and Spuhler Medical Associates at 1111 S. **Friendswood** Drive. City Council approved a \$15,000 municipal grant for this 10,250 SF project. And, approximately \$14,700 in development fees will be waived because the project is located in the city's Downtown Neighborhood Empowerment Zone.

Latest transactions--

- 206,296 SF - Ferguson Enterprises, based in Virginia, leased at Port Crossing, 1701 S. 16th Street in **La Porte**. The company is a wholesale distributor of plumbing equipment,

pipes, valves and fittings, waterworks, and heating and cooling equipment. *The landlord was represented by BAHEP member Colliers International / Gary Mabry, Jason Dillee and Mike Taetz.*

- 54,000 SF - International Distribution Corporation leased at Bay Area Business Park in **Pasadena**. *BAHEP member Stream Realty Partners / Kyle Valentine and Justin Robinson for the landlord.*
- 41,000 SF – Hyduke Energy Services Inc. leased at 9602 New Decade in **La Porte** at **Bayport North** Industrial Park. The Canadian-based company operates in three industry segments: drilling equipment, well service equipment and other oilfield services.
- 30,170 SF - GE Inspection Services at 201 Beltway Green in **Pasadena**. *BAHEP member Capital Commercial Investments – Tyndall Yaap for the owner, CCI.*
- 19,000 SF – ARS Rescue Rooter leased at 910 Queens Rd. in **Pasadena**. *Tenant was represented by BAHEP member Colliers International / Blake Gibson.*
- 12,436 SF – Allied Industrial Sales leased at 100 E. NASA Parkway in **Webster**.
- 8,000 SF – Tri-Sen Systems leased in **Webster**, 16920 Texas Avenue.
- 7,500 SF – Undisclosed company leased at 904 Gemini St. in Gemini Park in **Houston**.
- 5,900 SF – Undisclosed company leased at 902 Gemini St. in Gemini Park in **Houston**.
- 5,000 SF – Corporate Office Centers leased additional space at the Marina View building in **League City**; office space now totals 24,000 SF.
- 4,800 SF – New Dimensions Home Healthcare Plus leased at 4949 Fairmont Pkwy in Pasadena. The company provides healthcare professionals for personal care services, skilled nursing, and senior services. *New Dimensions Home Healthcare Plus is also a BAHEP member.*
- 4,800 SF – Viking Life-Savings Equipment (America) Inc. leased at 16920 Texas Avenue in **Webster** for the first phase of its expansion in the greater Houston area. Headquartered in Denmark with over 1,400 employees worldwide, the company is a market leader in maritime safety, providing and servicing essential safety equipment for passenger and commercial vessels, offshore installations and vessels, the defense sector, industrial fire fighting as well as leisure yachts. *BAHEP worked this project with Alliance Commercial Investments / Allen Cruthirds, a BAHEP member.*
- 4,531 SF – RedCo Distribution of Houston leased at 924 Gemini St. in Gemini Park.
- 4,487 SF – Engineering firm Hugh L. Landrum & Associates leased at 1110 NASA Parkway in **Nassau Bay**. *Landlord was represented by BAHEP member Stream Realty Partners / Crossley Davis.*
- 4,207 SF – DKI Consulting leased at the new Saturn One office building at **Nassau Bay** Town Square. *BAHEP member Griffin Partners / Jason Long represented the landlord.*
- 1,200 SF – Aalmar Surveys Inc leased space at 1500 Marina Bay Drive in **Clear Lake Shores**. This office will be involved in pre-purchase ship inspections, loss & collision investigations, insurance risk assessment, cargo & marine warranty surveys, Naval architecture and design and other marine industry needs. The company has hub offices in Dubai and London and survey stations in over 24 countries worldwide. The office will employ six to 10 people.

Sale Transactions—

- Victory Lakes Town Center, a 367,000 SF retail center in **League City** at the Gulf Freeway and FM 646.
- Baybrook Village, a 278,209 SF retail center at Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway (I-45).
- Fairmont Shopping Center, a 165,000 SF retail center in **Pasadena** on Fairmont Parkway at Pansy Street.
- Bay Colony Town Center, a 121,000 SF retail center in **League City** at the Gulf Freeway and FM 646.
- 64,917 SF building on 5.5 AC at 1125 Magnolia in **Webster**. The building is leased to Main Event Entertainment.
- Shops at the Bay, 20,250 SF, in **Webster** – 300 & 304 W. Bay Area Blvd.
- 15,545 SF building at 500 N. Kobayashi in **Webster** was sold to a physician group headed up by Dr. Mohammad Baba who specializes in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and critical care. The building sits on 4.5 acres.
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott at 1050 Bay Area Blvd. in **Houston**. This hotel was one

of five acquired by new owners.

- **Seabrook** Plaza, 7,631 SF, at 2300 NASA Parkway.
- Clear Lake Falls, a 90-unit multi-family complex, at 15240 SH 3 in **Webster**.
- Two multifamily properties totaling 982 units in **Pasadena**.
- Sale-leaseback of a 196-bed skilled nursing property built in 2005 in **Pasadena**.
- Houston Physicians Hospital, 91,082 SF on 3.9 acres at 333 N. Texas Avenue in **Webster**. The facility has six operating suites, two procedure rooms, an emergency room and a 21-bed inpatient unit. Plans are to add a physical therapy department. *BAHEP member Colliers International – Jim Pratt represented the buyer, Webster Surgical Specialty Hospital.*

Did you know that the Moody Health Center at **Pasadena's** Texas Chiropractic College is offering chiropractic care at no charge to honor active duty military personnel and their families until September 11, 2012?

They also provide no or low cost chiropractic care to Harris County law enforcement, fire department and paramedic personnel. Read all about it: [Moody Health Center](#)

NOTE: Please feel free to pass this e-newsletter along to others who would enjoy it, and, whenever possible, remember to credit Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership for this information.

Retail / Hospitality Development

A full-size scale replica of a Space Orbiter is leaving Kennedy Space Center en route to its new home at **Space Center Houston**. Commonly called a "Space Shuttle," the orbiter is set to arrive in Houston in spring 2012 and will be unveiled and available to the public in the fall. The orbiter was built to exacting, authentic specifications in 1993 at a cost of \$2 million and, after extensive preparation, it will allow visitors to Space Center Houston unprecedented, full access to the flight deck and cargo hold. The orbiter will help tell the story of **NASA's Johnson Space Center's** mission of human space exploration. Visitors to Space Center Houston will have free entrance to the orbiter as part of the all-inclusive general admission. An extensive fundraising campaign is to be launched as part of an initiative to give Texas citizens the opportunity to provide the new, official name of Texas' own orbiter.

ALCO Stores, Inc. leased 30,000 SF in a retail center anchored by Hobby Lobby and the Antique and Craft Mall in **Pasadena**, corner of Pasadena Boulevard and Red Bluff Road. ALCO offers electronics and audio, sporting goods, apparel, hardware, housewares, automotive, food, health and beauty products and more.

ALDI bought 2.78 acres at the SWC of Fairmont Parkway and Watters Road in **Pasadena**. The company will build a new store approximately 20,000 SF on the site. ALDI has over 1,000 stores in 31 states and carries about 1,400 regularly-stocked grocery items, including fresh meat, and, in certain locations, beer and wine.

Bravo Ranch Supermercado, a Hispanic-themed grocery store, leased 42,130 SF at South Richey and Queens in **Pasadena**. There are plans to renovate the exterior and add an additional 4,500 SF pad site. The new store is expected to open in April 2012.

The **Kemah** Boardwalk is No. 1 on the list of top attractions, according to *Houston Business Journal*. The list is ranked by total 2010 admissions and the Kemah Boardwalk had 3 million! Also on the top 25 list were: Moody Gardens, San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and San Jacinto Museum of History.

San Jacinto Museum opened a new exhibit "Making a Mark, Leaving a Legacy." Over 300 artifacts are on display including 19th century pharmaceutical supplies, Masonic items, paper money from nearly every continent and many others that focus on small items that have shaped the history of Texas and the world. Read more here: [San Jacinto Museum exhibit](#)

The 225-room Courtyard by Marriott is under construction at **Nassau Bay** Town Square. Nearby, the next retail project (26,000 SF) will be underway soon and will include a Five Guys Burgers.

Dickinson has a new 9,100 SF Dollar General going in at FM 517 and Armand Drive. Also reported is that the Gay Family Auto started an extensive remodel at its current location – project is valued at \$1.2 million.

New restaurant under construction – Cheddars is building on 2.8 acres along Beltway 8, between Spencer Hwy. and Vista Road in **Pasadena**. Twelve acres remain available for additional development. *The landowner was represented by BAHEP member Colliers International / Marshall Clinkscales.*

Congratulations to John Manlove Marketing and Communications for winning seven international MarCom Awards from more than 6,000 worldwide entries!

Transactions --

- 16,700 SF – Children’s Learning Adventure leased at Tuscan Lakes Shopping Center, SW corner of FM 270 and SH 96 in **League City**.
- 10,064 SF – Ulta Cosmetics leased space at Fairway Plaza in **Pasadena**, SW corner of Fairmont Parkway and Beltway 8.
- 4,137 SF – Bay Area Turning Point leased at the Marina Gate Shopping Center at 18207/18209 Egret Bay Blvd. in **Webster**.
- 3,420 SF – Texan Bank leased at 711 Bay Area Blvd in **Webster**. *BAHEP members closing the deal: PM Realty / Courtney Knightstep and Colliers International / Coy Davidson.*
- 3,319 SF – Steak ‘n Shake will open at Webster Town Center in March 2012. The restaurant pioneered the concept of premium burgers and milk shakes over 75 years ago in Illinois and offers steakburgers, shakes, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and breakfast and is open around the clock—24/7.
- 2,500 SF – Styles for Less opened at **League City** Towne Center, FM 646 at Gulf Fwy.
- 1,300 SF - Gallatin Hair Co. leased at the Shops at Clear Lake, Highway 3 and FM 2351.
- 1,200 SF - Chocolates by Mark has opened at 2100 Space Park Drive in **Nassau Bay**. Lunch is served 11-2 Monday through Friday. Mark is also known for his fine chocolates, truffles, gelato and sorbet.
- First location in the nation ... Kids Under 10, a Gymboree brand, leased at Fairmont Parkway at Beltway 8 in **Pasadena**. Everything costs less than \$10.99.
- Just opened and already leasing more space ... Magnolia Café & Bakery leased an additional 750 SF for its **Houston** location at SH 3 and Clear Lake City Boulevard.
- Shore thing for boat owners! West Marine is adding approximately 12,000 SF at 1401 Marine Bay Drive in **League City** – this will double the size of the store.
- Burke’s Outlet has relocated and expanded to a new 24,508 SF store at 3628 Spencer Highway, in **Pasadena**. The store will employ approximately 25.

Coming Soon!

Seabrook - Di Amici Upscale Events, 8,000 SF facility at 2300 NASA Parkway for up to 250 guests

League City - Smoothie King at League City Town Center

Houston - Rotondo’s Giant Hoagies at 2402-A Bay Area Blvd.

Baybrook Mall - Eyemasters

Baybrook Passage - Lewis Jewelers

Now Open!

Baybrook Village - Torrid

Dickinson - Angie’s Cake at 2750 W. Main St.

Friendswood - Divinity Medical Spa at 400 W. Parkwood; Wayne Holub Insurance Agency at 3526 FM 528; Jack West Physical Therapy at 1104 S. Friendswood Dr.; Elite Nutrition at 607 S. Friendswood; Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt at 301 W. Parkwood Ave.; Rise Cupcakes at 907 S. Friendswood Drive; Berrylicious at 1628 S. Friendswood Drive; Texas Gulf Bank at 1005 Friendswood Drive - a 4,665 SF

facility

Kemah - Tabella, a farm-to-table concept restaurant, at 709 Harris Street

La Porte - Cupcakes N Treats at 105 S. 2nd Street

League City - Starlight Studio expanded to 10,000 SF at Pecan Plaza, FM 518 at Gulf Fwy.

Nassau Bay - Marci's, a home furnishings store, at 18049 Upper Bay Blvd.

Pasadena - Academy opens Dec. 16th on Beltway 8 at Crenshaw Road

Taylor Lake Village - Integrated Personal Fitness at 917 Kirby Boulevard

Webster - Pollo Campero at 702 W. Bay Area Blvd.; Rudy's Country Store & BBQ on Kobayashi at the Gulf Freeway

Residential Development

- **Seabrook** - Oak Ridge Meadows – 21 single-family lots were purchased.
- **Pasadena** - Vista Park Patio Homes, a gated community of 32 one-story patio homes from the low \$190's on Preston Road between Fairmont Parkway and Vista Road.
- **League City** – Peninsula Clear Lake, waterfront property on Davis Road that was to be a million-dollar home community, has been purchased by Gehan Homes. Construction starts this month on inventory and model homes starting in the \$300's.

Infrastructure News and Everything Else!

It's that time of the year! If you know a jolly old man with a white beard in a red suit looking for ideas ... check out the cities' news and their wish lists!!

- **La Porte** wants retail more restaurants, places to buy clothing, and food stores. How about a Chick-fil-A? And some retail in front of Port Crossing??

There may soon be a tenant in the 912 West Main building and also at the National Guard Building on Spencer near the La Porte Municipal Airport.

- **El Lago's** wish list for the city's waterfront property is a condo/hotel tower, a few restaurant pad sites and a small marina. Maybe a Starbucks or Einstein Bagel on one of the small sites on the north side of NASA Parkway?? Hey Santa ...the city owns some land they would sell VERY inexpensively for the right project!

The city's new \$1.8 million community/fitness/city hall has broken ground; the city is looking for persons/companies interested in naming rights for this new 2,400 SF facility. It will be available to everyone!

- **Friendswood:** A \$2 million project, funded by an EDA grant, was just completed that includes more than two miles of infrastructure (water line, gravity sanitary sewer, force main and lift station). This will service nearly 300 acres of commercial and industrial zoned land in the city's panhandle area making it more marketable and developable.
- **League City:** The city has an entertaining idea plans are underway to construct Jimmy Changa's, a 10,000 SF restaurant on Town Center Drive in the area that the city hopes to transform into the "Entertainment District." The restaurant is anticipated to open by late summer of 2012.
- **Clear Lake Shores:** Clear Lake Shores Town Center, approximately 9 acres, is all dressed up and ready for development with new roads and drainage completed. The next phase incorporating landscaping, hardscape and nautical themed lighting is moving forward. The pedestrian-friendly waterfront Town Center area allows mixed use development, on-street parking and plans include a city-provided shared parking lot. There are land tracts currently available in Town Center for sale and buildings for lease

that are on the water or have a water view. In addition, an 11-acre tract directly in front of Watergate Marina and near South Shore Harbor remains undeveloped. These properties are along high traffic FM 2094 between Kemah with over 3 million visitors annually and League City, the fastest growing and largest community in Galveston County. Several sites are available -- tracts range from 50,000+ SF adjacent to Skipper's Café to 33,000+ SF, former site of the South Shore Beer Garden.

The city owns property it would consider selling to a master developer or business offering a plan that complements the city's island lifestyle while adding sales tax revenue and jobs. Incentives include no city property tax, reduced parking requirements, pedestrian access and a business friendly city administration and council.

- **Seabrook:** City has officially 'opened' the new gateway sign near the entrance of the waterfront district, known as the Point. The city is improving and revitalizing this prized section of the city for future expansion of seafood restaurants and fish markets ... and more!
- **Dickinson:** The Dickinson Economic Development Corporation owns approximately 39 acres of property on Hughes Road just east of I-45 for which a Master Plan will be developed. It would also consider selling to a master developer or business offering a plan that complements the city's overall vision while adding sales tax revenue and jobs. The city and DEDC are willing to consider numerous incentives for the right project.

The city's development of the Highway 3 Overlay District is underway and should be complete in mid-2012.

The city has requested an ISO re-rate that is anticipated to result in lower insurance premiums for both residential and commercial properties. Additionally, the city is joining the Community Rating System through the National Flood Insurance Program that will further reduce residential and commercial insurance premiums.

The city of Dickinson has submitted an application in Round 2.2 of the Disaster Recovery CDBG Program for another \$12 million in infrastructure improvements.

Harris County Precinct 2 will soon announce the contractor-at-risk for the \$3.6 million renovation of the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in **La Porte**. The building has a capacity of 1,000 and is expected to be open in late 2012 or early 2013. The county will issue an RFP for a group or individuals interested in operating the facility. The Pavilion has been designated as a National Historic Building, a State Archeological Landmark and a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark. (a little known fact The editor had her high school prom here!)

Port of Houston Authority plans to revamp Barbour's Cut Container Terminal at a projected cost of \$600 to \$700 million. This will be in preparation for increased traffic from the Panama Canal bringing larger ships that need larger cranes, additional security equipment and reinforced concrete storage areas – all this to keep Houston competitive with other major ports. Additionally, \$1 billion will be spent to finish the Bayport Terminal. These projects will take eight to 10 years to complete.

Congratulations to POHA honored as "Port Authority of the Year" at the Containerisation International Awards 2011. The awards recognize companies and individuals that have made outstanding contributions over the past year to the container liner shipping and logistics industry, through innovative, proactive or pioneering achievements.

Education news

- **Pasadena ISD** plans to build a new Career and Technical High School plus three new middle schools at a cost of \$101.8 million and five replacement campuses for \$80.3 million thanks to the passing of a \$270.1 million bond package. Also included are

renovations and additions to campuses and athletic facilities, new technology and transportation.

- **San Jacinto College** recently opened its new \$21 million Transportation Center, a 92,000 SF facility said to be the finest automotive repair school in the nation. It has 25 state-of-the-art classrooms and labs equipped with the latest factory equipment. Upon completion of an Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology or a Certificate of Technology in Automotive Technology, students receive certifications and are fully prepared for immediate employment. Read more: [SJC Transportation Center](#)
- **University of Houston – Cullen College** has a new subsea program. It's the first and only dedicated subsea curriculum in the U.S. with focus on the engineering sciences and best industry practices in deepwater oil and gas retrieval.
- **Clear Creek ISD** announced that Space Center Intermediate, Westbrook Intermediate and Clear Horizons Early College High School will be honored by the Texas Business and Education Coalition for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. Of the 8,000 Texas public schools, only 34 high schools, 38 middle schools and 181 elementary schools made the TBEC honor roll.
- **San Jacinto College** now offers free training for students who qualify for a new U.S. Department of Transportation grant. The truck driving program has a 100% job placement rate upon successful completion of the six-week driving course and background check. Read more: [Guidry News](#)

Transportation News

- **Harris County** Commissioners extended fixed route bus service for the city of **La Porte** for another year. In **Dickinson**, bus service within the city and connecting routes is provided by Connect Transit, a mass transit provider for **Galveston** and Brazoria counties.
- Beginning June 2012, Southwest Airlines is adding three new roundtrip flights from Hobby Airport – to Raleigh-Durham, Kansas City and Seattle. AirTran, which has a merger in progress with Southwest Airlines, will begin new flights to Puerto Rico, Cancun and Mexico City.
- Continental Airlines has added nonstop flights to Nigeria from Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Road News

--- Big Stuff

Plans are to tear down the Dixie Farm Road overpass in June 2012 and rebuild it so it travels under the Gulf Freeway. This means there will be no east-west traffic at that intersection until the new road and overpass are complete. Drivers will detour to Scarsdale Boulevard or Clear Lake City Boulevard. This is part of a four-year project for the widening of the Gulf Freeway (Interstate 45) which will upgrade the freeway from three lanes to five lanes in either direction and will widen the frontage road from two to three lanes. Another project is winding down: Dixie Farm Road is being resurfaced from Highway 3 to the Gulf Freeway. Read more about this in the Bay Area Citizen.

---El Lago

City is starting a \$3 million road improvement project with total reconstruction of the oldest roads in phase one.

--- Pasadena

- City of Pasadena and **Harris County** Precinct 2 will work together on Phase one of a new \$12 million project -- improvements to Fairmont Parkway between Beltway 8 and Red Bluff Road starting in January. The project includes an additional lane for both east and westbound traffic along the 1.8 mile stretch plus drainage improvements. U-turns will be added at east and west-bound intersections of Fairway Plaza, Nations/Country Road and Space Center Boulevard. Fairmont Parkway is the city's busiest road and these improvements are in the midst of an area from which the city derives about 90% of its sales tax revenues. Harris County is paying for the road and drainage improvements - about \$9 million and the city is paying for enhanced signalization - about \$3 million. Completion is expected before the 2012 holiday season. Phases two, three and four are in the design stage and are slated for completion by fall 2013. For more information, visit www.pct2.hctx.net or www.ci.pasadena.tx.us.
- The new extension of Genoa-Red Bluff Road connecting Red Bluff Road to Canada Road is now open. Phase one which widened the road from Beltway 8 to Space Center Boulevard is also complete. Starting real soon is the last phase which will widen the road from Red Bluff to near Space Center Boulevard. The entire project will be finished in August 2013. If you didn't knowstarting at SH 225, East Boulevard becomes Canada Road and then Genoa-Red Bluff Road.

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