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### Colleyville Accidents Up 31%

Councilman Chuck Mogged called for a thorough safety hazard review of city streets, noting that reported accidents in Colleyville were up 31% in 2014 over 2013. He urged citizens to vote “No” in May on the Glade Road ballot proposition, saying passage of the measure would keep traffic congestion and road hazards which contribute to the higher accident rate. Mogged, a former safety official with 3 Fortune 500 companies, said, “Glade Road has more accidents than any other road in town except Colleyville Blvd. Our high frustration with congestion needs to be fixed by unplugging Glade bottlenecks at Bluebonnet, Riverwalk, Bedford Road and Bransford. Sadly, the May Ballot proposition on Glade Road forever prohibits these improvements.” He said the proposition is incompatible with constructing turn lanes or roundabouts.

Mogged said he had special incentive to study road safety, as he lost two brothers in separate accidents. “Glade Road had substantially more accidents than Cheek-Sparger, or Hall-Johnson, or Pool/Jackson, or John McCain or every other road except Colleyville Blvd. And Glade Road accidents have almost doubled from 2009 to 2014. About half of our Glade Road accidents are rear end collisions; and over a fifth involved a fixed object collision, like a tree or pole or driveway abutment.”

After intense debate over the past few years, Mogged says last June the city achieved a compromise to upgrade the Bransford to Manning section of Glade Road. But last fall a group of residents brought forward the Proposition for the May election. “The ballot language misleadingly refers to allowing left turn lanes and roundabouts, but the details contain overriding restrictions that prohibit these improvements. Voters are faced with choosing to keep traffic congestion by voting “YES”, or voting “NO” to allow the reconstruction from Bransford to Manning to proceed.”

Concerns about keeping the small-town feel of Colleyville have been central to the debate. “For the remainder of Glade Road, I believe that a solid compromise can be found that puts people first while preserving our country character, but only if people say “No” to this proposition.”