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## **THE FUTURE IS IN VIEW FORNEY PARKWAY BREAKS GROUND**

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, the first phase of the much-anticipated regional transportation project, Forney Parkway, broke ground at the north spine road near Reeder Road and Reeder Lane, just north of US Highway 80 at the CR 212 exit.

This starting-point of the 23 million dollar project is a result of the Regional Transportation Council voting unanimously to allocate \$9 million of a \$78 million Kaufman County transportation package to Forney's much-anticipated new city loop, in participation with the City of Forney and owners of adjacent property Meadow Ridge Farms – members of the Herbert Hunt family and Paul Cheng. The public/private partnership has allowed this major arterial roadway project to begin with anticipated completion by 2012.

The phase one construction, which went before city council for bid award last Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, includes a two-lane road which is expandable to four lanes, connecting Reeder Road to US Hwy 80 at the future Forney bridge, which serves as the entrance to the Village at Meadow Ridge Farms. The entire Forney Parkway project will be a 2.2 mile, multi-lane thoroughfare connecting FM 548 on the north to FM 1641 on the south, spanning US Highway 80 and the adjacent Union Pacific rail line. Mayor Darren Rozell states, "This project is a culmination of three years worth of work to address mobility, safety and economic development in our rapidly growing city. This groundbreaking is the beginning of a new era in Forney."

The Village at Meadow Ridge Farms will serve over 165,000 new customers and become the new shopping, dining, and entertainment center for East Texas. It's a great day in Forney, Texas.

For more information about the retail opportunities available in The Village of Meadow Farms, contact Brian Murphy, EDGE Realty Partners, 214.545.6903, [bmurphy@edge-re.com](mailto:bmurphy@edge-re.com), or visit our website [www.edge-re.com](http://www.edge-re.com).

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