

## BYPASS UPDATE

On August 8 2002, a public meeting at the VFW Hall featured County Commissioner Bill Burnett and a discussion about the proposed by-pass around Wimberley. There was a good turnout and substantial support for the general idea.

Because TxDOT is short of funds and won't be able to construct the by-pass in the foreseeable future, the County is proposing to reallocate some of the bond funds voted last year and build it as a county road. Therefore, issues of location, size, construction, and timing are all back on the table again.

At right is a copy of a map that the County distributed at the meeting. It shows a broad swath from RR12 (near CR 176) to Hwy 3237. Supposedly the exact route would fall somewhere within that swath and be determined later.

One area of concern for residents of Skyline Ranch is the location and configuration of the by-pass junction with RR12. Any attempt to bring it into RR12 near CR176 (where we all hold our breath every day) would be a disaster. Therefore, we need to insist that the County plan the junction further to the south on the straight stretch of RR12.

Other issues involve how much control can be exerted to prevent the by-pass from becoming another stretch of commercial junk that looks like Oak Hill right in our front yard.

We may want to join forces with Mountain Crest, Woodcreek, and other affected neighbors and try to be sure the County doesn't do another O'Quinn road deal. Stand by.

*Thanks to Bert Ray for keeping us informed.*

