

MINUTES

Of The

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

May 15, 2001

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:40 a.m. on May 15, 2001, a SPECIAL SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following members being present, to-wit:

JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge
MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2
DAVID HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3
FRANKIE LIMMER, Commissioner, Precinct 4
EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney
NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk
DAVID U. FLORES, County Auditor

AGENDA ITEM 1

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda.

Financial Advisor Dan Wegmiller of First Southwest Company announced the successful closing of the first phase of the bond election, and presented Judge Doerfler with a commemorative check for \$113,000,000.00 (the amount of the proceeds from the first bond issue).

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John C. Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County



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(Georgetown) "We can dramatically shrink the time required, from five years to as few as three years, to build the roads contained in the November 2000 Williamson County Road Bond program. The decrease in interest rates and rapid growth in our county has increased our property tax base at a rate that will allow the county to sell an additional \$40 million worth of bonds more than we planned. This will speed the construction process while retaining the small upward tax adjustment that we outlined in the bond campaign," said Williamson County Judge John Doerfler.

"This is great news for our mobility-impaired county. Our bond package put Williamson County in the driver's seat for construction of the major arterials within the county. Now we have the first years funding, plus some, in hand, the full commitment of the commissioners court and the talent in this county to control our own transportation destiny. We have assembled a highly professional staff under Mike Weaver (Prime Strategies) to direct the program. The county has qualified some 20 plus engineering, surveying and right-of-way firms and brought them under contract since the passage of the bonds to design and construct our selected roads. We are pledged to build our county roads under budget and well within the estimated time. We are not going to sit idly on the sidelines while the state and other counties delay important projects. We are building alternatives today and have the funding to participate in the state projects when they finally come on line," continued Judge Doerfler.

"The rapid growth of Williamson County and the strong business economy within the county combined in a manner that allowed the county to qualify for a 5.38 percent interest rate instead of an anticipated 6.35 percent from the New York bonding houses. Further the tax base of the county grew a massive 30 percent. The bond advisors had anticipated a conservative 8 percent while preparing the initial financial projections used to determining how much tax revenue would be available in a given year to pay off the bonds," said Dan Wegmiller who is a senior vice president at First Southwest Co. and the county's financial advisor.

"We are in a unique position to deliver finished county road projects, faster and for fewer dollars than we anticipated. It is my goal and the goal of the county, to deliver the initial phase of Parmer Lane a full year earlier than we thought possible. We have tight

controls at the Commissioners Court, and a great team of professionals running our bond program. The engineers, environmentalists and road consultants that we have chosen are the best in the area and are well ahead of most schedules on those projects where we are the sole authority. We have also just received some good news regarding the environmental acceptance of the desired routes for the 183A bypass which will allow the final planning stages of that road to commence," stated Commissioner Greg Boatright of the Cedar Park/Leander/183 area.

"Highway deaths and serious injuries in my precinct and in the county have risen at an alarming rate. Unfortunately, on one stretch of state road, on one day, we had two separate fatalities. The citizens voted to address these traffic challenges in the bond election by overwhelming numbers. As elected representatives we are working tirelessly to make the changes and complete the necessary construction to make our county safe and convenient again. The increased bond dollars will give us the ability to immediately correct a large number of the identified safety hazards in the county," commented Commissioner Frankie Limmer.

"Daily on roads such as US 79 our citizens are put in dangerous situations, situations than can be fixed with the addition of divided lanes or the completion of certain parallel alternatives. For instance, the Chandler Road parallel alternative to US79 between IH35 and Taylor as well as Parmer Lane from the county line to back to IH35 above Georgetown could take our citizens off existing overcrowded roads. The citizens of Williamson County should know that we are moving quickly on all our road projects. They are occupying the great bulk of each Commissioner's time and the time of this court," continued Commissioner Limmer.

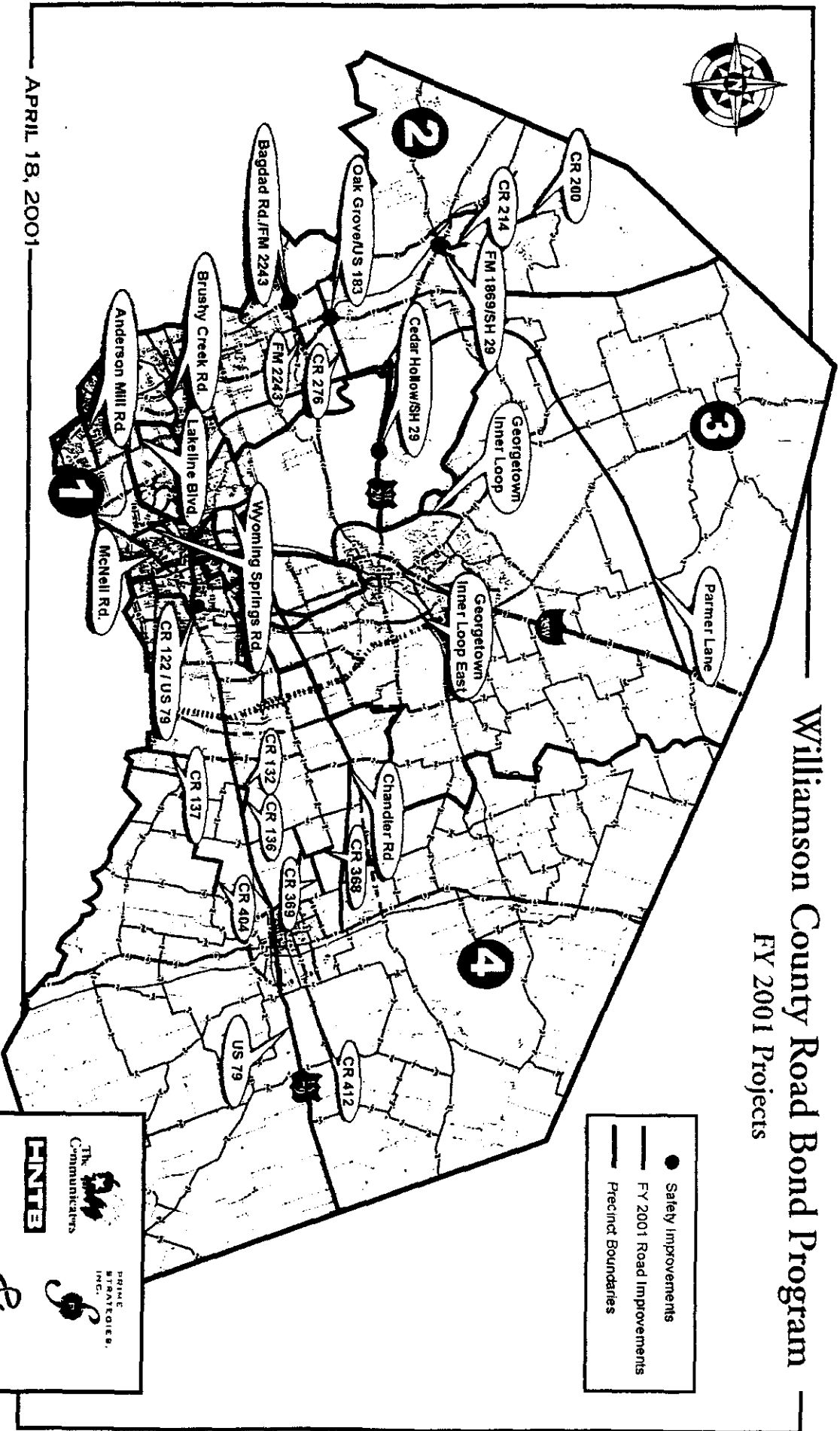
"The planning that this court has done through the years has equipped us to better deal with our transportation challenges. Now we have the necessary funds in hand to leverage our local dollars and address the major mobility problems with the addition of the Loop 1 connection to SH45 and IH 35 at La Frontera. We are in weekly, sometimes daily contact with state officials on ways to multiply the effect of our local funds that will allow us to complete these and projects such as the improvement of McNeil Road or Brushy Creek Road and do it quickly, said Commissioner Mike Heiligenstein.

"The extension of Parmer Lane, Wyoming Springs Drive, Lakeline Boulevard to Parmer and the Inner Loop are projects that I have planned and started in the Georgetown/Northwest Williamson County area. The funds that we accept here today mean that we can move forward on these important," said Commissioner David Hays of Georgetown

Preliminary engineering, environmental, right-of-way and utility relocation contracts have been in motion since the passage of the road bonds in early November. The delivery of the construction funding had been scheduled for spring to maximized the preferred summer building times for roads. The increased initial funding will mean that several additional projects will begin during this building cycle instead of having to wait for the second selling of bonds. The second selling was not anticipated for 18 months after the initial bond issue. The total \$350 million bond package was split into three sales over the five years of construction to keep the preferred tax rate low and not a burden to citizens.



Williamson County Road Bond Program FY 2001 Projects



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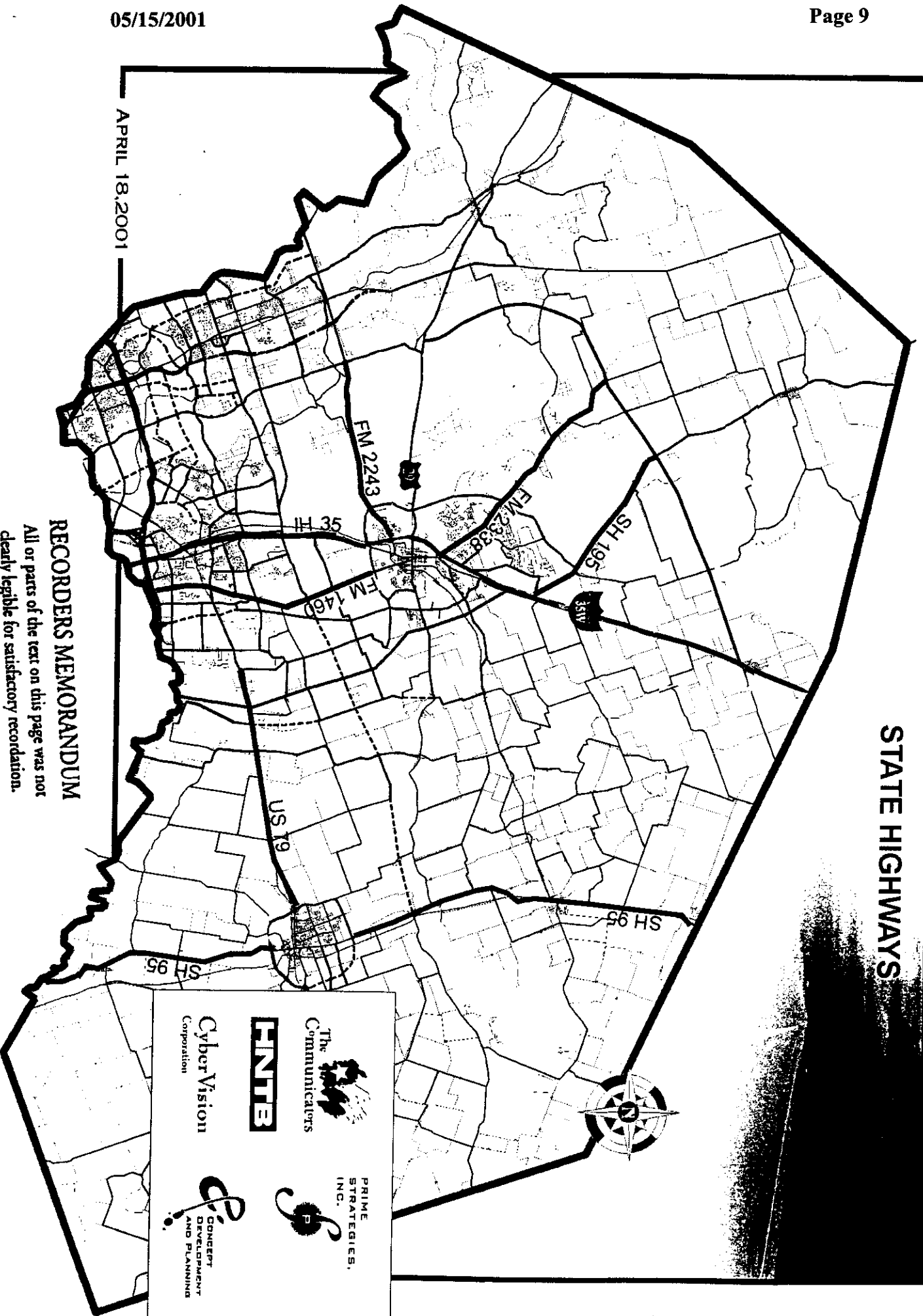
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STATE HIGHWAYS



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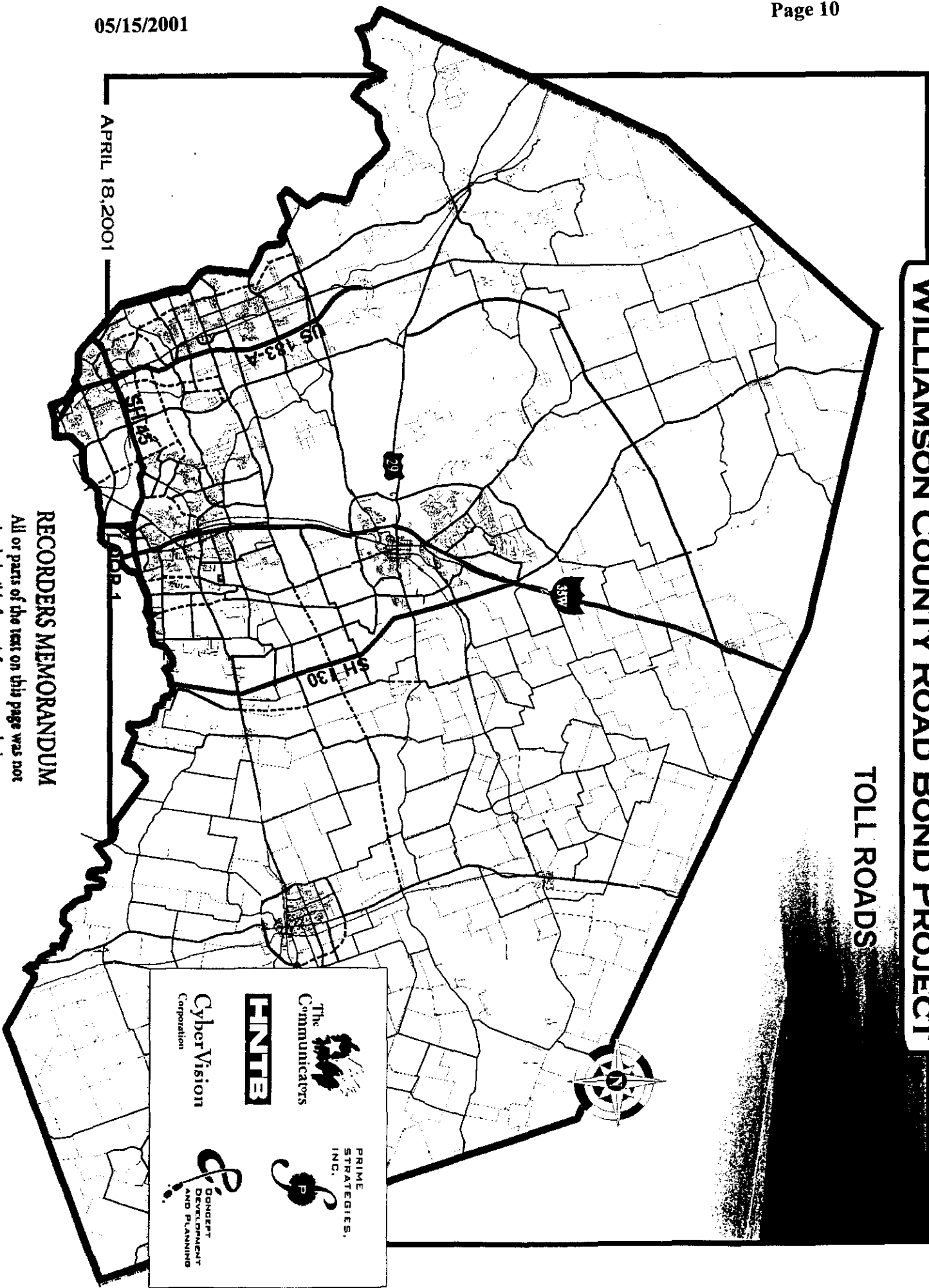
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Williamson County Road Work

All current projects can be viewed at WWW.Roadbonds.org the official site of the County Road Bond Project. Projects are constantly updated & explained in detail.

TxDOT & Williamson County Joint Projects

1-35 Projects

At intersection with FM 1325

Estimated completion date: **June 2001**

Nature of current work: The addition of two U-turn lanes for both north and southbound traffic as well as the construction of a bridge for the future State Highway 45. The project is ~ 40 percent complete.

At intersection with RM 620

Estimated completion date: **July 2001**

Nature of current work: The addition of one U-turn lane for north bound traffic only. The project is only six percent complete.

From Round Rock to Georgetown

Estimated completion date: **Late May to early July 2001**

Nature of current work: The addition of a third traffic lane. There are several stretches of roadway awaiting the addition of hot mix and the entire segment needs to be striped. The project is 90 percent complete.

From Georgetown to FM 487 in Jarrell

Estimated completion date: **October 2002**

Nature of current work: The addition of a third traffic lane. The project is currently only 20 percent complete.

US 79

Stretch of highway between Hutto & Round Rock ending at junction with CR195.

Estimated completion date: **August 2001**

Nature of current work: The highway is being divided by a grassy median. the project is 68 percent complete.

SH 29

- 10 miles of highway starting just west of D.B. Wood Road and running toward Liberty Hill.

Estimated completion date: **April 2001**

Nature of current work: The road is being widened to five lanes. The project is 87 percent complete

SH 195

The plan for the entire project is to expand the road to a 4-lane divided highway with a median for a 30-mile stretch from 1-35 north of Georgetown to Killeen.

Estimated completion date: **2009**

Nature of current work: Currently TxDOT is rebuilding the road surface on a six-mile stretch west of 1-35. Estimated completion date for this work is May 2001

F.M. 973

Stretch of road between Rice's Crossing and the Travis County line.

Estimated completion date: **August 2001**

Nature of current work: Straightening the roadway and other various improvements. The project is 61 percent complete.

F.M. 1460

The northern most stretch of FM 1460 just south of the University Avenue Intersection. \$

Estimated completion date: **August 2001**

Nature of current work: Extension of 1460 from just north of Hi Tech Boulevard to intersect with Austin Avenue near Leander Road. The project is 41 percent complete.

Partial List of Current Williamson County Construction Projects**County Roads 132/132**

Near intersection with FM 1660

Start date: March 1, 2001

Estimated completion date: **September 2001**

Nature of current work: Construction is underway on pavement overlay and safety improvements at key intersections on 3 miles of roadway. Possible addition of traffic control devices.

County Road 122 at US 79

Estimated completion date: **August 2001**

Nature of current work: Intersection widening to include turn lanes onto U.S. 79, traffic lights and a realignment of the intersection to increase sight distance.

County Road 404

Between FM 3348 and FM 973

Estimated completion date: **July 2001**

Nature of current work: Grading and pavement overlay are 80 percent complete.

Cedar Hollow Road

At intersection with SH 29

Estimated completion date: **September 2001**

Nature of current work: Design is complete to improve sight distance, add a left turn lane on Cedar Hollow and reconstruct about one mile of roadway.

For further information on all projects, please visit
WWW.Roadbonds.org

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD BOND PROGRAM
PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS

05/15/2001

Project	Limits / Project Element	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
COUNTY PROJECTS					
1 Georgetown Inner Loop	FM 2338 to SH 29 Right-of-Way Construction	\$ 200,000.00 \$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00		\$ 200,000.00 \$ 7,500,000.00
2 Georgetown Inner Loop	SH 29 to FM 2243 Design Right-of-Way Construction	\$ 500,000.00 \$ 250,000.00 \$ 800,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00		\$ 500,000.00 \$ 250,000.00 \$ 4,800,000.00
3 McNeill Road	Howard Lane to IH-35 Design Right-of-Way Construction	\$ 450,000.00 \$ 7,000,000.00	\$ 950,000.00 \$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00 \$ 2,000,000.00 \$ 15,000,000.00
4 Parmer Lane	FM 1431 to IH-35 North Route/Alignment Determination Right-of-Way	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ 19,500,000.00
5a Parmer Lane - Segment A	FM 1431 to SH 29 Design Construction	\$ 900,000.00 \$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 750,000.00 \$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 1,650,000.00 \$ 18,000,000.00
5b Parmer Lane - Segment B	SH 29 to FM 3405 Design Construction	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 800,000.00 \$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00 \$ 12,000,000.00
6 Chandler Road	FM 1460 to US 95 Route/Alignment Determination Right-of-Way	\$ 412,000.00 \$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 412,000.00 \$ 4,000,000.00
7a Chandler Road - Segment A	FM 1460 to CR 110 Design Construction	\$ 400,000.00 \$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00		\$ 400,000.00 \$ 5,000,000.00

Project	Limits / Project Element	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
7b Chandler Road - Segment B	CR 110 to FM 1860				
	Design	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 400,000.00		\$ 550,000.00
	Construction		\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 2,800,000.00	\$ 6,800,000.00
8 Congestion/Safety Projects		\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
9 Precinct-Wide Project					
Precinct 1		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Precinct 2		\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Precinct 3		\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Precinct 4		\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Subtotal County Projects		\$ 28,662,000.00	\$ 75,900,000.00	\$ 46,800,000.00	\$ 151,362,000.00
STATE PROJECTS					
10 FM 1460	FM 3406 to Georgetown Loop				
	Right-of-Way (100%)		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00
11 US 79	CR 122 to County Line				
	Environmental/Schematic/ROW Plans	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00		\$ 1,700,000.00
	Right-of-Way (50% participation)	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 7,000,000.00	\$ 11,000,000.00
12 Other State Projects		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 9,500,000.00	\$ 12,500,000.00
Subtotal State Projects		\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 6,700,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 27,700,000.00
TEXAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PROJECTS					
13 Loop 1 North	County Line to SH 45				
	Right-of-Way/Utilities (50% participation)	\$ 6,000,000.00			\$ 6,000,000.00
14 SH 45	West of US 183 to County Line (east)				
	Right-of-Way Only (100% participation)	\$ 22,000,000.00	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ 63,000,000.00	\$ 125,000,000.00
Subtotal Texas Turnpike Authority Projects		\$ 28,000,000.00	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ 63,000,000.00	\$ 131,000,000.00
14 Environmental Mitigation, County-Wide		\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 62,662,000.00	\$ 126,600,000.00	\$ 130,800,000.00	\$ 320,062,000.00

AGENDA ITEM 2

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve minutes of the May 8, 2001 and May 11, 2001 meetings.

Vote: **5 - 0**

AGENDA ITEM 3

Hear County Auditor concerning invoices and bills submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the county.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize the payment of **\$2,783,522.02** in computer printout from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 2000/2001 County Budget.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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