

AGENDA ITEM 53

Discuss and take any appropriate action on road bond program.

The Williamson County Commissioners received an analysis on the county's wooden bridges from WHM Transportation Engineering Consultants and Alliance-Texas Engineering Company. Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies discussed the need for replacement of bridges.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To prioritize the top ten bridge projects, and identify funding from TxDOT, focusing on bridges that include school bus routes.

Vote: 5 - 0

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The Croslin Group

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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THE BRIDGES OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY COULD USE SOME REPAIR

GEORGETOWN... On Tuesday, Sept. 4, Williamson County Commissioners will receive an analysis of the condition of the county's 26 wooden bridge structures and the news is not especially good.

The Wooden Bridge Assessment Draft Report was a joint effort of WHM Transportation Engineering Consultants and Alliance Texas Engineering Company. The 26 wooden bridge structures were photographed and investigated before a preliminary review was completed that resulted in a summary table with a description of the apparent operational/safety problems, daily traffic volumes, school bus routing and current bridge condition.

The projects were ranked by replacement priority by the two firms. The prioritization list was developed based on a scoring system, which includes: overall bridge condition, bus route information, load restrictions, daily traffic volumes, bridge length and width, and edge treatments.

When faced with the grim news from the draft report, Commissioner Frankie Limmer stated, "We knew this would not be a glowing report, but rather a game plan of where we should focus our public safety funds," he added, "Our ability to react quickly to fix these problems will have us all sleeping a little better."

Funds for this project came from a portion of the \$350 million County Bond Package voters approved last year. Public Safety Funds will be used to repair the structures that are deemed unsafe for the traveling public.

August 31, 2001

Texas Department of Transportation
Attention: Alvin R. Luedecke, Jr., P.E.
P.O. Box 149217
Austin, Texas 78714-9217

Dear Mr. Luedecke:

I am in support of the Williamson County project recommendations of your staff in TxDOT's Draft 2002 Unified Transportation Program. The following projects are of great interest to me:

Fund Cat.	Project	Limits	Project Description	Wm. County Participation	Total Funding
<u>FY 2002 Projects</u>					
6A	SH 29	At Milam Crk. E. FM 1660	Replace bridge & approaches	\$0	\$675,000
6B	CR 451	At Little Dry Brushy Crk.	Replace bridge & approaches	\$9,250	\$115,000
6B	CR 436	At Berry Branch	Replace bridge & approaches	\$28,130	\$281,300
<u>FY 2003 Projects</u>					
6B	Thomdale Rd.	At Draw	Replace bridge & approaches	\$11,000	\$110,000
6B	CR 120	At Weir Branch	Replace bridge & approaches	\$16,000	\$160,000
6B	CR 456	At Brushy Creek	Replace bridge & approaches	\$24,000	\$240,000
6B	CR 456	At Boggy Creek	Replace bridge & approaches	\$24,000	\$240,000
6B	CR 434	At Brushy Creek	Replace bridge & approaches	\$45,375	\$453,750
6B	CR 406	At Battleground Creek	Replace bridge & approaches	\$0	\$237,200

These bridge projects are extremely important to Williamson County not only for improved mobility but also for safety. Williamson County is committed to provide the local match construction funds as indicated by your staff and in the table above. total costs

I recognize the tremendous number of requests that the TxTC has received for its limited funds, and I appreciate and support the inclusion of the on- and off-state system bridge projects (listed above) in the draft FY 2002 UTP. I also encourage the TxTC to accept the staff's recommendation when it makes its final decision in September.

If I can be of assistance to you and your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Williamson County Commissioner, Precinct —

These funds are available from the bond program. We also could advance these projects. We would like to discuss with you the possibility of moving these projects sooner.

MINUTES
Of The
WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT MEETING
September 4, 2001

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 11:41 a.m. on September 4, 2001, a SPECIAL SESSION of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held pursuant to V.A.C.S. art. 6702, acting as ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts, 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
NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk

I.

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2001 meeting.

Vote: **5 – 0**

II.

Discuss and take appropriate action on the Southeast Williamson County Road District #1, including, but not limited to payment of bills.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve payment of the following:

\$87.50 to Sheets & Crossfield

Vote: **4 – 0** with Commissioner Hays absent from the dais.

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