

**AGENDA ITEM 29****Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.**

Road Bond Manager Mike Weaver discussed construction inspection on County road projects, public information on road projects, and passed out a summary of current road projects. Commissioner Boatright suggested that the county hire its own part-time road inspectors from the pool of retired TX Dot employees and engineers with a potential savings of \$5 million.

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**To:** Williamson County Commissioners Court  
**From:** Michael J. Weaver  
Prime Strategies, Inc.  
**Regarding:** Road Bond Program Construction Inspection  
**Date:** March 11, 2002

As we have discussed, there appears to be an opportunity to utilize County Road and Bridge Department inspectors on a number of the Road Bond Projects. Because of the reduction in subdivision activity, County inspectors are currently available to provide construction phase services.

We have been meeting with County Staff (Greg Bergeron and Joe England) to discuss how to implement this effort, as well as provide a back-up for County staff when development activity picks up. As part of these discussions, we have provided Greg and his staff with the following documents:

- Construction observer scope of work
- Pay order forms
- Change order forms
- Testing guidelines

It is important that no matter who provides the Construction Observer/Inspection services, we utilize the same procedures and processes for inspection, payment, and change orders. In reviewing the road bond program with staff, we have identified the following projects for which County staff could provide inspection services:

- Chandler Road
- CR 137
- CR 175
- CR 200
- CR 214
- CR 276
- CR 300/CR 301
- CR 368/CR 369
- CR 412
- Wyoming Springs North
- Hutto Bypass
- CR 119
- CR 258
- Wooden Bridge Replacement Program

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If County staff can provide inspection services for all of the projects, the Road Bond Program could save approximately \$2.0 million. However, because these projects will be under construction over the next several years, both the Road Bond team and County staff recognize that County inspectors may not be available during that entire timeframe.

To address this, both parties agreed that the County (through the Road Bond team) should identify 2 to 4 retired TxDOT inspectors. Since most of these projects require only 2 to 3 hours of inspection per day, it would only take 2 to 3 projects to employ a part-time inspector. We are in the process of identifying several retired TxDOT employees for this effort. Even if the County had to provide a vehicle, cell phone and laptop computer, there would be considerable savings. When the County inspectors no longer have time to inspect road bond projects, we will need to have a process and people in place to step into the construction phase of the program.

Over the next month or so, we will formulate specific recommendation on how to "employ" these part-time/contract County inspectors. In the meantime, we are moving forward with Greg's help to implement the use of County inspectors. Also, for the longer and more complex projects, we will continue to utilize the outside services of the four (4) Construction Observers the Court has selected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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**To:** Williamson County Commissioners Court  
**From:** Michael J. Weaver, Prime Strategies, Inc.  
Peggy Croslin, The Croslin Group  
**Regarding:** Public Information Program  
**Date:** March 11, 2002

As requested, Peggy and I have outlined several areas the Court may wish to pursue in developing a comprehensive public information program for the road bond projects/program. This effort could be accomplished by an in-house staff person, outside firm working for the Court, or a combination of both. If you have any questions regarding our suggestions, please feel free to call Peggy or me.

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**Williamson County Communication Campaign**  
**"We're Turning Dirt"**

**Articles:**

Initiate a series of articles about the road bond program and specific projects. This would be accomplished through a series of press briefings with reporters and editorial staff to assure that the articles, press releases, and op-ed pieces were published.

**1. From Plan to Progress** – a series of steps describing process employed by WILCO, including: interviewing team of professionals, preparing plan, public involvement (public meetings, etc), inventory of county transportation facilities and estimated costs of improvements, bond package, and implementation of plan.

Quotes: County Judge, Commissioners, take some from press releases, TxDOT, TTA, and Michael Aulick.

Images: WILCO signs, project improvements, SH 45 frontage roads, school zone signs with children crossing.

**2. Local Commitment** – brief version of chronology. Focus on WILCO's recognition of lack of state and federal funding for local projects. Contrast normal time for TxDOT to move project development and expedited time frame in which WILCO has progressed. Highlight time and money savings. Highlight local commitment to provide relievers and parallel facilities to state facilities to move local traffic.

Quotes: TTC Commissioners, Ross Milloy, State Legislators and County Officials.

Images: US 79 (showing Chandler Lane and other relievers), Parmer Lane, Georgetown Loop construction, WILCO signs.

**3. Response to rapid population growth** – describe local trends, phenomenal population growth, employment conditions, and mobility crisis. Highlight how plan commits local resources to address mobility and public safety crisis. Describe WILCO's ability to simultaneously

address environmental, public involvement, design and construction issues. Mention economic downturn and how county has become major employer of construction trades. Focus additional articles on environmental process, permitting and the County's environmental mitigation programs.

Quotes: Judge, Commissioners, DELL representative, design engineers, homeowners representatives, police & EMS officials, environmental agency representatives.

Images: group meetings, drawings, ambulance, traffic.

***Trade Association Periodicals:***

Work with the local and State trade organizations to place articles of interest. Also, work with County's major engineering consultants (HNTB, Carter & Burgess, PBS&J, TCB, etc.) to have articles placed in their quarterly magazines.

Texas County Judges & Commissioners – **Texas County Progress**  
915.673.4822

Texas Association of Counties – **County**  
800.456.5974

Texas Municipal League

Public Works Association

Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council

Texas Department of Transportation

Council of Consulting Engineers

Association of General Contractors

**Local Newspapers**

Statesman

Hill Country News  
RR Leader  
Williamson County Sun  
Hutto Herald  
Taylor Daily News  
Pflugerville Flag  
Austin Business Journal

**Broadcast Media**

KXAN - 36  
KVUE - 24  
KEYE - 42  
Channel 7  
News Eight Austin  
KVET  
KLBJ  
Cable RR

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WCRB Project

PROJECT	CONSTRUCTION COST	CONSTRUCTION START	SURVEYOR	ENGINEER	GEOTECH	UTILITY COORDINATION	CONTRACTOR	COUNTY INSPECTORS*	CONSTR. OBSERVER
Cedar Hollow at SH 29	\$ 365,000		-	Haynie Consulting	Kohutuk	NA			
Chandler Road (FM 1480 to FM 1600)	\$ 12,600,000	8/1/02	Capital Surveying	Demmon Engineering	Kohutuk	HDR (FM 1480 - CR 110) Killman CR		X	
CR 137 (County Line to FM 1600)	\$ 1,700,000	9/1/02	Inland Civil Associates	Pate Engineers	Kohutuk	UDG		X	Doucet
CR 176 (FM 1431 to CR 176)	\$ 2,000,000	7/1/02	Baker-Aicklen	Baker-Aicklen	Terra Mar	Baker-Aicklen		X	
CR 200/CR 201 to Lasky Creek	\$ 750,000	10/1/02	KC	K.C. Engineering	Terra Mar	Half		X	
CR 214A (CR 214 to FM 1600)	\$ 600,000	3/9/03	Sam Inc.	Carter & Burgess	None assigned			X	
CR 276 (Palmer Lane to Budded Rd.)	\$ 1,800,000	10/2/02	Sent email & left message	Malone/Wheeler	Terra Mar	Doucet		X	
CR 300/CR 301 (FM 872 to FM 871)	\$ 1,500,000	7/24/02	Inland Civil Associates	Pate Engineers	Kohutuk	Pate		X	Doucet
CR 300/301 (CR 101 to CR 300)	\$ 1,100,000	5/14/02	Haynie Consulting	Haynie Consulting	Kohutuk	UDG		X	
CR 412 (FM 619 to CR 421)	\$ 1,100,000	5/15/02	Inland Civil Associates	Inland Civil Associates	Kohutuk	UDG		X	Doucet
CR 214A (realignment at FM 1600)	\$ 700,000	2/3/03	Haynie Consulting	Huggins/Seller & Associates	None Assigned (use geotech by HVJ Associates)	Unassigned			Brown & Root
Georgetown Inner Loop - FM 2335 to D.J. Woods (Project 1)	\$ 7,500,000	4/1/02	PBS&J	PBS&J	HVJ Associates	Doucet	Austin B & R		Brown & Root
Georgetown Inner Loop - D.J. Woods Reconstruction -	\$ 1,800,000	2/1/02	PBS&J	PBS&J	HVJ Associates	Doucet	Austin B & R		Brown & Root
Georgetown Inner Loop - SH 29 to FM 2234; D.J. Wood	\$ 5,500,000	1/3/05	Sieger & Bizzell	Sieger & Bizzell	Jack Holt/Sieger & Bizzell	Doucet			TBD
Georgetown Inner Loop - FM 2234 to H-36 (Project 4)	Study Only		N/A	HDR Engineering	None assigned	TCAB			TBD
Georgetown Inner Loop - 2335 to Shell Road: Shell Road	\$ 600,000		PBS&J	PBS&J	HVJ	Doucet			TBD
Georgetown Inner Loop (East) - FM 871 to SH 29	\$ 5,000,000	9/2/02	Sieger & Bizzell	Sieger & Bizzell	Hok	TCAB			TBD
Latellia Blvd. (Lyndhurst to Palmer Lane)	\$ 2,000,000	1/2/03	Carter & Burgess	Carter & Burgess	Terra Mar	Kellman			City of Austin
McNeil Road (County Line/McNeil Center)	\$ 15,000,000	8/1/02	Austin Surveyors	Guy Janning & Associates	Terra Mar	Pate			Brown & Root
Oak Grove at US 183	\$ 300,000		McGray & McGray	Huggins/Seller & Associates	None assigned (use geotech from Fugro South)	Unassigned			TXDOT
Palmer Lane South (FM 1431 to SH 29)	\$ 23,000,000	5/1/02	Diamond Surveying	Turner, Colie & Braden	Fugro South	TCAB			
Palmer Lane North (SH 29 to FM 2234)	\$ 15,000,000	3/3/03	PBS&J, Haynie Consulting	PBS&J	Fugro South	TCAB			Brown & Root
Pand Springs Road/Turtle Rock Road	\$ 293,350	1/3/02	-	WHM, Huggins/Seller & Associates	NA	Doucet	Austin B & R		Doucet
River Bone Oaks Subdivision SH 29 at FM 1839 (Traffic Signal)	\$ 444,100	4/1/02	Haynie Consulting	Haynie Consulting	Kohutuk	Unassigned - Not Needed			
US 79 (CR 110 to Millam County Line) ROW & Utilities	\$ 120,000	5/1/02	McGray & McGray	Huggins/Seller & Associates	NA	Half			TXDOT
Wyoming Springs Road - South (FM 528 to McNeil)	\$ 16,000,000	3/14/03	Inland Civil Associates	Carter & Burgess	Terra Mar	Unassigned			TXDOT
Wyoming Springs Road - North (FM 528 to McNeil)	\$ 11,500,000	3/13/03	Baker-Aicklen	Baker-Aicklen	Terra Mar	Unassigned			
Wyoming Springs Road - North (FM 1431 to San Benito)	\$ 500,000	9/3/02	Haynie Consulting	Haynie Consulting	Kohutuk	Baker-Aicklen		X	Doucet
Safety/Mobility Projects				WHM, Alliance Texas Engineering	NA	-			WHM
Hutto Bypass (CR 138 - CR 110)	\$ 1,800,000	3/3/03	Diamond Surveying	Pate	Kohutuk	Unassigned		X	
CR 110 (Hutto Bypass - US 79)	\$ 2,000,000	11/1/02	Inland Civil Associates	Pate	Terra Mar	Unassigned		X	
Bridge Replacements (Imp 5)	\$ 1,800,000	4/15/02	Haynie Consulting	HDR Engineering	None assigned	Unassigned		X	Brown & Root
CR 288	\$ 770,000	8/2/02	Haynie Consulting	Haynie Consulting				X	
TOTAL	\$ 134,677,450								

\*Projects being considered for inspection by County

**AGENDA ITEM 30**

Discuss and take appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Ed Lee with Broaddus & Associates discussed the status of the jail/courthouse annex expansion. He stated that the County is close to receiving the city permit for the jail and parking garage. He stated that there are on-site meetings regarding the construction every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the trailer located on the construction site.

**AGENDA ITEM 31**

Consider approving contract with CDY Consulting Engineers for Constable Pct. 4 building.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a contract with CDY Consulting Engineers for the Constable Pct. 4 building.

Vote: **4 - 0**

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