

AGENDA ITEM 25

Consider a resolution requesting that TxDOT authorize the County to make traffic operation improvements at FM 2243 and FM 1431.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a resolution requesting that TxDOT authorize the County to make traffic operation improvements on FM 2243 and FM 1431.

Vote: 4 - 0

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Resolution

The State of Texas }

 } Know All Men By These Presents:

County of Williamson }

That on this, the 16th day of July, A. D. 2002, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met duly called and convened lawful Session at the County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

John Doerfler, County Judge, Presiding
Mike Heiligenstein, Commissioner Precinct One, and
Greg Boatright, Commissioner Precinct Two, and
David Hays, Commissioner Precinct Three, and
Frankie Limmer, Commissioner Precinct Four

WHERE, among other matters, came up for consideration and adoption the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Williamson County is proposing to extend Parmer Lane, north from FM 1431 to cross FM 2243 as part of the Road Bond Program, and

WHEREAS, this new crossing of FM 2243 will necessitate turning movements off of FM 2243 and the installation of a new traffic signal at that location, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has requested the County also widen FM 2243 in the area of this new intersection to provide left turn lanes for both Eastbound and Westbound traffic wishing to turn off of FM 2243 and a right turn lane for Eastbound traffic turning to the south and

WHEREAS, TxDOT rules in the Texas Administration Code (TAC), Section 15.52 describes agreements between local entities and TxDOT and Section 15.52 (8) allows for the County to request to let and manage construction contracts on TxDOT right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, safety of the travelling public is a priority to Williamson County in expanding and upgrading it's transportation network,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Williamson County requests authority to let and manage the construction contract for the widening of FM 2243 in the area of this new intersection of Parmer Lane, and to let and manage the traffic signal installation at the location and the signal modification at the intersection of FM 1431 with Parmer Lane, such improvements to be contracted with the Parmer Lane project and paid for at County expense, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Judge John Doerfler be, and is hereby, authorized to sign this Resolution as the act and deed of Commissioner Court and to execute any and all necessary documents in connection with this project.

The foregoing Resolution was lawfully moved by COMMISSIONER LIMMER, duly seconded by COMMISSIONER BOATRIGHT, and was then adopted by a vote of 4 voting for and 0 voting against. County Judge John C. Doerfler was duly authorized to sign said resolution as the act and deed of Commissioner's Court of Williamson County and of said County.

John C. Doerfler 7-16-02
John Doerfler, Williamson County Judge

Attest:

Nancy E. Rister
Nancy Rister, Williamson County Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 26

Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

Road Bond Manager Mike Weaver discussed recent developments in RMA funding. He also noted that the court needs to give some thought to naming new roads as the County moves forward in acquiring right-of-way, as businesses and residents will want to know about and prepare for any address changes. He also presented the court with a draft of a proposed resolution for next week's agenda regarding the SH 79 and SH 130 interchange. He also noted that the State has funded the reconstruction of SH 79 through Taylor.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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July 15, 2002

DRAFT

Mr. Michael Behrens, P.E.
Executive Director, TxDOT
DeWitt C. Greer Building
125 E. 11th St.
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Williamson County – US 79 Improvements

Dear Mr. Behrens:

As we discussed with Bill Garbade at the Governor's press conference, Williamson County is very concerned that no action has been taken on our request to partner with TxDOT on the improvements to US 79. Since our appearance in January 2002, the following events have occurred:

- Segment 1 Schematic (McNutt Creek to Hutto) submitted to Georgetown Area Office on February 12, 2002;
- Segment 2 Schematic (Hutto to Taylor) submitted to Georgetown Area Office on June 10, 2002;
- Environmental assessment 90% complete, scheduled to submit October 1, 2002;
- Right of way maps and field notes completed for Segment 1;
- Appraisals complete and right of way negotiations for Segment 1 underway;
- Six Segment 1 parcels purchased;
- SH 130 contract approved by TxDOT; and,
- Ongoing meetings with TTA staff and LSI on design and timing of SH 130/US79 interchange.

While we have continued to move forward with our work, the Austin District has not reviewed any of our subcontracts because a CSJ number has not been issued and a funding agreement has not been approved by the Department. During this time, accidents continue and, unfortunately, there have been additional fatalities along US 79 since January, as well.

Last, we are at an impasse on acquiring additional right of way to protect this corridor. Without an authorized TxDOT project, the County does not have the jurisdiction to acquire right of way by condemnation. Growth and development is continuing and we are under significant pressure to not only preserve the corridor, but also acquire the right of way before land prices limit the ability of both the State and the County to complete this needed project.

Since our January 2002 offer was not accepted, the County wants to withdraw it. The attached resolution outlines our new proposal, which if acceptable, would allow the County to proceed with the development of Segment 1 in cooperation with the SH 130 project. Specifically, Williamson County proposes to fund 100% of the following: