

AGENDA ITEM 28

Consider the use of Texas Low Emission Diesel in the Williamson County fleet for the months of July, August, and September.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve the use of Texas Low Emission Diesel in the Williamson County fleet for the months of July, August, and September.

Vote: 5 - 0

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TO: Members of the Williamson County Commissioners Court

FROM: Mike Fox, Williamson County Fleet Manager

Annette Todd, Director of Projects, Williamson County Commissioners Court

DATE: May 23, 2003

SUBJECT: Using Texas Low Emission Diesel for July, August and September

In November 2002, the Williamson County Commissioners Court voted to approve a resolution to enter into an Early Action Compact, a voluntary program created by the Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate early compliance with the 8-hour ozone standard. Eleven other Central Texas cities and counties also approved similar resolutions and in December elected officials from the region signed the Early Action Compact which was submitted to the E.P.A. and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

In order to meet our obligations under the Compact, the region will have to make significant reductions in the ozone we produce. Ozone is created by nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds combining and "cooking" in the sun. This summer is especially critical because we have one last chance to reduce our design value which determines the amount of reductions we will be required to meet in our Early Action Compact.

One way to do this is to use Texas Low Emission Diesel in the Williamson County fleet. Since the most critical months for producing ozone and exceeding the standard are in the heat of the summer, we are suggesting using Texas Low Emission Diesel for the months of July, August and September. Texas Low Emission Diesel results in an immediate 5% reduction in nitrogen oxide. The Texas Department of Transportation has created a cooperative purchasing contract to reduce the price, but because there is only one manufacturer at this point, there will still be a cost increase of \$24,000 over the three months.

Capital Metro is already using TXLED and Travis County and the City of Austin are considering using it for the same summer months. The more fleets that use the diesel, the more ozone reductions will be measured.

*approved 5-27-03
John C. Doerfler*

AGENDA ITEM 29

Discuss and take appropriate action on filming by Top Spin Creative Productions on Blockhouse Drive on Wednesday May 28, 2003.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve the filming by Top Spin Creative Productions on Blockhouse Drive on Wednesday May 28, 2003.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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Dear Cedar Park Resident/Business:

Top Spin Creative Productions is shooting a docu-drama episode in the Cedar Park area for a Japanese television series. They will be re-enacting a real life train event that occurred in Ohio several years ago. Many residents are already aware of the immense benefits television and film production have brought to the Central Texas community, and the cast and crew of this project are working hard to keep the momentum going. We are contacting residents and businesses in your neighborhood because we will be shooting on Blockhouse Dr. near the train crossing on or around Wednesday, May 28th. The streets that will be affected are:

Blockhouse Dr.:

We will be working with the Williamson County Sheriff's department, who will be aiding us in intermittent traffic control around the rail crossing from approx. 8AM to 8PM Wednesday May 28th.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience our activities may cause and we will make every effort to minimize our impact. If you have any questions regarding this photography, please feel free to call my mobile phone at 799.6637. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Logan Cooper

*approved 5-27-03
John C. Daefler*