



# Texas Department of Transportation

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January 15, 2013

Honorable Ramon Garcia  
Hidalgo County Judge  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

**RE: Advance Funding Agreement  
Thomas Road  
CSJ#0921-02-302**

Dear Judge Garcia:

As you are aware the Thomas Road project received a total of \$686,000 in Federal funding from the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act and will be used for preliminary engineering to construct a four lane urban roadway between FM 2061 (Jackson Road) and FM 2557 (Stewart Road). To utilize these funds, an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) needs to be executed between the Hidalgo County and the State. Attached for your signature are two originals of the AFA.

Please sign and return both originals, along with the County's resolution authorizing the AFA, to the attention of Mr. Homero Bazan, Jr., our Director of Transportation Planning and Development, at the above address for further processing. Please also include a check in the amount of \$44,169, to cover the County's estimated share of Direct State Costs for state review and oversight per the AFA, made payable to the Texas Department of Transportation Trust Fund.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bazan or me at 702-6100.

Sincerely,

Mario R. Jorge, P.E.  
Pharr District Engineer

Received By

1-23-13  
Date

Attachments

cc: Jody Ellington, P.E., Deputy District Engineer  
Homero Bazan, Jr., P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development  
Valente Olivarez, P.E., Pharr Area Engineer  
Griselda Saldivar, P.E., Project Manager  
Project File

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STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS   §

**ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT  
For A  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT  
(OFF- SYSTEM)**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation called the “State”, and the **County of Hidalgo**, acting by and through its duly authorized officials, called the “Local Government.”

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, federal law establishes federally funded programs for transportation improvements to implement its public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Transportation Code, Sections 201.103 and 222.052 establish that the State shall design, construct and operate a system of highways in cooperation with local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws require local governments to meet certain contract standards relating to the management and administration of State and federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Transportation Commission passed Minute Order Number 111336, authorizing the State to undertake and complete a highway improvement generally described as construction of four lane urban roadway on Thomas Road from FM 2061(Jackson Road) to FM 2557 (Stewart Road) called the “Project”; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Local Government has approved entering into this agreement by resolution or ordinance dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, which is attached to and made a part of this agreement as Attachment “A” for the improvement covered by this agreement. A map showing the Project location appears in Attachment “B,” which is attached to and made a part of this agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties, to be by them respectively kept and performed as set forth in this agreement, it is agreed as follows:

## AGREEMENT

### 1. Period of the Agreement

This agreement becomes effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the agreement fully executed. This agreement shall remain in effect until the Project is completed or unless terminated as provided below.

### 2. Scope of Work

The Local Government will prepare the preliminary engineering and environmental document for the construction of Thomas Road from FM 2061 to FM 2557 to a four lane urban facility, as shown on Attachment "B".

### 3. Local Project Sources and Uses of Funds

- A. The total estimated cost of the Project is shown in the Project Budget – Attachment "C", which is attached to and made a part of this agreement. The expected cash contributions from the Federal or State government, the Local Governments, or other parties is shown in Attachment "C". The State will pay for only those project costs that have been approved by the Texas Transportation Commission. The State and the Federal Government will not reimburse the Local Government for any work performed before the federal spending authority is formally obligated to the Project by the Federal Highway Administration. After federal funds have been obligated, the State will send to the Local Government a copy of the formal documentation showing the obligation of funds including federal award information. The Local Government is responsible for 100% of the cost of any work performed under its direction or control before the federal spending authority is formally obligated.
- B. If the Local Government will perform any work under this contract for which reimbursement will be provided by or through the State, the Local Government must complete training before federal spending authority is obligated. Training is complete when at least one individual who is working actively and directly on the Project successfully completes and receives a certificate for the course entitled *Local Government Project Procedures Qualification for the Texas Department of Transportation*. The Local Government shall provide the certificate of qualification to the State. The individual who receives the training certificate may be an employee of the Local Government or an employee of a firm that has been contracted by the Local Government to perform oversight of the Project. The State in its discretion may deny reimbursement if the Local Government has not designated a qualified individual to oversee the Project.
- C. This Project cost estimate shows how necessary resources for completing the Project will be provided by major cost categories. These categories may include but are not limited to: (1) costs of real property; (2) costs of utility work; (3) costs of environmental assessment and remediation; (4) cost of preliminary engineering and design; (5) cost of construction and construction management; and (6) any other local project costs.
- D. The State will be responsible for securing the Federal and State share of the funding required for the development and construction of the local Project. If the Local Government is due funds for expenses incurred, these funds will be reimbursed to the Local Government on a cost basis.

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- E.** The Local Government will be responsible for all non-federal or non-state participation costs associated with the Project, including any overruns in excess of the approved local project budget unless otherwise provided for in this agreement or approved otherwise in an amendment to this agreement.
- F.** Prior to the performance of any engineering review work by the State, the Local Government will pay to the State the amount specified in Attachment C. At a minimum, this amount shall equal the Local Government's funding share for the estimated cost of preliminary engineering for the Project. At least sixty (60) days prior to the date set for receipt of the construction bids, the Local Government shall remit its remaining financial share for the State's estimated construction oversight and construction cost.
- G.** In the event that the State determines that additional funding by the Local Government is required at any time during the Project, the State will notify the Local Government in writing. The Local Government shall make payment to the State within thirty (30) days from receipt of the State's written notification.
- H.** Whenever funds are paid by the Local Government to the State under this agreement, the Local Government shall remit a check or warrant made payable to the "Texas Department of Transportation Trust Fund." The check or warrant shall be deposited by the State in an escrow account to be managed by the State. Funds in the escrow account may only be applied to the State Project.
- I.** Upon completion of the Project, the State will perform an audit of the Project costs. Any funds due by the Local Government, the State, or the Federal government will be promptly paid by the owing party. If, after final Project accounting, excess funds remain in the escrow account, those funds may be applied by the State to the Local Government's contractual obligations to the State under another advance funding agreement with approval by appropriate personnel of the Local Government.
- J.** The State will not pay interest on any funds provided by the Local Government.
- K.** If a waiver has been granted, the State will not charge the Local Government for the indirect costs the State incurs on the local Project, unless this agreement is terminated at the request of the Local Government prior to completion of the Project.
- L.** If the Project has been approved for a "fixed price" or an "incremental payment" non-standard funding or payment arrangement under 43 TAC §15.52, the budget in Attachment C will clearly state the amount of the fixed price or the incremental payment schedule.
- M.** If the Local government is an Economically Disadvantaged County and if the State has approved adjustments to the standard financing arrangement, this agreement reflects those adjustments.
- N.** The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the State directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract. Acceptance of funds directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. An entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

- O. Payment under this contract beyond the end of the current fiscal biennium is subject to availability of appropriated funds. If funds are not appropriated, this contract shall be terminated immediately with no liability to either party.
- P. The Local Government is authorized to submit requests for reimbursement by submitting the original of an itemized invoice in a form and containing all items required by the State no more frequently than monthly, and no later than ninety (90) days after costs are incurred. If the Local Government submits invoices more than ninety (90) days after the costs are incurred, and if federal funding is reduced as a result, the State shall have no responsibility to reimburse the Local Government for those costs.
- Q. The State will not execute the contract for the construction of the Project until the required funding has been made available by the Local Government in accordance with this agreement.

#### **4. Termination of this Agreement**

This agreement shall remain in effect until the project is completed and accepted by all parties, unless:

- A. The agreement is terminated in writing with the mutual consent of the parties;
- B. The agreement is terminated by one party because of a breach, in which case any cost incurred because of the breach shall be paid by the breaching party;
- C. The Local Government elects not to provide funding after the completion of preliminary engineering, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) and the Project does not proceed because of insufficient funds, in which case the Local Government agrees to reimburse the State for its reasonable actual costs incurred during the Project; or
- D. The Project is inactive for thirty-six (36) months or longer and no expenditures have been charged against federal funds, in which case the State may in its discretion terminate this agreement.

#### **5. Amendments**

Amendments to this agreement due to changes in the character of the work, terms of the agreement, or responsibilities of the parties relating to the Project may be enacted through a mutually agreed upon, written amendment.

#### **6. Remedies**

This agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any agreement default, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party to this agreement and shall be cumulative.

#### **7. Utilities (Not Applicable)**

The Local Government shall be responsible for the adjustment, removal, or relocation of utility facilities in accordance with applicable State laws, regulations, rules, policies, and procedures, including any cost to the State of a delay resulting from the Local Government's failure to ensure that utility facilities are adjusted, removed, or relocated before the scheduled beginning of construction. The Local Government will not be reimbursed with federal or state funds for the cost of required utility work. The Local Government must obtain advance approval for any variance from established procedures. Before a construction contract is let, the Local

Government shall provide, at the State's request, a certification stating that the Local Government has completed the adjustment of all utilities that must be adjusted before construction is completed.

#### **8. Environmental Assessment and Mitigation**

Development of a transportation project must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which require environmental clearance of federal-aid projects.

- A. The Local Government is responsible for the identification and assessment of any environmental problems associated with the development of a local project governed by this agreement.
- B. The Local Government is responsible for the cost of any environmental problem's mitigation and remediation.
- C. The Local Government is responsible for providing any public meetings or public hearings required for development of the environmental assessment. Public hearings will not be held prior to the approval of project schematic.
- D. The Local Government is responsible for the preparation of the NEPA documents required for the environmental clearance of this Project.
- E. Before the advertisement for bids, the Local Government shall provide to the State written documentation from the appropriate regulatory agency or agencies that all environmental clearances have been obtained.

#### **9. Compliance with Texas Accessibility Standards and ADA**

All parties to this agreement shall ensure that the plans for and the construction of all projects subject to this agreement are in compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, under the Architectural Barriers Act, Article 9102, Texas Civil Statutes. The TAS establishes minimum accessibility requirements to be consistent with minimum accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 101-336) (ADA).

#### **10. Architectural and Engineering Services**

The Local Government has responsibility for the performance of architectural and engineering services. The engineering plans shall be developed in accordance with the applicable *State's Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets and Bridges* and the special specifications and special provisions related to it. For projects on the state highway system, the design shall, at a minimum conform to applicable State manuals. For projects not on the state highway system, the design shall, at a minimum, conform to applicable *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* design standards. In procuring professional services, the parties to this agreement must comply with federal requirements cited in 23 CFR Part 172 if the project is federally funded and with Texas Government Code 2254, Subchapter A, in all cases. Professional contracts for federally funded projects must conform to federal requirements, specifically including the provision for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), ADA, and environmental matters.

**11. Construction Responsibilities (Not Applicable)**

- A. The State shall advertise for construction bids, issue bid proposals, receive and tabulate the bids, and award and administer the contract for construction of the Project. Administration of the contract includes the responsibility for construction engineering and for issuance of any change orders, supplemental agreements, amendments, or additional work orders that may become necessary subsequent to the award of the construction contract. In order to ensure federal funding eligibility, projects must be authorized by the State prior to advertising for construction.
- B. The State will use its approved contract letting and award procedures to let and award the construction contract.
- C. Prior to their execution, the Local Government will be given the opportunity to review contract change orders that will result in an increase in cost to the Local Government.
- D. Upon completion of the Project, the party constructing the Project will issue and sign a "Notification of Completion" acknowledging the Project's construction completion.
- E. For federally funded contracts, the parties to this agreement will comply with federal construction requirements cited in 23 CFR Part 635 and with requirements cited in 23 CFR Part 633, and shall include the latest version of Form "FHWA-1273" in the contract bidding documents. If force account work will be performed, a finding of cost effectiveness shall be made in compliance with 23 CFR 635, Subpart B.

**12. Project Maintenance (Not Applicable)**

The Local Government shall be responsible for maintenance of locally owned roads after completion of the work and the State shall be responsible for maintenance of state highway system after completion of the work if the work was on the state highway system, unless otherwise provided for in existing maintenance agreements with the Local Government.

**13. Right of Way and Real Property (Not Applicable)**

The State is responsible for the provision and acquisition of any needed right of way or real property.

**14. Notices**

All notices to either party shall be delivered personally or sent by certified or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed to that party at the following address:

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<b>Local Government:</b>	<b>State:</b>
County of Hidalgo  Attn: County Judge  PO Box 1356  Edinburg, Texas 78540	Director of Contract Services  Texas Department of Transportation  125 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street  Austin, Texas 78701

All notices shall be deemed given on the date delivered in person or deposited in the mail, unless otherwise provided by this agreement. Either party may change the above address by sending written notice of the change to the other party. Either party may request in writing that notices shall be delivered personally or by certified U.S. mail, and that request shall be carried out by the other party.

**15. Legal Construction**

If one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions and this agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision.

**16. Responsibilities of the Parties**

The State and the Local Government agree that neither party is an agent, servant, or employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

**17. Ownership of Documents**

Upon completion or termination of this agreement, all documents prepared by the State shall remain the property of the State. All data prepared under this agreement shall be made available to the State without restriction or limitation on their further use. All documents produced or approved or otherwise created by the Local Government shall be transmitted to the State in the form of photocopy reproduction on a monthly basis as required by the State. The originals shall remain the property of the Local Government. At the request of the State, the Local Government shall submit any information required by the State in the format directed by the State.

**18. Compliance with Laws**

The parties shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this agreement. When required, the Local Government shall furnish the State with satisfactory proof of this compliance.

**19. Sole Agreement**

This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements respecting the agreement's subject matter.

**20. Cost Principles**

In order to be reimbursed with federal funds, the parties shall comply with the Cost Principles established in OMB Circular A-87 that specify that all reimbursed costs are allowable, reasonable, and allocable to the Project.

**21. Procurement and Property Management Standards**

The parties shall adhere to the procurement standards established in Title 49 CFR §18.36 and with the property management standard established in Title 49 CFR §18.32.

**22. Inspection of Books and Records**

The parties to this agreement shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other documentation relating to costs incurred under this agreement and shall make such materials available to the State, the Local Government, and, if federally funded, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the U.S. Office of the Inspector General, or their duly authorized representatives for review and inspection at its office during the contract period and for four (4) years from the date of completion of work defined under this contract or until any impending litigation, or claims are resolved. Additionally, the State, the Local Government, and the FHWA and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to all the governmental records that are directly applicable to this agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

**23. Civil Rights Compliance**

The Local Government shall comply with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as they relate to non-discrimination (49 CFR Part 21 and 23 CFR Part 200), and Executive Order 11246 titled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 and supplemented in the Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

**24. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Requirements**

- A. The parties shall comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements established in 49 CFR Part 26.
- B. The Local Government shall adopt, in its totality, the State's federally approved DBE program.
- C. The Local Government shall set an appropriate DBE goal consistent with the State's DBE guidelines and in consideration of the local market, project size, and nature of the goods or services to be acquired. The Local Government shall have final decision-making authority regarding the DBE goal and shall be responsible for documenting its actions.
- D. The Local Government shall follow all other parts of the State's DBE program referenced in TxDOT Form 2395, Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Adoption of the Texas Department of Transportation's Federally-Approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise by

Entity, and attachments found at web address  
[http://txdot.gov/business/business\\_outreach/mou.htm](http://txdot.gov/business/business_outreach/mou.htm).

- E. The Local Government shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. The Local Government shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure non-discrimination in award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. The State's DBE program, as required by 49 CFR Part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the Local Government of its failure to carry out its approved program, the State may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).
- F. Each contract the Local Government signs with a contractor (and each subcontract the prime contractor signs with a sub-contractor) must include the following assurance: *The contractor, sub-recipient, or sub-contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this agreement, which may result in the termination of this agreement or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.*

## 25. Debarment Certifications

The parties are prohibited from making any award at any tier to any party that is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." By executing this agreement, the Local Government certifies that it is not currently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Programs under Executive Order 12549 and further certifies that it will not do business with any party that is currently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549. The parties to this contract shall require any party to a subcontract or purchase order awarded under this contract to certify its eligibility to receive federal funds and, when requested by the State, to furnish a copy of the certification.

## 26. Lobbying Certification

In executing this agreement, each signatory certifies to the best of that signatory's knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the parties to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into

of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with federal contracts, grants, loans, or cooperative agreements, the signatory for the Local Government shall complete and submit the Federal Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. The parties shall require that the language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Title 31 U.S.C. §1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

## 27. Insurance

If this agreement authorizes the Local Government or its contractor to perform any work on State right of way, before beginning work the entity performing the work shall provide the State with a fully executed copy of the State's Form 1560 Certificate of Insurance verifying the existence of coverage in the amounts and types specified on the Certificate of Insurance for all persons and entities working on State right of way. This coverage shall be maintained until all work on the State right of way is complete. If coverage is not maintained, all work on State right of way shall cease immediately, and the State may recover damages and all costs of completing the work.

## 28. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Requirements

- A. Any recipient of funds under this agreement agrees to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR Part 170, including Appendix A. This agreement is subject to the following award terms:  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22705.pdf> and  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22706.pdf>.
- B. The Local Government agrees that it shall:
  - 1. Obtain and provide to the State , a Central Contracting Registry (CCR) number (Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 4, Sub-part 4.1100) id this award provides more than \$25,000 in Federal funding. The CCR number may be obtained by visiting the CCR website whose address is: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>;
  - 2. Obtain and provide to the State a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, a unique nine-character number that allows Federal government to track the distribution of federal money. The DUNS may be requested free of charge for all businesses and entities required to do so by visiting the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) on-line registration website <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>; and
  - 3. Report the total compensation and names of its top five (5) executives to the State if:

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- i. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25,000,000; and
- ii. The compensation information is not already available through reporting to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **29. Single Audit Report**

- A.** The parties shall comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, P.L. 98-502, ensuring that the single audit report includes the coverage stipulated in OMB Circular A-133.
- B.** If threshold expenditures of \$500,000 or more are met during the Local Government's fiscal year, the Local Government must submit a Single Audit Report and Management Letter (if applicable) to TxDOT's Audit Office, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701 or contact TxDOT's Audit Office at [http://www.txdot.gov/contact\\_us/audit.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/contact_us/audit.htm).
- C.** If expenditures are less than \$500,000 during the Local Government's fiscal year, the Local Government must submit a statement to TxDOT's Audit Office as follows: "We did not meet the \$500,000 expenditure threshold and therefore, are not required to have a single audit performed for FY \_\_\_\_\_."
- D.** For each year the project remains open for federal funding expenditures, the Local Government will be responsible for filing a report or statement as described above. The required annual filing shall extend throughout the life of the agreement, unless otherwise amended or the project has been formally closed out and no charges have been incurred within the current fiscal year.

## **30. Signatory Warranty**

Each signatory warrants that the signatory has necessary authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the entity represented.

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**THIS AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED** by the State and the Local Government in duplicate.

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Ramon Garcia

Signature

Ramon Garcia

Typed or Printed Name

County Judge

Title

3/7/13

Date

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: 2/21/13

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Kenneth Stewart

Kenneth Stewart  
Deputy Director of Contract Services  
Texas Department of Transportation

03/26/13

Date

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE**

February 12, 2013



**SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**RESOLVED, that on this 12th day of February A.D., 2013, there was begun and held a SPECIAL MEETING of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the following members thereof were present, to-wit:**

<b>HONORABLE RAMON GARCIA</b>	<b>HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>HONORABLE A.C. CUELLAR, JR.</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>HONORABLE HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>HONORABLE JOE M. FLORES</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>HONORABLE JOSEPH PALACIOS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**and ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:**

DATE March 15, 2013

A true copy I certify

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk, Hidalgo County, Texas

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.* Denity

February 12, 2013

- B. Authorization and approval to appoint Concepcion Villanueva, Melissa Perez, and Gilberto M. Hinojosa to the Emergency Services District #2 Board for the term of January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2014 and Oscar Garza for the term of January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013 pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Section 775.034

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR. , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously**

**15. Precinct #3 - Comm. Flores:**

- A. Appointment of board member to the Tropical Texas Behavioral Center Board of Trustees for a two year term, effective February 12, 2013.

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 JOSEPH PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the appointment of yolanda Olivarez.

**Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously**

**16. Precinct #4 - Comm. J. Palacios:**

- A. Requesting approval to process the following invoice as a claim with authority for County Treasurer to issue payment after review, audit and processing procedures are completed by County Auditor.

Vendor	Invoice #	Date	Amount
Mobile Relays Partners, LTD	AIR0030994	01/01/13	\$865.90

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3 JOE M. FLORES , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously**

**17. Budget & Management - Sergio Cruz:**

- A. 1. Discussion, consideration, acceptance and approval of Advance Funding Agreement between the State of Texas and the County of Hidalgo for preliminary engineering to construct of four lane urban roadway on Thomas Road. Limits are from FM 2061 (Jackson Road) to FM 2557 (Stewart Road) (CSJ#0921-02-302)

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3 JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3 JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a

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A true copy I certify

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk, Hidalgo County, Texas

By [Signature] Deputy

February 12, 2013

UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote** : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. Authority for County Judge to sign the following Advance Funding Agreements on the above mentioned project.

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3 JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote** : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

3. Approval of 2013 interfund transfer from Pct.2 Rd. Maintenance (1200) to TxDOT Project (1315) in the total amount of \$44,169.00 to fund initial payment by the County to the State.

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 JOSEPH PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote**: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

**B.** Discussion, consideration, and approval to set the indirect cost allocation rate at 10% for grant fiscal year 2013 effective 10/1/12 through 9/30/13 for the WIC Program.

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3 JOE M. FLORES , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote**: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

**C. Budget Appropriations:**

1. Pct. #1 Drainage Improvement Project (1200):
  - a. Approval of certification of revenues as certified by the County Auditor for Pct. 1 Drainage Improvement Project labor reimbursements.
  - b. Approval of 2012 appropriation of funds for the Pct. 1 Drainage Improvement Project (program 052) in the amount of \$38,562.22 to fund payroll expenditures.

On motion by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1 A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 JOSEPH PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve items 17.C.1.a & b.

**Vote**: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

DATE March 15, 2013

A true copy I certify

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk, Hidalgo County, Texas

By Pamela Jean Deputy

February 12, 2013

There being no further business to come before said Court, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board are now hereby adjourned.

Dated this the 12th day of February, 2013

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Priscilla Torres  
Priscilla Torres, Deputy

I, ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on February 12, 2013.

Signed this 12th day of February 2013

ATTEST:  
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
Of the Commissioners' Court of  
Hidalgo County



By: Priscilla Torres  
(Seal) Priscilla Torres, Deputy

DATE March 15, 2013

A true copy I certify  
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk, Hidalgo County, Texas  
By: Priscilla Torres Deputy

CSJ # 0921-02-302  
District # 21 – Pharr  
Code Chart 64 # 50109  
Project: Thomas Road from FM 2061  
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## ATTACHMENT B LOCATION MAP SHOWING PROJECT



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## ATTACHMENT C PROJECT BUDGET

This project has received \$686,000 from the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act for preliminary engineering and does not require a local match. The Local Government will be responsible for 100% of all preliminary engineering direct state costs and 100% of all project costs exceeding the approved funding amount. The following is an estimated breakdown of the project costs and funding participation:

Description		Total Estimated Cost	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Participation	
			%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
Preliminary Engineering by LG (Cat 10 Earmark)		\$ 686,000	100%	\$ 686,000	0%	\$ 0	0%	\$ 0
Preliminary Engineering by LG		\$ 178,142	0%	\$ 0	0%	\$ 0	100%	\$ 178,142
Subtotal		\$ 864,142		\$ 686,000		\$ 0		\$ 178,142
Direct State Costs for State Review and Oversight \$44,169	Environmental Direct State Costs (30%)	\$ 13,251	0%	\$ 0	0%	\$ 0	100%	\$ 13,251
	Engineering Direct State Costs (70%)	\$ 30,918	0%	\$ 0	0%	\$ 0	100%	\$ 30,918
Indirect State Costs (7.27%)		\$ 62,823	0%	\$ 0	100%	\$ 62,823	0%	\$ 0
TOTAL		\$ 971,134		\$ 686,000		\$ 62,823		\$ 222,311

Initial payment by the Local Government to the State: \$44,169

Payment by the Local Government to the State before construction: \$0

Estimated total payment by the Local Government to the State \$44,169

This is an estimate. The final amount of Local Government participation will be based on actual costs.

The Local Government is responsible for 100% of the costs overruns.