



January 18, 2018

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

REF: Agreement to Contribute Right of Way Funds (Fixed Price)

County: Hidalgo County  
Project: FM 494  
Limits: From: FM 1924 (Mile 3) to Mile 5  
ROW CSJ: 0864-01-073  
CONST CSJ: 0864-01-069

Honorable Judge Garcia,

Enclosed find three (3) originals of an "Agreement to Contribute Right of Way Funds (Fixed Price)" for approval by the County of Hidalgo Commissioners for the above right of way acquisition project.

Inclusive in this agreement is the County's requested and awarded Economically Disadvantage County (EDC) Program adjustment from the Texas Transportation Commission under Minute Order No. 114760. A letter dated August 4, 2017 from Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E., Pharr District Engineer to your attention, awards the County an Ninety One percent (91%) adjustment to the required ten percent (10%), thereby resulting in a Local Government net contribution amount of Point Nine percent (0.9 %) participation and State participation of Ninety One point One percent (99.1%).

We are herein respectfully requesting that an action item be presented to the County Commission's agenda at the earliest convenient time to consider the execution of the enclosed agreement. Once presented, approved and executed, please forward the three original executed agreements, a copy of the resolution approving the project and a check from Hidalgo County to the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Six dollars and Sixty cents (\$8,706.60). Your cost participation is calculated by applying the 91% EDC adjustment award to the 10% of Hidalgo County cost participation requirement resulting in a cost participation breakdown of 99.1 % State and 0.9% to the County of Hidalgo. The 0.9% is then applied to the estimated cost for right of way acquisition of Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars Four Hundred dollars (\$967,400.00). Please note that although utilities are indicated in the EDC approval sheet, it has been determined said utilities are there by permit and as such are not compensable. Participation by the Local Government is limited to Right of Way acquisition cost only.

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Upon receipt of the three (3) fully executed agreements, a copy of the resolution approving the project and the above mentioned check, we will forward the executed agreements to our Right of Way Contract & Finance Director in Austin for their review, approval and execution. We will also request that the ROW acquisition project be issued a full "Authority to Proceed" status.

Once we obtain the official release from ROW Division, we will issue a written "Notice of Full Project Authority to Proceed" to advise the City that the State will commence with the acquisition of the needed parcels for this project.

Your continued cooperative efforts towards the improvement of the Highway System in the State of Texas are most certainly appreciated.

Please mail documents as follows:

Texas Department of Transportation  
Attn: Ramon Jimenez, Jr.  
South ROW Project Delivery  
600 W. IH 2  
Pharr, TX 78577

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Ramon Jimenez, Jr.  
South ROW Project Delivery Lead Worker

cc: Javier Martinez, Project Engineer

Enclosures: Three (3)