



July 30, 2018

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
County Judge, Hidalgo County
PO Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78520

**RE: Executed Advance Funding Agreement (AFA)
Hidalgo County Regional Hike and Bicycle Trail (Linear Park) – Phase II
From Ridge Road to Hall Acres Road in Pharr, Texas
CSJ: 0921-02-409**

Dear Judge Garcia:

Attached for your files is the fully executed Advance Funding Agreement for the Hidalgo County Regional Hike and Bicycle Trail (Linear Park) Phase II.

Since the County will be responsible for managing and/or performing work under this contract for which reimbursement will be provided by or through the State, the County must ensure training is completed before any work begins. Training is considered 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 individual who receives the training certificate may be an employee of the County or an employee of a firm that has been contracted by the County to perform oversight of the Project. In addition, in managing and/or performing the work the County will need to follow local government project procedures which can be found at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/governments/lgpp.htm>.

Mr. Joseph Leal, P.E., out of the Pharr District Office, has been designated as our Project Manager for this project and can be reached at (956)702-6247 or via email at Joseph.Leal@txdot.gov. Please work directly with Mr. Leal on all matters regarding this project.

This project is scheduled for an October 2018 letting. As outlined in the AFA, the funds to cover the County's estimated share of Direct State Costs for preliminary and construction associated with this project are now due and payable. **Please remit a check, made payable to the Texas Department of Transportation Trust Fund, in the amount of \$163,823, by August 20, 2018 to cover these costs,**

Please contact Ms. Melba Schaus, District Planning Engineer, or me at (956)702-6100 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:

Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E.,
Pharr District Engineer

Attachments

cc: Homero Bazán, Jr., P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development
Melba R. Schaus, P.E., District Planning Engineer
Rene Garza, P.E., Pharr Area Engineer
Joseph Leal, P.E., Project Manager