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September 6, 2019

The Honorable Richard Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge  
PO Box 1356  
Edinburg, TX 78540

RCV'D DEPT BDGT & MGMT  
SEP 10 '19 PM 1:13

**RE: Nolana Loop Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) Amendment and New AFA**

Dear Judge Cortez,

We are sending you this letter to provide the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) amendment status for the Nolana Loop Project (CSJ: 0921-02-169) as well as development for a new AFA within the Nolana Loop project limits. As you may recall, the Nolana Loop Project limits begin from FM 1426 to FM 88 and is broken up into four segments. The table below provides project information for your reference.

Segment No.	Limits	Precinct	TIP or MTP Year	Funded
Segment 1 (0921-02-361)	FM 1426 to FM 907	2	2019 (ROW) 2025 (CONST)	\$2M earmark \$13.34M cat. 7
Segment 2-4	FM 907 to FM 88	1	2029 (ROW)	\$3.5M cat. 7
Segment 2	FM 907 to FM 1423	1	2030 (CONST)	No
Segment 3	FM1423 to FM 493	1	2030 (CONST)	No
Segment 4	FM 493 to FM 88	1	2030 (CONST)	No

*Based on latest STIP & 2015-2040 MTP Amendment #15*

As expressed in previous correspondences, Hidalgo County would like to use \$2,000,000 of the earmark balance associated with this project for Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition for Segment 1 (CSJ: 0921-02-361). Our Finance Division has confirmed the total earmark balance available is in the amount of \$2,002,950.01. There are necessary steps required to proceed with an AFA amendment of the original AFA and the introduction of a new AFA.

**Segments 1-4 (CSJ: 0921-02-169): AFA Amendment**

This AFA is to be amended and remain in place to environmentally clear all 4-segments and perform preliminary engineering work. Our district staff has already started the process with TxDOT ROW Division to cancel the associated ROW CSJ since it will no longer be needed. Our Finance Division has provided a balance of Direct State Costs that have been charged to the project over the last few years. This balance amounts to \$88,797.55 (as of 8/06/19). A credit of \$62,500 will be applied to the balance owed based on a check deposited that per a letter dated May 8, 2012 by Hidalgo County. See attachment for additional information.

Since there are four segments within the project limits and we anticipate project development activities to reach letting, we will have to collect additional funds to cover future Direct State Cost time charges for these activities (i.e. Environmental and Preliminary Engineering). The estimate

below anticipates some segments could be accelerated and a 5 year timeline for Preliminary Engineering work for all segments within the project limits completed.

Associated Direct State Cost Breakdown:

\$ 88,797.55	(Charged amount as of 8/6/19)
(\$62,500.00)	(Deposited amount via check # 00014324)
\$ 36,000.00	(Estimated cost to complete ENV activities)
<u>\$ 180,000.00</u>	<u>(Avg. \$ 36 K / yr. time charges over 5 year of PS&amp;E work)</u>
\$ 242,297.55	Total Amount Owed

In order to amend the existing AFA to serve only for Environmental and Preliminary Engineering a couple of things need to happen.

1. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision: In order to justify having this AFA there needs to be some federal funding associated with it. Leaving the earmark balance amount of \$2,950.01 will satisfy this requirement. The next STIP revision is anticipated to occur in February 2020 and will likely be approved in April/May 2020. It is recommended that coordination with the RGVMPPO begin as soon as possible.
2. Direct State Cost Payment: Hidalgo County needs to submit a check in the amount of \$ 242,297.55 to cover anticipated direct state cost.

**Segment 1 (CSJ: 0921-02-361): New AFA for ROW and Construction**

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) table for this segment already reflects a \$2 M earmark for ROW; therefore a STIP revision will not be required. Our office has provided the necessary forms (OL-SPA and PIF) via email to Pct. 2 Responsible Person in Charge (RPIC) Mr. Armando Garza to get the process started for this new AFA.

As always, TxDOT strives to work with all local entities to ensure a smooth project delivery and that all State and Federal requirements are met. We will continue with the above process to amend the existing AFA as well and develop a new AFA unless otherwise notified. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or Mr. Rex A. Costley, P.E., at (956) 702-6100 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Attachment; May 2012 TxDOT Letter RE: Advanced Funding Agreement Nolana Loop

CC: Rex A. Costley, P.E., Pharr Deputy District Engineer  
Norma Y. Garza, P.E., Advanced Project Development Director  
Melba Schaus, P.E., Pharr District Planning Engineer  
Dora E. Robles, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager  
Armando Garza, Hidalgo County, Pct. 2 RPIC  
Jorge L. Peña, Hidalgo County, Pct. 1 RPIC



# Texas Department of Transportation

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May 8, 2012

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

**RE: Advance Funding Agreement  
Nolana Loop from FM 1426 to FM 88  
CSJ#0921-02-169**

Dear Judge Garcia:

As shown on the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) under "Local Project Source and Uses of Funds" the County is responsible for any additional funding determined by the State (Article 3, F – Page 2 of AFA). The County's participation for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Direct State Costs for this project was not included in the original AFA and is a required expense of the Local Government. The estimate for this is \$62,500. To date \$18,796.77 has been charged to this project for this item. **Please submit a check in the amount of \$62,500 made payable to the "Texas Department of Transportation Trust Fund" no later than June 1, 2012 to cover these costs.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Homero Bazan, Jr., P.E. or me, at (956) 702-6100.

Sincerely,

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

Attachment

cc: Homero Bazan, Jr., P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development  
Valente Olivarez, P.E., Pharr Area Engineer  
Project File

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VENDOR: TEXAS DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

DATE	CHECK NO.	VENDOR NO.
06/05/12	00014324	152005

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	P.O. NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
CSJ#0921-02-16 9	NOLANA LOOP (FM1426-FM88)		62,500.00

*Liz -  
 Please deposit into  
 CSJ 0921-02-169.*

*Homer B. J. Jr.  
 6/7/2012*

*Rec'd by Liz Paradise Jun 07, 2012  
 Date*

THIS DOCUMENT HAS A VOID PANTOGRAPH, MICROPRINTING AND AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK.



**NORMA G. GARCIA**  
 HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER  
 2810 South Business Hwy 281  
 Edinburg, TX 78539-6243

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VOID AFTER 180 DAYS

CAPITAL PROJECTS

was allowed by the  
 Commissioners Court of  
 Hidalgo County, Texas,  
 at its term of Court  
 indicated above, and  
 to be paid out of the

Check Date	Check No.	Amount
06/05/12	00014324	\$62,500.00

PAY SIXTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS

TO THE ORDER OF TEXAS DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 P.O. BOX 1717  
 PHARR TX 78577-1717

Witness my hand and seal of said court *Norma G. Garcia* COUNTY TREASURER  
 Pay the above stated amount to the order of the payee named *Rafael Guzman* COUNTY AUDITOR  
*Rafael Guzman Jr.* COUNTY CLERK

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