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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF
ELSA, TEXAS CONCERNING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO MILE 6 WEST ROAD
FROM SH 107 TO MILE 14 ½**

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into effective as of the 18th day of August, 2021, by and between **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, by and through its Precinct 1, hereinafter referred to as (“County”), and **CITY OF ELSA** hereinafter referred to as (“City”), collectively referred to as “Parties” and pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (“Act”), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City is a municipality defined as a “Local Government” under the ACT, and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas, within the boundary of Hidalgo County;

WHEREAS, the County is defined as a “Local Government” under the ACT, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the County and City, each pursuant to its statutory and constitutional authority, are responsible for maintenance and improvements to certain public roadways within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, the County is developing a segment of Mile 6 corridor from Mile 11 to SH 107, which is in need of expansion to a four lane roadway facility and traverses within the jurisdiction of the County and City, in Hidalgo County, Texas (the “Road” or “Project”);

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the CITY agree it is essential to develop this very important corridor, which is in much need of improvements, specifically, in need of adding capacity for increased safety;

WHEREAS, the County is completing Phase I of the project development activities for the segment of Mile 6 corridor from Mile 11 to SH 107, and the City previously agreed to support the proposition that the County complete Phase I;

WHEREAS, the County desires to complete Phase II of the Project development which includes Field Surveys, Right-of-Way Map, Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E); and Phase III of the project development which includes Right-of-Way Acquisition/Compensable Utility

Services and Construction Management Services including but not limited to Construction Inspection/Construction Materials Testing;

WHEREAS, portions of Phase II and Phase III of the Project will occur on a segment of Mile 6 West Road from SH 107 to Mile 14 ½, which traverses within the jurisdiction of the County and City and serves as a connecting link of the County road system and such improvements to the Road are in the public interest of the County and City. (See **Exhibit A – Mile 6 Overlay Project map**)

WHEREAS, the City agrees to support the proposition that the County be the fiduciary agent and assume the role of project development lead for all the Phase II and Phase III of project development activities, including but not limited to, (Field Surveys, Right-of-Way Map, Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E); and Phase III of the project development which includes Right-of-Way Acquisition/Compensable Utility Services and Construction Management Services including but not limited to Construction Inspection/Construction Materials Testing) at 100% cost to the County within the city limits and ETJ of the City;

WHEREAS, the County and the City are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the ACT, which authorizes local governments to contract with each other and with agencies of the state, to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the ACT; and pursuant to the County Road and Bridge Act which authorizes counties to improve roadways within the limits of a City with the City's consent.

WHEREAS, County and City have determined the Project will serve a public purpose and provide a mutual benefit to each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the City, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

1. The County agrees to complete Phase II and Phase III of project development activities, including but not limited to, (Field Surveys, Right-of-Way Map, Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E); and Phase III of the project development which includes Right-of-Way Acquisition/Compensable Utility Services and Construction Management Services including but not limited to Construction Inspection/Construction Materials Testing) at 100% cost to the County within the city limits and ETJ of the City.
2. The City agrees to support the proposition that the County complete said Phase II and Phase III activities of the project development within the city limits and ETJ of the City.
3. The Road at various points, passes through the jurisdiction of the City and County and forms a connecting link or integral part of the regional transportation system and County roads.

4. Each party agrees to conform to its own applicable purchasing laws, regulations, policies, and procedures with respect to the portion of the work under this Agreement Performed by each party.
5. County and City will coordinate work schedules in order to provide for minimal disruption to the public and to the operational fiscal affairs of the parties and County will attempt to complete the project in a reasonable time.
6. City has authorized County to perform the work herein described pursuant to Tex. Trans. Code §251.012.
7. **Term.** The effective date of this agreement shall be the date first written above. The term of the Agreement shall be from the effective date to when the project is completed or other time period as agreed upon by the parties.
8. **Termination.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to each other.
9. **Liability Insurance.** Each entity will carry sufficient liability insurance at the statutorily required limits, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act.
10. **Indemnification.** To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the CITY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend COUNTY, its agents, employees and officers from and against any claim, loss, damage, liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred or suffered by it, by reason of any and all claims, demands or causes of action asserted or that may be asserted, against any or all of the above named parties, whether alleging intentional or negligent acts or omissions, and whether seeking compensatory or punitive damages, and involving, arising out of, or in any manner related to this agreement.
11. **Immunities.** It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this agreement, neither the City nor County waive, nor shall be deemed hereby to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercising of governmental powers and functions.
12. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the later shall prevail, but in

Each notice, demand, request or communication, which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above, shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

17. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.
18. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
19. **Assignments.** This Assignment shall not be assignable.
20. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenience reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of any paragraph hereof.
21. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and singular shall include the plural whenever and so often as may be appropriate.
22. **Non-Discrimination.** The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or County and City policy, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, disability or any other category protected under law.
23. **Governmental Purpose.** Each party hereto is entering into this Agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.
24. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the governing body of any party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of such party under this Agreement, then any party may terminate this Agreement upon (90) days' written notice to the other party. Each of the parties hereto agrees, however, to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of each party hereto pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903

25. **Governing Provisions.** Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. A non-exclusive list of regulations commonly applicable to Federal and State grants and equipment can be found in the new 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements.
26. **Legal Construction/Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement will for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision thereof, and this Agreement will be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
27. **Prior Agreements.** This Agreement supersedes and terminates all previous Interlocal Agreement(s) between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, except for any Interlocal Agreement dated prior to this Agreement to the extent work is being performed under said Agreement at the time of executing this Agreement. Once ongoing work under any such previous Interlocal Agreement(s) is completed and payment is remitted such previous Interlocal agreement shall terminate at such time.
28. **Governmental Purpose.** Each party hereto is entering into this agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.
29. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by the Parties has been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the Parties in accordance with its terms.
30. The approval of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in accordance with Texas Government Code §791.014 is evidenced by the attached herein.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

BY: Richard F. Cortez
Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

By: Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk



CITY OF ELSA

BY: Alonzo Perez
Alonzo Perez, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Delmira Y. Olivarez
Delmira Y. Olivarez, City Secretary

Approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court on 9/7/21.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: Robert Viña
Robert Viña, III, Assistant District Attorney

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
ON: 9/7/21 3/15

