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August 4, 2010

The Honorable Lisa Birkman  
Williamson County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
400 West Main, Suite 216  
Round Rock, Texas 78664

The Honorable Valerie Covey  
Williamson County Commissioner  
Precinct 3  
3010 Williams Dr., Suite 153  
Georgetown, Texas 78628

RE: Pass-Through Toll Negotiations - PTT # 2010-006-01  
Date: July 29, 2010; 3:00-4:00 pm  
Applicant: Williamson County (County)

### Project:

I-35 Northbound Frontage Road (I-35 NBFR) - The project is to construct the I-35 northbound frontage road and ramps approximately from Westinghouse Road to SH 29 (Sta. 204+00 to 390+00). The construction will include two and three lane frontage roads with or without an auxiliary lane, entrance and exit ramps, a bridge over the San Gabriel River, a south to north turnaround at RM 2243, an at-grade railroad crossing, traffic signals, and illumination. The project length is 3.522 miles and is further defined in phases as described below.

Phase I - approximately from Westinghouse Road to RM 2243, includes improvements to the existing northbound frontage road from Westinghouse Road to Spur 26, constructing two new ramps, eliminating one existing ramp, additional work at the intersection of Inner Loop, and an at-grade railroad crossing. Also, a new section of frontage road between Spur 26 and FM 2243 will be constructed, along with an exit and entrance ramps to replace the existing jug-handle ramp.

Phase II - approximately from RM 2243 to SH 29, includes improvements to construct a new northbound frontage road with an exit and entrance ramp, a south to north turnaround at RM 2243, and a new bridge over the San Gabriel River. This portion may also require a temporary entrance ramp dependent upon the environmental approval process for this phase.

Dear Commissioners Birkman and Covey:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would like to thank you for your time and efforts in the negotiation process for your selected pass-through toll proposal. I realize this process is being expedited and the schedule is aggressive. But, as noted in my previous letter sent to your office earlier this month, it is essential to successfully

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negotiate your proposal by August 17, 2010, as per the approved minute order. Therefore, I appreciate your cooperation as we strive to meet this deadline.

Listed below, for your review, are the following project development items and financial terms that were discussed and agreed upon by the County and TxDOT in our recent negotiation meeting.

- The scope of work and limits for the I-35 NBFR is defined as shown above. This project will be part of the pass-through toll agreement. The typical sections for I-35 NBFR, as agreed upon, are included as an attachment.
- For this I-35 NBFR project, the County will be responsible for preparing and completing the project design (plans, specs, and estimates), and any environmental documents or re-evaluations needed to obtain clearance. The County will also be responsible for any utility relocation, any additional right of way that may be needed (although none is anticipated), the project letting, and the construction management of this project.
- TxDOT will only be responsible for any oversight review of the design and the environmental document process. TxDOT will also assist in the Georgetown Hospital driveway access permit process, as well as encourage and support a timely completion of the environmental review and approval process.
- TxDOT and the County have tentatively negotiated the following financial terms for the pass-through toll agreement (I-35 NBFR):
  - The total reimbursement through pass-through tolls for the construction of the project will be \$10,997,000;
  - the per-vehicle-mile reimbursement rate will be \$0.07 per vehicle-mile;
  - the minimum annual reimbursement for the project once it is opened to traffic will be \$549,850; and
  - the maximum annual reimbursement for the project once it is opened to traffic will be \$1,099,700.

TxDOT is agreeable to the project phasing, if needed, and opening the phases to traffic at different times with reimbursements to begin accordingly.

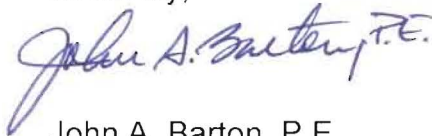
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Please provide me with a written response indicating whether the negotiated items described above are acceptable to the County after your review of these listed items and financial terms. Your response must be received by August 12, 2010, in order to proceed with the development of this potential pass-through toll agreement. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (512) 305-9504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. Barton, P.E." with a stylized flourish at the end.

John A. Barton, P.E.  
Assistant Executive Director  
Engineering Operations

Attachments

cc: Carlos A. Lopez, P.E., Austin District Engineer, TxDOT  
Mark A. Marek, P.E., Director, Design Division, TxDOT  
Mark E. Tomlinson, P.E., Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division, TxDOT  
John D. Ewald, Office of General Counsel, TxDOT  
Rene Garcia, Design Division, TxDOT