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July 17, 2018

Williamson County Road Bond Program
c/o Hon. Dan A. Gattis, Sr., County Judge
710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

Re: A project site of approximately 16.8± acres, being road improvements and new road construction related to CR 176; from an intersection with FM 2243 approximately 0.5 mile west of the existing CR176/FM2243 intersection then south to approximately Whisper Lane; then widening and improvements to the existing CR 176 to the interconnection with Parkside Parkway, a distance in total of approximately 0.8 mile; also, improvements to the right-of-way of FM 2243, an approximate distance of 0.2 mile; also, north of FM 2243 in the right-of-way of Water Oak Parkway an approximately distance of 650 feet; the project area includes a retention pond near the south terminus of the project area; Williamson County, TX; WCCF file #20180711.

Dear Judge Gattis:

Thank you for your participation in the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (RHCP). The following determination of fees relates to the referenced project area as a condition of participation under the Plan. A review of the application and supporting documents has been conducted in accordance with the RHCP. Accordingly, the Williamson County Conservation Foundation makes the following determination as to this application:

1. The fee for participation for the referenced project will be \$1,700.00. (One Thousand Seven Hundred and No Hundredths Dollars). This fee is calculated using the approximate 16.8± acres in the Edwards Limestone geological karst zone (as defined in the Williamson County Habitat Conservation Plan). The Participation Fee is calculated as follows: 16.8 acres @ \$100/acre rounded UP to the nearest acre = \$1700.00.
2. The Project Area intersects the subsurface footprint of a known Bone Cave Harvestman (*Texella reyesi*) habitat (USFWS 2009). Exemption from Zone B mitigation fees has been extended due to previous encroachments of this feature as defined in the Williamson County Habitat Conservation Plan. Existing encroachments included CR 176 already creating impervious cover over a portion of Snowmelt Cave. Additionally, two water lines are placed within 75 feet of the mapped Snowmelt Cave footprint and overhead utility line work recently cleared trees across the Cave footprint. Accordingly, Snowmelt Cave is considered previously impacted and additional impacts to this cave may not be exempted from participation fees based on consideration of the level of additional disturbance to the cave ecosystem; as discussed on page 6-5 of the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan.

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3. Finally, potential Golden Cheeked Warbler habitat was assessed and found not to be present so no fees accrue for this type of habitat.
4. Please notify this office as soon as possible – by email to wccf@wilco.org or by return mail to the address shown to the left below – of agreement to these participation terms. A signed (in blue ink), scanned copy of this letter is sufficient for acknowledgement of these terms.
5. A Participation Agreement based on the terms outlined in this Letter and following the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan will be delivered to you for execution upon receipt of the participation fee. Upon receipt of that document please have the appropriate individuals sign where indicated (and notarized where applicable).
6. A portion of the Participation Agreement (“Memorandum of Participation”) is to be filed in the deed records of Williamson County. The signed copy of the Participation Agreement should be returned to us. If you wish the WCCF to handle filing and to bill you for any associated fee, please indicate in the space at the bottom of this letter. Otherwise, please contact this office for filing instructions.

Subsequent to WCCF’s receipt of the original recorded copy, this office will 1) provide a copy for your file, and, upon request, 2) prepare and mail a participation certificate. The optional certificate is not an official document but it may be posted at the project site as notification to interested parties of participation in the Williamson County RHCP.

Should you have any questions about this letter, or questions concerning participation under the Williamson County Habitat Conservation Plan, please contact WCCF.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Boyd
 Director, Environmental Programs
 Williamson County Conservation Foundation

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 Agreed as to both form and substance:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Note:

If you wish the WCCF to handle document filing with the Williamson County Clerk and bill you for the filing fee, please initial and date here: _____