

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

**ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS WITH NO REQUIRED MATCH**

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BY AND BETWEEN the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "State", and Williamson County, acting by and through its duly authorized officials, hereinafter called the "Local Government."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Transportation Code, Chapters 201, 221, 227, and 361, authorize the State to lay out, construct, maintain, and operate a system of streets, roads, and highways that comprise the State Highway System; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code, Chapter 791, and Transportation Code, §201.209 and Chapter 221, authorize the State to contract with municipalities and political subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, Commission Minute Order Number 111976 authorizes the State to undertake and complete a highway improvement generally described as toll facilities and construction of Interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Government has requested that the State allow the Local Government to participate in said improvement by contributing funding toward the construction of the SH 45 at O'Connor Interchange, hereinafter called the "Project"; and,

WHEREAS, the State has determined that such participation is in the best interest of the citizens of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties hereto, to be by them respectively kept and performed as hereinafter set forth, the State and the Local Government do agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

Article 1. Time Period Covered

This agreement becomes effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the agreement fully executed, and the State and the Local Government will consider it to be in full force and effect until the Project described herein has been completed and accepted by all parties or unless terminated, as hereinafter provided.

Article 2. Project Funding and Work Responsibilities

The State will authorize the performance of only those Project items of work which the Local Government has requested and has agreed to pay for as described in Attachment A, Payment Provision and Work Responsibilities which is attached to and made a part of this contract.

In addition to identifying those items of work paid for by payments to the State, Attachment A, Payment Provision and Work Responsibilities, also specifies those Project items of work that are the

responsibility of the Local Government and will be carried out and completed by the Local Government, at no cost to the State.

At least sixty (60) days prior to the date set for receipt of the construction bids, the Local Government shall remit its financial share for the State's estimated construction oversight and construction costs.

Whenever funds are paid by the Local Government to the State under this Agreement, the Local Government shall remit a check or warrant made payable to the "Texas Department of Transportation Trust Fund." The check or warrant shall be deposited by the State in an escrow account to be managed by the State. Funds in the escrow account may only be applied by the State to the Project. If, after final Project accounting, excess funds remain in the escrow account, those funds may be applied by the State to the Local Government's contractual obligations to the State under another advance funding agreement.

If the Local Government will perform any work under this contract for which reimbursement will be provided by or through the State, the Local Government must complete training before a letter of authority is issued. Training is 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 Local Government shall provide the certificate of qualification to the State. The individual who receives the training certificate may be an employee of the Local Government or an employee of a firm that has been contracted by the Local Government to perform oversight of the Project. The State in its discretion may deny reimbursement if the Local Government has not designated a qualified individual to oversee the Project.

Whenever funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) are distributed to a Local Government, the Local Government must complete its Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC), as required by OMB Circular A-133, and separately identify any ARRA expenditures for Federal Awards.

Payment under this contract beyond the end of the current fiscal biennium is subject to availability of appropriated funds. If funds are not appropriated, this contract shall be terminated immediately with no liability to either party.

Article 3. Right of Access

If the Local Government is the owner of any part of the Project site, the Local Government shall permit the State or its authorized representative access to the site to perform any activities required to execute the work.

Article 4. Adjustments Outside the Project Site

The Local Government will provide for the acquisition of all necessary right-of-way and adjustment of utilities needed for performance of the work on sites not owned or to be acquired by the State.

Article 5. Responsibilities of the Parties

The State and the Local Government agree that neither party is an agent, servant, or employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

Article 6. Document and Information Exchange

The Local Government agrees to electronically deliver to the State all general notes, specifications, contract provision requirements and related documentation in a Microsoft® Word or similar document. If requested by the State, the Local Government will use the State's document template. The Local Government shall also provide a detailed construction time estimate including types of activities and month in the format required by the State. This requirement applies whether the local government creates the documents with its own forces or by hiring a consultant or professional provider. At the request of the State, the Local Government shall submit any information required by the State in the format directed by the State.

Article 7. Interest

The State will not pay interest on funds provided by the Local Government. Funds provided by the Local Government will be deposited into, and retained in, the State Treasury.

Article 8. Inspection and Conduct of Work

Unless otherwise specifically stated in Attachment A, Project Budget and Description, to this contract, the State will supervise and inspect all work performed hereunder and provide such engineering inspection and testing services as may be required to ensure that the Project is accomplished in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. All correspondence and instructions to the contractor performing the work will be the sole responsibility of the State. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Attachment A to this contract, all work will be performed in accordance with the *Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges* adopted by the State and incorporated herein by reference, or special specifications approved by the State.

Article 9. Increased Costs

In the event it is determined that the funding provided by the Local Government will be insufficient to cover the State's cost for performance of the Local Government's requested work, the Local Government will pay to the State the additional funds necessary to cover the anticipated additional cost. The State shall send the Local Government a written notification stating the amount of additional funding needed and stating the reasons for the needed additional funds. The Local Government shall pay the funds to the State within 30 days of the written notification, unless otherwise agreed to by all parties to this agreement. If the Local Government cannot pay the additional funds, this contract shall be mutually terminated in accord with Article 11 - Termination. If this is a fixed price agreement as specified in Attachment A, Project Budget and Description, this provision shall only apply in the event changed site conditions are discovered or as mutually agreed upon by the State and the Local Government.

If any existing or future local ordinances, commissioners court orders, rules, policies, or other directives, including but not limited to outdoor advertising billboards and storm water drainage facility requirements, are more restrictive than State or Federal Regulations, or if any other locally proposed changes, including but not limited to plats or replats, result in increased costs, then any increased costs associated with the ordinances or changes will be paid by the local government. The cost of providing right of way acquired by the State shall mean the total expenses in acquiring the property interests either through negotiations or eminent domain proceedings, including but not limited to expenses related to relocation, removal, and adjustment of eligible utilities.

Article 10. Maintenance

Upon completion of the Project, the State will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the completed Project unless otherwise specified in Attachment A to this agreement.

Article 11. Termination

This agreement may be terminated in the following manner:

- ◆ by mutual written agreement and consent of both parties;
- ◆ by either party upon the failure of the other party to fulfill the obligations set forth herein;
- ◆ by the State if it determines that the performance of the Project is not in the best interest of the State.

If the agreement is terminated in accordance with the above provisions, the Local Government will be responsible for the payment of Project costs incurred by the State on behalf of the Local Government up to the time of termination.

- ◆ Upon completion of the Project, the State will perform an audit of the Project costs. Any funds due to the Local Government, the State, or the Federal Government will be promptly paid by the owing party.

Article 12. Notices

All notices to either party by the other required under this agreement shall be delivered personally or sent by certified or U.S. mail, postage prepaid or sent by electronic mail, (electronic notice being permitted to the extent permitted by law but only after a separate written consent of the parties), addressed to such party at the following addresses:

Local Government:	State:
Williamson County Judge 710 Main Street, Suite 101 Georgetown, Texas 78626	Austin District Engineer 7901 North Interregional Highway Austin, Texas 78753

All notices shall be deemed given on the date so delivered or so deposited in the mail, unless otherwise provided herein. Either party may change the above address by sending written notice of the change to the other party. Either party may request in writing that such notices shall be delivered personally or by certified U.S. mail and such request shall be honored and carried out by the other party.

Article 13. Sole Agreement

In the event the terms of the agreement are in conflict with the provisions of any other existing agreements between the Local Government and the State, the latest agreement shall take precedence over the other agreements in matters related to the Project.

Article 14. Successors and Assigns

The State and the Local Government each binds itself, its successors, executors, assigns, and administrators to the other party to this agreement and to the successors, executors, assigns, and administrators of such other party in respect to all covenants of this agreement.

Article 15. Amendments

By mutual written consent of the parties, this contract may be amended prior to its expiration.

Article 16. State Auditor

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. Acceptance of funds directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract acts as

acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. An entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

The parties shall comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, P.L. 98-502, ensuring that the single audit report includes the coverage stipulated in OMB Circular A-133.

Whenever ARRA funds are used and the Local Government is performing any work, either directly or through a contractor, it must comply with the following provisions. If a Local Government is receiving ARRA funds, but is not performing any work, the following provisions apply, if appropriate, and to the extent necessary to comply with ARRA regulations.

In accordance with Section 902 of the ARRA, should this agreement involve the expenditure of ARRA funds, then the U.S. Comptroller General and its representatives shall have the authority to:

- a. examine any records of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or any State or local agency administering such contract, that directly pertain to, and involve transactions relating to the contract or subcontract; and
- b. interview any officer or employee of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or any State or local agency administering the contract regarding such contracts.

Nothing in the section previously mentioned shall be interpreted to limit or restrict in any way the existing authority of the Comptroller General.

In accordance with Section 1515(a) of the ARRA, with respect to each contract or grant awarded using covered funds, any representative of an appropriate inspector general appointed under Section 3 or 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), is authorized:

- a. to examine any records of the contractor or grantee, any of its subcontractors or subgrantees, or any State or local agency administering such contract that pertain to and involve transactions relating to the contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant; and
- b. to interview any officer or employee of the contractor, grantee or subgrantee, or agency regarding such transactions.

Section 1515(b) further provides that nothing in the section previously mentioned shall be interpreted to limit or restrict in any way the existing authority of an inspector general.

The ARRA requires that the Contractor report monthly employment information for its firm as well as that of all of its subcontractors. The Contractor, similarly, shall include this reporting requirement in all of its subcontracts. Failing to include the requirement in agreements with subcontractors can serve as grounds for contract termination.

Form FHWA-1589, Monthly Employment Report, promulgated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), captures the necessary monthly employment information and shall be submitted by the Contractor on a regular basis to the LG (Local Government). It is the responsibility of the LG to obtain this form from the prime Contractor and any subcontractors and, the LG shall verify the accuracy, completeness, and reasonableness of the data contained in the form. The LG shall ensure that this form is submitted by the LG to the State according to the policies and at the direction of the State.

In order to meet any other FHWA and ARRA reporting requirements, the LG shall provide to the State all information requested by the State, including data or information in possession of contractors and subcontractors for completing other necessary reporting forms, and the information shall be submitted in the manner required and according to all due dates as set by the State.

Furthermore, the ARRA mandates that the U.S. Comptroller General's Office shall have authority to examine the records of the contractor, subcontractor, or local agency relating to the project at any time.

Article 17. Insurance

If this agreement authorizes the Local Government or its contractor to perform any work on State right of way, before beginning work the entity performing the work shall provide the State with a fully executed copy of the State's Form 1560 Certificate of Insurance verifying the existence of coverage in the amounts and types specified on the Certificate of Insurance for all persons and entities working on State right of way. This coverage shall be maintained until all work on the State right of way is complete. If coverage is not maintained, all work on State right of way shall cease immediately, and the State may recover damages and all costs of completing the work.

Article 18. Debarment

The parties are prohibited from making any award at any tier to any party that is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." By executing this agreement, the [Contractor, Local Government, Engineer, or whatever] certifies that it is not currently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549. The parties to this contract shall require any party to a subcontract or purchase order awarded under this contract to certify its eligibility to receive Federal funds and, when requested by the State, to furnish a copy of the certification.

Article 19. Signatory Warranty

The signatories to this agreement warrant that each has the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the party they represent.

Article 20. Master Advance Funding Agreement

The Master Agreement Governing Local Transportation Project Advance Funding Agreements is incorporated by reference.

CSJ #0683-06-027 & 0683-06-028
District # 14
Code Chart 64 #50246
SH 45 at O'Connor Interchange
CFDA#:N/A

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT have executed duplicate counterparts to effectuate this agreement.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executed for the Executive Director and approved for the Texas Transportation Commission for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies or work programs heretofore approved and authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

By _____ Date _____
Janice Mullenix
Director of Contract Services
Texas Department of Transportation

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Name of the Local Government Williamson County

By  _____ Date _____

Typed or Printed Name and Title Dan A Gattis
(-a-) July

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ATTACHMENT A

Payment Provision and Work Responsibilities

The Local Government will contribute towards the cost of the SH 45 at O'Connor Interchange, which is an on-system location. The Local Government's fixed participation of \$7,500,000 will be applied first toward the cost of the construction bid items for the interchange, frontage road and ramps. The State has estimated the project to be as follows:

Description	Total Estimate Cost	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Participation	
		%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
0683-06-027: Construction of Interchange, frontage road and ramps	\$39,500,000	N/A	\$0	75%	\$32,000,000	25%	\$7,500,000
0683-06-028: Construction of toll collection facilities	\$4,100,000	N/A	\$0	100%	\$4,100,000	0%	\$0
Subtotal	\$43,600,000		\$0		\$36,100,000		\$7,500,000
Direct State Costs (including plan review, inspection and oversight) 1%	\$395,000		\$0	100%	\$395,000	0%	\$0
Indirect State Costs (no local participation required except for service projects)	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
TOTAL	\$43,995,000		\$0		\$36,495,000		\$7,500,000

Indirect State Cost will not be charged.

Local Government's Participation = \$7,500,000 (Fixed)

Work Responsibilities

1. Environmental Requirements

The State shall be responsible for identification of all environmental issues associated with this project and shall be responsible for preparation of the appropriate environmental documentation necessary to secure environmental clearance for the Project.

2. Engineering Services

The Local Government and the State are preparing or causing to be prepared the engineering plans, specifications, and estimates (P.S. & E.) necessary for the development of the Project. The P.S. & E. shall be prepared in accordance with all applicable laws, policies and regulations, deemed necessary by the State. The scope, roles and responsibilities of the parties and the State's and Local Government's representative have been identified in separate work authorizations with the representative.

The engineering plans shall be developed in accordance with the Texas Department of Transportation *Roadway Design Manual*, the current edition of the *Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges* and the Texas Accessibility Standards.

3. Construction Responsibilities

The State shall advertise for construction bids, issue bid proposals, receives and tabulate the bids and award and administer the contract for construction of the Project. Administration of the contract includes the responsibility for construction engineering and for issuance of any change orders, supplemental agreements, amendments, or additional work orders, which may become necessary subsequent to the award of the construction contract.

The State will use its approved contract letting and award procedures to let and award the construction contract.

4. Project Maintenance

The Local Government shall be responsible for maintenance of locally owned roads after completion of the work and the State shall be responsible for maintenance of state highway system after completion of the work if the work was on the state highway system, unless otherwise provided for in existing maintenance agreements with the Local Government.