

Option 1 - Renew the existing contract with Precinct 4

Pros – No change in cost, personnel, or service. There is a single point of contact and accountability. No downtime for training.

Cons – Dependent on Harris County / Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office to respond to after hour calls for service or hold the scene until a Pct. 4 deputy can make an accident scene.

Estimated Cost – 3 deputies - \$263,700

Option 2 - Enter into the revised contract with the Sheriff's Office

Pros – Sheriff's Office has agreed to hire all three deputies currently assigned to the patrol the toll roads so there is no downtime for training etc. Sgt. Turner would remain the supervisor and lead deputy for the toll road contract. The Sheriff's Office has a 24 / 7 operation across the county so they can respond to calls after hours and randomly patrol the roads overnight at no additional cost and because they would be the Authority's law enforcement provider they could work any accidents or incidents using the personnel available during off hours rather than just holding the scene for Pct 4 to show up. Because the Sheriff's Office is a county wide law enforcement agency they are not concerned about the roads that span Precinct lines today or any change in the Precinct lines in the future. The Sheriff's Office has the most spare vehicles, personnel, and the only operation that is truly 24/7.

Cons – Requires a new contract be approved by the Board and Commissioner's Court.

Estimated Cost – 3 deputies assigned full time - \$263,700

Option 3 - Enter into the revised contract with either Precinct 2, or 3 (single agency)

Pros – Single agency would be responsible for the law enforcement services and accountable to the Board. Deputies can move between the two roads as the need for services demands.

Cons – May not retain all of the deputies that are currently working on the project and therefore additional training would be required. The County Auditor has explained to us that it takes 5 to 6 people to provide 24 hour per day, 7 days per week coverage. This option will require additional deputies since the constable's don't routinely have people on duty 24/7 to provide the same level of service.

Estimated Cost – 5 deputies - \$439,500

Option 4 - Enter into the revised contract with BOTH Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 (two agency option)

Pros – Each agency would be responsible for only the road primarily in their Precinct.

Cons – Two agencies would increase the complexity of our operation and integration with HCTRA's Incident Management Center. There would be some loss of experience and a longer period of adjustment. More deputies would be required increasing the cost. There would be an increase in the amount of training required. The County Auditor says a minimum of 5 to 6 deputies are required to provide 24/7 service. For our purposes we used less than the Auditor's recommendation since evenings, weekends, etc. would not require 24/7 service but could utilize on-call service. As the roads are extended or Precinct lines redrawn the agencies will again be working outside of their Precincts.

Estimated Cost – 8 deputies (4 for each road) - \$703,200