



## Harris County, Texas

1001 Preston St., 1st Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

### Commissioners Court

#### Request for Court Action

**File #:** 25-2699

**Agenda Date:** 5/8/2025

**Agenda #:** 109.

**Primary Department:** County Engineer

**Primary Department Head/Elected Official:** Milton Rahman, PhD, P.E., PMP, CFM, ENV-SP, County Engineer

**Secondary Department:** Commissioner, Precinct 4

**Secondary Department Head/Elected Official:** Lesley Briones

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Interlocal Agreement

**Project ID (if applicable):** UPIN 23104MF2UE01

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Fort Bend County

**MWBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable):** N/A - Not a grant item

#### Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval to execute an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County in the amount of \$1,080,000.00 for funding of the Westheimer Parkway Trail Crossing project located near Fun Fair Positive Soccer and Freedom Park, UPIN 23104MF2UE01, Precinct 4.

#### Background and Discussion:

Westheimer Parkway is a divided east-west major thoroughfare located in Precinct 4, west Harris County, southeast from the intersection of South Fry Road and Westheimer Parkway with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour (mph) and an open ditch-drainage cross-section. Crash data at this location shows a history of speed-related crashes involving cars exiting the roadway. Speed data was obtained to determine the 85th percentile speed along Westheimer Parkway in front of Freedom Park located in Fort Bend County. The recorded 85th percentile speed was 55 mph and 60 mph for the eastbound and westbound approaches, respectively. The scope of this project includes to provide a signalized intersection at Fun Fair Positive Soccer and a 10 FT wide asphalt trail, approximately 0.5 miles connecting from Fun Fair Positive Soccer to Freedom Park.

#### Expected Impact:

By providing a signalized intersection, this project seeks to reduce vehicle speeds and regulate traffic flow. Slower traffic encourages drivers to be more attentive to their surroundings, including pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. This increased awareness can lead to safer road behavior and reduce the risk of accidents.

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By connecting Fun Fair Positive Soccer and Freedom Park with a safe crossing route, the project fosters community connectivity and encourages outdoor activities and recreational pursuits.

**Alternative Options:**

Alternative options for the crossing include to construct a bridge over Westheimer Parkway, cross at the nearest intersection approximately 0.5 miles away, or develop Harris County standards to install an uncontrolled Z-crossing.

**County Strategic Plan Goal:** N/A**County Strategic Plan Objective:** N/A**Justice/Safety Initiative (Goal 1):** N/A**Infrastructure Initiative (Goal 2):** N/A**Economy Initiative (Goal 3):** N/A**Health Initiative (Goal 4):** N/A**Climate/Resilience Initiative (Goal 5):** N/A**Housing Initiative (Goal 6):** N/A

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Approve: **G/B****Additional notes related to the Strategic Plan:** N/A**Prior Court Action (if any):**

| Date | Agenda Item # | Action Taken |
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**Location:**

Address (if applicable): 20150 Westheimer Pkwy. Houston, TX 77082

Precinct(s): Precinct 4

**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

|                                                                               |                                 |                  |                |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Service Name                                                                  |                                 |                  |                |                           |
|                                                                               | <b>Current Fiscal Year Cost</b> |                  |                | <b>Annual Fiscal Cost</b> |
|                                                                               | <b>Labor</b>                    | <b>Non-Labor</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Recurring Expenses</b> |
| <b>Funding Sources</b>                                                        |                                 |                  |                |                           |
| <b>Existing Budget</b>                                                        |                                 |                  |                |                           |
| 1070 - Mobility Fund                                                          | \$                              | \$1,080,000.00   | \$1,080,000.00 | \$                        |
| Choose an item.                                                               | \$                              | \$               | \$             | \$                        |
| Choose an item.                                                               | \$                              | \$               | \$             | \$                        |
| Total Existing Budget                                                         | \$                              | \$1,080,000.00   | \$1,080,000.00 | \$                        |
| <b>Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)</b> |                                 |                  |                |                           |
| Choose an item.                                                               | \$                              | \$               | \$             | \$                        |
| Choose an item.                                                               | \$                              | \$               | \$             | \$                        |
| Choose an item.                                                               | \$                              | \$               | \$             | \$                        |

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|                                                                                |              |                  |                |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Total Additional Budget Request                                                | \$           | \$               | \$             | \$                        |
| <b>Total Funding Sources</b>                                                   | \$           | \$1,080,000.00   | \$1,080,000.00 | \$                        |
| <b>Grants - Proposed Budget</b> <i>(To be filled out by Grants staff only)</i> |              |                  |                |                           |
|                                                                                | <b>Labor</b> | <b>Non-Labor</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>No. of Grant Years</b> |
| Local Match Source - Existing Budget:                                          | \$           | \$               | \$             |                           |
| Local Match Source - Additional Budget:                                        | \$           | \$               | \$             |                           |
| Grant Funds Applied for/Awarded:                                               | \$           | \$               | \$             |                           |
| <b>Personnel</b> <i>(Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)</i>         |              |                  |                |                           |
| Current Position Count for Service                                             | -            | -                | -              | -                         |
| Additional Positions Request                                                   | -            | -                | -              | -                         |
| <b>Total Personnel</b>                                                         | -            | -                | -              | -                         |

**Anticipated Court Date: 5/8/2025****Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): 5/8/2025****Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Debjani Chakravarty, Director, Contracts and PMO, Office of the County Engineer.**Attachments** (if applicable): Interlocal Agreement

## **JOINT PARTICIPATION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

This Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between **Harris County** (“County”) and **Fort Bend County** (“Fort Bend”) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Ch. 791.001, *et seq.* County and Fort Bend may each be referred to herein individually as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”.

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, it is of mutual benefit to both Parties to construct a 10’ wide asphalt trail for approximately 0.5 miles connecting Fun Fair Positive Soccer to Freedom Park and a signalized intersection (if so warranted by preliminary study) at Fun Fair Positive Soccer located in Harris County Precinct 4 (“Project”), as generally illustrated on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, both Parties desire to cooperate in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to jointly accomplish the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, both Parties agree that all funds used under this Agreement shall be from current fiscal funds.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, obligations, and benefits herein set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

### **TERMS**

#### **Section 1. Responsibilities of the Parties**

##### **A. County’s Responsibilities**

- (i) The County will provide or cause to be provided, engineering services and related support services necessary to prepare plans, specifications, estimates, bid documents and any other such relevant documentation (“PS&E”) for the construction of the Project in accordance with Harris County Engineering standards.
- (ii) The County shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and jurisdictional approvals for construction of the Project.
- (iii) Upon completion of the PS&E at 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% completion milestones, the County will submit the PS&E to Fort Bend for review and approval. In the event that any such standard milestones are not applicable to the Project, County will submit the PS&E at the next applicable milestone. Upon completion of the PS&E, the County will submit the PS&E to the County for review and approval. Upon final completion of the PS&E, County will submit the complete PS&E package to Fort Bend for final review and approval.

- (iv) Upon approval by the Parties of the PS&E, the County will advertise for and receive bids for construction of the Project, in a manner similar to that of other County projects.
- (v) Upon receipt of bids for the construction of the Project, the County shall:
  - (a) Determine the lowest and best bidder and provide the bids to Fort Bend with its recommendation for award of the construction contract to such lowest and best qualified bidder, as determined by the Harris County Commissioners Court, by and through its Harris County Engineering Department and Purchasing Department, with concurrence from Precinct 4; and
  - (b) Provide a written request for payment to Fort Bend for their contribution for construction of the Project in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement.
- (vi) Upon award of a contract for construction of the Project, the County will:
  - (a) Manage and inspect the construction of the Project in a manner similar to that of other County construction projects; and
  - (b) Through its contractor, construct the Project in accordance with the PS&E approved by the Parties. The County may make minor changes in the PS&E through change(s) in contract ("CIC") or other such change mechanism that the County deems to be necessary or desirable during the construction of the Project, so long as the original scope and intent of the Project is maintained.
- (vii) Upon completion of the construction of the Project, the County shall:
  - (a) Provide an opportunity for the Parties to participate in a final walk-through and preparation of a punch list in regards to the construction of the Project;
  - (b) Provide a statement of final accounting to Fort Bend detailing all construction costs incurred and identify amount(s) to be invoiced or refunded to Fort Bend; and
  - (c) Assume full responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and repairs of the Project located with County's Right-of-Way.

**B. Fort Bend's Responsibilities**

- (i) Fort Bend will review the PS&E at each completion milestone provided by the County and provide its approval within ten (10) business days. Should Fort Bend desire to make changes to such PS&E, the Parties agree to meet and resolve all issues within ten (10) business days of Fort Bend's receipt of the PS&E in order

to finalize an agreed upon PS&E for the Project. If Fort Bend does not provide a response on the PS&E provided by the County within ten (10) business days from its receipt of the PS&E, then the PS&E submitted to Fort Bend by the County will be deemed approved.

- (ii) Upon receipt of the bids and award recommendation from the County for construction of the Project, Fort Bend will:
  - (a) Review the bids and provide concurrence for award of the construction contract to such lowest and best bidder within five (5) business days from receipt of the recommendation from the County. If Fort Bend does not provide a response on the construction contract award recommendation within five (5) business days from its receipt of the recommendation from the County, then the recommendation submitted to Fort Bend will be deemed approved; and
  - (b) Remit payment to the County for Fort Bend's contribution for construction of the Project in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement.
- (iii) Assume full responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and repairs of the Project located with Fort Bend's Right-of-Way.

## **Section 2. Funding of the Project**

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the following provisions will apply to all payments made under this Agreement:

- A. Fort Bend agrees to provide up to \$1,000,000.00 of the cost ("Fort Bend Contribution") necessary for the completion of the Project as described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Fort Bend agrees to provide payment of the Fort Bend Contribution to the County within thirty (30) business days of receipt of the written request for payment.
- C. Parties agree that any construction costs incurred during the construction of the Project or other work to be performed under this Agreement in excess of the construction contract award amount shall be the sole responsibility of County. Fort Bend's total contribution including all costs described in this Section 2 shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00.

## **Section 3. Term and Termination**

- A. This Agreement shall commence upon final execution by all the Parties (the "Effective Date") and shall remain in full force and effect until the completion of warranty period of the Project or the County's receipt of all payments due from Fort Bend under this Agreement, whichever occurs later ("Term").
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by the County before award of the construction contract

and at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties, or as otherwise provided under this Agreement.

#### **Section 4. Limitation of Appropriation**

- A. The Parties understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the County is not currently appropriating any funds for the Project. County may appropriate funds to complete the Project, but such funds shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed the sum certified available by the Harris County Auditor.
- B. The Parties understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that failure of the Harris County Auditor to certify funds or to certify sufficient funding for any reason shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

#### **Section 5. Miscellaneous**

- A. Non-Assignability. The Parties bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other Party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other Party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. No Party shall assign, sublet, or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Parties.
- B. Notice. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement ("Notice") shall be in writing and shall be duly served when it shall have been (a) personally delivered to the address below, (b) deposited, enclosed in an envelope with the proper postage prepaid thereon, and duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, in a United States Post Office, addressed to the Parties at the following addresses:

Fort Bend:                      Fort Bend County  
                                         301 Jackson St  
                                         Richmond, Texas 77469  
                                         Email: darren.mccarthy@fbctx.gov  
                                         Attention: Darren McCarthy

County:                         Harris County Engineering Department  
                                         1111 Fannin Street, 11th Floor  
                                         Houston, Texas 77002  
                                         Attention: Interagency Agreement Coordinator

Any Notice given by mail hereunder is deemed given upon deposit in the United States Mail and any Notice delivered in person shall be effective upon receipt.

Each Party shall have the right to change its respective address by giving at least fifteen (15) days' written notice of such change to the other Party.

Other communications, except for Notices required under this Agreement, may be sent by electronic means or in the same manner as Notices described herein.

- C. Independent Parties. It is expressly understood and agreed by the Parties that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute or create a joint venture, partnership, association or other affiliation or like relationship among the Parties, it being specifically agreed that their relationship is and shall remain that of independent parties to a contractual relationship as set forth in this Agreement. The County is an independent contractor and neither it, nor its employees or agents shall be considered to be an employee, agent, partner, or representative of any other Party for any purpose. Neither Party, nor its employees, officers, or agents shall be considered to be employees, agents, partners or representatives of the County for any purposes. No Party has the authority to bind any other Party.
- D. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Parties and their legal successors and assigns. The County is not obligated or liable to any party other than the Parties for the performance of this Agreement. Nothing in the Agreement is intended or shall be deemed or construed to create any additional rights or remedies upon any third party. Further, nothing contained in the Agreement shall be construed to or operate in any manner whatsoever to confer or create rights or remedies upon any third party, increase the rights or remedies of any third party, or the duties or responsibilities of the County with respect to any third party.
- E. Waiver of Breach. No waiver or waivers of any breach or default (or any breaches or defaults) by any Party hereto of any term, covenant, condition, or liability hereunder, or the performance by any Party of any obligation hereunder, shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of subsequent breaches or defaults of any kind, under and circumstances.
- F. No Personal Liability; No Waiver of Immunity.
  - (1) Nothing in the Agreement is construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, director, employee, or agent of any public body that may be a Party to the Agreement, and the Parties expressly agree that the execution of the Agreement does not create any personal liability on the part of any officer, director, employee, or agent of the County.
  - (2) The Parties agree that no provision of this Agreement extends the County's liability beyond the liability provided for in the Texas Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.
  - (3) Neither the execution of this Agreement nor any other conduct of either Party relating to this Agreement shall be considered a waiver by the County of any right, defense, or immunity on behalf of itself, its employees or agents under the Texas Constitution or the laws of the State of Texas.
- G. Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and the forum for any action under or related to the Agreement is exclusively in a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in Texas. The exclusive venue for any



action under or related to the Agreement is in a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

H. No Binding Arbitration; Right to Jury Trial. The County does not agree to binding arbitration, nor does the County waive its right to a jury trial.

I. Contract Construction.

- (1) This Agreement shall not be construed against or in favor of any Party hereto based upon the fact that the Party did or did not author this Agreement.
- (2) The headings in this Agreement are for convenience or reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of this Agreement.
- (3) When terms are used in the singular or plural, the meaning shall apply to both.
- (4) When either the male or female gender is used, the meaning shall apply to both.

J. Recitals. The recitals set forth in this Agreement are, by this reference, incorporated into and deemed a part of this Agreement.

K. Entire Agreement; Modifications. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any prior agreement between the Parties pertaining to the rights granted and the obligations assumed herein. This Agreement shall be subject to change or modification only by a subsequent written modification approved and signed by the governing bodies of each Party.

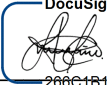
L. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and if any provision or part of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstance shall ever be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or part of this Agreement to other persons, entities, or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

M. Survival of Terms. Any provision of this Agreement that, by its plain meaning, is intended to survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement shall survive such expiration or earlier termination. If an ambiguity exists as to survival, the provision shall be deemed to survive.

N. Multiple Counterparts/Execution. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts. Each counterpart is deemed an original and all counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument. In addition, each Party warrants that the undersigned is a duly authorized representative with the power to execute the Agreement.

O. Warranty. By execution of this Agreement, Parties warrant that the duties accorded to Parties in this Agreement are within the powers and authority of the Parties.

**HARRIS COUNTY**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Lina Hidalgo  
County Judge

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
KP George  
County Judge

**ATTEST:**

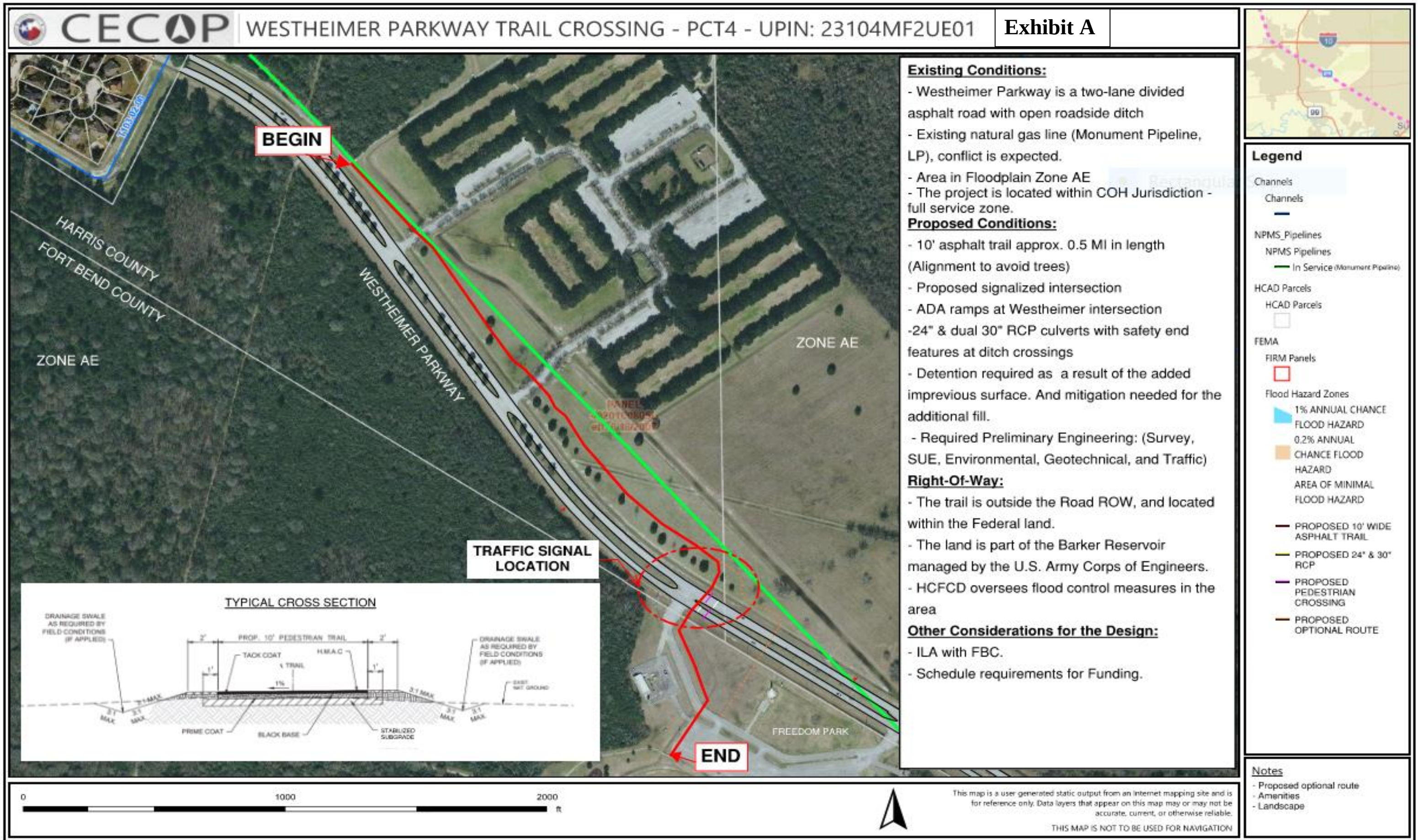
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Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

CHRISTIAN D. MENEFE  
County Attorney

By: Robert de los Reyes  
Robert de los Reyes  
Assistant County Attorney  
CAO File No.: 24GEN0725







| EXHIBIT B                                |                                                |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Westheimer Parkway Trail Crossing        |                                                |
| Precinct: 4                              |                                                |
| Date: 09/10/24                           |                                                |
|                                          |                                                |
| Description                              | Estimated Cost<br>(Estimate Used In Agreement) |
| Harris County Portion                    | \$1,080,000.00                                 |
| Fort Bend County Portion (Not to Exceed) | \$1,000,000.00                                 |
| Subtotal                                 | \$2,080,000.00                                 |
|                                          |                                                |
| Total Cost                               | \$2,080,000.00                                 |

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, met in regular session at its regular term at the Harris County Administration Building in the County of Houston, Texas, on May 8, 2025, with all members present except none.

A quorum was present. Among other business, the following was transacted:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMONG HARRIS COUNTY AND FORT BEND COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A 10’ WIDE ASPHALT TRAIL FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES CONNECTING FUN FAIR POSITIVE SOCCER TO FREEDOM PARK AND A SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AT FUN FAIR POSITIVE SOCCER AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES IN HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4**

Commissioner Garcia introduced an order and moved that Commissioners Court adopt the order. Commissioner Briones seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

|                           | Yes                                 | No                       | Abstain                  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Judge Lina Hidalgo        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Rodney Ellis        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Adrian Garcia       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Tom S. Ramsey, P.E. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Lesley Briones      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order thus adopted follows:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Harris County Judge is authorized to execute on behalf of Harris County the attached Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement between Harris County and Fort Bend County to construct a 10’ wide asphalt trail for approximately 0.5 miles connecting Fun Fair Positive Soccer to Freedom Park and a signalized intersection at Fun Fair Positive Soccer and all related appurtenances in Harris County Precinct 4.
2. All Harris County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this order.

Presented to Commissioners Court

May 8, 2025