

FORT BEND COUNTY FY 2010
COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Date Submitted: 12/03/2009	Submitted By: P. Batts
Court Agenda Date: 12/08/2009	Department: Engineering
	Phone Number: 281 633 7507

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Take all appropriate action to authorize the Engineering Department to submit applications to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for Surface Transportation Program (STP) enhancement funding under 43 Texas Administrative Code § 11.2000 - § 11.205 for selected roadway projects as detailed on the applications, authorize twenty percent cash match by the County, and determine funding source for the match, Precinct 1.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

BUDGETED ITEM: YES NO

FUNDNG SOURCE: Accounting Unit: _____ Account Number: _____
Activity (If Applicable): _____

DESCRIPTION OF LAWSON ACCOUNT: _____

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RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Special Handling Requested (specify): _____

From: <skwcountry@aol.com>
To: <pvb@co.fort-bend.tx.us>
CC: <vincent@greenscapeassociates.com>, <cliffterrell@yahoo.com>
Date: 12/8/2009 10:41 AM
Subject: Fwd: Support letter for transportation enhancement funding for US59 and FM762
Attachments: TxDOT Enhancement Project.pdf

This is the letter of support from the George Foundation. Thank you for including it in the packet. Vincent Morales, chairman of the West Fort Bend Management District, and Cliff Terrell, former county treasurer and WFBMD board member, will be attending the meeting today. Margaret Robinson and I will be attending a review with Teri Kaplan at the same time of the meeting. There are numerous support letters still coming in to meet Friday's deadline at 5 p.m.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynn Bielamowicz <lbielamowicz@thegeorgefoundation.org>
To: skwcountry@aol.com
Cc: Roland C. Adamson <radamson@thegeorgefoundation.org>
Sent: Mon, Dec 7, 2009 5:22 pm
Subject: Support letter for transportation enhancement funding for US59 and FM762

Attached is the letter requested.

George

Est. 1945

December 7, 2009

Ms. Teri Kaplan
Houston District TE Program Coordinator
Texas Department of Transportation
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

Re: Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Project at U.S. 59
and FM 762, Fort Bend County, Texas

Dear Ms. Kaplan:

The George Foundation is a charitable trust/private foundation in Fort Bend County, Texas of which I am the Executive Director. The Foundation's grant focus is to benefit the citizens of Fort Bend County, and we believe that this project would enhance the safety and quality of life for our county's citizens and the traveling public. The location of the project is at the entrance to the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg, and the county seat of Fort Bend County. In 1980, the 1909 County Courthouse in Richmond was accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The proposed improvements are supported by Fort Bend County, West Fort Bend Management District, Central Fort Bend Chamber of Alliance and the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg.

The George Foundation would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely yours,



Roland C. Adamson
Executive Director

cc: West Fort Bend Management District
Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court
The City of Richmond
The City of Rosenberg RDC

From: Jason Vaughn
To: Drachenberg, Ronald; Ospina, Donna
CC: Batts, Paulette; Hegemier, Jesse
Date: 12/4/2009 11:12 AM
Subject: Re: Transportation Enhancement application

Donna, to answer the first two questions, the US 59 and FM 762 cottonfield project is the only submitted project. Also, the West Fort Bend Management District is currently estimating the total project cost of about \$2 million, which places the 20% match at \$400,000 (versus \$240,000). I just called them and they're still working out the itemized cost estimate; that is the estimate they have now but it may go a little lower.

Ron, if you are able to get this email, I need help with the third question. The West Fort Bend Management District doesn't have a clear answer for me. What will Fort Bend County use as a funding source for the 20% match? Thank you for your help. JV.

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1124 Blume Road
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Phone: 281-633-7506
jason.vaughn@co.fort-bend.tx.us

>>> Donna Ospina 12/4/2009 9:53 AM >>>

Jason, I received the form for the Cottonfield Scheme at US 59/FM 762; funds requested \$240,000.

Questions:

1. Is this the only project to be submitted with this court action?
2. Does the \$240,000 include County match, or will the county's 20% match be part of the total \$240,000.
3. Need some sort of funding source to recommend for match to court members Tuesday.

Please call me.
Thanks,
Donna Ospina, Ext 8607

Thank you,
Donna Ospina
Fort Bend County Judge's Office

>>> Jason Vaughn 12/2/2009 1:15 PM >>>

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>>> <skwcountry@aol.com> 12/2/2009 8:48 AM >>>

Jason,

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We will deliver to you the letters of support,

minutes of the meetings and events held and approval dates, along with locations

news articles that appeared in the newspaper

It is my understanding you are limited to 10 such documents.

Sharon

ITEM 22 B - DRAFT 1

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CC: Batts, Paulette; Hegemier, Jesse
Date: 12/2/2009 1:15 PM
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Attachments: fbc_nomination_form.xls

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM STEP 2009 Nomination Form
(Rev. 09/15/2009)
NOMINATION FORM 2009

TE Tracking Number:

Please use the Instructions for Nomination Form Completion to assist in completing this form. Additional information can be found in the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Guide.

I. PROJECT NAME:

II. NOMINATING ENTITY NAME:

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City: State:

Zip Code: Fax:

Daytime Telephone: Email:

Type of Entity
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<hr/> <i>Signature</i>
<hr/> <i>Printed Name</i>
<hr/> <i>Date</i>

III. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A. Relationship

What is the proposed project's relationship to the surface transportation system?

▼

B. Above and Beyond Standard Activities

Do the proposed activities go beyond standard activities the Texas Department of Transportation performs?

▼

C. Qualifying Categories

▼

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From: Jason Vaughn 12/7/2009 8:37 PM
To: Paulette Batts; skwcountry@aol.com
CC: cliffterrell@yahoo.com; Jesse Hegemier; Michael Gutierrez; Ronald Drachenberg; vincent@greenscapeassociates.com
Subject: Re: Final Draft of US 59 / FM 762 Landscaping Application

Sharon, I was able to incorporate your updates listed below, but had to modify the first three sections due to TxDOT's character limitations in their application spreadsheet. Attached is the final draft of the US 59 / FM 762 Landscaping project application. The Fort Bend County Engineering Department will need to submit the application to the County Judge's Office as soon as possible tomorrow morning. Please contact Paulette Batts (281-633-7507) or me (281-633-7506) if you have any comments or questions. Sharon, thank you again on all of your help with finalizing this landscaping application. JV.

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A.

Fort Bend County is one of the most diverse counties in the nation and the first in Texas. It's people produce and use many products that are carried by many modes of transportation and distributed to business centers and retail outlets by rail and truck. Another layer of economic development is the film

Message US 59 and FM 762 Landsc...

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM STEP 2009 Nomination Form
NOMINATION FORM 2009 (Rev. 09/15/2009)

TE Tracking Number: _____

Please use the Instructions for Nomination Form Completion to assist in completing this form. Additional information can be found in the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Guide.

I. PROJECT NAME: US 59 / FM 762 Landscaping

II. NOMINATING ENTITY NAME: Fort Bend County

Contact Person: Jason Vaughn

Title: Traffic Engineer

Mailing Address: 1124 Blume Road

City: Rosenberg State: Texas

Zip Code: 77471 Fax: 281-342-7366

Daytime Telephone: 281-633-7506 Email: jason.vaughn@co.fort-bend.t

Type of Entity
County

_____ <i>Signature</i>
_____ <i>Printed Name</i>
_____ <i>Date</i>

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Yes

C. Qualifying Categories

(5) Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Project Location:
Address (if applicable):
County: TxDOT District(s):
Project Limits (point to point):
Project Length (feet/miles), if applicable:
Building Dimensions, (size in square feet), if applicable:

STATE OF TEXAS/LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives

District #:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
District #:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
District #:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>

State Senate

District #:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
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FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL

House of Representatives

District #:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

(Limited to 1630 Characters)

US59 at FM 762 serves as the gateway to West Fort Bend County and the welcome post for business, tourists, and residents coming to the county seat of Richmond, the home of the mother of Texas Jane Long, the father of Texas education Mirabeau B. Lamar, the hotel owned by Carrie Nation and other notable Texans recognized as the Old 300, as well as, the many historic homes and businesses. It is here travelers become aware that the cities of Richmond, nearing its 175 birthday, and Rosenberg, which celebrated its 125 anniversary last year, serve as the Hub of the Gulf Coast. The growing cities are nearly circled by the Brazos River, and serviced by three railroads (62 trains per day) and three major highways, and one airport (operates daily). The train delivers more than 100 cars of coal to the nearby plant daily. For business appeal, environmental protection, and to regulate safety the interchange enhancement project will cover 14 ac of TxDOT ROW and involve the reforestation of large-specimen live oak trees along the US 59 (I-69) perimeters and shrub row planting between the live oaks and the existing large park-and-ride pads. The low maintenance plans uses drought-tolerant, hardy native plants similar to the district's existing planting schemes. Plus, the existing open spaces between US 59 and the frontage roads will be re-graded to provide more gentle slopes to the live oaks trees along the perimeters and visually add to the safety of travelers. The slopes will contain an agricultural theme of "row crop" planting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

DIRECTIONAL MAPS, SITE MAPS, GENERAL FLOOR PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS - LABEL AS 'PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION - ATTACHMENT A' (NO MORE THAN 10 PIECES)

V. PROJECT USE AND BENEFITS

- A. Describe how the project will complement the movement of people and goods of the surface transportation system:

(Limited to 800 Characters)

Fort Bend County and its citizens have the diversity to utilize many products carried by various transportation modes to its business centers and retail outlets. The US 59 and FM 762 interchange serves as a main delivery point that can take travelers east to Houston and Sugar Land, north to historic Richmond (with about 1000 persons accessing the county courthouse and facilities), south to historic George Ranch Park, Brazos Bend State Park, and the George Observatory, and west to the recently-launched railroad intermodal facilities and foreign trade zone complex. Therefore, the interchange improvements will improve this gateway access by reforesting large trees to muffle the train sounds, refresh drivers from pavement duress, and help eliminate the cost of mowing.

- B. Describe the activities and benefits that the project provides under the category which it qualifies:

(Limited to 800 Characters)

The scenic, durable landscaping project will serve as a gateway for all travelers and visitors traversing this Gulf Coast hub since WWII. Landscaping improvements along US 59 (I-69) will support the NAFTA Highway corridor while adding soil erosion control and drainage improvements (like the rainwater retrieval tank and pump station connection) to the local environment. The low maintenance plan will utilize drought-resistant, hardy native plants that add vibrant colors to the environment; also serving as an enhancement to the park and ride users. View corridors will also allow visibility to adjacent economic developments. The slopes of "row crop" planting provides a complement to the agricultural and related transportation uses of area residents for the past six generations.

- C. Describe how the project will improve social, economic and environmental aspects of the area, region or state:

(Limited to 800 Characters)

West Fort Bend County citizens survive on a strong work ethic, and an appreciation of beauty comes slowly and rewarding after all work is completed. The scenic gateway will enhance access to destinations unnoticed in the past intermingled between continuous signage. The reforestation areas are an expansion of the 1997 TxDOT Houston District Green Ribbon project and can lead to projects such as mini-parks, biking trails, and pedestrian pathways. These scenic gateway improvements will provide for additional enhancements beyond typical road and bridge improvements, and with growth rapidly increasing and ahead of actual projections, the visual aspects of these types planning and enhancement tasks makes transportation much easier to achieve.

- D. Tell us who will benefit from the project and how:

(Limited to 800 Characters)

All travelers and area residents will enjoy the beauty and application served by this project. The gateway will transform into an eye-catching field that reflects the history of the area. The social benefit of bringing two historically competitive towns together with a common vision during the planning stages of this project has already begun to spark ideas and open ideas among those involved in city and county government, civic organizations and community neighborhoods. Since the beginning of Texas, Fort Bend County residents have exerted a synergy to unite and protect the community. Safety has been foremost in the minds of leaders. The project will allow many to feel the welcome mat is out and Texas friendship will follow.

VI. PREVIOUS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDED PROJECTS

Has the nominating entity submitted any nominations under previous Transportation Enhancement Program calls? Yes No

Has the nominating entity received funding for any nominations submitted under previous Transportation Enhancement Program calls? Yes No

If yes, please input the total federal funding amounts and the number of projects selected:

Federal Funds: \$ Number of Projects:

Total Number of Projects Completed:

Has this project been submitted in previous Transportation Enhancement Program calls?

Yes No

Is this project a part of another previously selected Transportation Enhancement project?

Yes No

If yes, please describe (Limited to 900 Characters):

VII. PROJECTED TIME ESTIMATE

Estimate the amount of time it will take to complete the project from start to finish. Approximate the time required for each activity. The activities can run concurrently causing the total time to be different from the total of the activities. Consider time for (but not limited to):

Months

- | | |
|----|--|
| 12 | Planning Activities
(Executing contract, hiring consultant, planning, schematic and design, utility relocation, |
| 12 | Environmental Clearance
(Assessments, possible mitigation for Hazardous Materials, permits, review by THC, COE, |
| 0 | ROW Acquisition
(Surveying, appraisals, title transfer, clearance...) |
| 12 | Project Design and Plan Preparation of PS&E Package
(Including PS&E Review by TxDOT District, Austin Divisions, TDLR, and other agencies...) |
| 12 | Project Construction/Implementation
(Advertising/hiring contractor, demolition, construction, inspection...) |
| | Other <input style="width: 500px;" type="text"/> |

Total Time in Months

VIII. ITEMIZED BUDGET SUMMARY

List all costs to be incurred by the nominating entity on attachment B for a complete cost estimate.
(No more than 10 pieces)

Do not include in-kind contributions as costs in itemized budgets.

Preliminary Engineering/Architectural Planning Total:	128,008
Environmental Costs Total:	0
Real Property Costs Total:	0
Construction Costs Total:	1,268,120
Other Costs Total:	0
TOTAL ITEMIZED BUDGET:	1,396,128

IX. FUNDS REQUESTED

Total Itemized Budget (from above):	1 .	1,396,128
TxDOT Administrative Expenses: (15% of Line 1)	2 .	209,419
Subtotal of Expenses (Line 1 + Line 2):	3 .	1,605,547
In-Kind Contributions (if applicable):		
Real Property	0	
Materials	0	
Preliminary Engineering (services)	0	
*Total In-Kind Contribution:	4 .	0
Total Project Value:	5 .	1,605,547

**All in-kind is limited to 20% of the total itemized budget and must provide supporting documentation. Label attachments as 'In-Kind Contributions - Attachment C' (No more than 10 pieces)*

Local Match:		
20% of Total Project Value (Line 5)	6 .	321,109
Less In-Kind Contributions (Line 4)	7 .	0
Local Cash Match (Line 6 less Line 7)	8 .	321,109

Be aware that there will always be a local cash match required for TxDOT administrative expenses.

Federal Funds Requested (80% of Line 5)	9 .	1,284,438
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The minimum amount of local match required is 20%. Sponsors are not limited in their maximum local match. If a larger local match is provided, please adjust accordingly the percentage shown on this page

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X. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

(Label attachments as 'Public Involvement and Support - Attachment D')

- A. Attach letters of support and other documentary evidence of public interest (no more than 10 pieces)
- B. Provide dates and information about public meetings and events held to discuss the project.
(Limited to 1640 Characters)

The US 59 / FM 762 Landscaping Project is included in the West Fort Bend Management District's Landscaping Master Plan, for major thoroughfare corridors in the Richmond and Rosenberg region. The Management District held a public workshop on April 17, 2008 to receive comments on the landscaping master plan; the minutes of the workshop are attached with the application.

C. Ranking by Nominator

1 of 1

XI. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND ACQUISITION INFORMATION

(Label attachments as 'Property Ownership and Acquisition Information - Attachment E'. (No more than 10 pieces) Provide a written statement from the current property owner stating their willingness for sale, lease, easement or donation of the property, the fair market value, and a description of the property's location.)

A. Who currently owns the property where the project is to be implemented?

TxDOT

Will property be acquired for the project? Yes No

If yes, provide the following:

B. How will property be acquired?

	Size (ac)	Duration	Owner	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Lease				
<input type="checkbox"/> Easement				
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation				
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase				
Total Size	0			0

XII. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IMPACTS

(Label attachments as 'Environmental Impacts - Attachment F') (No more than 10 pieces)

By applying to the program you are agreeing to comply with all applicable local, state and federal environmental laws, regulations and requirements, if your project is selected.

Attach any previously prepared environmental documentation to the application. If no previously approved environmental documentation is available, the applicant must complete necessary studies for selected projects if any, and have them approved prior to project implementation. Please indicate below any anticipated impact the project is expected to cause. (This requirement does not apply if the application is only for planning or educational and research studies that do not involve construction activities.)

IMPACT:	YES	NO
Displacement of residences or businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Disruption of neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Impacts to agricultural or recreational lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Impacts to historical/archeological sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Impacts to wetlands, streams, lakes, floodplains	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Located within a coastal zone	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Endangered species in area	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Impacts to air/water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Adverse effects of noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Hazardous waste site	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Any county, state, and/or federal permits or approvals required will have to be secured by the applicant prior to construction. These may include the Army Corps of Engineers, Office of Coastal Resource Management, Coast Guard, Texas Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office), Lower or Upper Colorado River Authority, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations, etc

Additional Comments (Limited to 830 Characters) :

Will look at completing a categorical exclusion prior to the Landscaping project implementation.

XIII. CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT

(Label attachment as 'Certification of Funding and Support - Attachment G') (No more than 10 pieces)

XIV. MPO and/or COG PROJECT SUPPORT (if applicable)

(Label attachment as 'MPO/COG SUPPORT - Attachment H') (No more than 10 pieces)-(if applicable)

XV. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

(by the State Historic Preservation Officer) - (if applicable)

(Label attachment as 'Determination of NR Historic Eligibility by SHPO - Attachment I')

(No more than 10 pieces)

XVI. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

A. Identify all parties responsible for operation and maintenance of the projects.

West Fort Bend Management District

B. Estimate the annual cost to operate and maintain the facility.

\$ 78,400

C. Identify the source of funding.

Private contributions to the Management District.

D. Expected annual operational income from the facility.

\$ 0

E. Intended use of that income.

N/A

COMMENTS:

To be completed by TxDOT District Office:

Does the application contain all requested information? Yes No

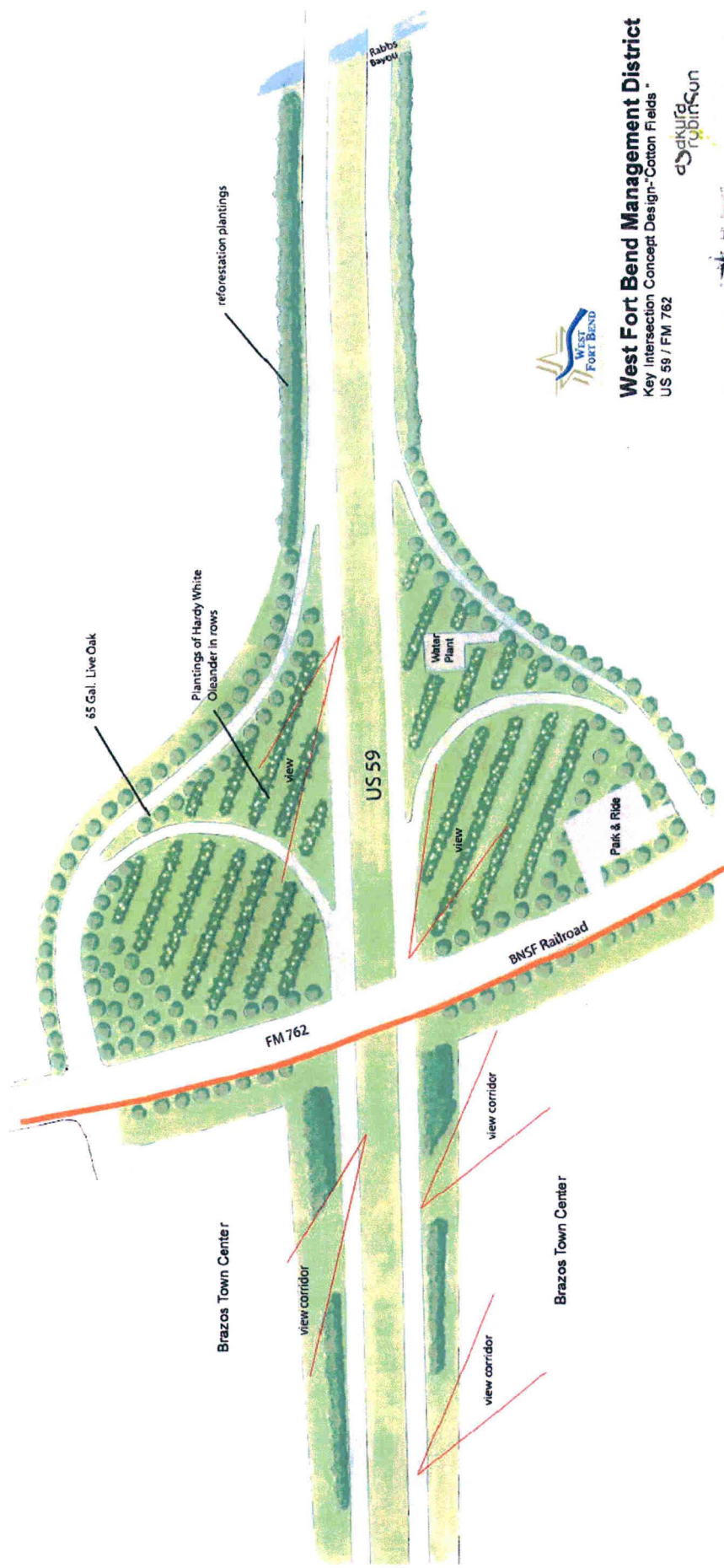
Signature of District Personnel / Date

Type or Print Name

Complete nomination packages must be received at the district by the final due date. One signed original, two additional copies and two CDs containing an electronic file of the nomination form in Excel. The TxDOT District has the right to refuse a nomination if it is determined to be incomplete.

**FINAL SUBMISSION DUE DATE
FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION
Friday, December 11, 2009 by 5:00 pm**

ATTACHMENT A:
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION



West Fort Bend Management District
 Key Intersection Concept Design-Cotton Fields
 US 59 / FM 762



December 7, 2009

Types of Landscaping Vegetation to be Used:

Tree forestation areas:

Mix of 1, 5, and 15 gal. Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*), Nuttall Oak (*Quercus nuttallii*), Drummond's Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* var. *drummondii*)

Montezuma Cypress (*Taxodium mucronatum*) and Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*) planted 6'-8' on-center, triangular spacing with drip/bubbler irrigation.

"Cotton Row" shrubs:

Hardy White Oleander, 15 gal., planted 48" on-center, triangular spacing with drip/bubbler irrigation

Trees lining access ramps are 65 gal. Live Oaks (*Quercus Virginiana*) planted 75' on-center with drip/bubbler irrigation

Traffic Counts and Estimates:

Based on TxDOT Houston District RI-21' Log maps:

US 59 at FM 762 → Existing 2008 counts = 67,500 vehicles / day
Projected 2018 counts = 83,300 vehicles / day

**ATTACHMENT B:
ITEMIZED BUDGET ITEMS**

Itemized Budget - Attachment B

Preliminary Engineering/Architectural Planning Costs:

Work Activities:	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
Design Fees	1		128,008.00	128,008
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
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Total:				128,008

Environmental Costs:

Work Activities:	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
				0
				0
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Total:				0

Real Property Costs:

Work Activities:	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
				0
				0
				0
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				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
Total:				0

Richmond/Rosenberg Entry Intersection: US 59 at FM762

12/7/2009

Preliminary Cost Estimate

Prep				
Items	QTY.	Unit	Unit Price	Total
Grading	75,000	CY	\$ 7.00	\$ 525,000.00
Utility connections-water, electrical	1	Allow	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 555,000.00

Planting				
Items	QTY.	Unit	Unit Price	Total
Live Oak Trees (65gal.)	168	Ea.	\$ 400.00	\$ 67,200.00
Shrubs or ornamental grass (3 gal.)	113,600	Sq.Ft.	\$ 3.50	\$ 397,600.00
Bermuda hydroseed	544,000	Sq.Ft.	\$ 0.08	\$ 43,520.00
Wildflower seeding	28,000	Sq.Ft.	\$ 0.15	\$ 4,200.00
Reforestation trees, mix of 1,5,15 gal. trees.	3,040	Ea.	\$ 15.00	\$ 45,600.00
Irrigation System, rainwater collection tank	1	Allow	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 558,120.00

TOTAL				\$ 1,113,120.00
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10% Contingency	10%	\$	111,312.00
5% Escalation	5%	\$	55,656.00
Subtotal		\$	1,280,088.00
10% Design Fees	10%	\$	128,008.80

Total Preliminary Cost		\$	1,408,096.80
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TXDOT Administrative Fees

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Highway Reforestation and Cottonfield Concept
 Maintenance
 Preliminary Cost Estimate

Landscape Maintenance					
Items	cost per day	days per month	months per year	Total	Comments
Irrigation check	\$500.00	1	12	\$ 6,000.00	
Mowing and trimming	\$600.00	4	8	\$19,200.00	
Mulching	lump sum	1	1	\$7,500	
Fertilizing	lump sum	1	1	\$2,000	
Chemical application	lump sum	1	1	\$3,000	
Subtotal				\$ 37,700.00	

Utilities					
Items	QTY.	Unit	Unit Price	Total	Comments
Electricity	12	months	\$1,210.00	\$ 14,520.00	
Water	12	months	\$2,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	
CFL bulb replacement	1,260	bulbs	\$1.75	\$ 2,205.00	CFL bulb replacement is estimated \$7 per bulb, once every 4 years if burned 8 hours per day
Subtotal				\$ 40,725.00	

YEARLY TOTAL	\$ 78,425.00
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ATTACHMENT D:
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

Council hears U.S. 59 corridor proposal

By B.J. POLLOCK

Thursday, August 21, 2003 8:32 AM CDT

Rosenberg City Council Tuesday heard a presentation from David Neeley of Local Government Services, Inc. and George Foundation representatives Lane Ward and Roland Adamson regarding Brazos Crossing, a proposed project focusing on the U.S. 59 corridor through Fort Bend County.

Ward said the foundation engaged a nationally recognized landscape consulting firm to study the project, and decide to present its findings to cities and businesses along the corridor.

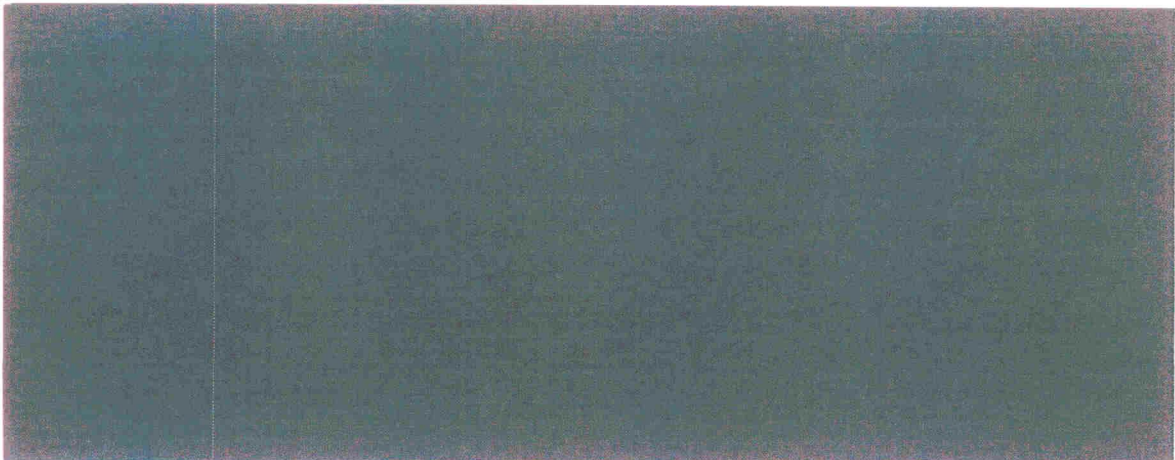
Neeley said he feels the idea of improving the aesthetic value of the freeway "has merit," and the program is important to the county, serving as "a catalyst for discussion and action."

Through design of the corridor, he said, stakeholders will have the opportunity to set a precedent for future highway enhancement projects and showcase its natural beauty and economic vitality.

The vision, he said, is to provide a corridor that "visually enhances the region" and assures growth and protection of open space.

Neeley showed photographs of existing conditions and also enhanced images showing how landscape design, lighting, trail systems, architectural design, bridges, sound walls, signage and water resources design would improve the route's appearance.

Neeley reviewed with Council a timeline which includes convening a general meeting of stakeholders, the evaluation of funding options, the creation of a management structure, coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation, preliminary design cost estimates and *the adoption of the projects*



PRESS RELEASE –

WEST FORT BEND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

The West Fort Bend Management District is excited to announce the development of a landscape master plan for the District. The contract was awarded to the firm of Asakura Robinson, a specialist land planner who brings a depth of experience and vision to developing suburban environments.

The District which was created in 2005 was the culmination of the efforts of the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg, together with the support of the George Foundation, to address the issues associated with the continued, accelerating development within West Fort Bend.

The District is transected by a number of transportation corridors that potentially could divide rather than unite the area. Instead, the landscape master plan uses these same corridors to create a unifying visual signature for the District. A Focus Group made up of local business and property owners which was formed with the purpose of providing stakeholder input to the Board developed the concept of using corridor master planned landscapes as the unifying element throughout West Fort Bend.

The concept was supported by the George Foundation which provided seed funding through their matching grant program, with the balance of the funds coming from District Patrons.

Asakura Robinson aims to have the landscape master plan 'bring a vital energy to the "arteries" of Ft. Bend County'. Its development is part of the District's strategy to continue to enhance the quality of life within the District and to stimulate economic development.

The firm will begin the project this month with a series of meetings with stakeholder groups within the District. Mixing the consultative process with their experience in urban and suburban development, the firm will develop a master plan for the corridors that will be shared with the public and the District's constituents – the property and business owners of West Fort Bend.

The District's President, Mr. Lane Ward and the Board of Directors would like to thank the George Foundation, Planned Community Developers, New Quest Properties, Amegy Bank, Steve Fuqua Homes, and the District patrons for their foresight and funding for the Landscape Master Plan development project.



Photograph

Caption: "The George Foundation presents grant funds to the West Fort Bend Management District for the development of a district-wide landscape Master Plan".

L-R : Mr. Lane Ward – Chairman – West Fort Bend Management District, Ms. Dee Koch – the George Foundation, Mr. David Neeley – Local Government Services Inc.

INFORMATION: David Neeley Local Government Services Inc 281-975-2323

Public Responses to Landscape Master Plan Presentation
Thursday April 17, 2008

A. LIGHTING

Most participants were in favor of the lighting concepts. All groups liked the globe lighting/cotton concept at the Highway 59 interchange. Other favorable ideas that received positive feedback include: lighting the railroad bridge, pedestrian scale lighting, downtown lighting, hanging lights.

B. SIGNAGE

Participants were also in favor of distinctive signage concepts, particularly for the downtown historic districts. Participants expressed a desire for directional signage, guiding to different points of interest throughout the towns. Participants also wanted to employ signage that unifies the district, but still maintains individual identities for the 2 towns.

C. BIKE PATHS/TRAILS

Participants wanted clarification on the purpose of the proposed bike paths/walking trails throughout towns: Are you proposing these because you think we walk a lot, or because you're trying to change our habits? If these paths are implemented they must have adequate safety lighting and ample shade from trees in order for people to really use them. Houston Wilderness could be a helpful resource for planning trails.

D. REFORESTATION

Some participants liked the highway reforestation concept, but others were concerned about reducing visibility to private properties along the highway. Suggestion to use the ag extension's list of native plant material, because certain species (like pines) won't do well in this area.

E. HIGHWAY NODE TREATMENTS

All participants favored the Cottonfield scheme. Participants suggested to pick the 2 most important nodes, 59@ 762 and 59@36, and work on those first. Another area for consideration is the Bamore/Cottonwood area near 59. Any treatment applied should have a 'wow' factor and draw people into the towns.

F. BRAZOS RIVERFRONT PARK

Some participants felt strongly that the proposed canoe/kayak landing was not a good idea because the Brazos River is too wild for canoeing. However, other participants said it might be a good idea because the Houston Wilderness group is proposing a canoe trail throughout the Houston area that would include part of the Brazos River. Participants also expressed concern that the river edges have very unstable soils- maybe keep certain elements of the park design, but scale back a bit from the edge.

G. DOWNTOWN TREATMENTS

Participants liked the 'bulb out' concept, but did not want to diminish parking capacity in downtown areas- maybe provide additional parking nearby? Bicycle racks, trashcans, benches and lighting are all welcome additions to the downtown areas.

H. ROADWAY TREATMENTS

Participants favored the open ditch idea versus curb and gutter because ditches could be 'greened' with wetland plants, more attractive. Participants also reinforced the idea that access management along Highway 90 is very important- must be organized, more uniform, less free-for-all.