



FORT BEND COUNTY ENGINEERING

Fort Bend County, Texas

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AGENDA ITEM 29 I

June 19, 2012

Judge Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge
301 Jackson Street, Suite 719
Richmond, Texas 77406-0148

**RE: RESOLUTION - Request for Waiver of Local Match Fund
Participation Requirement on Federal
Off-System Bridge Program Project**

Honorable Judge Hebert:

The following County bridges have been selected by The Texas Department of Transportation as meeting the requirements for replacement under the Federal Off-System Bridge Program Project:

Bridge	National Bridge Inv. No. (NBI)	Precinct
Hurta Road at Buffalo Creek	12-080-0-AA0790-001	1

TxDot will design and replaced the bridges that have been determined to be structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. The program is set up to provide a funding ratio of 80 % federal, 10% state and 10% local government participation. The 10% local match may be waived under specified conditions, providing the local government agrees to perform an equivalent dollar amount of structural improvement on other deficient cross-drainage structures.

The attach documents have been prepared to present to TXDOT, requesting the waiver of Local Match Fund using the construction of Jeske Road at Fairchilds Creek, NBI No. 12-080-0-AA0755-001 as our matching project.

The documents have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's office. The bridge list has also been review by Road and Bridge. An agenda item will be placed on the June 26, 2012 agenda for approval of the resolution supporting the request for the waiver.

7/3/12 original returned to Paulette at Engineering

If there are any questions or need for additional information please call 281-633-7510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis E. Hood".

Louis E. Hood, P.E.
First Assistant County Engineer

LEH/mjs

Attachments: Resolution
Draft Letter

cc: Commissioner Richard Morrison, Pct. 1
Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2
Commissioner W. A. "Andy" Meyers, Pct. 3
Commissioner James Patterson, Pct. 4
Road Commissioner Marc Grant, Road & Bridge
Mr. Roy Cordes Jr., FBC Attorney
File



COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

June 26, 2012

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Mr. Michael W. Alford, P.E.
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation
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Houston, Texas 77251-1386

**SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Local Match Fund
Participation Requirement on Federal
Off-System Bridge Program Project**

**County: Fort Bend
Project: BR
Road/Street: Resolution Enclosed
NBI No.: Resolution Enclosed**

Dear Mr. Alford:

Under the provisions of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Section 15.55(d), this Local Government requests waiver of the local match fund participation requirement on the projects contained in the attached resolution of the federal off-system bridge program project referred to as the "participation-waived" project. In return for waiver of this participation, it is proposed that our governing body perform, or cause to be performed, an equivalent dollar amount of structural improvement work on other deficient bridge(s) or deficient mainlane cross-drainage structure(s), referred to as "equivalent-match project(s)", within the jurisdiction of our governing body.

A copy of the appropriate required resolution adopted by our governing body is attached.

If there are any questions or need for additional information, please call Louis E. Hood, P.E. in our Engineering Department at telephone 281-633-7510.

Sincerely,

Judge Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge

Attachment: Resolution
Copy: File

For TxDOT Use Only

_____ Waiver Approved
_____ Waiver Disapproved _____

Michael W. Alford, P. E., District Engineer

RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

WHEREAS, the federal off-system bridge program is administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (the State) to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient and functionally obsolete (collectively referred to as deficient) bridges located on public roads and streets off the designated state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government owns bridges located at; and

Location of Bridge	National Bridge Inventory Number (NBI)	Control-Section-Job number (CSJ)
Hurta Road at Buffalo Creek	12-080-0-AA0790-001	0912-34-180

WHEREAS, projects to remedy these bridges are included in the currently approved program of projects as authorized by Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Number 113074 dated April 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the usual fund participation ratio for projects on such program is 80 percent federal, 10 percent state and 10 percent Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Section 15.55(d) (43 TAC Section 15.55(d)) provides that under specified conditions the 10 percent Local Government match fund participation requirement may be waived with agreement by the Local Government to perform, or cause to be performed, an equivalent dollar amount of structural improvement work on other deficient bridges or deficient mainlane cross-drainage structures within its jurisdiction or the jurisdiction of a geographically adjacent or overlapping governmental unit, such a project of structural improvement work being referred to as an “equivalent-match project”; and

WHEREAS, the estimated local match fund participation requirement on the approved federal off-system bridge project(s) is \$102,245.00 (dollars), hereinafter referred to as the “participation-waived” project(s), such participation requirement the Local Government proposes be waived and in return perform or cause to be performed equivalent-match project structural improvement work.

WHEREAS, the Local Government has determined that the enactment of this resolution serves a public purpose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government perform, or cause to be performed, the following equivalent-match project(s) in return for waiver of the local match fund participation requirement on the approved federal off-system bridge program (participation-waived) project(s) not yet awarded:

LOCATION (and NBI structure identification number, if applicable)	ON SCHOOL BUS ROUTE?	DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENT WORK	ESTIMATED COST
Jeske Road at Fairchilds Creek, NBI No. 12-080-0-AA0755-001	Yes	Replace existing wood bridge with new concrete bridge	\$161,200.00

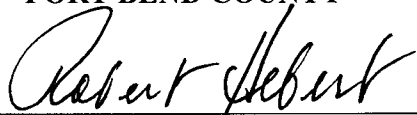
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in receiving this waiver the Local Government acknowledges its obligation to conform with all conditions of 43 TAC Section 15.55(d); such conditions that include but are not restricted to the following:

1. The Local Government must be currently in compliance with load posting and closure regulations as defined in National Bridge Inspection Standards under US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 650.303.
2. The equivalent-match project work increases the load capacity of the existing bridge or other mainlane cross-drainage structure, or upgrades the structure to its original load capacity with a minimum upgrade to safely carry school bus loading if located on a school bus route.
3. In performing, or causing to be performed, the equivalent-match project(s), the Local Government assumes all responsibilities for engineering and construction, and complying with all applicable state and federal environmental regulations and permitting requirements for the structures being improved.
4. The work on the proposed equivalent-match project(s) has not begun and will not begin until the local match fund participation waiver approval process has been completed.
5. The Local Government will be allowed three years after the contract award of the participation-waived projects to complete the structural improvement work on the equivalent-match project(s).
6. Should this waiver request be approved, an appropriate written agreement or amendment to a previously executed agreement will be executed between the State and Local Government.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 26 day of June, 2012.

FORT BEND COUNTY

By: 
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:


Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

