

COUNTY JUDGEFort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert County Judge

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March 7, 2017

Lisa Larsen
Civil Engineer/Environmental Officer
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Austin Regional Office
903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 206
Austin, Texas 78701-2450

Re:

EDA Award Number: 08-01-04779

Fort Bend County, Texas

Dear Ms. Larsen:

Fort Bend County respectfully submits this Termination of Convenience letter for the above stated federal award. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances outlined in the attached report, we are not able to follow through with the project at this time.

I appreciate your time and commitment to working with the county throughout this process.

Please contact our Project/Grant Administrator, Jenetha Jones for any additional needs to finalize the project at (281) 344-3994 or jenetha.jones@fortbendcountytx.gov.

Robert E. Hebert County Judge

cc:

Mayor Darryl K. Humphrey, Sr.

City of Kendleton

Yvonne Mager, Grant Accountant Fort Bend County



Fort Bend County Engineering FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

Richard W. Stolleis, P.E. County Engineer

3/01/2017

The Honorable Robert Hebert Fort Bend County Judge 401 Jackson Street Richmond, TX 77469

The Honorable Darryl Humphrey Mayor of Kendleton PO Box 809 Kendleton, TX 77451

RE: EDA Project 08-01-04779

Humphrey Way, Mobility Bond Project No. X9

Fort Bend County / City of Kendleton

On September 25, 2012, Commissioners Court and the City of Kendleton accepted a grant for \$1,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) for infrastructure development in the City of Kendleton. These funds were to be used for the construction of roadways providing connectivity between the City of Kendleton and the Kansas City Southern (KCS) rail facility.

The project engineering is nearly complete and much of the right-of-way has been acquired. However, one parcel will require eminent domain. Since the EDA strictly prohibits the use of eminent domain on grant funded projects, the project is ineligible for this grant funding.

Given these unfortunate circumstances, Commissioner Morales has decided to place this project on hold until further notice, and relinquish the grant funds. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Stacy Slawinski at 281-633-7508.

Sincerely

Richard W. Stolleis, P.E.

County Engineer

cc. Commissioner Vincent Morales, Precinct 1