

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Discussion and possible action to authorize County Judge to direct Hays County consultants to initiate project financing implementation strategies for the proposed Hays County-Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Partnership proposal as outlined in the April 5, 2013 correspondence from TxDOT regarding the proposed Partnership (Exhibit A).

ITEM TYPE	MEETING DATE	AMOUNT REQUIRED
ACTION-ROADS	May 14, 2013	NA

LINE ITEM NUMBER

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A                      AUDITOR REVIEW: N/A

REQUESTED BY	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR
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**SUMMARY**

On February 12, 2013, Hays County Commissioners Court approved a resolution authorizing the County to formally request that TxDOT participate in the financing and construction of a proposed Partnership program of nine (9) projects. The County has since made the formal request to TxDOT and coordinated with TxDOT Administration and Austin District staff and Texas Transportation Commission members regarding the proposed Partnership program. It is anticipated that the Transportation Commission will formalize the Partnership program at their May 30, 2013 meeting. Formal action from the County in response to TxDOT's April 5, 2013 correspondence would support favorable consideration of the Transportation Commission's anticipated action on May 30, 2013.

See attached Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A



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April 5, 2013

The Honorable Bert Cobb, M.D.  
Hays County Judge  
111 E. San Antonio Street, Suite 300  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Dear Judge Cobb:

I would like to thank you, the Hays County Commissioners Court, and your staff for the work and consideration you have put into the development of the Hays County-Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Partnership proposal. We appreciate the outreach and coordination between Hays County and TxDOT on the proposal that was outlined in your letter of February 12, 2013.

Based on our discussions between Hays County and TxDOT leadership, we would request that the county submit a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan application for consideration by the Texas Transportation Commission. General information and guidelines on our SIB application process is available through TxDOT's website at: [www.txdot.gov/government/funding/sib.html](http://www.txdot.gov/government/funding/sib.html). In addition, TxDOT's Innovative Finance and Debt Management Office is available to assist you in the application process. If the application can be provided by the end of April, we can consider it at the May meeting of the commission.

In the application, we would ask that Hays County identify the level of funding commitment referenced in your partnership proposal, including anticipated funding levels from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Additional information that you can provide on your proposed Transportation Reinvestment Zone analysis would also be helpful.

We look forward to building on the progress we have made to-date. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (512) 305-9516.

Sincerely,

Russell Zapalac, P.E.  
Chief Planning and Project Officer

cc: Hays County Commissioners Court  
Phil Wilson, Executive Director, TxDOT  
James Bass, Chief Financial Officer, TxDOT  
Greg Malatek, P.E., Austin District Engineer, TxDOT

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