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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Hunt County Transportation Improvements

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I. BACKGROUND

In 2016, the citizens of Hunt County and the Hunt County Commissioners Court took a proactive approach to addressing the transportation congestion and safety needs of the County with approval of the County's first transportation bond program. To help leverage additional improvements and funding on State and federal facilities in the County, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) partnered with Hunt County to provide additional state and federal funds to augment the bond program.

II. PARTNERSHIP

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") among the Regional Transportation Council ("RTC"), the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") and Hunt County, Texas ("Hunt County") as governed by its Commissioner's Court, (together, the "Parties"), sets out certain principles agreed to by the Parties to define the relationship of the Parties and the need for cooperation among the Parties, each with a unique role to enhance the transportation infrastructure and quality of life in Hunt County, Texas, including:

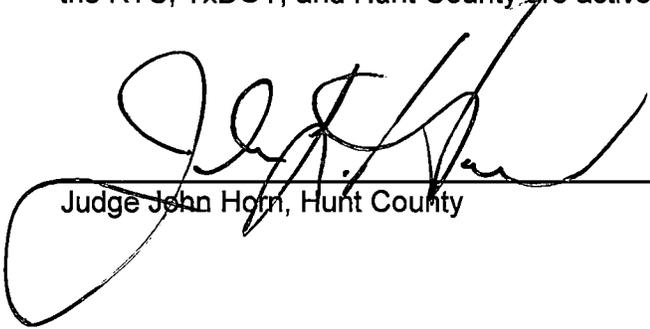
1. To facilitate better communication, beginning in 2017, regular partnering meetings were established and will continue throughout project development until the funded projects are completed.
2. To define an agreed upon project priority list, a Hunt County project priority spreadsheet ("Project List") has been developed that includes all projects identified in the Hunt County Transportation Bond program and State and RTC funded projects.
3. The RTC, TxDOT, and Hunt County are working actively to fund the projects in the priority order outlined in the current Project List.
4. TxDOT and Hunt County commit to optimize funds for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utilities relocation by balancing Hunt County priorities and funding with expediting on-system projects using available TxDOT engineering and right-of-way funds.
5. Hunt County and TxDOT have agreed on the lead agency for each phase of each project as outlined in the Project List.
6. Hunt County, assisted by its consulting engineering and planning firm, Freese and Nichols, Inc. ("FNI"), is to provide initial planning, design, engineering, and other services related to right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and environmental studies ("Pre-Construction Services") as the Lead Agency for specific projects and/or project phases listed in the Project List. Similarly, TxDOT will provide these services for project phases for which it is identified as the lead agency.
7. Changes to the projects identified in the Project List, additional projects added to or removed from the Project List, the relative priority of projects, and designation of the lead

agency are subject to identification of future funding commitments and agreement among the Parties.

8. The Parties agree that their relationships will be governed in principle by this MOU with the goal of providing timely funding to construct the projects supported by Hunt County, RTC, and TxDOT. To facilitate effective communications among the Parties, it is agreed that:
 - a. The RTC shall coordinate and be responsible for maintaining the Hunt County Project List
 - b. The RTC, TxDOT, and Hunt County will discuss any additions, deletions of changes to be made to the Project List, and discuss them as part of or prior to regular conference calls organized by the RTC to facilitate such coordination.
 - c. Such transparent and effective communication among the Parties is essential for a successful result in meeting the transportation infrastructure needs of Hunt and coordinating the Hunt projects with those in adjoining counties.

III. SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT

In accordance with this MOU, the parties hereby acknowledge that the commitments made by the RTC, TxDOT, and Hunt County are actively being fulfilled until each project is completed.



Judge John Horn, Hunt County

8-14-2018
Date

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