

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

HILL County

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In HILL COUNTY, inclusive of portions of the corporate limits of the City of Hillsboro (city), the Texas Department of Transportation (department) has proposed to reconstruct I-35, a controlled access interstate facility. The limits of this proposed project run from 0.14 miles north of FM 286 in Hillsboro to 0.50 miles north of I-35 East-West split in Hill County, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles. This project was authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) on September 27, 2001 by Minute Order 108653.

The construction of this project will include the reconstruction of the existing frontage roads through Hillsboro and their conversion to one-way operation, resulting in circulation and accessibility issues on the local system. To maintain local circulation and minimize local use of the through highway, the department proposes to:

1. Reconstruct and extend the construction approximately 900 feet, of Crestridge Drive, a connecting road from the southbound frontage road of I-35 to Highland Drive.
2. Reconstruct Hill County Road 4282 from the northbound frontage road of I-35 to the east, and construct a connecting road from the end of the proposed HCR 4282 to FM 286, a distance of approximately 1,700 feet.

These roadways are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city.

The commission finds that construction of the local access roads as local roadway connectors is necessary for the safety and efficiency of the overall design to maintain local circulation and minimize local use of the through highway, and authorizes inclusion of the local access roads in the project.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 11.55, authorizes the department to include a local access road in a department project if the local access road is necessary to restore circulation or to otherwise benefit the state highway system.

Transportation Code, §201.103 empowers the commission to plan and make policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads.

Transportation Code, §203.002 authorizes the commission to lay out, construct, maintain, and operate a modern state highway system, with an emphasis on the construction of controlled access highways.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is authorized to tender the following proposal to the city:

Provided that the city will:

1. If not already owned by the city, acquire in the city's name and at the city's sole expense that portion of right of way located within its respective jurisdiction which is necessary for the construction of the local access roads. The acquisition shall be in accordance with

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the department's policy and all federal and state laws governing the procedures for acquiring real property and providing relocation assistance benefits.

2. Authorize entry on such right of way by the State of Texas to lay out and construct the roadway facilities.
3. Agree to accept jurisdiction, maintenance and operation of the local access roads following completion of construction.

The department will:

1. Reimburse any utility owners having to relocate their facilities due to conflicts with the construction activities at one hundred percent of the eligible costs of the relocation.
2. Reconstruct and extend construction of Crestridge Drive from the southbound frontage road of I-35 to Highland Drive, a distance of approximately 900 feet.
3. Construct a connecting road from the end of reconstructed HCR 4282 to FM 286, a distance of approximately 1,700 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the applicable local government containing terms consistent with the provisions of this order.

This order shall become operative upon acceptance by the applicable local government and, if not accepted within 30 days of the date hereof, the actions contained in this order shall not be implemented.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Design Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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