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February 9, 2010

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

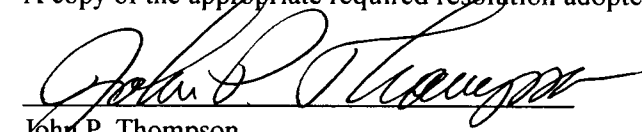
County POLK  
Project 0911-04-915  
Road/Street Colita Loop  
NBI Str. No. 11-187-0-AA0117-001  
Local Desig. No. Colita Loop

Dennis R. Cooley, P.E.  
Lufkin District Engineer  
1805 N. Timberland Drive  
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear Mr. Cooley,

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 above referenced 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.

  
John P. Thompson  
County Judge  
Polk County, Texas

Attachment: Resolution

For TxDOT Use Only

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Waiver Approved  
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Waiver Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lufkin District Engineer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The State of Texas  
County of Polk

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, Polk County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government, owns a bridge located at Colita Loop at Tributary Rocky Creek #001, National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structure Number 111870AA0117001, Local Designation Colita Loop (road); and

WHEREAS, a project to remedy the bridge is included in the currently approved program of projects as authorized by FY 2011-2015 Highway Bridge Program dated 12/18/2009, Control-Section-Job (CSJ) Number 0911-04-915; 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, 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 is \$41,586.92 (dollars), hereinafter referred to as the "participation-waived" project, such participation requirement the Local Government proposes be waived and in return perform or cause to be performed equivalent-match project structural improvement work.

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 not yet awarded:

| LOCATION (and NBI structure identification number, if applicable) | ON SCHOOL BUS ROUTE? | DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENT WORK | ESTIMATED COST |
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*SEE ATTACHED LIST*

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 project 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.

RESOLVED and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Attest:

*Schelana Walker*  
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 Schelana Walker, County Clerk

*John P. Thompson*  
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 John P. Thompson, County Judge

