



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 04/18/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AND ORDER DECREERING PUBLIC  
NECESSITY FOR A PUBLIC PROJECT ON WICHITA STREET  
LOCATED BETWEEN SE LOOP 820 (I-20) AND ROY C. BROOKS  
BLVD AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT OF  
COMPENSATION**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Resolution and Order Decreeing Public Necessity for a public project on Wichita Street located between SE Loop 820 (I-20) and Roy C. Brooks Blvd authorizing acquisition and payment of compensation.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 9, 2020 through Court Order #132990, the Commissioners Court approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cities of Fort Worth, Forest Hill and Everman regarding the improvements needed to Wichita Street due to the anticipated growth in near southeast Tarrant County which resulted in consensus to identify a solution through the development of a preliminary design and feasibility study.

On December 13, 2022 through Court Order #139976 the Court Commissioners, approved the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Forest Hill and set forth the contributions and responsibilities of each agency for improvements to Wichita Street. This ILA was necessary to encumber 2021 Transportation Bond Program funds for the construction phase in accordance with the County's Bond Policy approved by the Commissioners Court on March 30, 2021 through Court Order #135141.

It has been determined that it will be necessary to widen and improve this section of the above referenced project. This section is currently a two-lane asphalt road and will be reconstructed and widened to a five-lane reinforced concrete road which includes a continuous center turning lane, a 6'-10' shared use path, illumination, a partial closed storm sewer system and two creek crossings with box culverts.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this agreement as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Right-of-Way Acquisition cost is estimated at \$1,250,000.00. Funds are available in account 552000-26100-2023-6510100000.

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