Item 13



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 1, 2012 Prepared By: Mo Mortazavi, P.E. Phone #: 854-7589 Division Director/Manager: Steve Sun, P.E., Engineering Division Manager Cand B. John for Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR Sponsoring Court Member: Commissioner Davis, Precinct One

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on a request to close Old Highway 20 between Joyce Turner Drive and Parmer Lane beginning June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012 or until construction is completed in Precinct One.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The existing bridge was built in 1936, and although it is structurally in good condition, the bridge deck is too narrow to accommodate two lanes of traffic, and effectively functions as a one lane bridge. The roadway is also on the Manor ISD bus route, which presents potential safety concerns for its buses. The proposed new bridge will have a wider deck to accommodate two lanes of traffic and a sidewalk on the north side.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends closing Old Highway 20 begining on or about June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, or until construction is complete. The road closure is required for the first phase of construction until the bridge deck is completed.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The timing and the duration of the road closure is important, because Joyce Turner Road, where Manor New Tech High School is located, is the proposed detour during the construction period. TNR's goal is to complete the bidding process and obtain Court approval and contract award as soon as funding becomes available on June 1, so that construction can begin immediately. The intent is to complete the construction of the bridge deck during the summer and open the road to traffic early in the Fall semester. Total Construction is expected to be completed in six months.

Another important issue to consider is that in the event the construction of the new bridge is not completed before the start of the next phase of the US 290/Manor Expressway improvements at Parmer Lane, the County project will have to be delayed until the State's project is complete. This is because the County will be using US 290 as the detour during the Old Highway 20 road closure. Construction of the last phase of Manor Expressway, which will extend to just east of Parmer Lane,

has already begun, but construction activities that could impact the County's project, are not scheduled to begin until Late in the year or early 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Several years ago, TxDOT and Travis County executed an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) whereby TxDOT and the federal government would reimburse 90% of the construction cost of this project under the Off-System Bridge Program. However, in 2010, TxDOT notified TNR that due to the downturn in the economy, those funds were no longer available, and it was unclear when or if they would be restored. The County then requested and received approval from the voters for construction funding for this project in the 2011 bond referendum.

This closure will require some work by Travis County road maintenance crews to post public notices. Necessary detour routing signs will be installed by the contractor.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

Map of detour route Pictures of public notice sign and affidavit

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

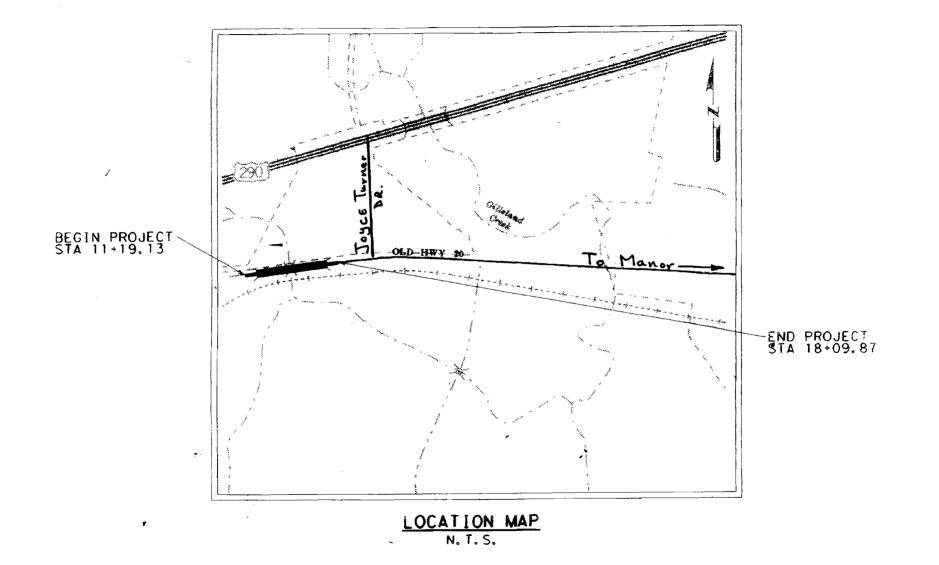
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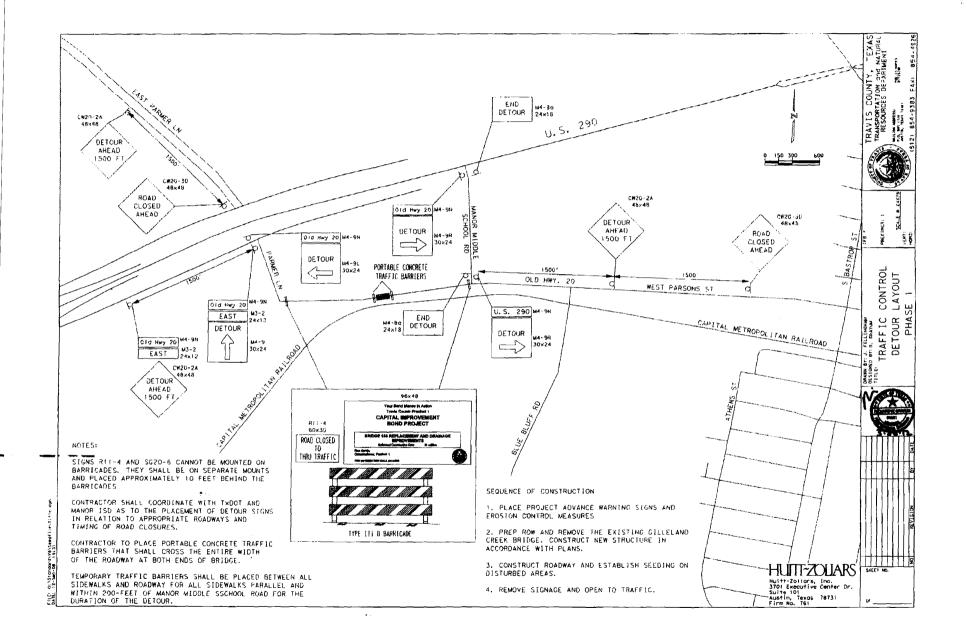
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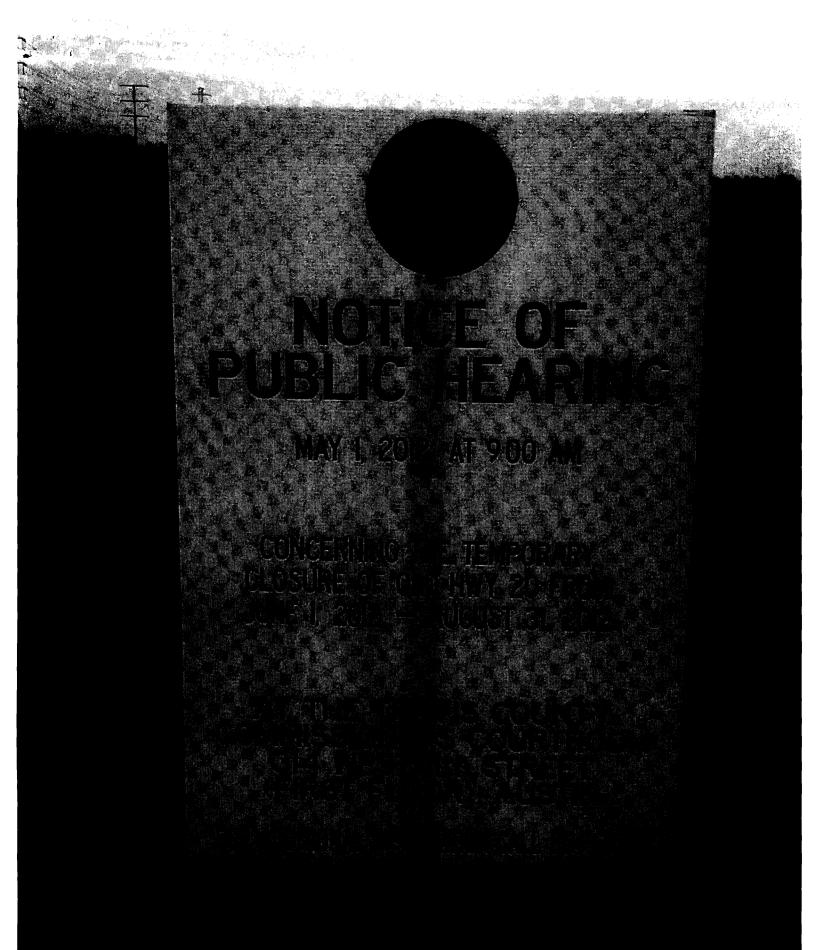
TO: County Judge County Commissioners Travis County, Texas

Public notices of Public Hearing for Temporary Road Closure were posted on

April 16, 2012 at FOUR locations on OLD HIGHWAY 20

this location being as near as practical to the area being affected.

CERTIFIED THIS THE $\frac{6}{(date)}$ DAY OF	<u>April</u> 2012.
	SIGNATURE:
	NAME (print): Kern Brigher
	TITLE: Sign tech







NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 1, 2012, AT 9:00 AM

CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF OLD HWY 20 FROM JUNE 1, 2012 - AUGUST 31, 2012

AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM 314 WEST 11th STREET FIRST FLOOR), AUSTIN

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL 854-7589



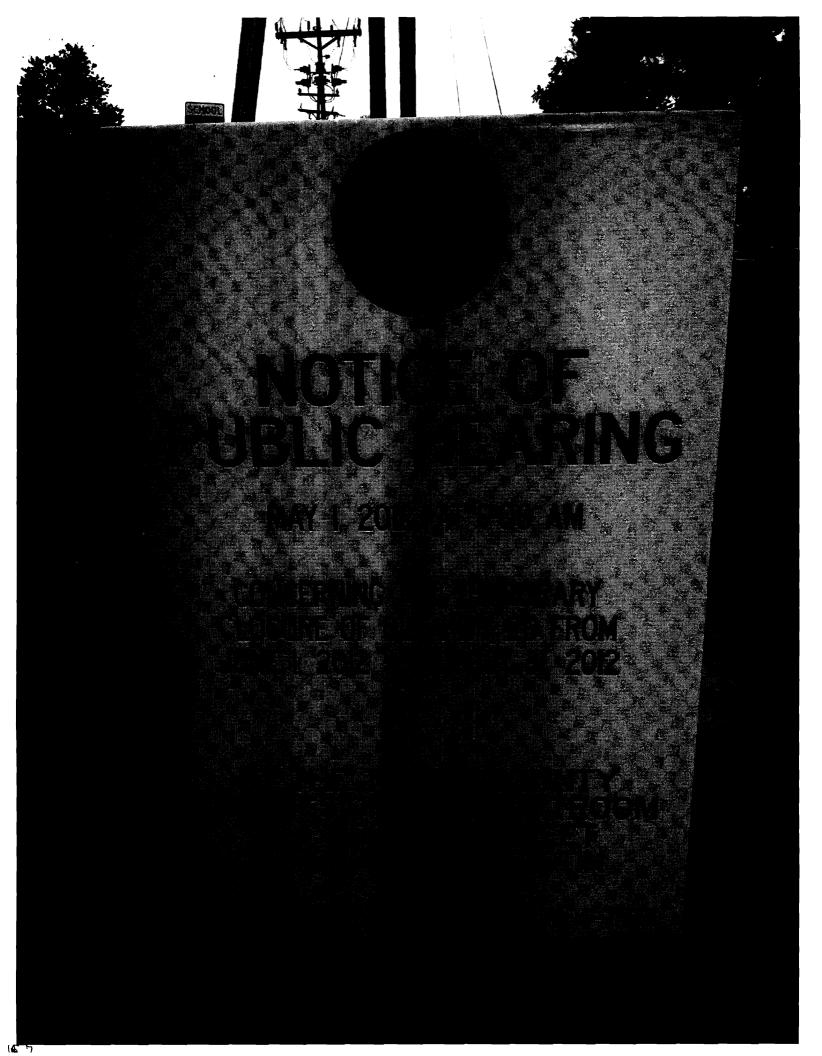
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STATE OF TEXAS		§
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WHEREAS, Transportation and Natural Resources has recommended a temporary road closure of Old Highway 20, Between Joyce Turner Road and Parmer Lane, in Precinct One for the replacement of Bridge 155; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Error! Reference source not found., in the Commissioners' Court of Travis County, Texas, following required advance notice prior to the approval of this Order; then

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Travis County, Texas, that the following road be temporarily closed as listed below:

PRECINCTError! Reference source not found.:

Old Highway 20

Temporarily close Old Highway 20, in Precinct One for bridge replacement beginning on or about June 1, 2012, and continuing through August 31, 2012, or until construction is completed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe County Judge

Ron Davis Commissioner, Precinct 1 Sarah Eckhardt Commissioner, Precinct 2

Karen Huber Commissioner, Precinct 3

Margaret Gomez Commissioner, Precinct 4