



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** September 25, 2012

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**Division Director/Manager:**

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**Department Head:** Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

**Sponsoring Court Member:** Commissioner Eckhardt, Precinct Two

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and take appropriate action to approve the acceptance of the following substandard roads in Precinct Two: Rick Winery Drive, Emmett Parkway, and Quiet Pond Court in the Wells Branch Phase 2-A Subdivision.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff has completed the requirements of the Transportation Code Title 6, Subtitle C, Chapter 253: County Improvement of Subdivision Roads to collect their contribution to the project. The final step before the work can begin is the acceptance of the roads, therefore TNR recommends acceptance of the roads.

## **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Wells Branch Phase W-2A is located in Travis County Precinct 2, north of Wells Branch Parkway, west of IH 35 and east of Loop 1 in northern Travis County. The roads in the Wells Branch Phase W-2A subdivision do not meet Travis County standards and cannot be accepted onto the Travis County maintained roadway system. On August 10, 2010 residence of the subdivision submitted a petition and an application to be included on the Travis County Substandard Road Program. Many of the sidewalks in the subdivision do not meet minimum ADA standards and have cracked and deflected enough to make walking and other uses of the sidewalk hazardous. Lack of an organized and routine roadway maintenance program will cause further deterioration of roadway conditions which will decrease the safety of the roads.

Since the substandard road program requires some participation by the affected homeowners, the residences of the subdivision have asked Travis County to hold an assessment election in accordance with the Transportation Code Title 6, Subtitle C, Chapter 253: County Improvement of Subdivision Roads to collect their contribution to the project. This allows the County to issue ballots to the homeowners and if it passes by a simple majority the homeowners will be assessed annually. Ballots were issued and the majority of the ballots received voted "FOR" the assessment. The final step is to accept the roads in order for work to begin.

The construction work will be completed by the TNR's Road and Bridge Division over a five year period, and the property owners will be assessed during the same period. This project will supply the improvements necessary to bring the specified roadways up to minimum County standards so that they can be accepted for maintenance by the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

TNR will use the substandard road funds as well as the assessed funds from the homeowners in the Wells Branch Phase 2-A.

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

N/A

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
Steve Manilla	County Executive	TNR	854-9429

**CC:**

Nicki Riley		County Auditor	854-9125
David Jungerman		County Auditor's Office	854-9125
Dana Debeauvoir		County Clerk	
Michael Winn		County Clerk's Office	
Loretta Farb		Precinct Two Office	854-9222
Tom Nuckols		County Attorney's	854-9415
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Donna Williams Jones		TNR	854-9383
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