



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** September 17, 2013, Executive Session

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**County Executive:** Leslie Browder, Planning and Budget, 854-9106

**Sponsoring Court Members:** Commissioner Margaret Gómez *MB*

*Roger El Khoury*  
*HB*

### AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on an offer from The Texas Department of Transportation regarding acquisition of a right-of-way and cost to cure to a southeast Travis County property resulting from the new alignment of FM 973. (Exec Session Gov't Code Ann 551.071 & 551.072).

### BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is widening FM 973 South of State Highway (SH) 71 at Del Valle. TxDOT is requesting about one acre along County properties at the South Rural Community Center (SRCC) and the Travis County Correctional Center (TCCC). Due to the new alignment of FM 973 South of SH71, there are some impacts to the rest of the County Property. Impacts include:

1. SMART Buildings front access
2. Three driveways to SRCC will closed
3. The new right of way will be closer to SRCC building
4. Right in lane and left out lane at the jail property.

Facilities Management Department (FMD) met several times with TxDOT to mitigate the impacts and negotiate a fair reimbursement to damages created by the new alignment of FM973 South. We worked out the details, and TxDOT Right of Way Administrative Settlement Evaluation Team supports the payment of \$163,290.48 to the County. TxDOT hired an appraisal and determined that the cost of the one acre of land is \$51,351.00. Additionally,

TxDOT agreed to pay the County \$111,939.48 as damages to the rest of the property for a total of \$163,290.48.

TxDOT has also agreed to:

1. Construct right in and right out for the SMART building front access.
2. Install a rail barrier to protect the front of SRCC building.
3. Pay for constructing a new driveway to SRCC.
4. Pay for renovation of the SRCC entry area relocation to face the parking lot.
5. Study the new intersection of FM973 and County access road to the baseball fields for possible signalized intersection.
6. Roadway transitions in front of the water quality pond to remain within the existing right-of-way.
7. Provide a dedicated right lane for entering the jail property.
8. Provide a refuge/acceleration lane for left turning vehicles out of the jail property.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Facilities Management Department recommends the Commissioners Court accept the offer from TxDOT in the amount of \$163,290.48 and approve the negotiated terms above.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

FMD coordinated with staff from SMART, SRCC, and TCCC regarding the new improvements to their respective site.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

FY 14 revenue is \$163,290.48

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS**

FM 973 Layout

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Christopher Gilmore, County Attorney's Office, 854-9415.



END PROJECT  
 CSJ: 1200-03-028  
 CHAIN = FM973  
 STA. 6117+62

END PROJECT  
 CSJ: 1200-03-033  
 CHAIN = FM973  
 STA. 6155+84.53

PROPOSED CONTROL OF ACCESS

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Proposed Access Right in Right-Of-Way

Remove Access Right in Right-Of-Way

Site to contact signal vendor and install signal with advanced warning

Remove existing median to allow right turn lane into left and right turn acceleration lane from all directions into FM 973

Site roadway will be closed and avoid acquiring right of way