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MEMO

Date: September 8, 2015  
To: Commissioners Court  
From: Tracy R. Homfeld, P.E., CFM; Assistant Director of Engineering  
Subject: Request for additional funding for the Construction of Ballard Avenue from Alanis Drive to the County Line; County Bond Project # 07-098

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The CR 819 (Ballard Ave.) project was placed on the 2007 County Bond Program as a County project. The majority of the adjacent land is unincorporated with remainder being in the City of Wylie. This was not one of the projects requested by the City of Wylie. The original estimates to allocate funding to this project were prepared in 2006.

The City and County determined that the project would be managed more efficiently if the project were managed by the City. So although the county is funding 100% of the project, the City has been managing the design, right-of-way acquisition and utility clearance. The funding for the design and ROW acquisition was approved and sent to the City by means of interlocal agreements approved in 2008 and 2009.

The project consists of constructing a 4-lane divided concrete roadway, a distance of approximately 6,300 feet. The City has received all the construction funding or \$4,684,400 that was allocated to the project per an ILA approved on June 1, 2015.

Prior to roadway construction an Atmos Gas line had to be moved which cost the project \$441,000, leaving \$4.244 M for construction. The City has received bids for the roadway construction, and the lowest bid came in at \$5.3 M, leaving the project \$1.056 M short for construction. This is not surprising taking into account that the estimates for this project were prepared in 2006 and construction prices have risen sharply in the last few years. In spite of this project always being a 100% County project, the City has offered to fund 50% of the overage, reducing the additional amount the County would have to fund to \$528,000.

If the additional funds are approved, staff will bring back to court an amended ILA for the project. The additional funds will come from county discretionary.

ACTION:

We request Commissioners Court consider approval of the additional funds for the construction of CR 819 (Ballard Ave) from Alanis Drive to County Line and authorize staff to prepare an amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wylie.