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To: Commissioners Court

From: Clarence Daugherty, P.E., Director of Engineering

Subject: SH 121 Contribution to Construction Funding

The 2018 bond program included \$11,000,000 for a contribution to TxDOT for the funding of construction of improvements to SH 121 from the Outer Loop to the County Line (north of CR 635). The Court allocated funds for several TxDOT projects in order to put priority on projects that are important to Collin County. SH 121 has had a very high fatality rate due to high volumes of traffic, with a higher than normal mixture of large trucks, traveling at high speeds along a two lane roadway not designed for this amount and type of traffic. Although TxDOT has done what it could on an interim basis, it became clear that the main solution to safe driving on this roadway is to convert it to a four-lane divided roadway. As a result of this contribution and the Sheriff's concern expressed to TxDOT, this project received a great deal of attention to move it through the TxDOT system faster than normal.

The funding was scheduled for the second year bond sale of the 2018 bond program which was just sold a few weeks ago. Actually we had intended to have this item on the same agenda as the bond sale, but neglected to get it on. So it is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the attached agreement with TxDOT, authorize the County Judge to execute the contract and authorize the payment of this amount as soon as the fully executed contract is returned from TxDOT. The funds are available in project RI18015, 4022-750300013-809280.