



MEMO

Date: March 3, 2021
To: County Judge and Commissioners
From: Clarence Daugherty, P,E., Director of Engineering
Subject: Amendment to Contract with BGE, Inc., for Analysis of Outer Loop Interchange with Telephone Road

The previous County Thoroughfare Plan showed Telephone Rd “dead-ending” at the Outer Loop. The City of Melissa has pointed out that it would be better for traffic flow if Telephone Road were continuous at this point and connect to the corresponding road in Anna on the north side of the Outer Loop. After considering this, we agree with Melissa’s position. Telephone Road is within 900 feet of the US 75 service road. The future interchange will come even closer to Telephone Road.

The concept plan for the future interchange of US 75 and the Outer Loop did not take into account there being a grade separation with Telephone Road just west of the interchange. Therefore, there is a possibility that the grades of the future main lanes will not be high enough to go over Telephone Road.

BGE was requested to submit a proposal for analyzing the impact of a grade separation at this location. The issue is whether or not additional right-of-way would be required. This is of concern because we have already acquired all the ROW for the interchange.

BGE has some funds (\$40,144) in the Outer Loop design project they are working on that was for the possibility of needing to do some work at the connection to US 75. The fee associated with this work requires that an additional \$34,014 be added to this amount in order to accomplish the additional work (see attached list of tasks). The account to which BGE’s contract is charged has \$25,606.62 available. Therefore, the remainder needed for this amendment, \$8407.38, needs to be moved within the project to the consulting account with a budget adjustment.

Action Requested: It is requested that Commissioners Court approve the attached Amendment #1 and a budget adjustment to transfer \$8407.38

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