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## **MEMO**

Date: June 16, 2025

To: County Judge and Commissioners

From: Tracy Homfeld, P.E., Asst. Director of Engineering

Subject: Engineering Services Agreement and Fee Proposal with HDR for the Preliminary

Engineering/Route Study to include Right of Way Mapping for The Outer Loop

Segment 5 from SH 121 to US 380, RI23OL005 and RI18OL005

A technically preferred alignment was established for the OL Segment 5 in 2007. Since the establishment of that alignment, a great deal of development has occurred in Collin County and therefore, before acquiring right of way for this segment, it is prudent to re-evaluate the alignment.

Staff has deemed HDR the most qualified for this project and Commissioners Court has granted the Engineering Department staff permission to negotiate a scope and fee with HDR for the development of preliminary engineering to include route study to analyze the technically preferred alignment, public involvement and identification of right of way needed for the Collin County Outer Loop Segment 5 (from US 380 to SH 121).

Staff has negotiated the best price of \$4,095,638.33 which includes HDR costs and subcontract expenses for right of way mapping. HDR anticipates the project to take about 9-12 months to get to the public hearing with another 6-9 months for delivery of all the right of way parcel packages. Right of way acquisition should be able to begin in the summer of next year.

A portion of the funds are available in the RI23OL005 consultant account and the rest can be found in the RI18OL005 ROW account. Therefore, a budget transfer from the ROW account into the consultant account for RI18OL005 is needed.

ACTION REQUESTED: It is requested that the Commissioners Court

- -Consider approval of the attached HDR scope and fee, and
- -Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,095,639 from RI18OL005-4030-750300013-809682 (ROW) to RI18OL005-4030-750300013-809250 (Consultants)