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Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 7:07 PM

Subject: FW: Off system bridge on Hamilton Pool Road at the Pedernales

Christy and Molly:

Below is an email my office obtained from Bob Daigh this evening. We contacted him after Molly Stevens got in touch with us based upon your request. There are a couple of key points that Mr. Daigh emphasized in conversations with our office, and I will hold him and TX DOT to them, even though the mechanism for funding puts this bridge "off system". (Part of the reason it's out of CAMPO's purview is that there is not supposed to be any new capacity added. A key issue that I will remain on top of.)

This is supposed to be a "safety project" and not a "road project". They have assured me that as little work as can possibly be done is what will be done. We will stay on this as well.

I also want to emphasize that Travis County has veto power. If this goes beyond a bridge safety project and beyond all that's required to make it a bridge safety project, there seems to be a way to stop it.

One other point. This is a project that is only in the amount of around \$1 million that goes for bridge safety and, as Mr. Daigh points out, in can't be used for roads. If not used on this bridge, which has been identified for safety work, it would go to the next bridge on the list.

I will stay on top of this. Please always feel free to be in touch.

Kirk

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From: Bob Daigh <BDAIGH@dot.state.tx.us>

Date: Oct 5, 2007 6:08 PM

Subject: Off system bridge on Hamilton Pool Road at the Pedernales

To: scheibal@gmail.com

As part of the congressionally mandated national effort to identify and replace structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges, the referenced bridge has been identified for replacement. We currently have survey crews working at the bridge site to collect data to allow the designers to conduct necessary hydraulic analyses and bridge design. The very preliminary estimate for the structure replacement is \$1 million. On bridge replacement projects we only replace the bridge and perform as little bridge approach work as possible. Roadway work other than the bridge approaches is not eligible for funding under this funding category. The bridge replacement funding will come from state and federal funding for bridge replacement. If the county decides not to go forward with this project, the money will go to the next unfunded project on the statewide bridge replacement list. The money would not be available for other purposes. The project is estimated to be bid in the fall of 2009.

Please call if you need additional information.

Bob