HEMPHILL/LAMAR FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Hemphill Street: Goes north from IH 20 and terminates just before downtown south of IH 30
- Lamar Street: Comes south out of Downtown Fort Worth and stops just north of IH 30
- Project Scope: Four lane divided road with shared use bicycle/pedestrian path
- As part of the IH 30 reconstruction in 2000, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) built three bridges over Hemphill/Lamar to enable the construction of a connector in the future.
- Project was de-federalized by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in 2009 at the request of the City
- Rising project costs have led to the need for a partnership to fill the funding gap.
- The use of local funds allows the project to proceed without going through the federal environmental process.

PROJECT AREA



Source: City of Fort Worth

PROPOSED LOCAL DESIGN PARTNERSHIP DEAL POINTS

- RTC to swap federal and local funds with Tarrant County on the TEXRail project
 - \$20,000,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds with 4,000,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of a local match to be added to the TEXRail project by the RTC
 - Tarrant County to contribute its \$20,000,000 commitment on TEXRail in local funds to the Hemphill/Lamar project
- Tarrant County to contribute an additional \$3,000,000 to the Hemphill/Lamar project and in exchange:
 - \$1,000,000 in CMAQ funds to be used for a transit pilot project in Forest Hill, Everman, and Crowley
 - TxDOT to assess need for improvements at the FM 1220 and Azle Avenue intersection as part of the recently approved \$415,000,000 on SH 199
- \$3,448,803 in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds to be contributed by the RTC to cover the remainder of the construction costs.
 - Funds will be transferred to the West from the East (East will receive federal funds in return)

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP (\$ IN MILLIONS)

	Tarrant County	RTC
Local Funds for Hemphill/Lamar	\$23.00	
RTR Funds for Hemphill/Lamar ¹		\$3.45
CMAQ Funds for TEXRail		\$20.00
TDCs for TEXRail		4.00
CMAQ Funds for Transit Pilot Projects		\$1.00
Federal/State Funds for SH 199 ²		\$415.00 ³

- 1: Coming from the Kaufman County RTR account
- 2: Already approved by the RTC on 12/8/2016; TxDOT will assess the need
- at FM 1220 and Azle Avenue as well

3: Includes RTC and TxDOT-selected funding from the 10-Year Planning Effort

FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR HEMPHILL/LAMAR CONNECTOR

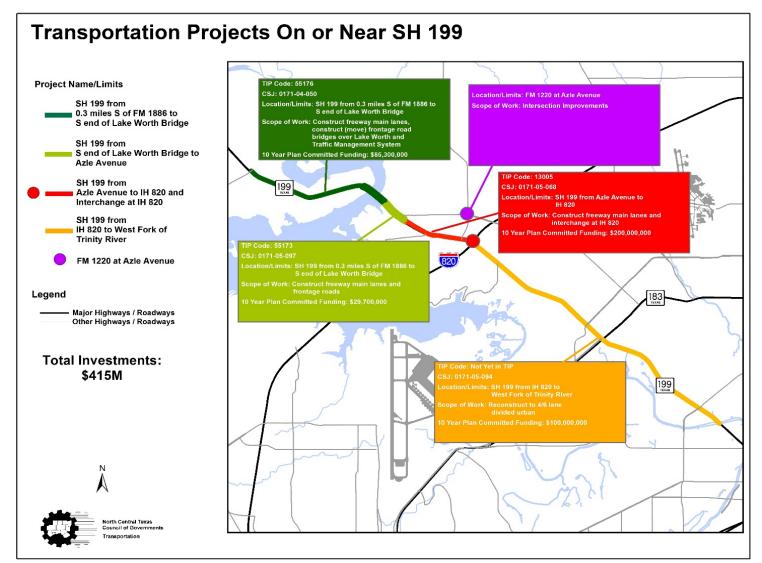
Project Phase	Tarrant County ¹	TxDOT Funds ²	RTR Funding ³	Fort Worth Local Funds	Total Funding	Total Cost
Preliminary Engineering				\$2,174,986	\$2,174,986	\$2,174,986
Right-of-Way Acquisition/ Utility Relocation				\$10,356,000	\$10,356,000	\$10,356,000
Construction	\$23,000,000		\$3,448,803	\$14,161,197	\$40,610,000	\$40,610,000
Direct State Oversight Costs (off system only)		\$145,400		\$0	\$145,400	\$145,400
Total	\$23,000,000	\$145,400	\$3,448,803	\$26,692,183	\$53,286,386	\$53,286,386

Notes:

1: Includes TEXRail and SH 199 funding swaps; CMAQ to be placed on TEXRail project with TDCs as the match

2: TxDOT is paying the direct state oversight costs for the on system components of the project.

3: Any cost savings will be retained by the RTC



- SH 199 improvements from FM 1886 to West Fork of Trinity River funded as part of the recent 10-Year Plan approved by the RTC in December 2016
- TxDOT will assess need at FM 1220 and Azle Avenue.

EAST/WEST RTR SWAP

- As non-federal funds are needed to fund the shortfall on Hemphill/Lamar, staff is proposing to trade \$7,100,000 in the Kaufman County RTR account for federal funds.
 - These funds were allocated in 2012 and remain unprogrammed.
 - Kaufman County will receive \$10,000,000 in federal funds in return (project(s) to be selected at a later date).
- The RTR funds will be transferred as follows:
 - \$3,448,803 to go to the Tarrant County RTR account for the Hemphill/Lamar project
 - The remainder will go to the Regional account.

ACTION REQUESTED

- RTC approval of:
 - The partnership between the RTC, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and TxDOT as detailed in Slides 4-6
 - The transfer of RTR funds between RTR accounts as detailed in Slide 8
 - Administratively amending the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.

TIMELINE

September 2016	Initially brought to STTC/RTC
March 2017	STTC Action
April 2017	RTC Action
April 2017	Submittal to Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
June-July 2017	Anticipated approval of STIP Revision
July 2017	Anticipated approval of RTR funds by the TTC

QUESTIONS?

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