

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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WHEREAS, in EL PASO COUNTY, in the City of El Paso, on existing Artcraft Road and NEW LOCATION, from Interstate Highway 10 to the New Mexico State Line, a distance of approximately 3.0 miles, local officials from El Paso appeared before the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission on March 26, 1991, to request a roadway within the above limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has offered to provide 100 percent of right of way and utility adjustments required for an ultimate 6-lane divided State Highway; and

WHEREAS, this facility will be part of a route connecting the proposed International Port of Entry from the Republic of Mexico, located near Santa Teresa in New Mexico, to Interstate Highway 10 in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, this route will provide support for the growing maquiladora industry, and will provide for anticipated increases in traffic resulting from the proposed Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this route will provide a facility for truck traffic now using a section of Farm to Market Road 260 through a residential section of El Paso;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has requested that, upon completion of the State Highway (Artcraft Road), the section of Farm to Market Road 260 (Country Club Road), from proposed Artcraft Road to State Highway 20, be removed from the State Highway System and returned to the City's jurisdiction to allow the City to restrict truck traffic through the residential area;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Engineer-Director is hereby directed to tender the following proposal to the City of El Paso:

Provided the City of El Paso will:

1. Provide one hundred percent of the right of way for a six-lane divided highway clear of obstructions and free of cost to the State with acquisition procedures to be in accordance with policies of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and with applicable Federal and State laws governing the acquisition policies for acquiring real property.
2. Provide one hundred percent of the cost of eligible utility adjustments as may be required in accordance with policies of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.
3. Upon completion of Artcraft Road as a State Highway, assume responsibility for jurisdiction and maintenance of the section of existing Farm to Market Road 260, from proposed Artcraft Road to State Highway 20, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation will:

1. Designate Artcraft Road as a State Highway from the New Mexico State Line to Interstate Highway 10.

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2. Authorize development of Artcraft Road as a State Highway and construct 4-lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided highway.
3. Upon completion of this project, remove the section of existing Farm to Market Road 260, from proposed Artcraft Road to State Highway 20, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles, from the State Highway System.

Upon acceptance of the provisions of this Order by the City of El Paso, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above referenced limits on the existing Artcraft Road and new location be and are hereby designated a part of the State Highway System as a STATE HIGHWAY; however, any existing county road or city street within the above referenced limits will not be designated or incorporated therein prior to the award of the construction contract by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; and

It is understood that the City will continue to provide maintenance for the existing Artcraft Road within the above referenced limits until construction by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation begins; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Engineer-Director is hereby authorized to add the above referenced project to Level III of the 1988 10-Year Project Development Plan and to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with project development to include any necessary agreements, route studies, environmental reports, public meetings and hearings, schematics, and determination of right of way requirements, relocation assistance, plan preparation, utility adjustments, and construction at an estimated cost of \$3,420,000; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon completion of this project, the limits of Farm to Market Road 260, from proposed Artcraft Road to State Highway 20, be removed from the State Highway System and returned to the jurisdiction of the City of El Paso;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all provisions of this Order are contingent upon Federal authorization of the proposed International Port of Entry from the Republic of Mexico located near Santa Teresa in New Mexico and upon a firm commitment by the State of New Mexico to provide a corresponding facility from the proposed Santa Teresa Port of Entry to the Texas State Line.

This Order shall become operative upon acceptance by the City of El Paso; and if not accepted within 90 days of the date hereof, the action herein contained shall be automatically canceled.

Submitted by

Examined and recommended by:

*Lillian S. Burk*  
(Title) Executive Assistant

*Frank A. Holman*  
Deputy Director

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Engineer-Director

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