

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: David Salmon, P.E., City Engineer

VIA: Jim Proce, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2025

SUBJECT: **Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County Texas Related to Design, Reconstruction and Funding of Huffines Blvd. and Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.**

BACKGROUND

Huffines Blvd. has been shown as a 4-lane undivided roadway on the City's Thoroughfare Plan from SH-121 Business to Corporate Drive since the 1990s. From SH-121 Business to Riverview Drive Huffines Blvd. has already been constructed to its full 4-lane width. The proposed funding agreement addresses design and construction of Huffines Blvd south of Riverview Drive to the Corporate Drive extension currently under construction. From Riverview Dr. to Stonewall Dr. it's currently in poor condition and is only 2 lanes wide. South of Stonewall Drive, Huffines Blvd. is a 2-lane paved roadway owned by the City of Farmers Branch providing access to the Farmers Branch Landfill.

In 2016, the Cities of Farmers Branch and Lewisville entered an agreement indicating that the City of Farmers Branch would dedicate right of way for the extension of Huffines Blvd. and contribute up to \$700,000 plus interest earned toward design and construction if the project commenced within 15 years of the date of the agreement. In addition, Denton County included the subject \$2,325,000 in funding for Huffines Blvd. in their Trip-22 bond program. Subsequently, \$2,520,000 for extension of Huffines Blvd. was included in the City's 2024 bond program for a total of \$5,545,000 in funding. The Estimated cost for design and construction of Huffines Blvd. from Riverview Drive to Corporate Drive is roughly \$5,550,000. As the City of Farmers Branch is dedicating the required right of way for the extension, no additional right-of-way acquisition or associated costs are anticipated. In addition, no significant utility improvements are required for the project.

ANALYSIS

The subject agreement defines Denton County and City of Lewisville responsibilities regarding construction and funding of the Huffines Blvd. reconstruction and extension project. The subject agreement requires Denton County to reimburse the City up to \$2,325,000 for construction, design, and any right-of-way costs associated with the Huffines Blvd. project. The agreement provides for reimbursement upon the City submitting a copy of monthly invoices to the Denton County Auditor via Innovative Transportation Solutions. The City is obligated to bid and award the project and manage the construction including inspections. The City is required to pay for the balance of the

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project including cost overruns. Project Design is anticipated to begin in fall of 2025 with an estimated bidding and construction start in late 2027.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement as set forth in the caption above.