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CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Covered Bridge, L.L.C., Covered Bridge Section 7, L.L.C., Covered Bridge Section 8, L.L.C., 71 DHL, Ltd., Stephen I Adler and Michael M. Barron, to fund construction of a right-turn lane and signalization at the intersection of Covered Bridge and State Hwy. 71, in the amount of \$55,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Total project cost is \$267,000. Funding in the amount of \$167,000 to be provided by TxDOT; \$55,000 will be collected from private entities and held in escrow by the City; and \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Operating Budget of the Fire Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Transportation, Planning **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**and Sustainability **AUTHORIZATION:** Austan Librach

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has established a policy whereby a request by a private entity for construction improvement in state-maintained rights-of-way must be sponsored by and paid for by the local government. This Agreement is to collect the funds from the private entities to pay for improvements within state-maintained rights-of-way. The City of Austin will maintain these funds in an interest bearing account and make final payment to TxDOT upon completion of construction. Any interest earned by the funds will be paid to the private entities.

The funds include 55% from the Covered Bridge L.L. C., and 45% from the City of Austin Fire Department to fund a total of \$100,000. TxDOT will fund \$167,000 for a total cost of \$267,000. The Fire Department agreed to the improvements in the 1996 acquisition of the Oak Hill Fire Station site. The turn lane and traffic signal benefit both the Fire Department and citizens of the community.

The proposed improvements in the TxDOT right-of-way are for a right-turn lane and signalization work at the intersection of Covered Bridge and state Highway 71. TxDOT will solicit bids for the work and award and administer the construction contract for the signalization work.



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