



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/30/2004
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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Wells Branch Municipal Utility District and the Texas Turnpike Authority for pass-through wastewater service through Wells Branch Municipal Utility District in order to provide wastewater service to a Texas Turnpike Authority tollway plaza to be located near the intersection of FM 1325 and Merriltown Drive.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: The Texas Turnpike Authority will construct the necessary wastewater infrastructure.

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

REQUESTING Austin Water Utility **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Chris Lippe

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Bart Jennings, 972-0118; Laura Wiley, 972-0104

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Wells Branch Municipal Utility District (Wells Branch MUD) is generally located along the west side of IH-35, north of Howard Lane, and east of FM 1325. Wells Branch MUD has been a wholesale water and wastewater customer of the City of Austin since 1981 serving approximately 2,800 current connections.

The Texas Turnpike Authority is designing and constructing north State Highway 45 and plans to build a tollway plaza near the intersection of FM 1325 and Merriltown Drive. The tollway plaza will contain office space and restrooms. Wells Branch MUD's wastewater facilities are located within one hundred feet of the planned tollway plaza. The nearest City of Austin wastewater mains are located 2,000 feet from the planned tollway plaza. The nearest City of Austin water mains are located within one hundred feet from the planned tollway plaza. The City of Austin will provide retail water service to the tract in accordance with the City of Austin's service extension request policies.

The Texas Turnpike Authority has requested the City of Austin to provide wastewater service through Wells Branch MUD facilities. Wells Branch MUD has conceptually agreed to provide pass-through wastewater service to the tollway plaza until such time that the City of Austin has facilities that can be connected to the tollway plaza. As part of the pass-through wastewater service, the Texas Turnpike Authority has agreed to construct and dedicate to the City of Austin a wastewater main encasement that would be located entirely across the toll road in order to enhance the provision of future City of Austin wastewater services. Additionally, the Texas Turnpike Authority has agreed to pay for the disconnection from Wells Branch MUD facilities and the connection to City of Austin facilities in the future.

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**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WELLS BRANCH MUD AND THE TEXAS
TURNPIKE AUTHORITY DIVISION FOR PASS-THROUGH WASTEWATER SERVICE THROUGH
WELLS BRANCH MUD IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICE TO A TEXAS TURNPIKE
AUTHORITY TOLLWAY PLAZA TO BE LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF FM 1325 AND
MERRILLTOWN DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004
REGULAR MEETING
VOTE: 8-0-0-1**

Motion made by: Warner
Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Friese, Chan, Lee, Pool, Miller, Raun
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining:
Commissioners Absent: Kirfman

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Wells Branch MUD and the Texas Turnpike Authority Division for pass-through wastewater service through Wells Branch MUD in order to provide wastewater service to a Texas Turnpike Authority tollway plaza to be located near the intersection of FM 1325 and Merrilltown Drive.


Michael Warner Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission

9/1/04
Date

