



# House Bill 3697

(88<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, 2023)

County Corridor Agreement Program



- Excerpt from House Bill 3697

*SECTION 7. Section 232.0033, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection(c) to read as follows:  
(c)The commissioners court of a county or the court's designee may not refuse to review a plat application or refuse to approve a plat for recordation for failure to identify a corridor, as defined by **Section 201.619, Transportation Code**, unless the corridor is part of an agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the county under that section.*

- First, the agreement required by **201.619** has been the law since 2007 (HB 1857, 80R), so HB 3697 didn't change this part of the law, it just created a possible stronger need for a county to enter into such an agreement with TxDOT.
- **Sec. 201.619. COOPERATIVE PLANNING WITH COUNTIES.**
  - (a) In this section, "corridor" means a geographical band that follows a general directional flow connecting major sources of trips.
  - (b) The department and a county may enter into an agreement that identifies future transportation corridors within the county in accordance with this subsection. The corridors identified in the agreement must be derived from existing transportation plans adopted by the department or commission, the county, or a metropolitan planning organization.
  - (c) **The department shall publish in the Texas Register and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county with which the department** has entered into an agreement under Subsection (b) a notice that states that the department and the county have entered into the agreement and that copies of the agreement and all plans referred to by the agreement are available at one or more designated department offices.

# Public Notifications

Required under Tex. Trans. Code 201.619(c)

(c) The department shall publish in the Texas Register and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county with which the department has entered into an agreement under Subsection (b) a notice that states that the department and the county have entered into the agreement and that copies of the agreement and all plans referred to by the agreement are available at one or more designated department offices.

## Texas Register

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Agreement on Identification of Future Transportation Corridors Within Williamson County

The Texas Department of Transportation and Williamson County, Texas, have entered into an agreement that identifies future transportation corridors within Williamson County in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 201.619. Copies of the agreement and all plans referred to by the agreement are available at the department's Austin District Office, 7901 N. Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, Texas 78753.

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Texas Department of Transportation

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## Local Publications

2 The Sunday Star, September 3, 2023

### Willey's celebrate 55 years



By MALANI HUYLAIN  
The Brazos River Authority last notified the City of Taylor that it is implementing a Stage 2 Drought Contingency Plan. Brazos Williamson County Regional Water System at Lake Groves.

The restrictions include Taylor, South West Spoutland Utility District and Lone Star Regional Water Authority in Northville, TX is requiring consumers to reduce water usage by 10 percent effective immediately.

During Stage 2 in accordance with the City of Taylor's Drought Contingency Plan, outdoor water irrigation will be restricted except for the following periods:

- Between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m. and between 1 p.m. and midnight on the following designated watering days:

Sunday and Thursday for customers with a street address ending in an even number 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0.

• Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number 1, 3, 5, or 9.

• Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by a hand-held hose, a hose-end sprayer or watering can of five gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system.

• In the city's street network, washing vehicles is prohibited except on designated watering days. Washing will be done with a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with a shower nozzle for quick rinses.

• Additionally, all customers are also prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.

The following uses are considered non-essential and are not allowed:

- Washing any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts or other hard-surfaced areas.
- Washing buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- Throwing paint or pouring water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
- Not repairing controllable leaks within a reasonable period after having been given notice during the dry.

The City of Taylor will continue to release any updated information as it becomes available on the City website and social media. For further details on the City's Drought Contingency Plan, visit [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov).

### East Wilco issues Stage 2 water restrictions

By LINDA DEWIER

It's about light on solar energy than on how to use to generate electricity and utility companies identify that the best balance of sources rather than relying solely on one source.

Solar power is a fairly recent technological energy source, using photovoltaic cells to convert sunlight into electricity. Solar energy offers long-term savings, in less maintenance and has diverse applications. Geologic, utility-scale solar farms supply power to thousands. Home roofing panels supply power to single households.

Community solar gardens use solar panels that are installed in locations, but smaller than utility-scale solar fields. They allow multiple customers to share the cost of a normal facility. Community solar speaks to others, people who are not able to install solar panels at their own home.

Samuel McCandless, environmental program coordinator for Austin Energy, shows off solar panels at La Loma Community Solar in East Austin. La Loma supplies solar power to about 500 homes.

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# Agreement Packet (Example)



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## Agreement on Identification of Future Transportation Corridors Within Williamson County

The Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") is in receipt of Williamson County's ("County") letter dated August 15, 2023 requesting to enter into an agreement to identify future transportation corridors within the County based on the County's adopted transportation plans in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 201.619 (the "Code").

TxDOT has reviewed the Williamson County Transportation Plan, as amended by the Williamson County Commissioner's Court on August 22, 2023, (the "County Transportation Plan") and the revised exhibit dated August 24, 2023. The revised exhibit provided by the County further clarifies and differentiates the existing and future corridors and does not substantially alter the exhibit as reviewed and adopted by the Williamson County Commissioner's Court on August 22, 2023. The proposed controlled access corridors identified in the Williamson County Transportation Plan (the "Corridors"), a graphical depiction of which is attached to this agreement, represent future transportation corridors within the County that were adopted in the County Transportation Plan and align with TxDOT's current long-range transportation plans.

TxDOT and the County agree that the Corridors in the County Transportation Plan identify future transportation corridors within the County in accordance with the Code.

The signatures below solely represent an agreement between TxDOT and Williamson County on the identification of future transportation corridors as outlined in the Code.

This agreement is a planning agreement regarding the Corridors and does not limit their future designation as controlled access corridors or obligate or prevent future adjustments to the Corridors by either party. Any significant revision to the geographical location of the Corridors will require an amendment to this agreement to ensure compliance with the Code.

BY:	8/29/2023
Williamson County	Date
By:	8/28/2023
Texas Department of Transportation	Date

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Williamson County Agenda/Minutes

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Meeting: 2023-08-29 Williamson County

WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING  
AUGUST 29, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:35 AM on TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

Present: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles  
County Clerk Nancy E. Risher

Others Present: Hal C. Hayes, General Counsel of Williamson County Commissioners Court  
Bill Farabee, Executive Assistant to County Clerk

- Review and approval of minutes.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles  
Motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023 Commissioners Court Meeting.  
Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles
- Hear County Auditor concerning invoices, bills, Quick Check Report, wire transfers and electronic payments submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the county.  
Paralegal/County Manager Nathan Zmeyer addressed the Court.  
County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. abstained in regard to payment to invoices for Juana Construction.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Motion to authorize the payment of bills totaling \$820,891.44 from the computer printer, software, wire transfer, Quick Check Payment Electronic Benefit Payments from the prior year items. If the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriate in the County Budget.  
Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Design Project #: 10215402-04-004333-3116D18E3FE

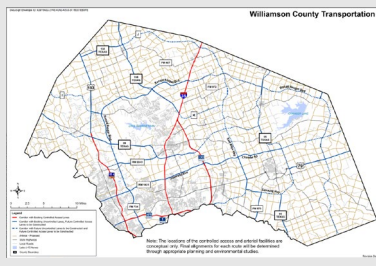
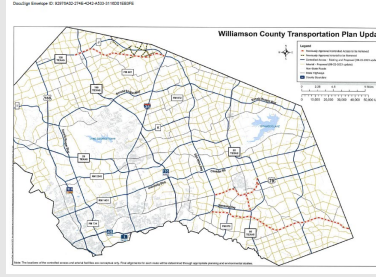
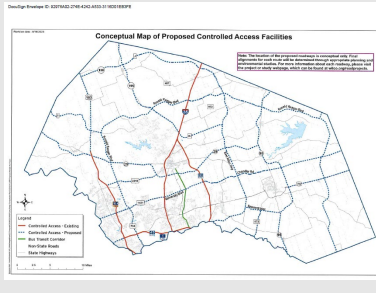
Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

44. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$97,110.00 for Project 23PB13 Bus Bookends Extension (Grant Construction) #177 Funding Source: Road Bond.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$97,110.00 for Project 23PB13 Bus Bookends Extension (Grant Construction).  
Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent from the Day)

45. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$97,110.00 for Project 23PB13 Bus Bookends Extension (Grant Construction) #177 Funding Source: Road Bond.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$97,110.00 for Project 23PB13 Bus Bookends Extension (Grant Construction).  
Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent from the Day)

46. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the Williamson County Long-Range Transportation Plan to address current and projected needs in the public interest.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Motion to approve amending the Williamson County Long-Range Transportation Plan to address current and projected needs in the public interest.  
Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent from the Day)

47. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on a possession and use agreement for 0.168 acres as a driveway easement, shared for the construction of the Olsen Way, west of the intersection of Olsen Way and Olsen Way, north of the intersection of Olsen Way and Olsen Way.  
Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long



45. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding amending the Williamson County Long-Range Transportation Plan to address current and projected needs in the public interest.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
**Motion: To approve amending the Williamson County Long-Range Transportation Plan to address current and projected needs in the public interest.**

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent from the Dais)



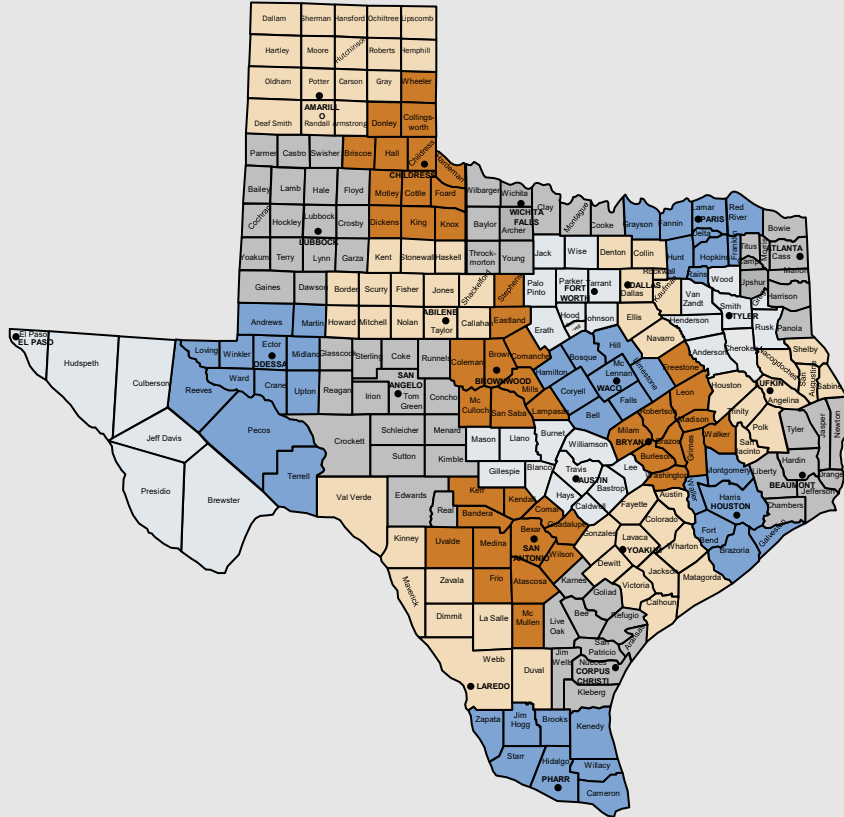


## Counties

- Adopt a corridor plan and post to county's website – it can be amended as needed.
- Submit request form, corridor plan and other required documents to TxDOT District.

## TxDOT

- Local Government Program Section in the Transportation Programs Division has primary responsibility to assist.
- Developed a process for the program, which includes an agreement template for counties, and posted it on [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).
- Will communicate with county associations on program requirements.





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End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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