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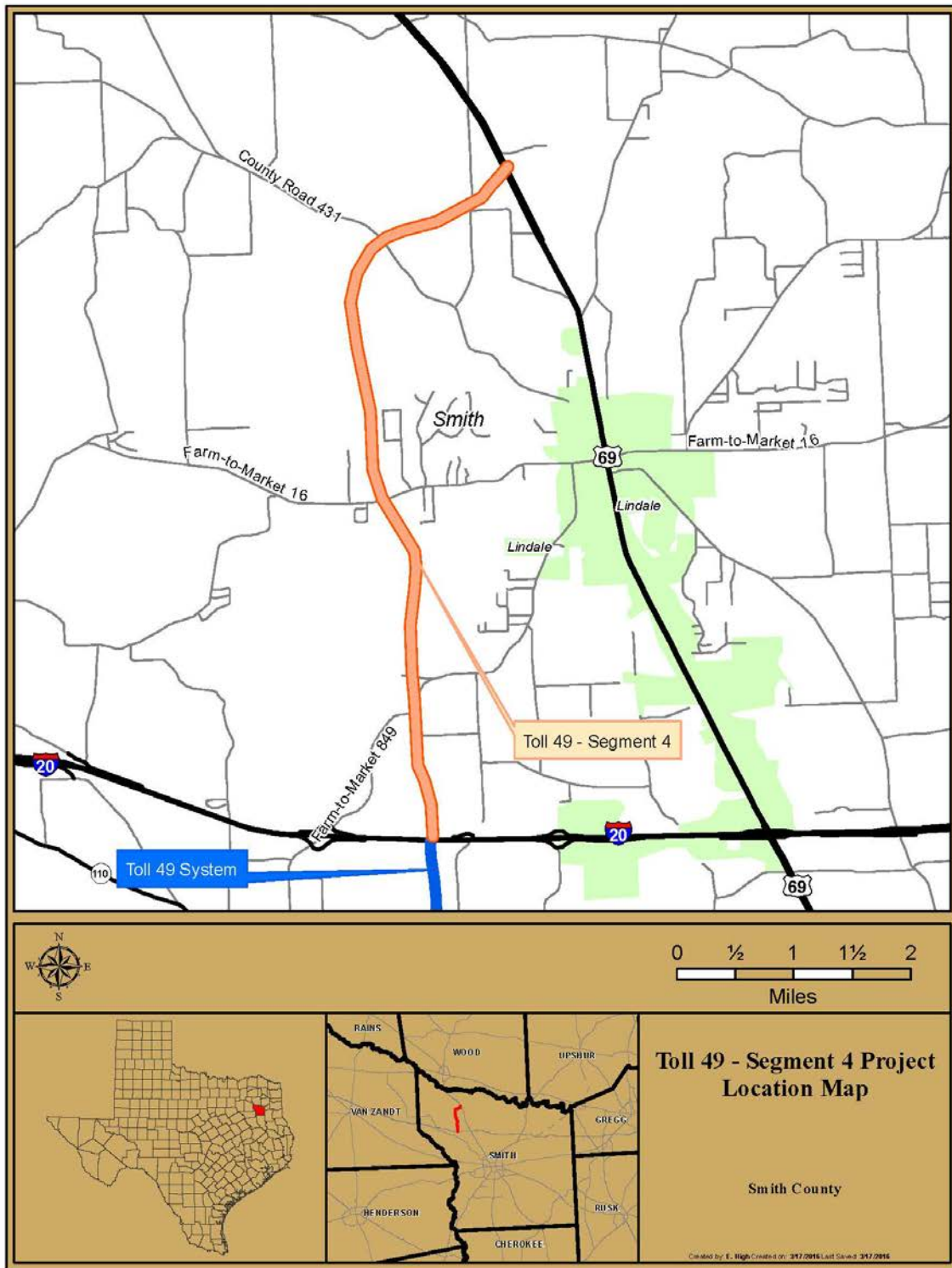
1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report documents and describes the development and construction of the Toll 49 Segment 4 Project during the period from April 1, 2018 through May 1, 2018. This Project is being developed and constructed by the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("the Authority"). The Segment 4 Project is funded by Series 2016A Senior Lien bonds, and funds committed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Segment 4 Project extends along new alignment from US 69 in the City of Lindale south to IH 20, north of the City of Tyler in Smith County, Texas. The Segment 4 Project connects with Toll 49 Segment 3B, extending Toll 49 by a length of approximately 6.6 miles. The Segment 4 Project consists of an interim two-lane access controlled tollway with grade separations at major cross streets, and toll collection facilities. The interim two-lane facility may be expanded to its ultimate four-lane configuration as traffic demand warrants and funding sources are identified in the future. The Segment 4 Project includes the construction of an at grade intersection at US 69, a diamond interchange including access ramps at FM 16, access ramps south of SH 110, and a three level interchange at IH 20. Continuous access/frontage roads will not be constructed as part of the Segment 4 Project.

FIGURE 1: Project Location Map



1.3 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

1.3.1 Right-of-Way

The Authority has acquired all forty-two project parcels.

TABLE 1: RIGHT-OF-WAY PARCEL STATUS

Parcel	Acreage	Estimated Acquisition	
		Date	Status
202	3.93	NTP	Closed
203	1.44	Acquired	Closed
204	0.73	NTP + 75 Days	Closed
205	0.52	NTP	Closed
206	2.42	NTP	Closed
207	0.40	NTP	Closed
208	7.03	NTP + 75 Days	Closed
209	12.47	15-Jul-16	Closed
210	0.84	15-Jul-16	Closed
213	39.13	NTP	Closed
214	9.95	NTP	Closed
215	36.64	NTP	Closed
216	28.31	NTP	Closed
217	8.39	NTP	Closed
218	5.61	NTP	Closed
219	21.01	NTP	Closed
220	1.35	NTP	Closed
221	5.69	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
222	2.46	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
223	0.13	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
224	0.17	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
225	0.04	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
226	11.63	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
227	3.18	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
229	22.23	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
230	3.22	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
231	4.25	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
232	14.47	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
233	1.52	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
235	0.85	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
236	9.71	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
237	0.41	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
238	22.66	NTP + 60 Days	Closed

Parcel	Acreage	Estimated Acquisition	
		Date	Status
239	1.04	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
240	13.39	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
241	0.36	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
242	11.04	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
243	9.16	NTP + 60 Days	Closed
244	19.14	NTP	Closed
245	5.81	NTP	Closed
246	0.10	NTP + 30 Days	Closed
247	0.07	NTP + 60 Days	Closed

1.3.2 Utilities

Utility relocations are complete. There were eleven privately-owned utilities impacted by the Segment 4 Project. Relocation design and construction was performed by the utility owners with 100% reimbursement from the Authority. Due to coordination and construction timeframes, some relocations were not complete within the contract's estimated completion dates. These relocations did not impact the Project critical path.

TABLE 2: UTILITY RELOCATION STATUS

Utility Company	Estimated Relocation	
	Completion Date	Status
AT&T (SBC)	NTP+120	Relocation is complete
CenterPoint Energy	NTP+120	Relocation is complete
City of Lindale	N/A	Relocation is complete
Crystal Systems Water	N/A	Relocation is complete
East Texas Electric Cooperative	1-Jan-17	Relocation is complete
Enbridge	No conflict	No conflict identified, no relocation
Gulf South	NTP+90	Relocation is complete
Lindale Rural WSC	N/A	Relocation is complete
MHM Pipeline	Relocation will begin 2 weeks after clearing	Relocation is complete
Oncor Electric Delivery (Distribution)	NTP + 90 to 120 Days	Relocation is complete
Oncor Electric Delivery (Transmission)	1-Nov-16	Relocation is complete
Peoples Telephone Cooperative	NTP + 0 to 60 Days	Relocation is complete
SuddenLink	NTP + 150 Days	Relocation is complete
Wood County Electric	NTP +110 Days	Relocation is complete
Zayo	NTP +150 Days	Relocation is complete

1.3.3 Archeological Survey

During archeological survey undertaken in support of a utility relocation on the project in July of 2016, archeologists encountered a previously unrecorded archeological site, resulting in limited Contractor access to the right-of-way during an archeological investigation. Final clearance of the site was received on December 1, 2017, at which time the Contractor was granted full access to resume construction activities at this location.

Three Change Orders have been executed to address delays associated with the archeological investigation. Change Orders No. 12 and 13 extended the project schedule by six months and increased the construction contract amount by approximately \$1.6 million for time related overhead expenses and earthwork demobilization and remobilization costs. Change Order No. 14 increased the not-to-exceed amount of the construction contract by \$2.7 million, with \$1.4 million representing a lump sum settlement payment to be paid to the Contractor if the February 6, 2019 Substantial Completion date is met. Should Substantial Completion occur after February 6, 2019, this \$1.4 million lump sum will decrease by \$15,000 per calendar day. The remaining \$1.3 million represents a not-to-exceed amount intended to cover costs associated with the increased erosion control activities required to maintain the project during the extended construction schedule. The erosion control costs in Change Order No. 14 do not account for costs associated with removal of sediment from outside the project ROW or additional seeding needed to establish ground cover.

1.4 PROGRESS PHOTOS

1.4.1 Earthwork

With the exception of minor earthwork activities such as grading for ditches and level up at pavement edges, only two major embankment and excavation areas are outstanding on the project. The Contractor continues embankment south of IH 20 for the northbound exit ramp to IH 20. The last major excavation will be performed at FM 849 once the traffic switch from existing to the new FM 849 pavement is complete, which is anticipated at the end of May.



Embankment for the northbound ramp
south of IH 20

1.4.2 Drainage Structures

The Contractor has completed construction of all major cross culverts and storm sewer. Ongoing drainage work includes construction of concrete rip rap for ditches, rock rip rap at outfalls, and general ditch grading. In April, the Contractor completed rip rap construction for ditches between FM 849 and IH20. Outstanding work includes areas near Stevenson Branch, CR 431, between Stevenson Branch and FM 16 (around cross Culverts No.7 and 10), and around Davis Branch.



Construction of underdrains between CR 4118 and CR 431



Rip rap flume north of CR 431

1.4.3 Bridge & Wall Structures

All bridge substructure and superstructure construction is complete. Remaining bridge work includes the grinding and grooving of deck surfaces on approximately half of the bridges. The construction of rip rap at bridge abutments throughout the project is nearly complete, with minor concrete work outstanding at Davis Branch.



Completed concrete rip rap construction at Long Brake Tributary bridge



Completed concrete rip rap construction at CR 431 bridge

1.4.4 Erosion Control

The Contractor continued environmental control activities such as maintaining silt fence, soil retention blankets, and rock filter dams and efforts to repair and replace erosion controls damaged during recent weather events. The contractor is installing permanent seeding on backslopes.



Topsoil and compost along the IH 20 corridor



Grass growing on side slopes south of IH 20

1.4.5 Subbase & Pavement

Cement treatment of subgrade is complete everywhere except for the northbound ramp south of IH 20 where embankment work continues. Flexible base has been placed everywhere that subgrade has been treated with the exception of the former archaeological site. Prime coat follows the placement of flexible base prior to asphalt paving. During the reporting period, four inches of asphalt was placed between FM 16 and the southern end of the former archaeological site, as well as from Stevenson Branch to CR 431. The SH110 ramps and the fourth FM 16 ramp received two inches of asphalt and the contractor has begun the first two inch asphalt lift at CR 4118 working south.



Flexible base installation for the SH 110 southbound ramp



Prime coat between Stevenson Branch and FM 16



Asphalt paving north of FM 16



Completed 4 inch base layer of asphalt south of FM 16

1.5 PROGRESS NARRATIVE

The Contractor continued maintaining erosion control items including silt fence, rock filter dams, erosion control blankets, and placing temporary seed as needed to prevent erosion. Clearing and grubbing activities are complete. Two major earthwork tasks remain and include embankment south of IH 20 for the northbound exit ramp to IH 20 and excavation at FM 849 once traffic is switched to the realigned pavement.

The substructure and superstructure construction of all bridges on the project is complete. The only remaining bridge items are grinding and grooving the deck surfaces. Rip rap construction for bridge abutments is complete at all bridge abutment locations with the exception of minor concrete work required at Davis Branch. All retaining wall construction is complete on the project. Construction of project culverts and storm sewer is complete. Grading is still ongoing for drainage ditches throughout the Project and Rip rap construction for drainage ditches is ongoing around CR 431, the archeological site, and near Stevenson Branch.

Subgrade cement treatment is complete at all locations except for the northbound exit ramp south of IH 20 where earthwork is ongoing. Flexible base progressed during the reporting period with work completed from the former archeological site north to CR 4118. The base layer of asphalt is nearly complete project-wide. Outstanding areas include a half mile main lane section between CR 4118 and CR 431, a half mile main lane section between Stevenson Branch through the archaeological site, the northbound exit ramp at IH 20, and the main lane section at existing FM 849 that cannot be excavated until traffic is moved.

Table 3 below reflects construction progress based on the Contractor's schedule of values and approved construction draws.

TABLE 3: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction Activity	Percent Complete
Mobilization	90.00%
Traffic Control	88.81%
Earthwork	99.07%
Drainage	74.23%
Sub-base and Base Course	82.48%
Pavement	29.79%
Structures	100.00%
Pavement Markings and Signals	34.79%
Environmental	73.90%
Extra Work Items	58.63%
Change Orders	41.73%

1.6 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Table 4 shows the overall financial status for the Toll 49 Segment 4 project through May 1, 2018. The original budget established for the Project and the expenditures to date are provided. An estimated cost remaining and an estimate at completion are also provided.

TABLE 4: FINANCIAL STATUS SUMMARY

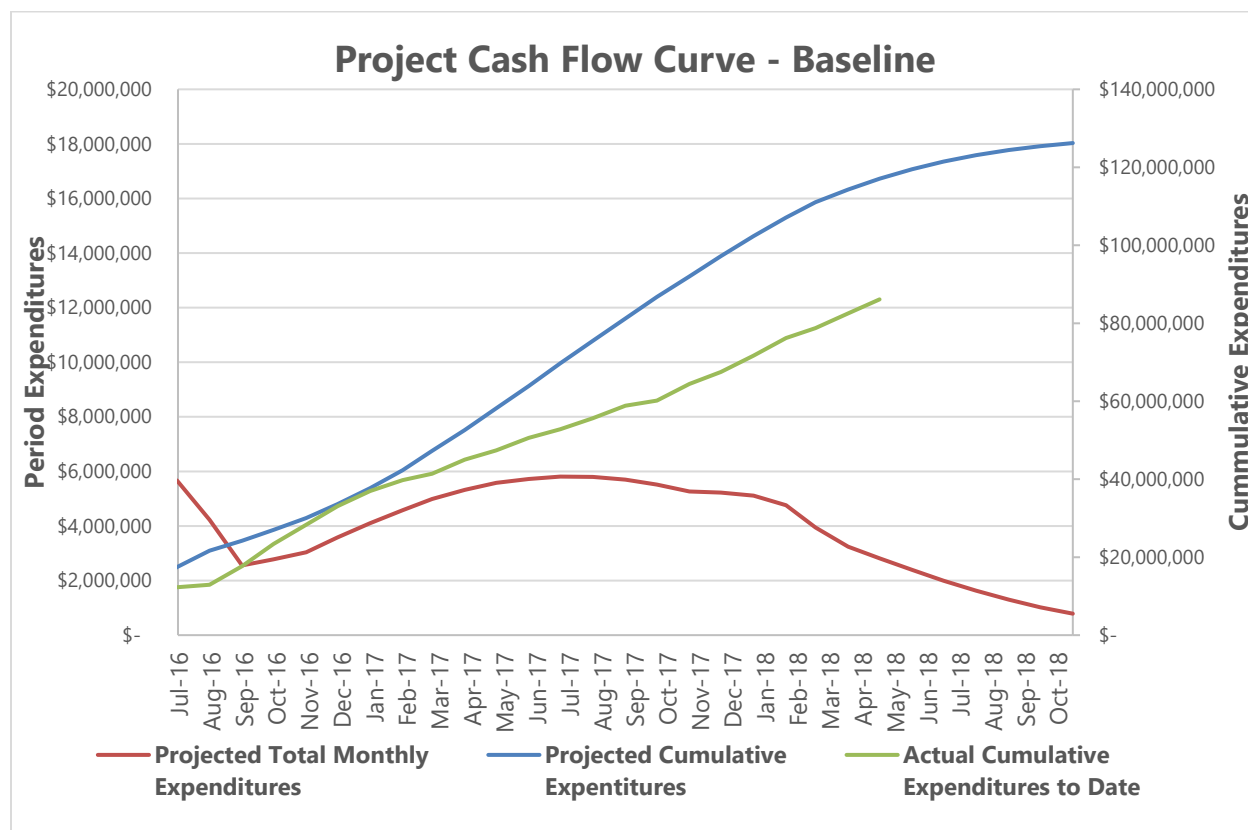
Project Description	Original Cost Estimate (\$)	Expenditures to Date (\$)	Estimated Remaining Cost (\$)	Estimate at Completion (\$)
Toll 49 Segment 4	\$126,220,000	\$86,124,273.12	\$40,095,726.88	\$126,220,000

Note: These costs include Traffic & Revenue studies costs, ROW survey and mapping costs, Final Engineering costs, Utility Relocation costs, Oversight costs, Construction (including GEC costs), and approximately \$13.4 million in remaining contingencies.

1.6.1 Project Cash Flow Curve – Baseline

Figure 2 summarizes the actual project costs to date through this reporting period in comparison to the projected project costs.

FIGURE 2: PROJECT CASH FLOW CURVE - BASELINE



Note: "Projected Cumulative Expenditures" includes both projected project expenditures and project contingencies.

1.7 CONSTRUCTION FINANCIAL STATUS

The following summary provides the financial status of the Project.

Original Contractor Amount:	\$68,760,000.00
<i>Authorized Changes (Change Order and/or Amendments):</i>	
Change Order No. 1 ¹	\$0.00
Change Order No. 2	\$26,247.38
Change Order No. 3	\$17,257.93
Change Order No. 4	\$156,926.00
Change Order No. 5	\$100,000.00
Change Order No. 6	\$34,276.66
Change Order No. 7	\$3,721.82
Change Order No. 8	\$4,231.40
Change Order No. 9	\$304,851.40
Change Order No. 10	\$200,000.00
Change Order No. 11 ²	\$4,389,160.65
Change Order No. 12 ³	\$1,078,075.83
Change Order No. 13	\$493,609.77
Change Order No. 14	\$2,660,075.00
Change Order No. 15	\$24,838.18
Change Order No. 16	\$28,495.58
Change Order No. 17	\$50,000.00
Change Order No. 18	\$11,860.97
Change Order No. 19	\$100,000.00
Change Order No. 20	\$67,382.19
Change Order No. 21	\$32,352.18
Current Authorized Contract Amount:	\$78,542,362.94
Previous total of Contractor Payments:	\$58,319,811.42
Amount Paid this Reporting Period:	\$2,548,304.69
Total Amount Paid To-Date:	\$60,868,116.02
Retainage withheld:	\$0.00
Approved Amount for work completed (through Draw No. 21):	\$60,868,116.02
Amount remaining for work to be completed:	\$17,475,512.55
Total Percent of Budget Expended though April 31, 2018:	77.71%

Footnotes:

1. Change Order No. 1 did not result in a change in price
2. Change Order No. 11 included a 56 day time extension
3. Change Order No. 12 included a 179 day time extension

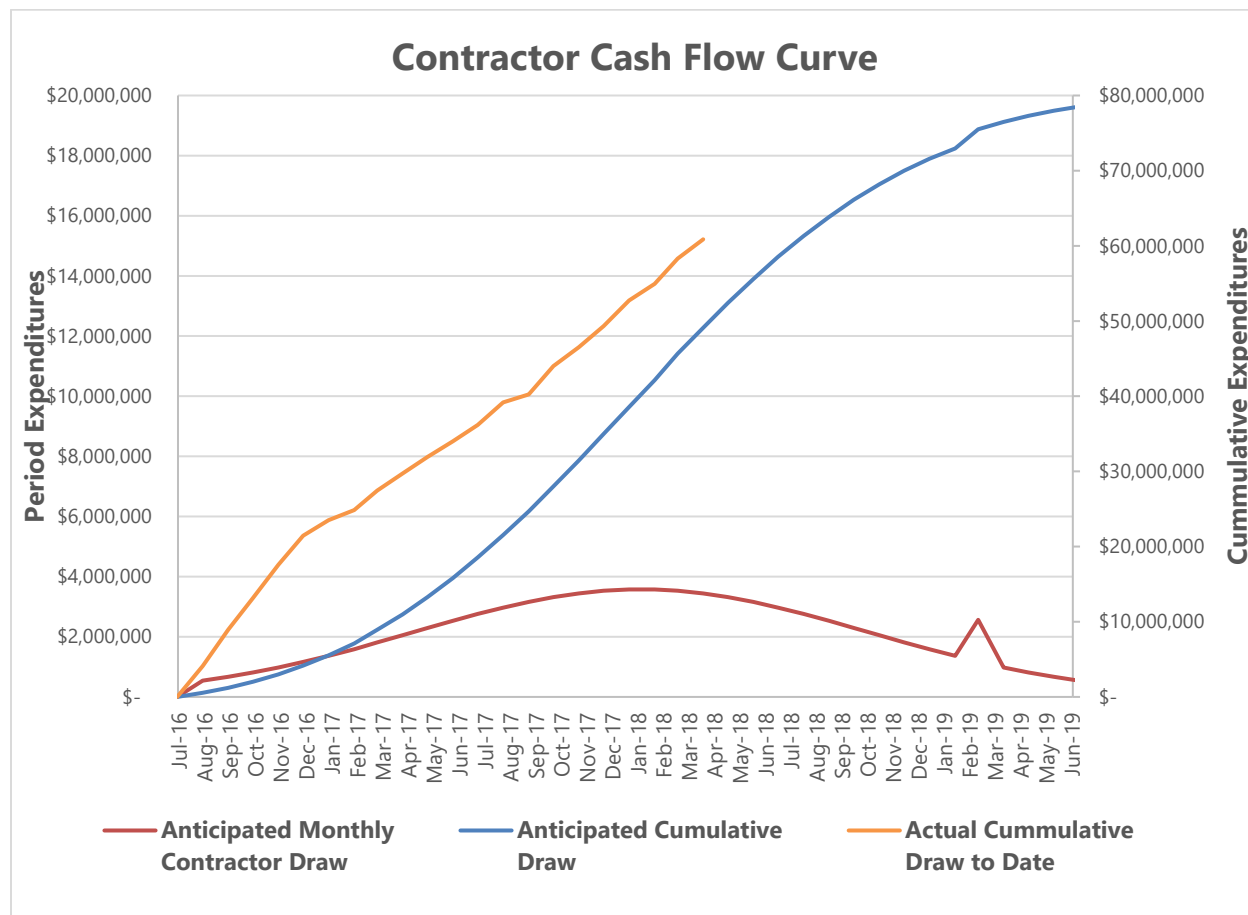
1.7.1 Summary of Change Orders This Reporting Period

During the reporting period, the NET RMA executed Change Order No. 21. This Change Order included \$31,352.18 for various miscellaneous guardrail and drainage items.

1.7.2 Contractor Cash Flow Curve

Figure 3 summarizes the actual Contractor draws to date through this reporting period in comparison to the projected Contractor draws.

FIGURE 3: CONTRACTOR CASH FLOW CURVE



Note: Contractor Cash Flow Curve includes both price and schedule revisions associated with approved Change Orders.

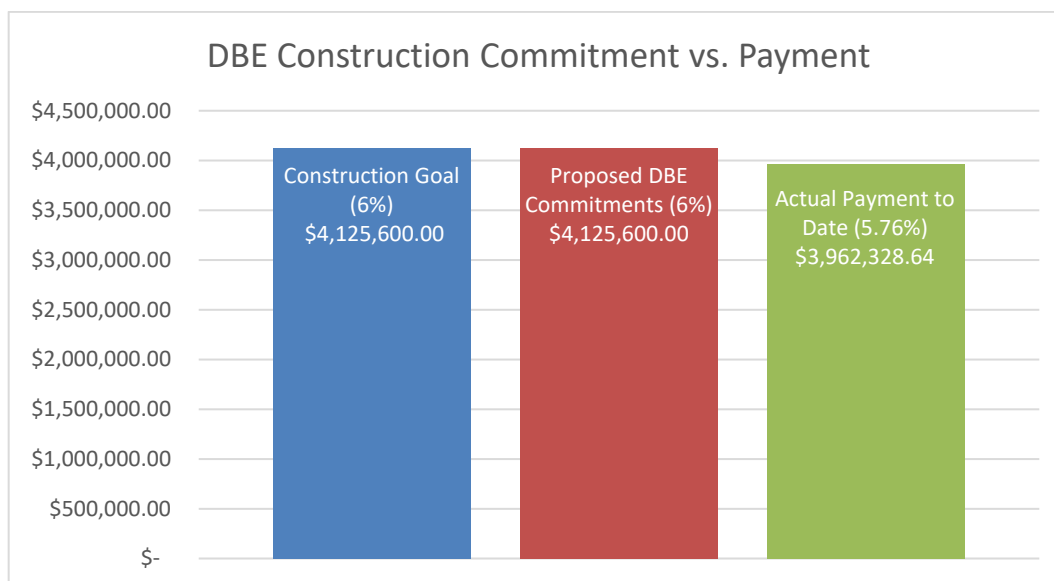
1.8 DBE STATUS

The Contractor is required to meet the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 6% for the Segment 4 Project. The Contractor has proposed costs associated with DBE development work in the amount of \$4,125,600.00 which equals 6.00% of the original contract value. This represents approved subcontracts with the following firms: Rambo Contracting INC (culverts, inlets, headwalls, and wing walls), Texas Environmental Management (stormwater pollution prevent plans and erosion control), MCL Contracting

(rebar tying), Buyers Barricade (advanced warning signs), South Texas Painting (painting), Odum Services LP (metal beam guard fence and guard rail), and A Brothers Milling (milling).

To date, the Contractor has made payments in the amount of \$3,962,328.64 to DBE subcontractors, 5.76% of the original contract amount or 96.04% of their commitment amount.

FIGURE 4: DBE STATUS



1.9 COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

In accordance with the terms of the Environmental Record of Decision (ROD) and contract requirements, the Contractor was required to develop and implement a Comprehensive Environmental Protection Program (CEPP) applicable throughout the duration of construction to establish the approach, requirements and procedures to be employed to protect the environment. The Contractor's CEPP includes the following component parts:

- » Areas of Special Environmental Interest - Describes steps taken to prevent impacts to at risk, rare species and their habitat as well as historical resources including:
 - Educating employees to recognize these impacts
 - Identifying the areas where construction related activities are not to take place based on the relevant migratory bird timing windows
 - Keeping water work to a minimum and cleaning any equipment which must enter the water both prior and after to mitigate the spread of Zebra Mussels
 - If endangered/rare species or historical/archaeological/paleontological resources are encountered, ceasing working in the area and notifying the engineer or applicable agency for direction on any mitigation action required
- » Environmental Protection Measures include the following:
 - Erosion and sediment control measures

- Preparation for seasonal shutdown
- Protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Proper practices for clearing vegetation
- Appropriate handling and storage of soil
- Protection of wetlands, watercourses (streams), and riparian areas
- Air quality management
- Proper handling and storage of petroleum, oil, lubricant, and other chemicals
- Management of waste
- Constructing, operating, and reclaiming borrow excavations
- Operating concrete batch plants
- Well impacts and requirements
- Recycling program
- » Monitoring and Inspection efforts consist of:
 - Self-Regulatory inspection program
 - Construction Monitoring
 - Post construction monitoring
- » Energy Conservation measures including the following:
 - Reusing and recycling of construction materials
 - Maximizing the use of local materials to reduce hauling
 - Carpooling of workers to and from the jobsite
 - Regular maintenance of equipment to ensure proper working order
 - Reducing energy consumption by turning off equipment and vehicles when not in use
 - Minimizing stops and delays by efficient routing of trucks to and from the jobsite and utilizing off-peak travel times to maximize fuel efficiency
 - Minimizing the need for artificial light by scheduling construction during daytime hours to the extent practicable
 - Maintenance of traffic control plan that minimizes lengthy detours or delays for motorists.
- » The Environmental Protection Training Plan educates non-administrative employees to:
 - Recognize the overall importance of environmental issues
 - Recognize environmental impacts as they relate to construction
 - Know what actions to take to minimize impacts
- » The Communication Plan provides contact information for the Environmental Manager, Superintendent, Project Engineer and Project Manager

Per the CEPP, the contractor has conducted the following activities:

- » Submitted for and posted TCEQ Notice of Intent (NOI) for stormwater discharges. The NOI and large construction site notices are posted on the Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity board in front of the field office to address accessibility concerns.
- » Implemented proper vegetation clearing practices including installing sediment and erosion control measures prior to beginning the clearing and grubbing work.

- » Minimized disturbance to aquatic resources during clearing and grubbing by installing silt fence between the construction site and watercourse to prevent sedimentation and equipment from encroaching on protected areas and installing temporary crossings to allow construction equipment to cross various tributary streams.
- » Focused on addressing several erosion control items identified in a March 2017 letter from TCEQ by installing additional rock filter dams, erosion control blankets, mulch, topsoil, and temporary seeding on back and side slopes as construction progressed and performing silt excavation downstream of areas where erosion control measures were previously inadequate.
- » Continues the maintenance and repair of erosion control measures throughout the jobsite to ensure continued TCEQ compliance and is focused on repairing and replacing measures due to the rains experienced in mid-December of 2017.
- » Reduced the amount of runoff at soil stockpile locations by reducing the grade of the stockpile side slopes.
- » Performed weekly inspections to ensure the measures are operating correctly.
- » Implemented the Environmental Protection Training Plan by providing staff access to the TxDOT Environmental Management System training website.
- » Avoided impacts to streams during construction until mitigation was secured.

APPENDIX A: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS (MAY 2018)



FIGURE 5: PROJECT AREA SOUTH OF IH 20

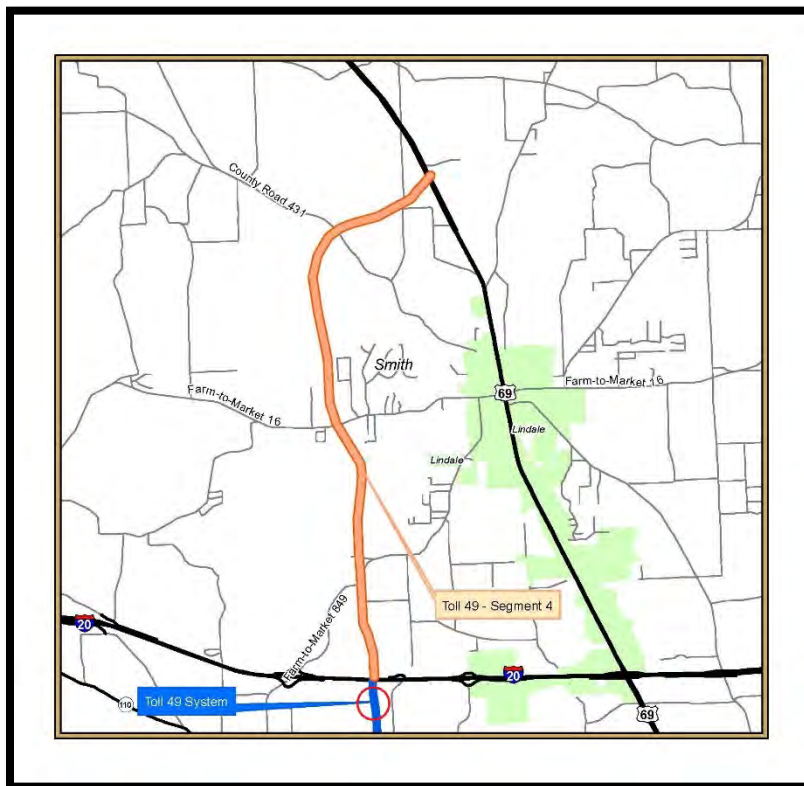




FIGURE 6: PROJECT AREA AT IH 20

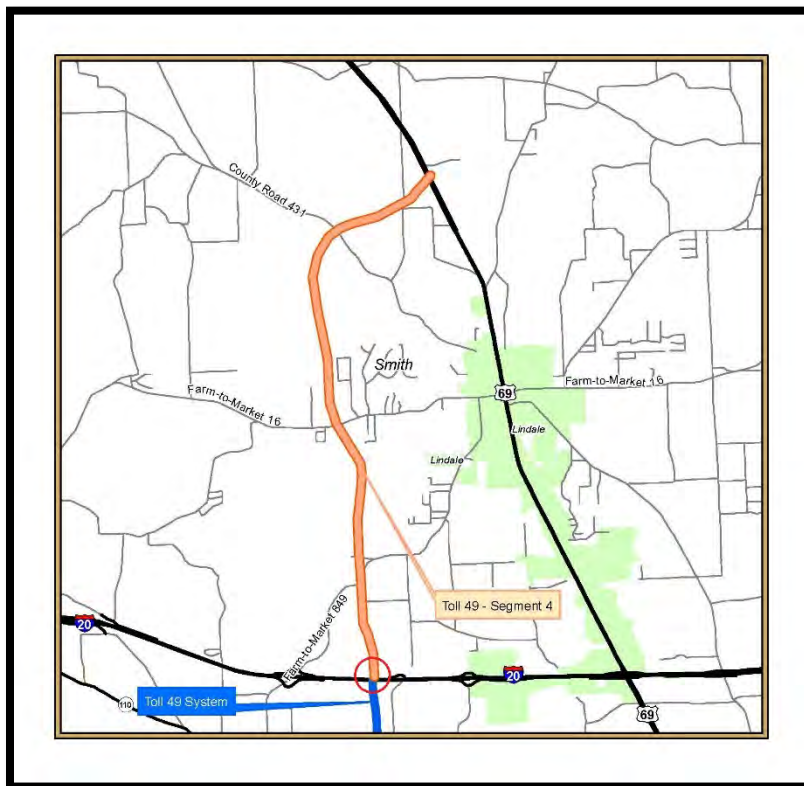




FIGURE 7: PROJECT AREA BETWEEN IH 20 AND FM 849

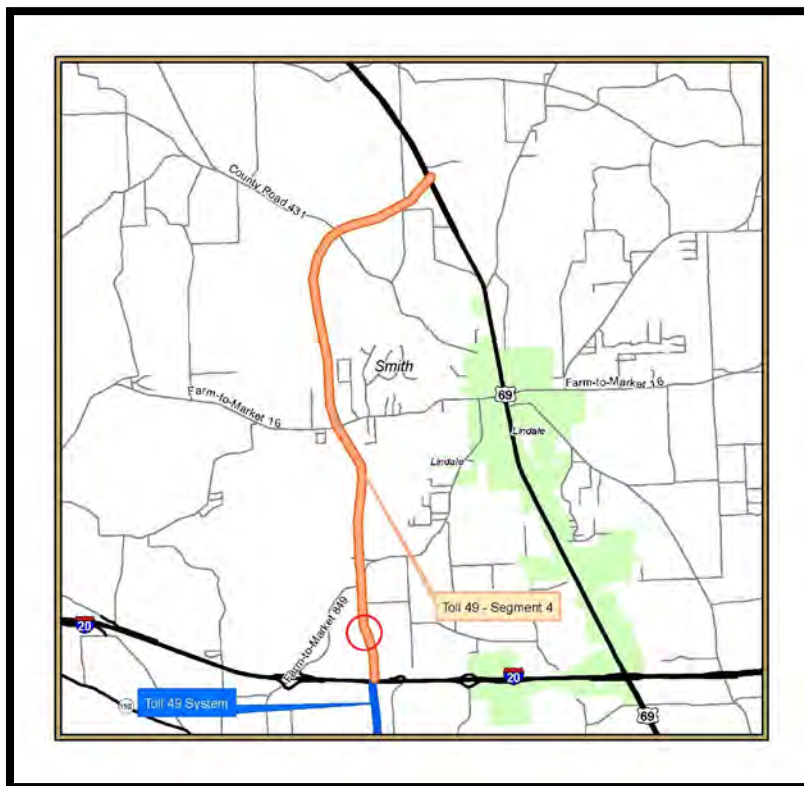




FIGURE 8: PROJECT AREA AT EXISTING FM 849





FIGURE 9: PROJECT AREA DAVIS BRANCH TRIBUTARY





FIGURE 10: PROJECT AREA DAVIS BRANCH





FIGURE 11: PROJECT AREA BETWEEN DAVIS BRANCH AND FM 16





FIGURE 12: PROJECT AREA AT FM 16





FIGURE 13: QUARRIES NORTH OF FM 16





FIGURE 14: PROJECT AREA NORTH OF THE FM 16 QUARRIES





FIGURE 15: PROJECT AREA BETWEEN FM 16 AND CR 341





FIGURE 16: PROJECT AREA SOUTH OF CR 431

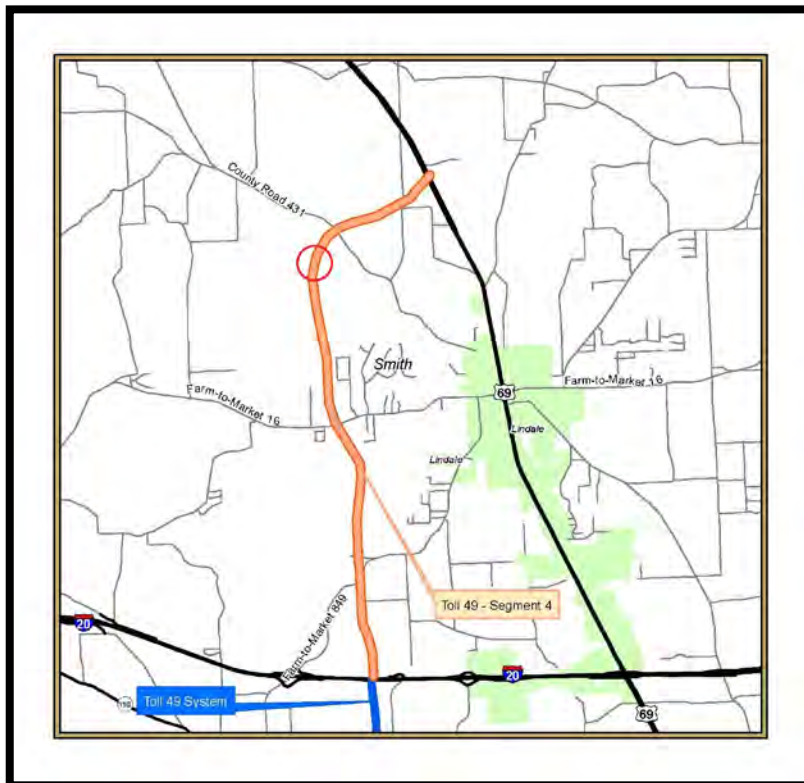




FIGURE 17: PROJECT AREA AT CR 431

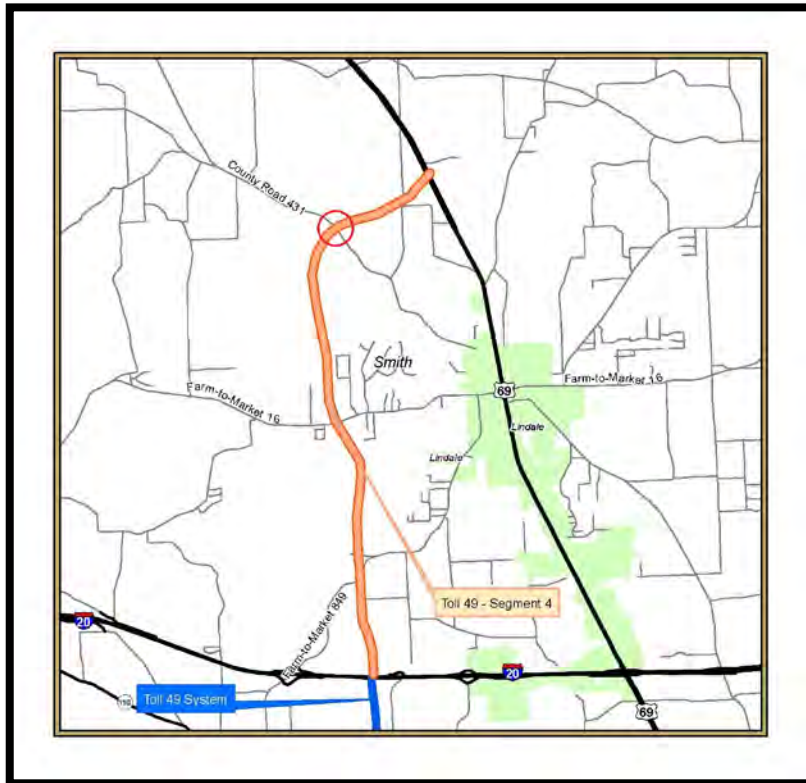




FIGURE 18: PROJECT AREA NORTH OF CR 431





FIGURE 19: PROJECT AREA AT CR 4118





FIGURE 20: PROJECT AREA AT US 69

