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Trans Texas Corridor Project Estimated At \$8 Billion

AUSTIN — Details of Cintra/Zachry's proposed contract to build the "Trans Texas Corridor" project have been made public by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Cintra, a Spanish firm, says the toll road part of the 50-year-long construction project will cost more than \$8 billion.

The Project Cost document, Chapter 4, has a chart showing that main lanes of the road will cost about \$5.8 million per mile, while frontage roads will come in at \$2.6 million per mile. "Fully Directional" interchanges will

set taxpayers back more than \$49 million each. Bridges will cost a little more than \$1.7 million per crossing.

Also budgeted is a line item for customer service and public relations, at \$30,360 per mile, per year.

Anyone who has a fast computer connection and plenty of time to read can go to the state agency's Web site and download the contract and related documents: 31 different files in all.

Plans include separate lanes for passenger vehicles and large

trucks, freight railways, high-speed commuter railways, and infrastructure for utilities including:

- water lines
• oil and gas pipelines, and
• transmission lines for electricity, broadband and other telecommunications services.

If the 600-odd mile highway project becomes a reality, drivers will have an alternative to Interstate 35, which runs from Laredo through San Antonio, Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth to the Oklahoma border.

There's also a high-speed rail component to the Trans Texas Corridor Project, and its cost is estimated at more than \$8 billion. Plans are for rail lines to connect San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth.

At public hearings around the state, opposition so far has been registered by land and other property owners along the proposed construction route, anti-tax groups and individuals and government watchdogs.

A final vote on the project is forthcoming.

AG rules on license scanning

The attorney general ruled there is no conflict in state laws about this: "before completing the sale of a product containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine, a business establishment that engages in those sales shall require the person making the purchase to display a driver's license and make a record of the sale ... including the number of grams purchased."

Those substances can be used in the manufacture of illegal methamphetamine.

State Sen. Leticia Van De Putte, D-San Antonio, asked Attorney General Greg Abbott to render the opinion.

Her Senate Bill 164, requiring the license scanning, was signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry in 2005.

Child support debit card debuts

Parents who receive child

support through the state's San Antonio child support disbursement office can use a credit-card style debit card instead of cashing a paper check.

The Attorney General's office said the cards are accepted at grocery stores and other retailers, and can be used to make cash withdrawals.

On-air debates scheduled

Candidates for governor will square off in Dallas on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in their only televised debate. The hourlong forum will be broadcast from the studios of KERA-TV. Broadcast rights are owned by Belo Corp., the owner of The Dallas Morning News.

Also, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, will meet challengers Barbara Ann Radnosky, Democrat, and Scott Jameson, Libertarian, in a debate on Oct. 19. The debate will be broadcast at 9 p.m. by PBS affiliate KLRN-TV San Antonio.

Lottery year was biggest yet

The Texas Lottery set a sales

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

record in the fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, bringing in \$3.7 billion.

Sales for all Texas Lottery products were up 3.1 percent over fiscal year 2005.

Anti-litter slogan wins top award

"Don't Mess With Texas" was voted America's top slogan Sept. 29 in a national competition that pitted it against such well-known jingles as Nike's "Just Do It" and Burger King's "Have It Your Way."



Happy 2nd Birthday!

Laci

Oct. 6, 2006

Love,

Mom & Masey

To the greatest mother, Thank you for always being there for us. You are so wonderful! We Love You!!

Kristi, Sammi, Kandi, Stefani & Grandchildren

Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1982

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital number changed to 979-234-5571...

Kristin Tillman and Richie Torres were winners in the Frisbee Contest held at Eagle Lake Primary School...

Mrs. John Chumney was honored on her 90th birthday with a luncheon at the United Methodist Church on Oct. 3...

George Moreno, son of Juan and Irene Moreno of Eagle Lake participated in two major NATO exercises. He is a member of the Brigade Service Support Group 4, 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina...

Cori Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Gertson celebrated her first birthday at a

family dinner at the home of her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake...

Friends in the community joined in extending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson and children who have moved to Bridgeport. Jesse was an employee of Gifford-Hill and Co., Inc. here and was transferred to the location in Bridgeport...

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Luedeck hosted a delicious barbeque meal with all the trimmings on Oct. 3 at their home on the occasion of Mr. Luedeck's birthday, which is actually Oct. 1...

At a recent function in St. Mary's Church at Nada, the 4th degree Knights of Columbus donated a chalice to Mrs. Anna Lou Kasmiersky in memory of her deceased father, Sir Knight

Alois J. Kremlin. In turn Mrs. Kamiersky donated the memorial chalice to Msgr. Victor G. Schmidtzyk whose ordinance chalice was melted down in a fire that destroyed St. Andrew's Church in North Pleasanton, Texas...

Kathy A. Frazar, daughter of Joe and Bunny Frazar of Eagle Lake was named to the 1982 dean's list at the University of Texas...

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith of Eagle Lake announced the birth of a son, Jason Travis, born Oct. 4 in Galveston...

Jerry Fajkus of Eagle Lake won Best of Show honors in the Junior Youth Division of the Western Arts class at the Colorado County Fair...

The Richard Englishes of

Eagle Lake announced the birth of their 10th grandchild, Barbara Francine Cooper. She was born at Lavaca Medical Center in Hallettsville...

Funeral services were held Oct. 4 for Mrs. Gerri Sue Anderson former resident of Eagle Lake...

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schunka announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kayla Dixie-Rae, born Oct. 4 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

The Business Club officers for 1982-83 are Ronny Cook, president; Andy Gertson, vice-president; Leslie Harrison, recording-secretary; Becky Bengel, corresponding secretary; Stephen Mahalite, treasurer; Karen Schneider, reporter; and Mary Leopold, historian.

Tooth Decay-An Infectious Disease?

Although it's not well known, the fact is that the bacteria that causes tooth decay can be spread from parent to child.

Children do not have the bacteria at birth, but can acquire it from a parent or primary caregiver through kissing, shared utensils, "cleaning" the pacifier in the mouth, etc.

The most likely time for the bacteria to spread is estimated to be between 6 and 36 months of age.

To avoid infecting your child, don't share things that have been in your mouth and take care of your own teeth to reduce the risk.

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Ag Dept. Earmarks Fund For Disadvantaged

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds - assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Tim Respondek, Farm Loan Manager for Colorado County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities.

FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment.

They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinance debt.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of five and three fourths percent.

Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of five and five eighths percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said Respondek.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss.

The guaranteed loan program

includes both operating and real estate loan programs.

If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a private lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at five percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval.

Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or

operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said Respondek.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact the Austin County FSA office at 979-865-3138 or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

Check Us Out Online at www.eaglelakeheadlight.com

The Rice Fair Fund would like to thank everyone who purchased drawing tickets and to our prize donors!

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25.00-Pat Wishert • 25.00 Angelina Vargus Dressed Goat-Alfreds Produce • 25.00-Cleve Scott 18 Holes of Golf-Phillip Huvar • 50.00-Alice Hinze 25.00-Sharon Hughes • 1# Wildseed-Frank Brosche Texas Flag-Cinda Donovan • 50.00-Mary Valcher 25.00-Michael Lanier • 1yr subscription to Headlight-Jane Salinas 1# Wildseed-David Balen • A/C cleaning-Trent Rollins 100.00 Ashley Rollins • 25.00-Barbara Rutowsky • 25.00-Brooke Popp 25.00-Bill Nichols • 100.00-Dory Smidovec • 250.00-Raymond Leal

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