

## **Haul Route Agreement**

THIS HAUL ROUTE AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day of by and between Hopkins County. Texas("County"), and Plains Pipeline, L.P. ("Plains").

WHEREAS, Plains plans to use County Roads in transporting items related to the construction of its proposed pipeline project, including but not limited to products, equipment, materials, and/or supplies over County Roads; and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for constructing, altering, improving, and maintaining County Roads under the supervision and direction of the County Commissioners and/or the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the County and Plains anticipate that as a result of Plains's use of County Roads, accelerated deterioration may occur. Thus, repairs or improvements may be required and additional maintenance expenses may be incurred by the County as a result of Plains's activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

#### I. PURPOSE:

This Haul Route Agreement shall govern Plains's responsibilities for use of any Haul Road during Plains's construction of its proposed pipeline to the extent Plains's hauling operations cause accelerated deterioration of County Roads. These hauling operations shall only apply to Plains, its employees, its contractors, or authorized designees thereof.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions and terms shall apply to the entirety of this Agreement:

- a. <u>Additional Maintenance</u>. "Additional Maintenance" means grading, reshaping, repair, and/or modification that must be performed on County roads in excess of the usual and customary maintenance operations performed as routine maintenance by the County.
- b. <u>County Road(s).</u> "County Road" means a street, road, or other public way, including shoulders, designated for the purpose of vehicular traffic and under the jurisdiction of the County.
- Haul Road. "Haul Road" means any County road, bridge, or other structure
  which is used for transporting items including, but not limited to

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products, equipment, materials, and/or supplies and as a result incurs deterioration.

- <u>d.</u> Haul Route. "Haul Route" means the system of haul roads between a source site and the destination and/or the source site and the nearest major intersection as determined by the County.
- <u>e. Improvements.</u> "Improvements" mean roadway improvements, including but not limited to widening or modification of roadway approaches to accommodate transport vehicles, required by the County Commissioner because of Plains's anticipated use of the County Roads as a Haul Road.

### 3. GENERAL AGREEMENT AS TO ROAD USE:

- a. Plains understands and agrees that, although the Haul Roads covered by this Agreement are County Roads and arc subject to normal traffic use, Plains, by virtue of its use of the County Roads as a Haul Route, assumes responsibility for Additional Maintenance on such County Roads resulting from its use of such County Roads as a Haul Route. Under no circumstances will Plains be responsible or liable for any accident, injury, tort, or other theory of liability to any third party solely by virtue of this Agreement. Furthermore, no third party beneficiary may claim or assert any benefit or right, either directly or indirectly, by or through this Agreement. The County agrees that this Agreement does not alter or in any way or otherwise shift responsibility for ensuring the safety of the County Roads from the County to Plains.
- b. Plains agrees to enlist a third-party consultant to conduct a preconstruction assessment of County Roads to determine their suitability as a potential Haul Road. County representatives will be asked to participate in the assessment. At a minimum, the consultant will conduct the following (hereafter "Pre-Construction Assessment"):
  - Video the existing roads to document pre-construction conditions
  - Document gravel depth
  - Document cross slope or crown
  - Document weight restrictions
  - Document pavement thickness
  - Capture existing pavement distresses or fatigue.
- c. The County, Plains, and the consultant will participate in a preconstruction roads assessment to ensure the acceptability of the road condition. The County thereafter will (i) advise Plains whether Plains's desired use of a County Road will be permitted as a Haul Road, and (ii) advise Plains of any Improvements that would be required for Plains to utilize a County Road as a Haul Road.
- d. Once Plains has ceased using the Haul Roads for the purposes stated herein, Plains shall notify the County, and the County, within 30 days thereafter, shall

- 0 2 5 notify Plains of any Additional Maintenance that the County asserts is the obligation of Plains. Plains agrees that if the Haul Roads are damaged because of Plains's use of the Haul Roads, Plains will restore the Haul Roads to at least as good a condition as existed prior to Plains's use of the Haul Roads. Damage, if any, will be determined by comparing the Pre-Construction Assessment to the condition following Plains's use of the Haul Roads.
  - e. The County hereby agrees to Plains's use of the Haul Roads covered by this Agreement subject to the conditions contained herein. Plains shall be responsible for obtaining any other permits or licenses which the County or any other governmental entity may require to operate or move its vehicles on County Roads. This Agreement shall not serve to relieve any operator of a Plains vehicle from complying with applicable speed limits, weight restrictions, or other posted restrictions.
  - f. Any Improvements of the Haul Roads necessitated by Plains's operations and agreed upon by the Parties pursuant to Section 3(c) above, shall be considered incidental to the hauling performed, and shall be made at Plains's sole expense unless otherwise authorized in addendum to this Agreement. Any such Improvement shall be authorized by County permit.

#### 4. GENERAL TERMS:

a. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Plains shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

## **b.** Severability

If any portion of this Agreement is held invalid it shall have no effect upon the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

# Scope and Construction of Terms

The definitions in this Agreement shall control the meaning of terms used herein. Where no definition is expressly stated herein, a term shall have that meaning clearly indicated by, or reasonably implied from, the context in which such term is used.

#### d. Notification

All notices and oral or written communications relating to this agreement may be forwarded to:

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On behalf of the County:	
Beth Wisenbarre Office: 903-438-4031	Ceri: 903-348-1614
Danny Evans	
Office: 903-438-4034	A CE
On behalf of Plains Pipeline, L.P.:	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties her hereinabove written.	reto executed this Haul Route Agreement as of the first date
Plains Pipeline, L.P. by its agent Universal Field Service	County
Signed:	Signed: What
Name:	Name: Dert Newson
Title:	Title: County Judge
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Signed:	
Name:	
Title:	