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The Honorable Gregg Abbott Attorney General of the State of Texas

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Dear General Abbott:

Please accept this letter as my request for an Attorney General Opinion regarding the use of county bond money to build, maintain, or improve city streets. The question at hand is whether or not the ruling in City of Breckenridge v. Stephens County, 40 S.W. 2d, 43-44 (Tex. 1931) and Tex. Atty. Gen. Opinion JC-0036 (199) require that in order to be eligible for the use of Article 3, 52 (b) and (c) County Road Bonds the street must both begin or end at the county road and/or state highway or does it mean that only one end of the city street must begin at a county road or state highway regardless of where it ends.

I have attached detailed information on the issue that is being addressed. Cities within Galveston County believe that they qualify for county bond money under Art. III 52 (b) and (c) of the Texas Constitution. The county believes that this may not be accurate based on the City of Breckenridge v. Stephens County is 1931. The county will be holding a bond election in November 2007 so an expedited opinion would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions. Jason Damen, in my office, is assisting me with this matter and will help in any way necessary.

Thank you in advance for your attention to the this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Jackson State Senator

Enclosure

