

Pending the outcome of a Nov. 4 road district election, Waterstone will pay for widening portions of FM 1460 - plus adding arterial streets - and recoup its money through future assessments on retail and residential development.

What's next?

Although Round Rock and Williamson County officials are smiling at their unexpected good fortune, they stressed money is still needed for widening all of FM 1460, not just the two-mile piece that goes from Highway 79 to Old Settlers Boulevard.

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On the far-northern end of 1460, Georgetown will at some point be widening the road from where it intersects Business 81 to Westinghouse Road.

That still leaves the portion of FM 1460 from Old Settlers Boulevard to University Boulevard.

McGraw said Round Rock will work with TxDOT, Williamson County and Waterstone to ensure what's being called "Phase Two" is planned and begun as soon as possible.

"We still have work to do to secure funding for Phase Two of this project and I look forward to sitting down with our partners to get it done in a timely manner," McGraw said. "The medical and nursing schools are scheduled to open next fall, so fast-tracking the second phase of the project is of utmost importance to the region."

Morrison also praised ongoing cooperation and anticipated future cooperation.

"The days of a project coming to fruition without multiple players is almost history," he said. "Just a few years ago it was unheard of for county and city to join forces to rebuild a state highway."

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