

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DALLAS County

MINUTE ORDER

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Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity that provides for the design, construction, financing, maintenance, or operation of a toll project on the state highway system.

On August 11, 2005, the department received an unsolicited proposal received from the DFW Southern Gateway Consortium, a consortium established by AECOM Enterprises, to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain tolled main lanes along an extension of SH 161 from SH 183, south to I-20 through the Cities of Irving and Grand Prairie. The project would be located within the existing right of way and inside the frontage roads currently under construction.

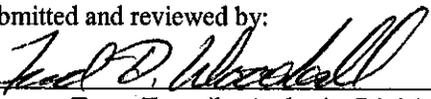
Section 223.203, Transportation Code prescribes requirements for an unsolicited proposal and requires the department, if a decision is made to further evaluate the unsolicited proposal, to publish a request for competing proposals and qualifications in the Texas Register that includes the criteria that will be used to evaluate the original proposal and any competing proposals, the relative weight given to the criteria, and a deadline by which the competing proposals must be received.

Development of the project would be beneficial to the department in responding to growing traffic congestion in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, particularly along the SH 161 corridor. There exists the potential for expediting the completion of this project through the development of a public-private partnership and the employment of innovative methods such as those described in the unsolicited proposal.

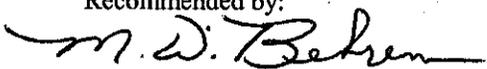
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) that the department is authorized and directed to publish in the Texas Register and in one or more newspapers of general circulation, a request for competing proposals and qualifications for the development of the proposed toll project to extend SH 161 from SH 183 to I-20 through the Cities of Irving and Grand Prairie.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request include a notification to interested parties that the department intends to evaluate the proposal submitted by DFW Southern Gateway Consortium, and that the department will accept for simultaneous consideration any competing proposals and qualifications responsive to the request that are received within 90 days of the date the request is published in the Texas Register.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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