

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BEXAR County

MINUTE ORDER

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In Minute Order 109523, dated December 18, 2003, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized the creation of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (AlamoRMA), formerly known as the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority, with the boundaries of the authority to be the entire geographic area of Bexar County, Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) and the AlamoRMA have worked together to identify an approach to provide for the funding and development of certain transportation system improvements within the jurisdictional limits of the AlamoRMA.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan of the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Statewide Mobility Plan identify several projects within the jurisdictional limits of the AlamoRMA to be developed as toll projects, including I-35 near the Bexar/Guadalupe County line to IH 37 in the San Antonio Central Business District; SH 16 from I-410 to Loop 1604 North; and the US 281/Wurzbach Parkway Interchange (collectively "projects").

In correspondence dated September 19, 2005, AlamoRMA requested that it be permitted to assume development authority for the projects. Such authority would include the assessment of the financial feasibility of the projects, and if feasible the planning, financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the projects by the AlamoRMA.

AlamoRMA would be provided a license to use or lease of state-owned right of way to construct and operate AlamoRMA toll projects on state-owned right of way with minimal impacts to the existing roadways. The projects would involve the expansion of existing highways or construction on new location. The nontoll alternatives will provide an equivalent or greater number of nontolled lanes than currently exist. The nontolled portion of the projects would remain under the jurisdiction of the department. The AlamoRMA proposal would provide leveraged funding for the expeditious financing and construction of the projects, including the proceeds of toll project revenue bonds issued by the AlamoRMA or other funding provided by the private sector.

The construction of these projects is of significant importance to mobility in the San Antonio metropolitan area and within the jurisdictional limits of the AlamoRMA. The commission recognizes that innovative financing methods, including tolls, are an effective means of maximizing the use of limited available resources, without compromising the quality of Texas' transportation system. The commission encourages the development of partnerships (particularly with regional mobility authorities) and the employment of innovative methods to finance and construct needed transportation improvements.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director is authorized to negotiate and develop an agreement with the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority for the planning, financing, and potential design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the projects by the AlamoRMA, including the license or lease of state-owned

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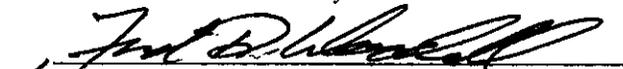
right of way to the AlamoRMA for the purpose of developing these potential AlamoRMA toll projects.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executive director is directed to present the agreement to the commission for its future consideration.

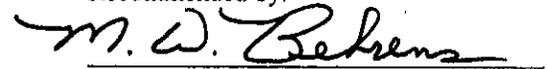
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order does not constitute compliance with any requirements relating to the transfer of the projects, if applicable, or approval of the transfer of the projects.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the AlamoRMA develop a work plan to secure professional services necessary to hold public meetings and public hearings, to conduct appropriate studies, and to complete schematic designs necessary to construct the projects as toll projects, and to present the work plan for approval to the San Antonio District Engineer no later than January 2006.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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