

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAMERON County

MINUTE ORDER

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Pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §15.3, revisions to metropolitan planning area boundaries must be approved by the governor or the governor's designee. The governor and the Texas Department of Transportation (department) must be provided documentation and the rationale supporting any recommended boundary change.

In accordance with Title 23, CFR §450.308, a metropolitan planning area boundary shall, as a minimum, cover the urbanized area and the contiguous geographic area(s) likely to become urbanized within the 20-year forecast period covered by the metropolitan transportation plan.

The United States Census Bureau recently provided information which impacts the Brownsville urbanized area. The Adjusted 2000 Urbanized Area Boundary for the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) increased the size of the current metropolitan planning area boundary.

On June 8, 2005, the Brownsville MPO Policy Committee approved the adjusted metropolitan area boundary to match the location of the 2000 Urbanized Area Boundary.

On October 4, 2005, Governor Perry delegated authority to the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to approve metropolitan planning area boundary changes.

The commission has reviewed and accepted the documentation and rationale supporting the metropolitan planning area boundary changes provided by the Brownsville MPO.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the proposed Brownsville MPO metropolitan area boundary changes are hereby approved in accordance with the U.S. Census Bureau Adjusted 2000 Urbanized Area Boundary as shown in Exhibit A.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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