

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) previously adopted rules, codified in 43 TAC §15.55, establishing local government cost participation requirements for the state highway improvement projects. Existing §15.55(b) describes how the commission will implement Transportation Code, §222.053(c). House Bill 1107, 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, amended Transportation Code §222.053 to:

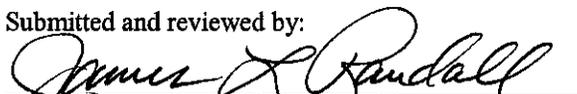
- (1) require the commission to certify a county as an economically disadvantaged county on an annual basis as soon as possible after the comptroller reports on the economic indicators listed under Transportation Code, §222.053(a);
- (2) require the commission to determine whether to make an adjustment at the time the local government submits a proposal for a project; and
- (3) authorize the commission to delegate any of its powers under Transportation Code, §222.053, to the Texas Department of Transportation's executive director or the director's designee.

The Comptroller's office has provided the data needed to determine the counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program for 2006. The counties efforts and ability to provide a local match has been considered in determining the adjustment for each county, using the criteria in 43 TAC §15.55(b) (2). Exhibit A shows the list of 2006 eligible counties and their local match adjustment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the 2006 list of eligible counties for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program is certified and the local match adjustment for each county is established.

The executive director is directed to take the necessary steps to implement the actions as ordered in this minute order, pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
Director, Transportation Planning  
and Programming Division

Recommended by:

  
Executive Director

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# EXHIBIT A

## Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2006

FY 2006 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Atascosa	43
Bastrop	34
Bee	41
Bosque	15
Brooks	46
Caldwell	35
Cameron	37
Cass	26
Coleman	36
Coryell	23
Culberson	62
Dawson	38
Deaf Smith	25
Dimmit	59
Duval	64
Ector	22
El Paso	25
Fannin	36
Foard	44
Frio	19
Grayson	19
Grimes	36
Hale	19
Hardeman	24
Henderson	19
Hidalgo	52
Hill	28
Hudspeth	50
Jasper	24
Jim Hogg	51
Jim Wells	36
Kinney	48
Kleberg	37

FY 2006 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Lamar	36
Lamb	21
La Salle	53
Leon	15
Liberty	25
Marion	37
Matagorda	14
Maverick	48
Milam	23
Montague	22
Morris	15
Navarro	32
Newton	43
Presidio	54
Rains	41
Red River	41
Reeves	36
Robertson	22
Sabine	17
San Augustine	34
San Patricio	25
Shelby	24
Starr	64
Stephens	24
Trinity	27
Tyler	32
Upshur	30
Uvalde	25
Val Verde	29
Waller	25
Webb	42
Willacy	47
Zavala	64

Cities within an Economically Disadvantaged County will receive higher percentage adjustments beyond their respective county's adjustment under two conditions: 1) a local economic development sales tax (5%); and/or 2) their population is less than 5,000 (up to 5%).