

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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The UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) of the Texas Department of Transportation (department) is a 10-year plan that authorizes project planning and development, and is submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for approval on an annual basis.

To align the UTP with the simplified budget strategies outlined in the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan, the department has divided the UTP into two documents: The Statewide Mobility Program (SMP) and the Statewide Preservation Program (SPP). The SMP is part of the Build It operational category and contains all of the department's funding categories which enhance the transportation system.

Transportation Code, §201.103 requires the commission to plan and make policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads.

Transportation Code, §203.002 requires the commission to lay out, construct, maintain, and operate a modern state highway system, with emphasis on the construction of controlled access highways, and to plan for future highways.

Pursuant to Transportation Code, §201.602, the department conducted a public hearing on November 17, 2005, to receive testimony concerning the highway project selection process and the relative importance of the various criteria which the commission uses for project selection decisions. Minute Order 110392, dated January 26, 2006, approved the project selection process.

Pursuant to Transportation Code, §21.108, the commission, with the advice of the Aviation Advisory Committee, prepares a multiyear aviation facilities capital improvement program. Exhibit I contains project information from the 2007-2009 Aviation Capital Improvement Program, as recommended by the Aviation Advisory Committee at its September 29, 2006 meeting and is being simultaneously approved with the 2007 SMP.

Exhibit J, Public Transportation contains information on transit programs. Actual transit program allocations and grant recipients will be approved by future minute orders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the 2007 SMP as shown in the following exhibits is hereby approved. It is understood that all previously approved projects with CONSTRUCT authority will retain this authority in the 2007 SMP.

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| Exhibit A | Highway Construction Funding Policy and Restrictions |
| Exhibit B | Allocation Program Amounts for Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, Category 7 - Metropolitan Mobility/Rehabilitation, Category 9 - Safety Rest Area Program, Category 10 - Supplemental Transportation Projects and Category 11 - District Discretionary |
| Exhibit C | Category 2 - Metropolitan Area Corridor Projects |
| Exhibit D | Category 3 - Urban Area Corridor Projects |
| Exhibit E | Category 4 - Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects |

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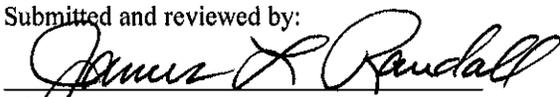
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Exhibit F Category 10 - Supplemental Transportation Projects – Congressional High
Priority Projects
Exhibit G Category 12 - Strategic Priority
Exhibit H Category 12 - Strategic Priority Pass-Through Toll Projects
Exhibit I Aviation Capital Improvement Program
Exhibit J Public Transportation

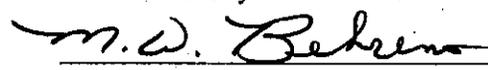
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The executive director is hereby authorized to develop the projects listed in the exhibits to the level of authority indicated for each project to include any necessary agreements, right of way acquisitions, utility adjustments, and relocation assistance, subject to the policies of the department and all applicable federal and state laws governing the acquisition of real property.
2. Pursuant to Transportation Code, §222.052, the commission may accept financial contributions from political subdivisions of the state for development of projects in the 2007 SMP.
3. The 2007-2009 Aviation Capital Improvement Program, as recommended by the Aviation Advisory Committee at its September 29, 2006 meeting is being simultaneously approved with the 2007 SMP. The executive director is hereby authorized to proceed with the development of these projects to include any necessary agreements.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Transportation Planning
and Programming Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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