

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

Section 222.053, Transportation Code defines an "economically disadvantaged county" as a county that has, in comparison to other counties in the state: (1) below average per capita taxable property value; (2) below average per capita income; and (3) above average unemployment.

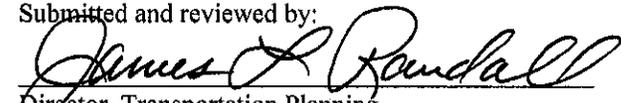
Section 222.053 directs the Texas Transportation Commission (commission), when evaluating a proposal for a highway project in a political subdivision that consists of all or a portion of an economically disadvantaged county, to adjust the minimum local matching funds requirement after evaluating the political subdivision's effort and ability to meet the requirement. The commission is also required 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 above.

43 TAC §15.55 establishes the criteria that the commission will consider in determining the adjustment to the local matching funds requirement and a local government's effort and ability to meet the requirement.

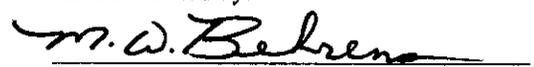
The Comptroller of Public Accounts has provided the data needed to determine the counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program for 2007. The counties' efforts and ability to provide a local match has been considered using the criteria set forth 43 TAC §15.55. Exhibit A lists the eligible counties and their respective recommended local match adjustments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 2007 list of counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program, as shown in Exhibit A, is certified and the local match adjustment for each county is established.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Transportation Planning
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Recommended by:


Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2007

FY 2007 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Anderson	59
Bee	23
Briscoe	31
Brooks	26
Caldwell	25
Cameron	16
Cass	20
Concho	24
Coryell	15
Dawson	30
Delta	42
Dickens	15
Dimmit	37
Duval	52
Ector	19
El Paso	18
Falls	38
Fannin	25
Foard	42
Frio	33
Grayson	17
Grimes	21
Hale	16
Hall	26
Henderson	17
Hidalgo	28
Hill	22
Houston	15
Howard	21
Hudspeth	29
Hunt	24
Jackson	21
Jasper	22

FY 2007 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Jim Wells	33
Jones	28
Karnes	37
Kinney	35
Lamar	31
Lamb	15
La Salle	31
Leon	15
Liberty	22
Madison	24
Marion	20
Matagorda	15
Maverick	17
Mitchell	28
Navarro	26
Newton	26
Presidio	29
Red River	27
Reeves	15
Sabine	15
San Augustine	24
San Jacinto	27
San Patricio	21
Shelby	19
Starr	28
Trinity	19
Tyler	23
Uvalde	15
Val Verde	18
Waller	24
Webb	22
Willacy	28
Zavala	33

Cities within an Economically Disadvantaged County may receive higher percentage adjustments beyond their respective county's adjustment under two conditions: if they have a local economic development sales tax and their population is less than 5000. An adjustment can not exceed 95% or be less than 15%.