

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ALL Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) takes special note of its designation by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program, "Formula Grant Program for Areas Other than Urbanized" (49 U.S.C. §5311), in a letter dated June 13, 2002; and further acknowledges that federal program regulations require the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to ensure that these grant funds are distributed fairly and equitably within the state.

The commission on January 26, 2006, approved Minute Order 110378, which awarded the FY 2006 federal §5311 program funds to the nonurbanized areas of the state in accordance with formula provisions of 43 Texas Administrative Code §31.36. Minute Order 110378 included setting aside an amount of \$10,254,574 as commission discretionary funds.

The commission now desires to award \$7 million of the set-aside discretionary funds to nonurbanized (rural) operators to assist with the provision of public transit services. Fifty percent of the funds (\$3.5 million) will be awarded to all rural transit districts in accordance with the formula provisions of need and performance. The remaining 50 percent (\$3.5 million) will be awarded to those rural transit districts whose need and performance indicates that they should receive a higher level of funding than the current formula makes available.

It is the intent of the commission that these funds be used by the providers in providing an increased level of sustainable public transportation.

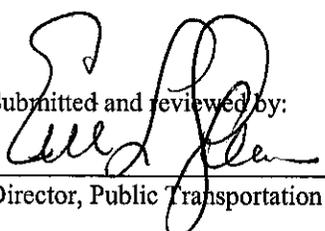
Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

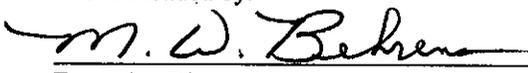
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the allocations as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to FTA, and enter into the necessary contracts in accordance with the priorities established in this minute order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to issue contracts in accordance with the priorities established in this minute order.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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Minute Number Date Passed

EXHIBIT A

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL §5311 FUNDS TO RURAL TRANSIT OPERATORS

<u>Rural Transit District</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$629,824
ArkTex Council of Governments	385,038
Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	91,700
Bee Community Action Agency	107,946
Brazos Transit District	365,379
Capital Area Rural Transportation System	316,447
Caprock Community Action Association, Inc.	64,656
Central Texas Rural Transit District	213,066
Cleburne, City of	108,724
Collin County Committee on Aging	80,640
Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.	70,315
Community Action Council of South Texas	126,433
Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc.	172,144
Community Service, Inc.	176,009
Concho Valley Rural Transit District	171,500
Del Rio, City of	34,818
East Texas Council of Governments	401,946
El Paso, County of	76,861
Fort Bend County	32,256
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	327,667
Gulf Coast Center	105,920
Heart of Texas Council of Governments	331,735
Hill Country Transit District	263,303
Kaufman Area Rural Transportation	91,995
Kleberg County Human Services	74,690
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	63,077
Panhandle Community Services, Inc.	477,433
Public Transit Services	127,944
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	93,218
Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.	100,148
Senior Center Resources and Public Transit, Inc.	74,529
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	204,942
SPAN, Inc.	38,430
South Padre Island, Town of	102,612
South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	203,181
Texoma Area Paratransit System, Inc.	235,255
The Transit System, Inc.	44,590
Webb County Community Action Agency	36,981
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	376,648
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