TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

HARRIS AND MONTGOMERY Counties **MINUTE ORDER**

HOUSTON District

In HARRIS and MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, STATE HIGHWAY 249, Segment 1, from Beltway 8 to north of Spring Cypress Road, a distance of approximately eight miles is currently a six- to eight-lane, non-tolled expressway section with two, 3-lane continuous frontage roads. SH 249, Segment 2, from north of Spring Cypress Road to FM 1774 in Pinehurst, a distance of approximately 11 miles, is currently a two- or three-lane, discontinuous, one-way frontage-road section. Currently under construction is the Tomball Bypass, with two, three-lane frontage roads which is a section of Segment 2 of SH 249 from Willow Creek to Brown Road, a distance of approximately three miles.

The proposed section in Segment 2 will consist of a controlled-access facility with six-tolled mainlanes including the mainlanes of the Tomball Bypass. The six tolled mainlanes will be constructed in the wide median between the existing frontage roads and the frontage roads under construction.

Transportation Code, §228.051 provides that the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) by order may designate one or more lanes of a segment of the state highway system as a toll project or system.

Transportation Code, §203.003 authorizes the commission to layout, construct, maintain, and operate a designated state highway, with control of access as necessary to facilitate the flow of traffic and promote the public safety and welfare.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the mainlanes on Segment 2 of SH 249 from north of Spring Cypress Road to FM 1774 in Pinehurst including the mainlanes of the Tomball Bypass, a distance of approximately 11 miles, are designated as a toll project on the state highway system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that SH 249 from north of Spring Cypress Road to FM 1774 in Pinehurst, including the mainlanes of the Tomball Bypass, is designated as a controlled-access facility for the purpose of development, maintenance and operation.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division

Recommended by:

Executive Director

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