

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARION AND MATAGORDA Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ATLANTA AND YOAKUM 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 commission certified the 2008 list of counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program by Minute Order 111080, dated September 27, 2007.

On November 11, 2007, the Comptroller of Public Accounts provided additional data that indicated Marion and Matagorda counties would be eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program for 2008. The counties’ efforts and ability to provide a local match has been considered using the criteria set forth in 43 TAC §15.55. Exhibit A lists the eligible counties and their respective recommended local match adjustments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the 2008 list of counties eligible for the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program, as amended to include Marion and Matagorda counties and shown in Exhibit A, is certified and the local match adjustment for each county is established.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Recommended by:

Director, Transportation Planning
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Executive Director

Minute Date
Number Passed

EXHIBIT A

Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2008

FY 2008 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
<i>Anderson</i>	61
<i>Atascosa</i>	73
<i>Bailey</i>	58
<i>Bee</i>	71
<i>Briscoe</i>	53
<i>Brooks</i>	48
<i>Caldwell</i>	63
<i>Cameron</i>	66
<i>Cass</i>	51
<i>Cherokee</i>	54
<i>Childress</i>	66
<i>Coke</i>	58
<i>Concho</i>	65
<i>Coryell</i>	47
<i>Dawson</i>	61
<i>Delta</i>	78
<i>Dimmit</i>	83
<i>Duval</i>	83
<i>El Paso</i>	53
<i>Falls</i>	84
<i>Fannin</i>	59
<i>Frio</i>	82
<i>Grimes</i>	50
<i>Hale</i>	48
<i>Hall</i>	65
<i>Henderson</i>	42
<i>Hidalgo</i>	82
<i>Hill</i>	54
<i>Houston</i>	45
<i>Howard</i>	51
<i>Hudspeth</i>	65
<i>Jasper</i>	55
<i>Jim Wells</i>	74

FY 2008 Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
<i>Jones</i>	65
<i>Karnes</i>	88
<i>Kinney</i>	69
<i>Lamar</i>	57
<i>La Salle</i>	57
<i>Leon</i>	26
<i>Madison</i>	66
<i>Marion</i>	55
<i>Matagorda</i>	30
<i>Maverick</i>	82
<i>Mitchell</i>	71
<i>Nacogdoches</i>	53
<i>Navarro</i>	59
<i>Newton</i>	68
<i>Presidio</i>	88
<i>Rains</i>	60
<i>Red River</i>	68
<i>Reeves</i>	55
<i>Rusk</i>	33
<i>Sabine</i>	40
<i>San Augustine</i>	63
<i>San Jacinto</i>	56
<i>San Patricio</i>	46
<i>Shelby</i>	47
<i>Starr</i>	90
<i>Trinity</i>	58
<i>Tyler</i>	58
<i>Uvalde</i>	50
<i>Val Verde</i>	55
<i>Walker</i>	73
<i>Webb</i>	62
<i>Willacy</i>	82
<i>Wood</i>	48
<i>Zavala</i>	91

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%.