

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 administrating 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 October 4, 2005; 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 (rural) areas of the state in accordance with formula provisions of 43 Texas Administrative Code §31.36. Minute Order 110378 included setting aside an amount for commission discretionary funds.

Additionally, the commission on January 25, 2001, approved Minute Order 108412, which authorized flexible federal funding of \$5 million annually for fiscal years 2001–2004 (\$20 million) to purchase replacement vehicles for small urban and rural transit systems. Project savings realized under the awards to urban systems financed with the flexible funding above have resulted with a balance of unobligated funds.

The commission on December 14, 2006, approved Minute Order 110771, expressing its intent to make available Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) that support regional coordination to include fleet replacement not to exceed an estimated \$12.5 million.

The commission now desires to award funds to rural and urban systems with applicable TDCs, as listed in Exhibit A, to purchase replacement transit vehicles. Should further funds become available as a result of project savings or deobligations, these funds may be made available to transit agencies also listed on the respective contingency lists identified in Exhibit A.

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 applications to FTA and enter into the necessary contracts in accordance with the priorities established in this minute order.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Recommended by:

Director, Public Transportation Division

Executive Director

Minute Number Date Passed

**EXHIBIT A
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO RURAL TRANSIT OPERATORS**

Rural Transit Operator	Amount	Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)
Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$180,000	\$36,867
ArkTex Council of Governments	138,000	28,265
Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	39,000	7,988
Bee Community Action Agency	78,000	15,976
Capital Area Rural Transportation System	284,000	58,169
Caprock Community Action Association, Inc.	68,000	13,928
Central Texas Rural Transit District	142,000	29,084
Collin County Committee on Aging	71,000	14,542
Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.	78,000	15,976
Community Action Council of South Texas	71,000	14,542
Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc.	99,000	20,277
Community Services, Inc.	71,000	14,542
Del Rio, City of	66,000	13,518
East Texas Council of Governments	120,000	24,578
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	120,000	24,578
Gulf Coast Center	130,000	26,627
Heart of Texas Council of Governments	98,000	20,072
Hill Country Transit District	156,000	31,952
Kaufman Area Rural Transportation	57,000	11,675
Kleberg County Human Services	55,000	11,265
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	71,000	14,542
Panhandle Community Services, Inc.	66,000	13,518
Public Transit Services	120,000	24,578
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	78,000	15,976
Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.	78,000	15,976
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	55,000	11,265
SPAN, Inc.	78,000	15,976
South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	177,000	36,253
Texoma Area Paratransit System, Inc.	171,000	35,024
The Transit System, Inc.	66,000	13,518
Webb County Community Action Agency	71,000	14,542
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	<u>156,000</u>	<u>31,952</u>
Total	\$3,308,000	\$677,541
 Contingency Projects¹		
Cleburne, City of	\$60,000	\$12,289
El Paso, County of	71,000	14,542
South Padre Island, Town of	71,000	14,542
Fort Bend, County of	<u>71,000</u>	<u>14,542</u>
Total	\$273,000	\$55,915

¹ Should deobligations become available, funds and TDCs will be offered to the agencies in the order they are listed.

EXHIBIT A
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO URBAN TRANSIT OPERATORS

Urbanized Area	Amount	TDCS
Galveston	\$71,520	\$14,649
Longview	71,520	14,649
San Angelo	71,519	14,649
Sherman-Denison	<u>71,520</u>	<u>14,649</u>
Total	\$286,079	\$58,596
 Contingency Projects¹		
Lake Jackson-Angleton	\$51,655	\$10,580
McAllen	90,001	18,434
Waco	71,520	14,649
Bryan-College Station	71,520	14,649
Temple	71,520	14,649
Brownsville	90,001	18,434
Victoria	71,520	14,649
Tyler	<u>71,520</u>	<u>14,649</u>
Total	\$589,257	\$120,693

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