

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS 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, "Job Access and Reverse Commute Formula Grant Program" (JARC) (49 U.S.C. §5316), 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.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §31.17 establishes a process by which §5316 program proposals shall be evaluated and funds distributed. On February 2, 2007, the department published a Notice of Request for Proposal for JARC Projects in the *Texas Register*. Project criteria included project planning and coordination; need; benefits of the project; and service sustainability.

On December 14, 2006, the commission passed Minute Order 110771, expressing its intent to award Transportation Development Credits (TDC) for projects that promote public transportation and further the goals of the department to: reduce congestion; expand economic opportunity; enhance safety; improve air quality; and increase the value of transportation assets.

Under a separate project, the department, in accordance with fiscal year 2007 Appropriation Rider 26, provides state funds to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) for workforce related transportation services. TWC then makes these funds available to the Local Workforce Development boards for projects. TWC has relinquished the use of \$795,000 in funds and requests that the department use \$426,173 of those funds for JARC projects.

The commission finds that the projects in Exhibit A are eligible for funding and awards a total of \$4,634,044 in federal JARC funds; \$426,173 in state funds; and \$296,944 in TDC. The projects receiving TDC awards reduce congestion by improving reliable transit options thereby increasing levels of ridership; expand economic opportunity by increasing the level of service access for the transit dependent populations to jobs and other employment related activities; enhance safety by providing late night and early morning service that otherwise would not be available; improve air quality by reducing emissions through technological advances enhancing service coordination; and increase the value of the transportation assets by utilizing automatic vehicle locators and mobile data terminals thus yielding savings or efficiencies which can be reinvested into additional trips.

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 the FTA and enter into the necessary contracts

Submitted and reviewed by:

Recommended by:

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Director, Public Transportation Division

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Executive Director

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Minute Number      Date Passed

**EXHIBIT A**

**JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECTS FOR  
SMALL URBAN AND NONURBANIZED AREAS**

<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>FEDERAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATE AMOUNT</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS</b>
<b>Small Urban</b>			
City of Abilene	\$236,535	\$0	\$0
City of Galveston	\$608,837	\$0	\$0
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	\$332,259	\$0	\$0
<b>Nonurbanized</b>			
Alamo Area Development Council of Governments	\$416,431	\$61,851	\$33,750
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	\$416,431	\$55,030	\$15,250
Big Bend Community Action	\$267,706	\$2,245	\$34,000
Capital Area Rural Transportation System	\$237,961	\$48,429	\$19,895
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	\$237,961	\$59,818	\$0
Heart of Texas Workforce Development Board	\$481,903	\$ 0	\$0
LULAC Project Amistad	\$565,157	\$115,267	\$37,500
West Texas Opportunities	\$832,863	\$83,533	\$156,549
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,634,044</b>	<b>\$ 426,173</b>	<b>\$296,944</b>