

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Transportation Code, Section 201.301, provides that the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) shall elect an executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation (department), who shall be a registered professional engineer in the state of Texas experienced and skilled in transportation planning, development, construction, and maintenance.

Due to the scheduled August 31, 2007, retirement of the incumbent executive director, Michael W. Behrens, it is necessary to elect and appoint an interim executive director to assume those duties until a permanent successor executive director is appointed by the commission.

Deputy Director Steve Simmons, P.E., possesses the qualities necessary to ensure an orderly transition of duties, thereby protecting the safety and welfare of the traveling public.

Recognizing the professional expertise and qualifications, the commission determines that Steve Simmons possesses skills and experience that fully satisfy the requisites of law and policy applicable to the position of chief executive officer of the department.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Steve Simmons, P.E., is appointed as interim executive director, to assume the full range of duties and responsibilities of that position effective September 1, 2007, and to remain in that position until a successor to Executive Director Michael W. Behrens is elected by the commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the interim Executive Director of the department be compensated at the rate of \$192,500 per year.

Submitted and reviewed by:



General Counsel

Recommended by:



Assistant Executive Director for Support
Operations

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