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Urban thoroughfares work as an overall enhancement to the community providing a unique opportunity for local jurisdictions to create aesthetically pleasing transportation facilities for all transportation modes. Flexibility in project development and design is necessary to balance safety, mobility, economic development, and environmental issues for new and redesigned urban transportation facilities. This flexibility in project planning and the inclusion of stakeholders early in the process has also been referred to as smart growth, context sensitive solutions, and the new urbanism.

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to promote flexibility in design for urban thoroughfares and include the urban design and planning community by incorporating this approach at the appropriate stage of project development to:

- Satisfy the purpose and needs of the community as a whole;
- Provide enhanced safety for both the transportation users and the surrounding community;
- Meet the needs of various modes of travel, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation and vehicular traffic;
- Add lasting value and excellence to the transportation facility; and,
- Preserve scenic, historic, aesthetic and environmental resources.

To accomplish this urban thoroughfare initiative, the commission directs the Texas Department of Transportation (department) staff to appoint the following members to serve on an informal urban thoroughfare team to assist department administration with the incorporation of this approach into department manuals and programs as appropriate.

- Scott Polikov, Gateway Planning Group
- John Norquist, Congress for the New Urbanism
- Eric Dumbaugh, Texas A&M University
- Mike Sims, North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Doug Mann, HNTB, Inc.
- Hazel Borys, PlaceMakers
- David Bartz, Federal Highway Administration, Austin
- David Casteel, TxDOT San Antonio District
- Brian Barth, TxDOT Dallas District

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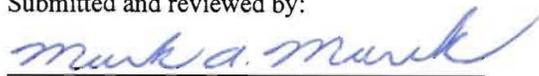
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- Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division
- Mark A. Marek, TxDOT Design Division

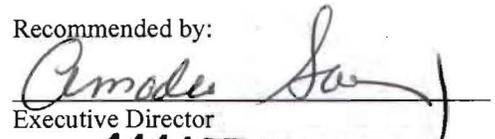
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the individuals identified above are requested to participate on the urban thoroughfare team until such time as enhanced urban thoroughfare planning and design components can be communicated to appropriate department division and district staff.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Design Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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