

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Dallas County

MINUTE ORDER

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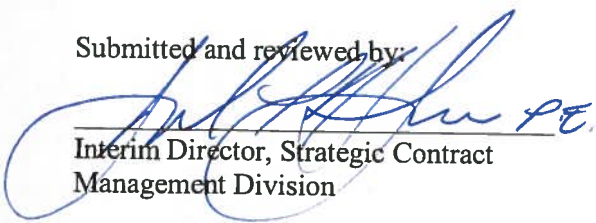
Subchapter F, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a design-build contract with a private entity that provides for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project. Transportation Code §223.242 authorizes the department to enter into, in each fiscal year, up to three design-build contracts for highway projects with estimated construction costs of \$150 million or more.

The department has been planning the proposed Southern Gateway Project (Project), consisting of improvements to I-35E and US 67, including non-tolled managed lanes along I-35E from south of the I-35E/US 67 interchange to Colorado Boulevard, with transition work extending north to Reunion Boulevard, and along US 67 from the I-35E/US 67 interchange to I-20 in Dallas County. The Southern Gateway Project will improve safety and mobility, enhance system continuity, and accommodate projected growth throughout this region. The planned improvements will provide increased capacity through the addition of additional general purpose lanes along with non-tolled managed lanes that are critical to the region's continued mobility and economic viability. Increasing capacity will relieve congestion and reduce travel time as well as provide social and economic benefits locally, regionally and statewide.

Transportation Code, §223.245 prescribes requirements for a design-build contract procurement, and requires the department to publish a notice advertising a request for qualifications in the *Texas Register* that includes the criteria that will be used to evaluate any qualification submittals, the relative weight given to the criteria, and a deadline by which qualification submittals must be received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the department is authorized to publish in the *Texas Register* a notice advertising the issuance of a request for qualifications to design, develop, construct, and potentially maintain the Southern Gateway Project in Dallas County, consisting of improvements to I-35E from south of the I-35E/US 67 interchange to Colorado Boulevard, with transition work extending north to Reunion Boulevard, and improvements to US 67 from the I-35E/US 67 interchange to I-20, and to post the notice and the request for qualifications on the department's website.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Recommended by:

  
Executive Director

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