

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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San Antonio District

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 §§ 223.245-223.250 prescribe requirements for a design-build contract procurement. Pursuant to those provisions, the department must issue a request for qualifications that includes, among other things, 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. The department is also required to publish a notice advertising the issuance of the request for qualifications in the *Texas Register* and on the department’s website.


The I-35 Northeast Expansion Project (Project) consists of non-tolled improvements along I-35 from approximately I-410 South to FM 1103, which improvements include:

- I-410 South to I-410 North – the construction of: additional elevated mainlanes comprised of two General Purpose (GP) lanes and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction; four additional direct connectors at the I-410 South interchange to connect to the I-35 elevated lanes; and two additional direct connectors at the I-410 North interchange to connect to the I-35 South elevated lanes.
- I-410 North to FM 3009 – the construction of: additional elevated mainlanes comprised of two GP lanes and one HOV lane in each direction from I-410 North to FM 3009; two additional direct connectors at the I-410 North interchange to connect to the I-35 North elevated lanes; and four direct connectors for the State Loop (SL) 1604 western connections to the I-35 elevated lanes at the I-35/SL 1604 interchange.
- FM 3009 to FM 1103 – reconstruction to provide at-grade additional mainlanes from FM 3009 to FM 1103 comprised of one GP lane and one HOV lane in each direction.

Interstate 35 is a major north-south transportation corridor critical for moving people and goods. Portions of this project are part of the 100 most congested roadways in Texas. The proposed improvements would manage vehicle congestion, promote efficient use of existing transportation facilities, minimize impacts to the natural and built environment, and complement other modes of transportation and economic development initiatives in the region.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the department is authorized to issue a request for qualifications to design, develop, construct, and maintain the I-35 Northeast Expansion Project in Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties, and to publish in the *Texas Register* and on the department’s website a notice advertising the issuance of the request for qualifications.

Submitted and reviewed by: 
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