

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jefferson County

MINUTE ORDER

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Beaumont 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 proposed I-10 Interchanges Project (the project) includes reconstructing and expanding I-10 and US 69 where they converge in the city of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. The project would widen the existing I-10 from Walden Road (County Road 131) to 7th Street. Between the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges, the roadway would be widened in each direction from four lanes to five lanes. The roadway approaches to the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges on I-10 and US 69 would be widened in each direction from two lanes to three lanes. The project also includes new frontage roads for continuity throughout the limits, relocating I-10 ramps, and constructing two-lane direct connectors in each direction where I-10 and US 69 converge within the project limits. These changes will upgrade the existing facility to alleviate congestion, enhance connectivity and mobility, and address safety concerns. Final award of the design-build contract for the project is subject to public involvement and an update to the Unified Transportation Program revising the project limits.

I-10 is one of the longest, most strategic interstate highways in Texas. The Beaumont District is in the process of widening I-10 from Houston to the Louisiana state line. This project will complete the final two interchanges that currently restrict the free flow of traffic and freight through this region of Texas. The freight corridors within the project are of national significance and are critical for hurricane evacuation. The project is a crucial element to providing operational efficiency and long-term congestion management, as well as improving safety and mobility in the area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the department is authorized to issue a request for qualifications to design and construct the I-10 Interchanges Project in Jefferson County, 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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