

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BEXAR County

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In Minute Order 109523, dated December 18, 2003, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized the creation of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (authority), formerly known as the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority, with the boundaries of the authority to be the entire geographic area of Bexar County, Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) and the authority have worked together to identify an approach to provide for the funding and development of certain transportation system improvements within the jurisdictional limits of the authority.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan of the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) identifies several projects within the jurisdictional limits of the authority that could be developed by the authority, including US 281 from Loop 1604 to the Comal County line, and Loop 1604 from SH 151 to I-35.

Transportation Code, §370.033(f) authorizes a regional mobility authority to develop a project within its boundaries on behalf of the department. On March 24, 2009, the authority submitted a request to allow the authority to make improvements to US 281 by constructing an interchange at Loop 1604. The authority is required to comply with applicable federal, state, and department requirements in making such improvements.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA created an economic stimulus package that provides \$64.1 billion nationwide for infrastructure projects, including \$27.5 billion for highway and bridge construction, and \$1.5 billion for surface transportation grants to be administered by the Secretary of Transportation. On March 5, 2009, by Minute Order 111734, the commission authorized and directed the department to commit \$60,000,000 in ARRA funds to the US 281 and Loop 1604 interchange project.

The commission finds that the authority is fully capable of awarding and managing the construction contract for the improvement of the state highway system in a cost effective and timely manner, consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and finds that the authority's improvement of the state highway system will provide for the expeditious completion of a critically needed project within the US 281 and Loop 1604 corridors that will relieve traffic congestion on the existing state highway system and improve mobility in Bexar County.

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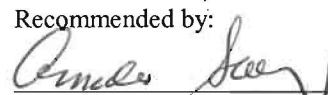
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that pursuant to Transportation Code, §370.033(f), the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority is authorized to construct improvements to the state highway system in connection with the design and construction of the US 281 and Loop 1604 interchange, and the executive director is authorized to enter into a project agreement with the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority that provides for such improvements to the state highway system.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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