

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARRANT County

MINUTE ORDER

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FORT WORTH District

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) has been proceeding with the development of a project that will extend SH 121 from I-30 to Alta Mesa Boulevard in the City of Fort Worth (Southwest Parkway).

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) and the NTTA have been working together to identify an approach to provide for the funding and development of the Southwest Parkway and other transportation improvements within the boundaries of the NTTA and adjacent counties.

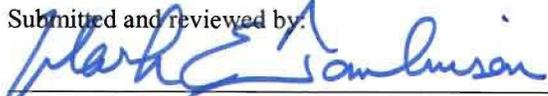
Transportation Code, §201.113(a) authorizes the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to enter into an agreement with a regional tollway authority under which the regional tollway authority makes improvements to the state highway system. The commission's rules at Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §27.44 prescribe requirements for commission approval of a regional tollway authority's request to make improvements to the state highway system.

On March 20, 2009, the NTTA submitted a request under 43 TAC §27.44 to allow the NTTA to make improvements to a segment of the state highway system in connection with the design and construction of the SH 121 and I-20 interchange. The interchange with I-20 is within the limits of the Southwest Parkway project. The NTTA has committed to comply with applicable federal, state, and department requirements in making such improvements.

The commission finds that the NTTA 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 NTTA's improvement of the state highway system will provide for the expeditious completion of a critically needed project within the SH 121 corridor that will relieve traffic congestion on the existing state highway system and improve mobility in Tarrant County.

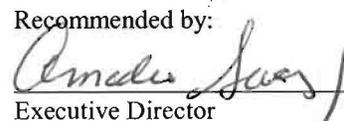
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that pursuant to Transportation Code, §201.113 and 43 TAC §27.44, the NTTA is authorized to construct improvements to the state highway system in connection with the design and construction of the SH 121 and I-20 interchange, and the executive director is authorized to enter into a project agreement with the NTTA 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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