

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EL PASO County

MINUTE ORDER

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) by Minute Order 111662, dated January 29, 2009, approved execution of a project development agreement (agreement) with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to perform preliminary development work on three projects to be located on Loop 375 in the city of El Paso and authorized funding in the total amount of \$2.2 million.

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 \$75 million in ARRA funds for development of one of the three projects addressed in the agreement - the addition of direct connectors at the intersection of I-10 at Loop 375.

On May 28, 2009, the commission by minute order authorized and directed the Texas Department of Transportation (department) under Transportation Code, Sections 370.033(f) and 222.001, to enter into a project development agreement with the CRRMA to develop and construct improvements to the state highway system in connection with the design and construction of additional direct connectors at the intersection of I-10 at Loop 375, on Loop 375 from 0.15 miles north of North Loop to 0.44 miles north of Bob Hope Drive, and on I-10 from FM 659 to 0.19 miles west of Eastlake Boulevard. The ARRA funds, however, will not be available until later in the development process.

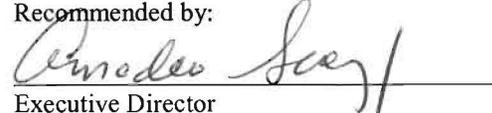
The department proposes that the agreement be amended to authorize the CRRMA to develop the documents necessary for procurement of a design/build provider for the design and construction of the I-10 and Loop 375 interchange project and to expend funds under the agreement for that purpose until the ARRA funding is available under the project development agreement approved by the commission on May 28, 2009. The I-10 and Loop 375 interchange project will need to be expedited in order to meet the ARRA deadlines.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the executive director or his designee is authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority to increase the scope of work by adding development of documents necessary for procurement of a design/build provider for the design and construction of the I-10 and Loop 375 interchange project and such other terms the department determines are necessary.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Recommended by:

  
Executive Director

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