

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARRANT County

MINUTE ORDER

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FORT WORTH District


On August 23, 2010, the Texas Department of Transportation (department) submitted six applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2010 Appropriations Act, known as the TIGER II Program. One application concerned the Tower 55 Multimodal Improvement Project.

On October 20, 2010, the USDOT announced that the Tower 55 project would receive \$34 million in federal funds through the grant program. These funds will be combined with \$55.2 million provided by BNSF Railway (BNSF) and Union Pacific Railroad (UP), \$1 million from the department, and \$1 million from the City of Fort Worth to fully fund the final design and construction of this \$91.2 million project.

The project is for improvements to rail and roadway infrastructure at and near the Tower 55 at-grade rail/rail crossing near downtown Fort Worth to improve rail system capacity, fluidity, and reliability while improving community livability. These improvements specifically include an additional track through the interlocker, sidings, improved highway/rail grade separations to allow for emergency vehicle access, and pedestrian walkways.

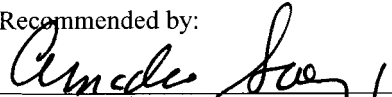
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the executive director, or the director's designee, is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to proceed in the most feasible and economic manner to complete the development and construction of the improvements along the BNSF Fort Worth Subdivision and UP's Dallas and Choctaw Subdivisions and in the area of their crossing at Tower 55.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Rail Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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