

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award 602,620 in Transportation Development Credits (TDC) to various transit agencies, to be used as the local match for federally funded transit capital projects.

The commission recognizes that state and federal law permits the substitution of TDC as the required non-federal match for capital projects. Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §5.73 establishes a process by which TDC may be awarded at the discretion of the commission.

On December 14, 2006, the commission passed Minute Order 110771, expressing its intent to award TDC for projects that promote public transportation: fleet replacement, fleet expansion, maintenance facilities; and capital projects that support regional coordination and further the goals of the Texas Department of Transportation (department), which are: reduce congestion; expand economic opportunity; enhance safety; improve air quality; and increase the value of transportation assets.

On September 28, 2000, the commission passed Minute Order 108314, awarding 726,608 in TDC to Brazos Transit District (BTD) to match federal awards for rural transit capital purchases. BTD now seeks commission approval to use the remaining balance of TDC for use with other projects in their service area. The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission has requested 29,374 in TDC to match a federal earmark for fleet replacement for the urbanized area of Victoria; and the Rolling Plains Management Corporation has requested 39,000 in TDC to match a federal award for fleet replacement.

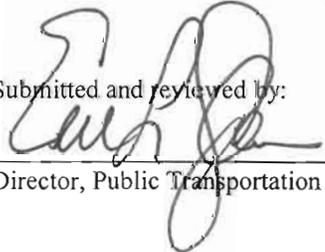
The commission finds that investments in public transportation projects will reduce congestion by improving reliable transit options thereby increasing levels of ridership; expand economic opportunity by increasing the level of service access; enhances safety by reducing mechanical breakdowns; improves air quality by reducing emissions with technological advances in the bus industry; and increases the value of the transportation assets by investing into the replacement of depreciated rolling stock thus yielding savings or efficiencies which can be reinvested into additional trips.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

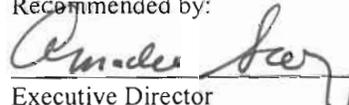
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the awards as described above and enter into the necessary contracts in accordance with the priorities established in this minute order.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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