

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) takes special note of its designation by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program, Job Access and Reverse Commute Formula Grant Program (JARC) (49 U.S.C. §5316), in a letter dated October 4, 2005; and further acknowledges that federal program regulations require the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to ensure that these grant funds are distributed fairly and equitably within the state.

The commission recognizes that state and federal law permits the substitution of Transportation Development Credits (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 department which are: reduce congestion; expand economic opportunity; enhance safety; improve air quality; and increase the value of transportation assets.

The commission recognizes the importance of the success of the JARC projects and finds that the \$675,041 of JARC funds and 72,000 of TDC is available for award from a project that will not continue. The commission also recognizes that FTA has informed the department that Texas would lose any remaining balance unless a similar project is selected and therefore desires to award the balances to Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission to operate an ongoing JARC project.

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

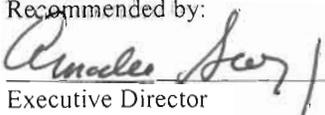
Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

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 contract in accordance with the priorities as established in this minute order.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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