

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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DALLAS AND FORT WORTH Districts

Rider 20 in the Texas Department of Transportation's (department) bill pattern in Article VII of the General Appropriations Act for the 2010-2011 biennium directs the department to expand the Green Ribbon Project, a public-private partnership initiative to enhance the appearance of public highways, to other areas of the state.

The rider mandates that each time a highway improvement contract is let in an air-quality nonattainment or near-nonattainment area, the department shall allocate to the district or districts in which the project is located an amount equal to not less than one-half-of-one percent and not to exceed one percent of the amount to be spent under the contract for construction, maintenance, or improvement of the highway. The district shall spend not less than one half of the allocation for landscaping and other enhancements included in the Green Ribbon program as improvements associated with the project that was the subject of the contract. The district may spend the allocated money that is not used for landscaping improvements associated with the project that was the subject of the contract for landscaping improvements associated with another highway or highway segment located in the district.

The 2010 Green Ribbon Landscape Improvement Program and allocations to the department's affected districts were approved by the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) by Minute Order 111981, dated September 24, 2009.

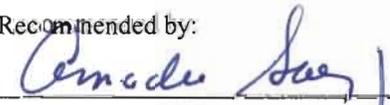
Due to the shifting of county lines between Denton and Tarrant Counties on the FM 2499 corridor, the department recommends that the previous allocations to the Dallas and Fort Worth districts be revised by permanently transferring \$64,429 from the Dallas District to the Fort Worth District. As a result of this transfer, the total amount allocated to the Dallas District is \$2,783,771 and the total amount allocated to the Fort Worth District is \$416,349.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the 2010 Green Ribbon Landscape Improvement Program is amended by permanently transferring \$64,429 from the Dallas District to the Fort Worth District and the new allocations are hereby approved.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Director, Finance Division

Recommended by:

  
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Executive Director

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