

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) was designated by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program, Metropolitan Planning Program (49 U.S.C. §5303) in a letter dated October 4, 2005; and is required to ensure that these grant funds are distributed and utilized in accordance with guidance from the FTA.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §31.21(c) establishes a formula through which §5303 program funds shall be distributed to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) of the state by the Texas Department of Transportation (department). The distribution of the federal FY 2010 apportionment is shown in Exhibit A and has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of §31.21(c).

The commission further recognizes that state and federal law permits the substitution of transportation development credits (TDC) as the required non-federal match for eligible projects. Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §5.73 establishes a process by which TDC may be awarded at the discretion of the commission. The commission finds that this project and associated distribution of the TDC has been reviewed to ensure eligibility, overall benefit to public transportation initiatives and ability to further the goals of the department, as outlined in 43 TAC §5.72 (e).

The commission finds that the project will: reduce congestion by including planning for transit options thereby increasing levels of ridership; expand economic opportunity by increasing the level of service access; enhance safety by promoting greater use of the transit system with professional operators; improve air quality by reducing emissions from single occupant vehicles; and increase the value of the transportation assets by promoting greater use of existing and proposed assets.

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 award of \$6,874,926 in federal FY 2010 §5303 FTA allocations and 1,374,985 in TDC as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to the FTA, and enter into any 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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Exhibit A

FEDERAL §5303 PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDC)

Metropolitan Planning Organization Representing the Urbanized Areas Of:	Federal Amount	TDC Amount
Abilene	\$49,644	9,929
Amarillo	83,163	16,633
Austin	418,299	83,660
Brownsville	76,885	15,377
Bryan-College Station	61,452	12,290
Corpus Christi	136,319	27,264
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney	2,087,043	417,408
El Paso	300,750	60,150
Harlingen-San Benito	51,374	10,275
Hidalgo County (McAllen)	242,627	48,525
Houston, Galveston, Lake Jackson-Angleton, Texas City, and The Woodlands	1,918,482	383,696
Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Counties (Beaumont and Port Arthur)	117,783	23,557
Killeen-Temple	111,269	22,254
Laredo	81,435	16,287
Longview	36,208	7,242
Lubbock	93,789	18,758
Midland-Odessa	97,681	19,536
San Angelo	40,799	8,160
San Antonio	615,702	123,140
Sherman-Denison	30,000	6,000
Texarkana (TX only)	30,000	6,000
Tyler	47,072	9,414
Victoria	30,000	6,000
Waco	71,051	14,210
Wichita Falls	46,099	9,220
Total	\$6,874,926	1,374,985