

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS 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 Program, 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 air-quality nonattainment or near-nonattainment areas, 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.

For purposes of this rider, landscape improvements means planting of indigenous or adapted trees and other plants that are suitable for the climate in which they will be located, and preparing the soil and installing irrigation systems to promote the growth of the trees and plants. To the extent possible, trees and plants will be used that tend to help mitigate the effects of air pollution.

The proposed allocation of funds to the department's affected districts is shown in Exhibit A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the allocation of funds set forth in Exhibit A is hereby approved and the executive director is authorized to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with the implementation of FY 2011 Green Ribbon Landscape Improvement Program.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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**EXHIBIT A
GREEN RIBBON PROGRAM
FY 2011 ADJUSTED ALLOCATION**

	Paris	Fort Worth	Tyler	Houston	Yoakum	Austin	San Antonio	Corpus Christi	Dallas	Atlanta	Beau-mont	El Paso	Totals
FY 2011 Allocation +	113,276	1,465,108	451,847	2,664,949	30,148	662,849	609,291	412,048	1,590,084	80,719	695,172	186,311	8,961,802
FY 2010 Debit		- 64,429											
Adjusted *	113,276	1,400,679	451,847	2,664,949	30,148	662,849	609,291	412,048	1,590,084	80,719	695,172	186,311	8,897,373

+ FY 2011 allocation based on 0.5% of FY 2010 letting volume in affected counties (all projects).

*** FY 2011 adjusted allocation based on FY 2011 allocation + only FY 2010 negative balances for affected Districts. The adjusted allocation also includes funding transfer of \$64,429 between Dallas and Fort Worth Districts per Minute Order # 112352.**