

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award 143,860 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 laws permit 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.

Heart of Texas Workforce Board has requested 12,240 in TDC, Kaufman Area Rural Transportation as requested 43,620 in TDC, Texoma Area Paratransit System has requested 26,000 in TDC, and West Texas Opportunities requested 62,000 in TDC. All TDC requests will serve to provide match for various previously awarded federal funds.

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; enhance safety by reducing mechanical breakdowns; improve air quality by reducing emissions with technological advances in the bus industry; and increase 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.

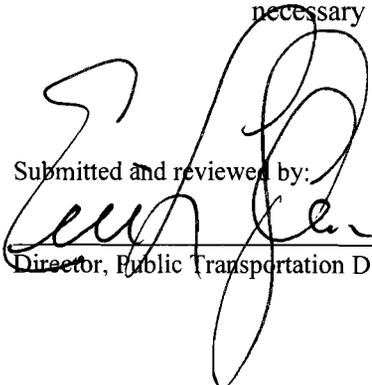
The commission further finds that these specific transit capital projects will reduce congestion, improve air quality, and expand economic opportunity by funding procurement of vehicles for new employment related services; enhance safety and improve reliability and increase the value of public transportation assets by funding replacement vehicles for older fleet currently operating well beyond their useful life; and increase the value of public transportation assets by funding construction of security and other vehicle storage enhancements to operating facilities and land acquisition for a new transportation center.

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 distribute TDC to the systems as outlined 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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