

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER

HARRIS & MONTGOMERY Counties

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HOUSTON District

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) and local stakeholders are currently analyzing options for the financing and delivery of the portion of SH 99 (Grand Parkway) in Harris and Montgomery Counties (Grand Parkway Project) that includes the construction of tolled main lanes and limited frontage roads on new location.

For certain toll projects of the department in which a private entity has a financial interest in the project's performance, Senate Bill 1420, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, added Transportation Code, §228.013 requiring that the distribution of the project's financial risk; the method of financing for the project; and the tolling structure and methodology must be determined by a committee comprised of representatives from the department; any local toll project entity for the area in which the project is located; the applicable metropolitan planning organization; and each municipality or county that has provided revenue or right of way for the project (SB 1420 Committee).

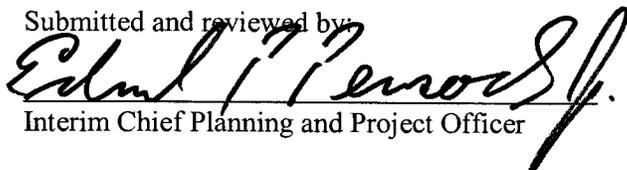
The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) has adopted 43 TAC §§27.90-27.92 to implement Section 228.013 and define the process for the issuance of these determinations by an SB 1420 Committee (committee rules).

Under Section 27.92(a) of the committee rules, the requirement to form an SB 1420 Committee for the purpose of issuing a report containing the committee's determinations applies to department toll projects that will be developed under a concession agreement or availability payment contract. As the department and local stakeholders are analyzing options for the financing and delivery of the Grand Parkway Project that include the use of a concession agreement, a SB 1420 Committee for the Grand Parkway Project was formed.

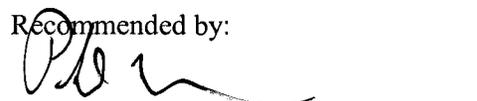
On November 29, 2011, the SH 99 in Harris and Montgomery Counties SB 1420 Committee met and elected James Patterson, representing the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the metropolitan planning organization for the area, as chair of the committee. Under Section 27.92(c) of the committee rules, an SB 1420 Committee's election of a chair and vice-chair is subject to the concurrence of the commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Texas Transportation Commission hereby concurs with the election of James Patterson as chair of the SH 99 in Harris and Montgomery Counties SB 1420 Committee.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Recommended by:

  
Executive Director

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