

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 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 is shown in Exhibit A and has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of §31.21(c).

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §5.73, establishes the process for which Transportation Development Credits (TDC) may be awarded at the discretion of the commission. The commission finds that TDC investments in metropolitan planning will:

- Expand the availability of funding for transportation projects by leveraging the federal funding awards in this minute order thus allowing use of scarce local and state dollars for other prioritized projects; and
- Reduce congestion and improve air quality by coordinated planning of multimodal transportation projects that reduce the need for single occupant vehicle travel.

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 \$6,858,559 in federal §5303 FTA awards and 1,371,712 in TDCs as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to 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

**STATE FY 2012 FEDERAL §5303 PROGRAM
AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDC) AWARDS**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Representing the Urbanized Areas of:	Federal Awards	TDC Awards
Abilene	\$49,524	9,905
Amarillo	82,962	16,592
Austin	417,290	83,458
Brownsville	76,699	15,340
Bryan-College Station	61,304	12,261
Corpus Christi	135,990	27,198
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney	2,082,011	416,402
El Paso	300,024	60,005
Harlingen-San Benito	51,250	10,250
Hidalgo County (McAllen)	242,042	48,408
Houston, Galveston, Lake Jackson-Angleton, Texas City, and The Woodlands	1,913,855	382,771
Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Counties (Beaumont and Port Arthur)	117,499	23,500
Killeen-Temple	111,000	22,200
Laredo	81,238	16,248
Longview	36,121	7,224
Lubbock	93,563	18,713
Midland-Odessa	97,445	19,489
San Angelo	40,700	8,140
San Antonio	614,217	122,843
Sherman-Denison	30,000	6,000
Texarkana (TX only)	30,000	6,000
Tyler	46,958	9,392
Victoria	30,000	6,000
Waco	70,880	14,176
Wichita Falls	45,987	9,197
Totals	\$6,858,559	1,371,712