

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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The UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) of the Texas Department of Transportation (department) is a 10-year program that guides the development and authorizes construction of transportation projects and projects involving aviation, public transportation, and the state's waterways and coastal waters. The UTP contains all of the department's funding categories which enhance the transportation system.

Transportation Code, §201.103 requires the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to plan and make policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads.

Transportation Code, §203.002 requires the commission to lay out, construct, maintain, and operate a modern state highway system, with emphasis on the construction of controlled access highways, and to plan for future highways.

The commission has adopted rules located in Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, governing the planning and development of transportation projects. These rules, which became effective on January 1, 2011, require the commission to adopt the UTP not later than March 31 of each even-numbered year. The rules also include guidance regarding public involvement related to the adoption of the UTP, as well as the allocation of funds through that program.

In accordance with the rules, the department conducted open-house style public meetings across the state and held two public hearings in Austin to receive comments and testimony concerning the development of the 2012 UTP, including the highway project selection process and the relative importance of the various criteria which the commission uses for project selection decisions. Minute Order 112639, dated March 31, 2011, was approved to authorize the project selection process.

The 2012 UTP, which is attached as Exhibit A, authorizes funding for each of the twelve funding categories established by the rules, with specific projects listed for categories 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, and 12. The specific projects listed in the section of the UTP pertaining to category 6 may be modified according to the project selection process as it is an allocation program. The specific projects listed in the sections of the UTP pertaining to categories 10 and 12 have been approved by prior action of the commission and their inclusion in this UTP in no way modifies that prior approval. The remaining funding levels and lists of projects in the Aviation Capital Improvement Program, Rail, Public Transportation, and State Waterways and Coastal Waters are authorized by separate minute orders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the 2012 UTP, as shown in Exhibit A, is hereby approved and supersedes the previously-approved 2010 UTP for fiscal years 2012-2020.

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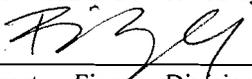
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executive director is hereby authorized to develop the projects listed in the UTP to the level of authority indicated for each project to include any necessary agreements, right of way acquisitions, utility adjustments, and relocation assistance, subject to the policies of the department and all applicable federal and state laws governing the acquisition of real property.

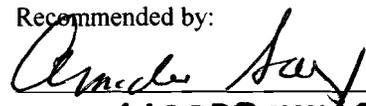
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Transportation Code, §222.052, the commission may accept financial contributions from political subdivisions of the state for development of projects in the 2012 UTP.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Finance Division

Recommended by:



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