

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ATLANTA, PARIS, TYLER Districts

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA created an economic stimulus package that provides \$64.1 billion nationwide for infrastructure projects, including \$1.5 billion for surface transportation grants to be administered by the Secretary of Transportation. Texas' share of the funding for transit is approximately \$372 million.

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) has been designated by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program under 49 USC §5311, and has the authority to award approximately \$50 million of ARRA nonurbanized (rural) transit funds.

In Minute Order 111716, dated February 26, 2009, the commission approved the funding of approximately \$33 million in public transit projects. In Minute Orders 111778 dated April 30, 2009, and 111920 dated August 27, 2009, the commission approved the funding of additional public transit projects. In Minute Orders 112115, 112341, 112392, 112512, 112597, 112714 and 112888 dated January 28, 2010, July 29, 2010, August 26, 2010, December 16, 2010, February 24, 2011, June 30, 2011, and October 27, 2011 respectively, the commission approved a list of public transit projects with revised funding.

The department has continued to monitor the progress of these projects to ensure that they comply with the criteria identified in the minute orders, the ARRA, and the project selection requirements established by FTA. As a result of these efforts, a proposed list of transit projects has been developed with revised funding, which is set forth in Exhibit A. There is no net change in transit funding. No other previously approved public transit projects are affected. All projects are subject to federal and state laws, including the provisions of the ARRA. No matching funds are required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the project as set forth in Exhibit A is hereby approved for funding under the provision of the ARRA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executive director or the director's designee is authorized to proceed with the sub-grant award for the transit agreements for the activities described in Exhibit A, and to enter into any other necessary agreements associated with those projects and activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the department shall track the progress of the projects set forth in Exhibit A separately from other ongoing projects and place information regarding the status of these projects on the department's website.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:

Executive Director

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Exhibit A

Rural Transit Operator	Previous Awards			Revised Awards		Change
	Previous Minute Order	Facility Award	Other Capital Award	Facility Award	Other Capital Award	
East Texas Council of Governments	111920	\$602,000	\$292,000	\$744,966	\$149,034	\$0
TOTAL		\$602,000	\$292,000	\$744,966	\$149,034	\$0