TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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AUSTIN District

Title 23 U.S.C. §120 permits a state to use certain toll revenue expenditures, called transportation development credits (TDC), as credit toward the non-federal share of certain programs authorized by Title 23 U.S.C. and Chapter 53 of Title 49 U.S.C.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §5.73 establishes a process by which TDC may be awarded at the discretion of the Texas Transportation Commission (commission). In accordance with §5.73(b), the commission will consider the expressed opinion of the metropolitan planning organization with respect to a project within its boundaries.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) authorized \$1,888,535 of its federal Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility funds to construct an off-road bikeway and pedestrian facility that would connect the Texas State University campus to the Aquarena Springs and Post Road Bikeway. This project will provide safer travel for students and commuters as well as reduce vehicular traffic and emissions in the campus area.

The Austin District (district) has requested the use of TDC as the non-federal match for the development of this bikeway project. The department received a letter from Texas State University supporting the award. The total amount of TDC requested by the district is 376,707.

The commission finds that distribution of TDC for this project serves to meet department needs after considering the potential of this award to expand the availability of funding for transportation projects, reduce congestion, expand economic opportunity, enhance safety, improve air quality, and increase the value of transportation assets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is authorized to utilize TDC in support of the Aquarena Springs/Post Road Bikeway Project, in an amount not to exceed 376,707 credits.

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