

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

HIDALGO County

MINUTE ORDER

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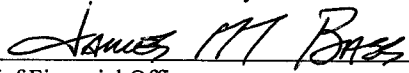
The Texas Transportation Commission (commission), by Minute Orders 112391 and 112437, dated August 26, 2010 and September 30, 2010 respectively, authorized and directed the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to negotiate and execute pass-through toll agreements (PTT Agreements) with Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) in accordance with 43 TAC Chapter 5, Subchapter E. Both PTT Agreements were executed on January 11, 2011. The agreement authorized by Minute Order 112391 provided for the construction of a two-lane toll facility with additional passing lanes, overpasses, and an underpass on SH 365 from FM 1016 (Conway Avenue) to FM 3072 (Dicker Road). The agreement authorized by Minute Order 112437 provided for the reconstruction and widening of US 281 (Military Highway) from 0.45 mile east of SP 600 to FM 2557 (Stewart Road) with a new overpass at San Juan Road.

HCRMA recently adopted its 2012-2017 Strategic Plan (Plan) that consolidates its transportation development activities and funding options. The Plan removed construction of a separate US 281 project by HCRMA to focus and combine its resources on an expanded SH 365 (Trade Corridor Connector) project. The Trade Corridor Connector project will include construction of an overpass at the SH 365 / US 281 intersection. Alternative funding has been identified to develop the revised projects without using pass-through toll financing. Accordingly, HCRMA and the department are recommending that the two PTT Agreements be terminated.


The commission finds that termination of the two PTT Agreements will facilitate the Trade Corridor Connector project, serves the public interest and is in the best interest of the state, is compatible with existing and planned transportation facilities, and serves to further state, regional and local transportation plans and goals.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that termination of the two PTT Agreements is approved and the executive director or his designee is authorized and directed to execute a termination agreement with HCRMA.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Chief Financial Officer

Recommended by:

  
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Executive Director

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