## **TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

## HARRIS AND MONTGOMERY Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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HOUSTON District

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized funding of \$8 million by Minute Order 107844, dated May 27, 1999, to the Grand Parkway Association (association) for selecting and approving consultants to conduct major investment studies, environmental studies and schematic design for the development of Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G of the Grand Parkway, from I-10 West to US 59 North, a distance of approximately 52 miles.

Minute Order 110046, dated April 28, 2005, and Minute Order 111006, dated July 26, 2007, authorized additional funding to the association of \$2.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, for an aggregate \$11.5 million in funding to date for studies for Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G of the Grand Parkway.

The association has completed the tasks assigned and has received approvals of the Record of Decisions from the Federal Highway Administration for SH 99 Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G.

The approved funding by the commission was insufficient for the association to complete the additional studies for Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G.

The association and the Texas Department of Transportation (department) have determined \$1.5 million in funding is necessary to develop the project from the current status through right-ofway acquisition, environmental re-evaluation, final engineering, design changes and construction for Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G.

The commission finds it necessary to increase funding to the association in order to expedite the timely construction of Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G of the Grand Parkway, which is essential to the transportation needs of the citizens of Texas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission to provide the needed additional funding of \$1,500,000 in order to complete additional environmental studies and support the department in project development and procurement activities for Segments E, F-1, F-2 and G of the Grand Parkway, from south of I-10 West to east of US 59 North, a distance of approximately 52 miles.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the commission that the association is hereby authorized to proceed with the additional work and to continue the project development activities.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Strategic Projects Division

