

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In Minute Order 110573, dated June 29, 2006, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized the creation of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for the City of El Paso (city).

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) and the CRRMA, in coordination with the city and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO), developed the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan (plan) that provides for the funding and development of certain transportation system improvements within the jurisdictional limits of the CRRMA. The plan was approved by the EPMPO on July 25, 2008 and a Memorandum of Understanding to implement the plan was executed by the department, the city, the EPMPO, and the CRRMA. In Minute Order 111472, dated August 28, 2008, the commission authorized the CRRMA to coordinate with the department to present proposals identifying the relative rights and obligations of the department and the CRRMA in the planning, design, financing, construction, operation, and ownership of projects within the plan.

Projects identified in the plan include: (1) improvements to Loop 375 from Dyer Street (BU 54) to US 54, (2) improvements and the addition of direct connectors to the intersection of Loop 375 at FM 659 from 0.5 miles north of Loop 375 (on FM 659) to 0.5 miles south of FM 659 (on Loop 375), and (3) improvements and the addition of direct connectors at the intersection of I-10 at Loop 375 (Americas Avenue) on Loop 375 from 0.15 miles north of North Loop to 0.44 miles north of Bob Hope Drive and on I-10 from FM 659 (Zaragoza Road) to 0.19 miles west of Eastlake Boulevard. All three projects are on the state highway system and are collectively referred to as the Loop 375 Projects. On September 11, 2008 the CRRMA submitted a proposal for a pass-through toll agreement to develop and construct the Loop 375 Projects.

Transportation Code, Section 370.033(f) authorizes the department to enter into a contractual agreement with a regional mobility authority (RMA) that authorizes the RMA to plan, develop, operate, or maintain a transportation project on behalf of the department. Transportation Code, Section 222.001 authorizes the department to expend money from the state highway fund to improve the state highway system.

The department proposes that a project development agreement (Agreement) with the CRRMA is necessary to fund and conduct preliminary work by the CRRMA related to (i) preparation of travel demand modeling, traffic, revenue, and cost estimates, and (ii) development of financial plans, project management plans, utility relocation plans, and other feasibility studies and analyses in order to determine if it is appropriate for the CRRMA to advance the three projects at the above described locations along Loop 375 under the pass-through toll program. Funding for the Agreement will come from the proceeds of bonds and other public securities issued pursuant to Minute Order 111514, adopted by the commission on August 29, 2008, and the additional bonds and other public securities to be issued pursuant to the terms of Transportation Code, Section 222.003 (Enabling Act).

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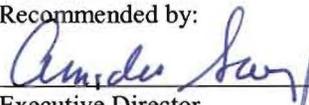
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the executive director or his designee is authorized to execute a project development agreement with Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority in accordance with the proposal to perform preliminary development work on the Loop 375 Projects and such other terms the department determines are necessary, and the Agreement is approved for funding in the total amount of \$2.2 million, to be provided from the proceeds of bonds and other public securities issued pursuant to Minute Order 111514 and the additional bonds and other public securities to be issued pursuant to the terms of the Enabling Act.

Submitted and reviewed by:


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Recommended by:


Executive Director

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