

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) was designated by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program, Metropolitan Planning Program (49 U.S.C. §5303) in a letter dated October 4, 2005, and is required to ensure that these grant funds are distributed and utilized in accordance with guidance from the FTA.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §31.21(c) establishes a formula through which section 5303 program funds shall be distributed to the metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) of the state by the Texas Department of Transportation (department). The distribution of the FY 2009 apportionment is shown in Exhibit A and has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of §31.21(c).

The commission further recognizes that state and federal law permits the substitution of transportation development credits (TDC) as the required non-federal match for eligible projects. Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §5.73 establishes a process by which TDC may be awarded at the discretion of the commission. The commission finds that these projects and associated distribution of the TDC has been reviewed to ensure eligibility, overall benefit to public transportation initiatives and ability to further the goals of the department, as outlined in 43 TAC §5.72 (e).

The commission finds that these projects will: reduce congestion by including planning for transit options thereby increasing levels of ridership; expand economic opportunity by increasing the level of service access; enhance safety by promoting greater use of the transit system with professional operators; improve air quality by reducing emissions from single occupant vehicles; and increase the value of the transportation assets by promoting greater use of existing and proposed assets.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

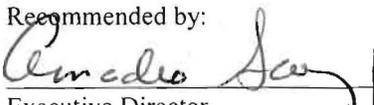
Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the award of \$6,872,871 in federal FY 2009 §5303 FTA allocations and 1,374,574 in TDC as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to the FTA, and enter into any necessary contracts in accordance with the priorities established in this minute order.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:

  
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Executive Director

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**Exhibit A**  
**FEDERAL §5303 PROGRAM and Transportation Development Credits (TDC)**

<b>Metropolitan Planning Organization Representing the Urbanized Areas Of:</b>	<b>Federal Amount</b>	<b>TDC Amount</b>
Abilene	\$49,629	9,926
Amarillo	83,137	16,627
Austin	418,172	83,634
Brownsville	76,861	15,372
Bryan-College Station	61,433	12,287
Corpus Christi	136,277	27,255
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney	2,086,413	417,283
El Paso	300,659	60,132
Harlingen-San Benito	51,358	10,272
Hidalgo County (McAllen)	242,554	48,511
Houston, Galveston, Lake Jackson-Angleton, Texas City, and The Woodlands	1,917,901	383,580
Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Counties (Beaumont and Port Arthur)	117,748	23,550
Killeen-Temple	111,235	22,247
Laredo	81,410	16,282
Longview	36,197	7,240
Lubbock	93,761	18,752
Midland-Odessa	97,651	19,530
San Angelo	40,787	8,157
San Antonio	615,516	123,103
Sherman-Denison	30,000	6,000
Texarkana (TX only)	30,000	6,000
Tyler	47,057	9,411
Victoria	30,000	6,000
Waco	71,030	14,206
Wichita Falls	46,085	9,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,872,871</b>	<b>1,374,574</b>