

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bexar County

MINUTE ORDER

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San Antonio District

Subchapter F, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a design-build contract with a private entity that provides for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project. Transportation Code, §223.242 authorizes the department to enter into, in each fiscal year, up to three design-build contracts for highway projects with estimated construction costs of \$50 million or more.

Loop 1604 is an approximately \$146 million project in northwest San Antonio between SH 16 (Bandera Road) and Wiseman Boulevard. The Loop 1604 project is located in the rapidly growing area of Bexar County with heavy congestion consisting of an average ADT of 77,000 (2010).

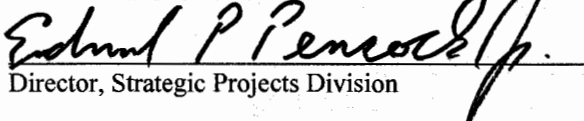
The preliminary project limits are from SH 16 (Bandera Road) to south of Wiseman Boulevard. The project limits and funding are anticipated to be approved by the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO and the Transportation Commission in July 2012. The project will include the expansion of Loop 1604 to a four lane non toll expressway section with overpasses at Braun Road, New Guilbeau Road, Shaenfield Road and Wiseman Boulevard. The estimated construction cost of the project is approximately \$146 million.

Loop 1604 is a highly congested, demand-critical and mobility constrained transportation corridor in the region. The development and completion of the project can be expedited through the use of a design-build contract, and the employment of innovative methods for the development and construction of projects that are available with a design-build contract. Development of the project is a crucial element to responding to traffic congestion throughout the San Antonio/Bexar County area.

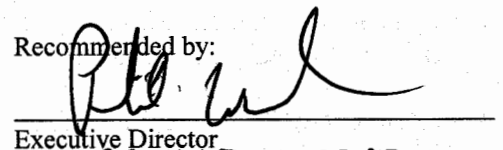
Transportation Code, §223.245 prescribes requirements for the procurement of a project to be developed under a design-build contract, and requires the department to publish a notice advertising the issuance of a request for qualifications in the *Texas Register* and on the department's internet website that includes the criteria that will be used to evaluate qualification statements, the relative weight given to the criteria, and the deadline by which qualification statements must be received.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the department is authorized to publish in the *Texas Register* and in one or more newspapers of general circulation, and to post on the department's internet website, a request for qualifications to develop, design, construct, and potentially maintain the Loop 1604 in Bexar County, providing for the expansion of a non-toll expressway from SH 16 (Bandera Road) to south of Wiseman Boulevard.

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