Texas Transportation Commission

Minute Order

REEVES County, ODESSA District

Pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and 43 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 26 (RMA rules), Reeves County (county) petitioned the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for authorization to form a regional mobility authority (RMA) in Reeves County. The petition was filed on December 1, 2025.

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) reviewed the petition and conducted a public hearing on July 29, 2026, pursuant to §26.12 of the RMA rules.

The petition identifies a system of initial projects for consideration by the RMA to improve safety, mobility, connectivity, and freight movement in Reeves County. The projects include widening United States Highway (US) 285 from Farm to Market Road 1216 north of Pecos toward the New Mexico state line, including grade-separated interchanges at State Highway 302 and Ranch to Market Road 652; constructing the Pecos East Relief Route from US 285 north of Pecos to US 285 south of Pecos; and developing the Pecos Freight Village near the southeast corner of the Interstate Highway 20 and US 285 intersection.

The board of directors of the RMA, as proposed in the petition and public hearing materials, will be composed of five members. Two directors will be appointed by the Reeves County Commissioners Court, one director will be appointed by the Pecos City Council, one director will be appointed by the Pecos Economic Development Corporation, and the fifth member, the presiding officer, will be appointed by the Governor.

On July 29, 2026, the department conducted a virtual public hearing with an in-person option in Reeves County pursuant to §26.12 of the RMA rules to receive public comment on the proposed formation of the RMA.

Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Texas Register* and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The public comment period closed on August 13, 2026.

At the public hearing, six written comment forms were submitted in favor of creation of the RMA, including a comment form with an attached statement from the chairman of the Pecos Economic Development Corporation. In addition, letters supporting creation of the RMA were submitted by the Reeves County Judge, a state representative, a state senator, and the acting superintendent of the Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District. Three individuals submitted online comments supporting creation of the RMA. The comments expressed support for increased local participation in transportation planning, improved safety and mobility, reduced congestion, improved freight movement, and advancement of the projects identified in the petition. No verbal comments were received, and no comments opposing creation of the RMA were identified in the public hearing record.

The commission finds that creation of the RMA has sufficient public support. The commission bases this finding on the resolutions of support from Reeves County, the town of Pecos City, and the Pecos Economic Development Corporation; and the support indicated at the public hearing and during the public comment period.

The commission finds that creation of the RMA will result in direct benefits to the state, local governments, and the traveling public, and will improve the efficiency of the state's transportation systems. The RMA will benefit the state by supporting the development of needed transportation projects, including the initial projects identified in the county's petition and other potential candidate projects. The RMA will benefit local governments by increasing local participation in transportation planning and providing additional opportunities to develop and finance transportation projects. The traveling public will benefit through improved mobility and traffic safety throughout Reeves County and along corridors serving regional and interstate travel. The RMA will improve the efficiency of the state's transportation systems through the development of the initial projects and other potential candidate projects, which will enhance mobility, safety, freight movement, and regional connectivity, and through the development and financing of additional transportation projects in the future.

The commission finds that the RMA's potential candidate projects are consistent with the approved Connecting Texas 2050 and applicable local transportation plans. Subject to completion of required studies and commission approval of each project under §26.31 of the RMA rules, the commission also finds that the projects will benefit the traveling public.

The commission finds that the proposed composition and appointment method of the board of directors will adequately represent affected political subdivisions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the commission authorizes Reeves County to create the Reeves County Regional Mobility Authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the initial project that may be developed, maintained, and operated by the RMA shall be the US 285 improvements identified above. This order does not constitute final commission approval of the initial project or other potential candidate projects, which must be obtained pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and the applicable provisions of the RMA rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the initial board of directors shall be composed of five members, with two directors appointed by the Reeves County Commissioners Court, one director appointed by the Pecos City Council, one director appointed by the Pecos Economic Development Corporation, and the presiding officer appointed by the Governor.

Submitted and Reviewed by:

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Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Recommended by:

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Executive Director

Minute Order Number and Date Passed

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