

ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Board Meeting, July 13, 2005, Noon, in the Greater Kelly Development Authority Main Conference Room, 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite 6, San Antonio, Texas

MEETING

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chairman B. Thornton called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. All members were in attendance. Chairman Thornton welcomed visitors and guests in the audience. He recognized Texas Transportation Commissioner Hope Andrade and asked her to make a few brief comments. She said she was pleased to be at this meeting and hoped her presence reconfirms the commitment the state has in working with the AlamoRMA.

2. **Approval of AlamoRMA Special Board of Directors June 8, 2005 and Board of Directors June 8, 2005 Meeting Minutes.** Chairman Thornton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8 meetings. *W. McBride made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 8, and the Board Meeting of June 8, 2005 as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion passed.*

3. **Citizens' Communications.** Speakers signed to speak were: Ms. Helen Rodgers and Ms. Bonnie Terry, members of the Texas Toll Party Association. Both individuals spoke of their concern of the chemical emissions from fuels; having to pay to drive on roads already paid for by various taxes and used the expression of "double taxation without representation"; said they supported "smart growth" and were not necessarily against toll lanes. Ms. Rodgers also mentioned the concern for scheduling RMA meetings during the day and a great distance from the citizens who will initially be affected by toll lanes. She suggested having the RMA meet in the evenings and on the north side of town.

Chairman Thornton thanked Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Terry for their time and presentations to the board.

4. **Briefing on the development of the Starter System and the Extensions on Loop 1604 and US 281.** D. Casteel, TxDOT District Engineer and F. Holzmann, TxDOT Engineer, presented this item to the board. D. Casteel began by describing the over 8,000 review sheets of information submitted as plans for the various toll lanes and interchanges. He reviewed the different projects for US 281 (Stone Oak) to 1604; US 281 (Marshall Rd) to the county line; Loop 1604 to IH 10W; and from Loop 1604 to IH 35N. He cited completion dates for plans and projected that at least one of the projects would be ready for construction in six (6) months.

Some questions asked by board members included: Do these plans and projections include the interchanges? D. Casteel responded by saying this information does not include any work on the interchanges. Can the public hearings scheduled for August 2005 have more information about the design, construction, construction time, road closures, etc. rather than the large amount and detail of the environmental information? D. Casteel responded by saying the information presented at public hearings consists of findings gathered from the many reports related to concepts, studies, and public involvement. This information is presented as a report. In further response to the question, D. Casteel indicated the type of public hearing suggested does take place earlier in the process during a public meeting and the public hearings now being held are required by state statute.

M.C. Rodriguez complimented TxDOT for the work performed thus far and encouraged TxDOT seek ways to enhance communications to the public about the various aspects of the toll lane projects.

5. Briefing on Joint Working Committee Interim Report – Options and Choices for Mobility. P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations, and D. Gonzalez, Estrada Hinojosa (FA), were introduced by T. Griebel, Executive Director, who had requested this report on the “present value analysis” of the revenue streams. P. Irwin began by advising the board of the various groups such as TxDOT Turnpike Authority Division and their consultants, PBS&J, and the FA staff that met to discuss methodologies, parameters, and data used by PBS&J to generate present value number for the Starter System and a CDA scenario. D. Gonzalez said the study covered the Starter System and the extensions. He described the Level 1 Traffic and Revenue analysis of the revenues; operations, maintenance; debt cash flow calculations and the comparative analysis. While the information provided by PBS&J is within their general parameters, the difference would be in the structuring perspective of the RMA. The analysis further shows there would be sufficient revenues for the Starter System but insufficient revenues generated for both the Starter System and extensions.

Board members discussed the relationship between TxDOT and the RMA, timeliness of receiving projections on costs, and the partnerships expected to be developed by the RMA.

6. Discussion and appropriate action on the June 30, 2005 Texas Transportation Commission action to authorize publication of Request for Competing Proposals and Qualifications to develop, design, construct, finance, maintain and operate tolled, managed lanes on Loop 1604 from SH 151 to I 10 and US 281 from Loop 1604 to north of Borgfeld Road. T. Griebel began the discussion on this item by referring to the TTC authorization to proceed with the publishing a Request for Competing Proposals and Qualifications. Chairman Thornton discussed the RMA’s relationship with TxDOT and the involvement of the RMA in the CDA evaluation and recommendation process. H. Andrade responded by expressing support for the RMA and indicating her commitment to ensure the overall CDA benefits will be in the best interest

to the local citizens. R. Thompson encouraged TxDOT and the RMA to continue working together. W. McBride thanked the commissioner for being at the meeting. He said he appreciated the advice of the commissioner and while there remain many unanswered questions he feels the RMA board wants to be helpful, and cooperative. He stressed the willingness of the board to participate because of the great interest the RMA board has in this project. H. Munoz, M.C. Rodriguez and R. Diaz expressed their support of TxDOT and the AlamoRMA continuing to work together on the CDA evaluation process. *J. Reed made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with TxDOT outlining the RMA's role in the CDA review and evaluation process and for the Executive Director to submit a application for necessary toll equity or other funding in order to actively participate in the CDA review and evaluation process. R. Diaz seconded. Motion passed.*

7. Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2005. Ms. J. Lopez, Comptroller presented the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2005. Statements included the Balance Sheet, Statement Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Deficit, and the Statement of Cash Flow. *R. Thompson made to motion to accept the reports as presented. R. Diaz seconded. Motion passed.*

T. Greibel reported on the State Comptroller's Report. He anticipates receiving this report towards the end of July.

8. Presentation/briefing on AlamoRMA organization start-up progress. This item was not presented.

Chairman Thornton recessed the board meeting at 2:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

9. Executive Session.

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The AlamoRMA Board of Directors met in Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code: A. Subsection 551.071(1). Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with, and advice from legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, and other legal issues.

The Executive Session concluded at 3:45 p.m. *No action was taken.*

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Chairman Thornton called the board meeting back in to order and adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

 ORIGINAL SIGNED
BILL THORNTON, CHAIRMAN
ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

DATE ADOPTED: _____

I hereby certify that the above foregoing pages constitute the full, true and correct minutes of all the proceedings and official records of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority at its regular meeting on July 13, 2005.

ATTEST: ORIGINAL SIGNED
M. CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER