

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Meeting September 13, 2006, noon, in the Port Authority of San Antonio, Conference Room, at 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd.

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. C. Rodriguez, J. Jenkins, and R. Diaz were absent.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the AlamoRMA August 9, 2006 Board of Director meeting.** *R. Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion carried.*
3. **Ceremony swearing in Dr. William Thornton as Chairman of the AlamoRMA for a two year period (February, 2006 – February, 2008).** County Judge N. Wolff swore in Dr. William Thornton.
4. **Presentation and discussion on the San Antonio Commuter Rail project.** R. Milloy, Interim Director, Austin/San Antonio Intermunicipal Rail District, made a presentation on the status of the proposed Austin/San Antonio Commuter Rail system. R. Milloy went over the needs of such a system, possible funding options, and made an appeal to the Board of Directors to support this initiative through passage of a resolution of support.

Chairman Thornton asked the Planning Committee to review all the information provided by R. Milloy and to report back to the Board their recommendation. Chairman Thornton would like the Planning Committee to look at the role the RMA can play in the future.

Board discussion occurred.

5. **Project Status Report.** P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for Alamo RMA, and F. Holzmann, TxDOT Engineer, updated the Board on the US 281/Loop 1604, I 35, SH 16, and Wurzbach Parkway projects.

Loop 1604 & US-281 – F. Holzmann, TxDOT Engineer, updated the Board on the Loop 1604 & US-281 project. F. Holzmann stated that TxDOT is still heavily involved in the environmental study, and continues to move forward. They continue to work with the RMA to complete the environmental document. There is no change to the timeline. The Public Hearing for US 281 will be held in December, and the Public Hearing for Loop 1604 will be held in February of 2007.

IH 35 – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the board on the status of the IH 35 project. P. Irwin stated that the work authorization submittal is being finalized to complete alternatives analysis, environmental assessment, and schematic design for the IH35 project. HNTB is also in the process of reviewing TxDOT materials and alternative studies. The Public Involvement process will be lead by L. Alloway, Public Information Manager for Alamo RMA.

SH 16 – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the Board on the status of SH 16. P. Irwin stated that the RMA is continuing to review the agency materials and the vast amount of information from TxDOT as well as to go over the data collected at the public workshop that was held a few weeks ago. The Agency Coordination conference gave the

RMA access to about forty different agencies and their representatives shared with the RMA concerns and issues that they may have. HNTB is developing the initial draft list of alternatives, about twenty-one in total, and they are putting together a design and evaluation matrix for these alternatives. Lastly the traffic and revenue study that is being conducted is still continuing.

Wurzbach Parkway – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the Board on the status of Wurzbach Parkway. P. Irwin stated that HNTB is continuing to review information from TxDOT, and the design that was developed by HNTB and the RMA as an alternative to the original design created by TxDOT. Primarily HNTB will be looking at the design for fatal flaws, making sure that the design is workable, valid, and that the RMA can continue with the development. L. Alloway will be initiating the public meetings, as well as another Agency Coordination meeting to visit with the agencies regarding the issues and concerns that they may have with the Wurzbach Parkway project. A level two traffic and revenue study is continuing.

Citizen, Jack M. Finger, resident of San Antonio, stated his opinion regarding the Commuter Rail system. He also stated his opinion on the Community Working groups that were held by the RMA, and expressed his view on Toll Roads.

6. **Resolution authorizing maintaining the current Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) plan provisions with no change for members in plan year 2007.** T. Brechtel stated that there is no change to the plan for 2007, and that a resolution is required by the Board for the Texas County & District Retirement System, authorizing that the RMA will maintain the system in place. *R. Thompson made the motion for approval. H. Muñoz seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Resolution amending the AlamoRMA Bylaws, Section 36(b) changing the required date to file the Annual Report with the Bexar County Commissioner’s Court from no later than January 1 to not later than March 31 following the conclusion of the preceding fiscal year.** *H. Muñoz made the motion to approve the resolution amending the Alamo RMA Bylaws, Section 36(b) as presented. R. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*
8. **Discussion and appropriate action to designate the pool of investment bankers for the AlamoRMA and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the services to be provided and the fees and related expense at the time the firm(s) is selected for engagement from the pool.** D. Gonzalez, Vice President for Estrada Hinojosa, went over the various criteria that the RMA used in selecting the investment banking pool. Twelve companies were selected from the applicant pool for Board approval. In the national category Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, and UBS were chosen, with Citigroup designated to assist with the CDA process for US281/Loop 1604. In the regional category, First Southwest Company, and Popular Securities were selected. In the local category, which includes minority owned businesses, the companies selected were Loop Capital Markets, Coastal Securities, Frost Bank, Ramirez and Company, Siebert Branford Shank, and SAMCo (Service Asset Management Company) Capital Markets.

H. Muñoz, Finance Committee Chair, stated that he was very pleased, and felt quite comfortable with the selection put forward to the Board. He said that he also felt that the selection should not be down sized, and that enough room was left so that if in 5 years, if they need to make any changes to the pool the RMA can. H. Muñoz asked to let the record state that Ramirez and Company was indeed included in the pool; however they were left off of the resolution.

Board discussion occurred. *H. Muñoz made the motion to approve the investment banking pool resolution as put forward. R. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*

9. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2006.** C. Conner, Comptroller, presented the financial statements for period ending August 31, 2006. She reviewed the balance sheet, described the assets, liabilities, and fund equity; the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund deficit, explained the monies allocated for each column, and the statement of cash flow. *H. Muñoz made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion carried.*
10. **Citizens' Communications** No citizens signed up to speak.
11. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.** T. Brechtel went over the Board calendar.
12. **Executive Session.**

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The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority did not meet in Executive Session

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There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 2:15p.m.

APPROVED:

BILL THORNTON, CHAIRMAN

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 meeting on September 13, 2006.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO DIAZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER