

AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

**TransGuide
3500 N.W. Loop 410
1st Floor Meeting Room
San Antonio, Texas**

**Monday, April 30, 2007
12:00 PM**

- 1) Call meeting to order.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Alamo RMA April 11, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting.
- 3) Discussion and approval of Application for Financial Assistance Toll Equity Grant for Project Development of IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach Parkway, and Loop 1604 (Western Extension) totaling \$13,000,000.
- 4) Citizens' Communications (citizens must sign the register to speak)
- 5) Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report. (Terry Brechtel)
- 6) Executive Session - 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.
 - B. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters – Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, reassignment, evaluation, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of Executive Director and other personnel.
 - C. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property - Discussion of real property purchase, exchange, lease, gift, donation, and/or negotiated settlement, including property to be acquired for right-of-way.

Adjournment

NOTES

Agenda item numbers are assigned for ease of reference only, and do not necessarily reflect

the order of their consideration by the Alamo RMA Board of Directors.

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Posted: April 26, 5:00 p.m.

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Meeting April 11, 2007, noon, in the Transguide, 1st Floor Conference Room, at 3500 N.W. Loop 410.

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Vice-chair M.C. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. All Board members present with the exception of Chairman Thornton, J. Reed, and H. Muñoz.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Alamo RMA March 14, 2007 Board of Director meeting.** *R. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. J. Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.*
3. **Project Status Report.** L. Schietinger, Project Manager for the GEC, D. Casteel, District Engineer for TxDOT, and J. Brown, Deputy District Engineer for TxDOT, updated the Board on the status of the following projects.

Loop 1604 / US 281 – J. Brown, Deputy District Engineer, updated the Board on the status of Loop 1604 and US 281. J. Brown stated that the Public Comment period has closed for US 281. TxDOT expects to have a decision from the Federal Highway Administration some time in June 2007 for US 281. Loop 1604 will have a public hearing towards the end of June. Response from Federal Highway Administration is expected in the October timeframe. The Loop 1604 project may be broken out into segments for financial reasons. TxDOT is currently in the process of comparing the Public Finance and Private Finance models, in conjunction with the Alamo RMA.

I-35 Project – L. Schietinger updated the Board on the status of the I 35 project. L. Schietinger stated that Phase 1 is being wrapped up, and most reports have already been turned in. HNTB found that there are no major environmental constraints, and some cost savings.

SH 16 – T. Brechtel updated the Board on the status of the SH 16 project. T. Brechtel stated that a letter was received from the Federal Highway Administration stating that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be conducted on SH 16. L. Schietinger, Project Manager for GEC, gave a presentation over the differences between an Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement will take approximately 48 months or more and will study right of way impacts, economic impacts, design and construction impacts, and concern about tolling noise, cultural & historic impacts.

Wurzbach Parkway – L. Schietinger updated the Board on the status of the Wurzbach Parkway project. L. Schietinger stated that HNTB continues to study the alternatives. Estimated timeline for Environmental Assessment completion is the end of 2007.

Citizen Woody Curdy expressed his views to the Board regarding the various projects.

4. **Resolution supporting Bexar County with the pass through financing proposal for SH 211 (Hill County Parkway) and FM 1957 (Western Connector).** Renee Green, County Engineer for Bexar County, briefed the Board on possible pass through financing projects involving public and private involvement. T. Brechtel presented the Resolution 07-07, supporting Bexar County's application for pass through financing. *R. Diaz made the motion to support the pass through application. B. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*

5. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending March 30, 2007.** C. Conner, Comptroller, presented the financial statements for period ending March 30, 2007. 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. *R.Thompson made the motion to accept the March 30, 2007 Financial Statement as presented. R. Diaz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

6. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.**

7. **Executive Session.**

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The Board did not meet for Executive Session

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There being no further business to come before the board, Vice-Chair M.C. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.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 April 11, 2007.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO DIAZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08

WHEREAS, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (“Alamo RMA”) was created pursuant to the request of Bexar County and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 26.01, *et. seq.* (the “RMA Rules”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Alamo RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and the rules appearing in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 27.50 *et. seq.* (the “Toll Equity Rules”), a regional mobility authority may submit to TxDOT a request for financial assistance to be used in connection with the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of turnpike projects; and

WHEREAS, the Alamo RMA has estimated the level of initial financial assistance needed from TxDOT for the development of the IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach Parkway, and Loop 1604 (Western Extension) projects to be approximately \$13,000,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Alamo RMA hereby approves and ratifies the submission to TxDOT of an Application for Financial Assistance pursuant to 43 Tex. Admin. Code §27.50 *et seq.*, in the amount of \$13,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Executive Director are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to submit the Application for Financial Assistance to TxDOT on behalf of the AlamoRMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alamo RMA staff and consultants are authorized to take such actions as are necessary to prosecute the Application for Financial Assistance and to negotiate the terms of a Financial Assistance Agreement which shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority on the 30th day of April, 2007.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director for the
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Approved:

William E. Thornton
Chairman, Board of Directors
Resolution Number 07-08
Date Passed 04/30/07

Application for Financial Assistance Toll Equity Grant (Project Development)

Section I – Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

IRS Employer ID#: N/A

Project Name: IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach
Parkway, Loop 1604 (Western Extension)
Project Development

Business Address: 16500 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 350, San Antonio, TX 78232

Business Phone: 210-495-5256

Business Fax: 210-495-5403

Contact Person (s):

Applicant is a Regional Mobility Authority consisting of Bexar County, created pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and the 43 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 26 and authorized by a minute order of the Texas Transportation Commission approved on December 18, 2003.

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority:

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Section II – Financial Information

Total Construction Cost (estimate) of Entire Project: **\$ 3,443,000,000**
(i.e., right of way, construction, utilities, etc.)

Project Cost Components:

IH 35	\$ 2,800,000,000
SH 16	\$ 225,000,000
Wurzbach Parkway	\$ 162,000,000
Loop 1604 (Western Extension)	\$ 256,000,000

Total **\$ 3,443,000,000**

**Proposed Projects Funding Sources and Uses for IH 35, SH 16,
Wurzbach Parkway, Loop 1604 (Western Extension):**

Funding Sources:

Equity from MPO Financial Plan	\$ 264,280,000
Bonding Capacity (estimated)	\$ 278,225,000
Other sources	\$ 2,900,495,000

Total **\$ 3,443,000,000**

Requested Financial Assistance: \$13,000,000

Proposed Use of Requested Financial Assistance:

Alamo RMA staff, administration and legal, financial, engineering consultants to be used for the purpose of developing the Preliminary Feasibility, Environmental, Public Involvement, Schematic and Preliminary Financial plans to determine the viability for development by the Alamo RMA of IH 35, SH 16, and Wurzbach Parkway projects and the procurement of design build consultants for a comprehensive development agreement for Loop 1604 (Western Extension).

	IH 35	SH16	Wurzbach Pkwy	Loop 1604 (Western Extension)
Feasibility Studies				\$250,000
Environmental Studies	\$953,000	\$424,000		
Schematic Design	\$3,058,000	\$700,000		
GEC Program Management and Procurement	\$224,000	\$224,000		\$2,146,000**
Alamo RMA Administration	\$1,566,000	\$595,000	\$376,000	\$1,095,000
Public Involvement	\$577,000	\$500,000		\$312,000
Total	\$6,378,000	\$2,443,000	\$376,000	\$3,803,000

Section II (continued) – Financial Information

** Included CDA Procurement (RFQ and short listing, Drafting RFDP, Industry Review, meetings, clarifications, addendums, proposal reviews, selection, and contract negotiations/conformance).

Bond rating letter from Moody’s, Standard and Poor’s, etc.: Bond rating will be sought after the completion of the Investment Grade Traffic and Revenue Study, the adoption of the final financing plan and trust agreement and the Texas Transportation Commission authorization to construct each project. However, the project(s) may be developed by private entities through a Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA).

Board of Directors resolution authorizing application:

Alamo RMA Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to submit a Toll Equity Grant Application at the April 30, 2007 Board meeting. The adopted minutes from the April 30, 2007 meeting are enclosed for your information.

Description of projects and their need including the potential impact on traffic congestion and mobility:

The Alamo RMA, an entity under local control but working in cooperation with TxDOT, seeks to develop turnpike projects that relieve traffic congestion and provide support to other transportation improvements in the region which otherwise might depend solely on State or Federal funding.

The proposed IH 35, SH 16 and Loop 1604 (Western Extension) Toll Projects total 36 miles in length and are located in Bexar County.

Over recent years Bexar County has experienced growth rates that are among the highest of any area in the country. Improvements to transportation infrastructure are vital to meet the demands resulting from this growth. The current roadways carry traffic volumes that far exceed the safe and efficient carrying capacity of facilities of their configuration. The IH 35, SH 16 , Loop 1604 Toll Projects will serve to add capacity in those existing corridors.

These Toll Projects will be important additions to the highway system. The traveling public will benefit from these Toll Projects as integral parts of the highway system along existing and new corridors experiencing the largest amount of growth and will be delivered sooner than would otherwise be possible under traditional methods of transportation funding and project development. These Toll Projects will also enhance safety, decrease travel time, and generally improve the quality of life of citizens of the region.

Section III – Project Information

Type of Project: Highway Projects

IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach Parkway and Loop 1604 Western Extension Toll Projects

1) Initial Routes and Potential Alignments:

The projects will be developed by the AlamoRMA. However, the projects may be developed, designed, constructed, financed, operated and/or maintained by private entities through Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDAs). The projects consist of IH 35 from the Bexar/Guadalupe County Line to IH 37/US 281 in Bexar County, SH 16 from IH 410N to Loop 1604N in Bexar County, Wurzbach Parkway interchange at US 281 in Bexar County, and Loop 1604 Western Extension (Loop 1604 WE) from Kyle Seale Pkwy to Military Drive in Bexar County, as well as other potential facilities to the extent necessary for connectivity and financing.

2) Projects' Logical Termini and Independent Utility:

The logical termini are described in the “Initial Route and Potential Alignments” section. These potential Toll Projects are crucial elements in responding to severe traffic congestion that exists and will significantly worsen in the San Antonio area.

3) Potential Revisions or changes to state highway system facilities:

The IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach Parkway and Loop 1604 WE Toll Projects have been included in the San Antonio – Bexar Metropolitan Planning Organization’s approved Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and are a part of TxDOT’s “The Plan” as toll projects.

4) Environmental Review of Projects:

A) Environmental Impact and Compliance with Local, State and Federal Environmental Laws:

The AlamoRMA will complete the Environmental Impact and Compliance Studies initiated by TxDOT and will identify and secure federal and state environmental permits, issues and commitments necessary for the development of the IH 35, SH 16 and Wurzbach Parkway Projects. TxDOT (San Antonio District) has committed to complete the required Environmental and Comprehensive Studies for Loop 1604 WE.

Section III (continued) – Project Information

B) Implementation of all Environmental Permits, Issues, and Commitments (EPIC):

The AlamoRMA will identify and secure federal and state environmental permits, issues and commitments necessary for the development of the IH 35, SH 16, Wurzbach Parkway, and Loop 1604 WE Toll Projects.

C) Supplemental Environmental Information and Data:

Portions of the information required under “Project Impacts” is reflected in the records of TxDOT, including without limitation other initial records of decision obtained by TxDOT

5) Toll Interoperability

The AlamoRMA will require and specify that the IH 35, SH 16 and Loop 1604 Toll Projects will implement an electronic toll collection system that will be compatible (interoperable) with other toll collection systems operated in the State of Texas.