

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

*Meeting January 13, 2011, 1:00p.m.,
Al J. Notzon III Conference Room
Alamo Area Council Of Governments, at 8700 Tesoro Drive.*

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All Board members present.
2. **Approval of minutes from the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of December 9, 2010.** R. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented to the Board. R. Diaz seconded. All voted in favor.
3. **Discussion and appropriate action on a resolution approving a lease agreement for equipment for the U.S. 281 North/Loop 1604 Interchange Project (Terry Brechtel/Pat Irwin) (Resolution No. 11-01)** T. Brechtel stated that the proposed action was for a three year lease of a truck for the Interchange project and that staff had advertised for bids and we received one bid which was for an amount less than estimated and included maintenance. The bid was received from Acme Auto Leasing Inc. and the proposed form of the lease was included in the board packets. T. Brechtel also noted that the truck will be kept at the project office. R. Diaz made the motion to approve the resolution and R. Thompson seconded. All voted in favor.
4. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2010 (Terry Brechtel / Carrie Conner).** T. Brechtel stated that the Finance Committee held a meeting and reviewed the November and December 2010 financial statements but due to timing issues and posting requirements, only the November financial statements were being presented for review and acceptance. Carrie Conner reviewed the balance sheet statements, the statement of capitalized costs, the statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund deficit, and the statement of cash flow. R. Diaz stated that they had been reviewed and discussed in the Finance Committee meeting. *R. Diaz made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented to the Board. R. Thompson seconded.* R. Thompson stated that he relies on staff to raise any financial issues when they become concerned and he asked C. Conner if she had any at this point. C. Conner stated that at the present time no but they will be bringing the capital budget to the Board next month and we can discuss any issues then. T. Brechtel stated that we are two months into the fiscal year and the RMA uses a simple budget and to date there is no problem with the operating budget and for the capital budget for the Interchange it is still early in the schedule but for the 281 Super Street project which is almost at completion all budgetary requirements have been met and staff will continue to monitor the capital budget. All voted in favor.
5. **Executive Director's Report.** T. Brechtel reviewed the calendar items and upcoming events. T. Brechtel discussed attendance at TxDOT's Texas Transportation Forum which was also attended by Reed, Rodriguez and Downey. There was a general Board discussion on the lack of funding being the main topic. R. Thompson stated the need for the RMA to bring this funding issue to the local public's attention and he would like to add an agenda to the staff to tell the community about this issue and outline solutions. Chairman Thornton stated that the challenge is at the state level and lack of funds and that now the RMA has a fully funded project that is being challenged. Chairman Thornton also stated that the RMA needs to coordinate with SAMCO and others to develop the message. J. Reed stated that the Transportation Advocates of Texas is working on a

document and they will tweak it for local issues and it addresses what local communities are doing for themselves as far as investment in infrastructure. T. Brechtel continued to review the calendar and updates on the projects. Brian Cassidy gave a legislative update and stated that the Texas Legislature convened on January 11th and the Speaker was elected. B. Cassidy stated that we are waiting on committee appointments and there are various drafts of bills ready to go including one on CDAs. B. Cassidy also stated that the TxDOT Restructuring Council released its report along with the Sunset Advisory Report. R. Rodriguez asked if there was any value to the RMA doing a survey about the options. There was a general discussion regarding prior surveys. A. Downey stated that the RMA had received positive press from the 281 Super Street project.

6. **Citizens' Communications.** Jack Finger spoke on the project updates and questioned why there was nothing about the overpass plan. He also questioned the financial statements and where all of the funding had gone.
7. **Executive Session.** The Board convened in Executive Session at 2:10 pm to discuss pending litigation. The Board re-convened the regular meeting at 2:30 pm.
8. **Adjournment.** There being no further actions for the Board, Chairman Thornton called the meeting to adjournment at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON, CHAIRMAN
DATE ADOPTED: 2/10/2011

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 January 13, 2011.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR
SECRETARY/TREASURER