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Public Meeting Scheduled for Proposed Bandera Road Improvements

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On Thursday, July 27, 2006, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will conduct a public meeting on proposed improvements to Bandera Road (State Highway 16) from the intersection of Bandera Road and Interstate 410 West to Loop 1604 (a distance of approximately 6.5 miles.)

The public meeting will be held at the Marshall High School Auditorium located at 8000 Lobo Lane, San Antonio, Texas, 78240. The public meeting will begin with an open house running from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. and the public meeting will adjourn at 9 p.m.

"We encourage all drivers who use Bandera Road to be a part of this process," said Terry Brechtel, Executive Director of the Alamo RMA, "As we start the study for this roadway, all options are on the table and the Alamo RMA looks forward to working with all concerned citizens to find ways to address the congestion on this vital roadway."

Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review at the public meeting. Study team members will be available to answer questions.

An environmental study of the proposed improvements is being conducted in accordance with rules and regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The environmental study will document the need for improvements, evaluate a range of alternatives and assess the potential for project-related impacts. Through the public meeting process, the Alamo RMA is seeking public comments on the proposed project and its need, the scope of the environmental study, the range of alternatives to be considered and information regarding environmental issues and constraints within the project area.

The proposed project is a candidate for toll financing; thus, in conjunction with development of the environmental study and other project development activities, the Alamo RMA will conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of tolling the proposed improvements and funding the proposed project, in whole or in part, through the issuance of revenue bonds.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and provide input on the proposed project. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to: Public Information Manager, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, 16500 San Pedro, Suite 350, San Antonio, Texas 78232 or by email to BanderaRd@AlamoRMA.org. Written comments must be received by August 7, 2006 to be included in the official record of the public meeting.

About the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority is charged with significantly accelerating needed transportation projects within Bexar County. The Alamo RMA works in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the San Antonio - Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and other agencies to provide a tolled lane network as one solution to the overall transportation challenge facing this region.

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