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## **Alamo RMA announces low bid contract winner for US 281 Super Street Project**

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**(San Antonio)** – The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) Board of Directors today awarded the construction contract for the US 281 Super Street to Ballenger Construction.

Ballenger Construction, one of six firms submitting bids for the US 281 Super Street project, won the contract with a low bid of \$5,156,791.84 – approximately 19.7% or \$1.2 Million under the Engineering Estimate for this project.

“Today is a great day for our community,” said Dr. William E. Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA, “Drivers on 281 north of Loop 1604 have been waiting for relief, and today we can provide relief with the US 281 Super Street.”

The US 281 Super Street project is the result of a grass-roots effort to find interim relief for one of the most congested and heavily travelled corridors in San Antonio. First proposed by local engineering company, Pape-Dawson Engineers, the US 281 Super Street concept has received almost unanimous support from the community.

“The US 281 Super Street project shows us how competitive the construction market is today, and hopefully signals that when we receive proposals for the US 281 / Loop 1604 Interchange project next month, we can see bids coming in under estimate, delivering the best value for the dollar for our region,” said Rey Diaz, Secretary/Treasurer of the Alamo RMA.

The US 281 Super Street project is funded through a combination of sources including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Advanced Transportation District, and the City of San Antonio.

“Without our partners coming together to recognize the need for working toward one common goal, helping relieve congestion on US 281, today wouldn’t be possible,” said Jim R. Reed, Chair of the Alamo RMA Planning Committee. “Today, our community wins by this bid, by the interest in this project, and by moving forward with some relief for drivers stuck on US 281.”

### **About the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority**

Overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Alamo RMA includes a professional staff and consultant team that are committed to finding ways to empower our local community to take charge of our transportation future. The purpose of the Alamo RMA is to provide Bexar County with opportunities to accelerate needed transportation projects - through the direction of a local board making local choices about local mobility needs - that enhance the quality of life and economic growth for all residents in our region

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