TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

NUECES County

MINUTE ORDER

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Subchapter E, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a comprehensive development agreement (CDA) with a private entity that provides for the design, development, financing, construction, maintenance, repair, operation, extension, or expansion of an eligible project.

The US 181 Harbor Bridge in Nueces County is one of the oldest, demand-critical and mobility-constrained transportation corridors in the region. On February 27, 2014, by Minute Order 113853, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) authorized the department to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) to develop, design, construct, and potentially maintain all or any portion of the US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project in Nueces County between US 181 at Beach Avenue and I-37 (Harbor Bridge Project). The proposed improvements will address structural deficiencies and navigational restrictions of the current bridge, and improve safety, connectivity, and level of service in the region.

Transportation Code, §223.203 prescribes requirements for a CDA procurement, and requires the department to include criteria that will be used to evaluate any qualification submittals, the relative weight given to the criteria, and a deadline by which qualification submittals must be received.

The department issued the RFQ on March 26, 2014. Pursuant to the RFQ, the CDA for the Harbor Bridge Project may require the developer to carry costs incurred under the CDA beyond the completion of project.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the inclusion in the RFQ of the potential requirement that the developer carry costs incurred under the CDA beyond the completion of the project is ratified; further, the department, at its option, is authorized to include the same requirement in the CDA for the Harbor Bridge Project.

Submitted and reviewe mol/ Director, Strategic Projects Division

Recommen Executive Director

Date

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US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project



Note: At this time, the red alternative is identified in the Environmental Impact Statement as preferred.