## TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Hidalgo County

## MINUTE ORDER

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Subchapter F, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a design-build contract with a private entity that provides for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project. Transportation Code § 223.242 authorizes the department to enter into, in each fiscal year, up to three design-build contracts for highway projects with estimated construction costs of \$150 million or more.

Transportation Code §§ 223.245-223.250 prescribe requirements for a design-build contract procurement, and require the department to publish a notice advertising a request for qualifications in the *Texas Register* that includes the 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 I-2/I-69C Interchange Project will provide approximately 7.8 miles of non-tolled improvements along I-2 from just west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to just east of FM 2557 (S. Stewart Road) and I-69C from Nolana Loop to I-2 in McAllen, Pharr, and San Juan, in Hidalgo County, Texas. The proposed improvements include the full reconstruction of the I-2/I-69C interchange to include two-lane direct connectors in all four directions. The I-2 general purpose lanes will be reconstructed and/or widened from six to eight non-tolled general purpose lanes (four in each direction) from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the I-2/I-69C interchange, while operational improvements include the reconfiguration of main lane ramps on I-2 from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to FM 2557 (S. Stewart Road) and improvements to the approaches and departures to and from the direct connectors. The proposed improvements would add capacity and optimize main lane ramp and interchange operations, decreasing congestion and improving mobility and connectivity throughout the project area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the department is authorized to issue a request for qualifications to design, develop, construct, and potentially maintain the I-2/I-69C Interchange Project in Hidalgo County, and to publish in the *Texas Register* and on the department's website a notice advertising the issuance of the request for qualifications.

Submitted and reviewed by

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**Executive Director** 

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Date