

## BEXAR COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Meeting, July 6, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Bexar County Commissioners Court

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Meeting to Order.** Chairman B. Thornton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. R. Diaz.
2. **Approval of the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority Minutes for July 6, 2004.** Chairman Thornton asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. J. Reed made the motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Mr. J. Fuentes seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Communications, including citizens who signed the register to speak.** There were no speakers signed to speak.
4. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding adoption of the following policies of the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority (BCRMA).** Mr. J. Fuentes, Procedures Committee Chairman, made the presentation of the *Purchasing Policy* with the assistance of Ms. Kelsey Menzel, Assistant Civil Section DA. Mr. J. Fuentes commented on the work of the committee. Ms. Menzel reviewed the document; explained the reasoning for particular language and provisions; and clarified questions. She will make the changes and additions recommended by the board. Mr. J. Fuentes made the motion to accept the *Purchasing Policy* with the suggested recommended changes and additions. General W. McBride seconded. Motion passed.
5. **Discussion and appropriate action concerning the adoption of a name for the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority.** Newly appointed Executive Director T. Griebel began the discussion on the selection of a name for the BCRMA. He presented background information on how the RMA had been created and how it provides for the board to include other counties as members if it so chooses. Mr. Griebel urged the board to make a decision about the name as soon as possible so that he can begin securing an IRS tax ID number and open a bank account. Board members discussed this item at length in order to arrive at a name. The name "Alamo Regional Mobility Authority" was discussed. Chairman Thornton suggested that for the present it would be best for the board to continue with formalizing the name of the RMA as the "*Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority.*" General W. McBride made the motion to accept this name. Mr. R. Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Thornton took the liberty of the chair to recognize Mr. Don Jones in the audience. Mr. Jones is on the staff of State Representative Ken Mercer's office. He made several comments about the RMA and commended the board for its selection of Mr. T. Griebel as the Executive Director of the BCRMA.

**6. Discussion and appropriate action concerning approval of an interlocal agreement between Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority and Bexar County providing \$250,000 in funding to the BCRMA.** Mr. Griebel informed the board that Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on June 22, 2004. He reviewed the agreement and explained the setting up of the bank account, interest rate of repayment, payroll assistance and reporting to the Bexar County Auditor's Office, and how the funds provided by the county would be repaid. In conclusion, Mr. Griebel asked for favorable consideration of the interlocal agreement. Mr. J. Reed made the motion to accept the "Interlocal Agreement between Bexar County and the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority." General W. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

**7. Discussion and appropriate action concerning approval of a resolution in support of the toll road "starter" system concept for Bexar County as proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation.** Mr. J. Reed, Planning Committee Chairman, briefed the board on the work of his committee as it progressed in the preparation of the resolution of support for the toll road "starter" system and how this agreement will be submitted as part of a memorandum of agreement with other interested entities. This agreement is due at the Texas Department of Transportation by August 1, 2004. Mr. Reed made the motion to accept the resolution as presented. Mr. J. Fuentes seconded. In discussion, Chairman Thornton asked Ms. Joanne Walsh, MPO Director, and Ms. Julie Brown, Deputy TxDOT District Engineer, to comment on the resolution of support. Both Ms. Walsh and Ms. Brown thanked the board for the development of this resolution. Additionally, Ms. Brown made a power point presentation entitled, "San Antonio's Plan for Congestion Relief." She also mentioned how the revenues of the toll roads would be used. A question asked by the board was the amount of toll "revenues" projected. The board was informed that TxDOT has these projections and that information would be made available. Ms. Brown mentioned that the bonding capacity is calculated on the basis of repayment of the bonds with the projected revenues. At the end of discussion, the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the resolution.

**8. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an open house and public meeting on the subject of Highway 281/Loop 1604 corridor toll projects to be hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation on July 13, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at Reagan High School.** Mr. T. Griebel reminded the board of the public meeting scheduled for July 13 at Reagan High School. The presentation will take about one hour. Mr. David Casteel, TxDOT District Engineer for San Antonio, will be the Master of Ceremonies, and will have a panel to answer questions from the audience. Members of the RMA board indicated they would be in attendance.

**9. Presentation/briefing on the subject of sources of state and federal transportation infrastructure funding.** This item was discussed in item 7, above, by Ms. J. Brown, Deputy TxDOT District Engineer.

**10. Presentation/briefing on the subject of Advanced Transportation Districts.** Mr. T. Griebel referred board members to the handout, “Fact Sheet for the Advanced Transportation Districts.” This is an entity created by the VIA Metropolitan Transportation Board that was negotiated by the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, VIA, the MPO, and TxDOT. It provides for the distribution of the ¼ cent sales tax receipts by statute. The importance of this item to the RMA is that it provides an additional source of money that can help with the non-toll freeway system as well as the arterial system that will feed traffic into the toll road network.

Ms. J. Brown also made a short presentation on “Highway Projects” that identify proposed roads to be improved using ATD monies over a 10 year period. ATD money would be leveraged almost dollar for dollar against state and federal funds.

**11. Presentation/briefing on BCRMA office/organization start-up progress.** Mr. T. Griebel informed the board that the Greater Kelly Development Authority had extended an offer for office space to the RMA at Kelly USA. This offer includes telephone service, computer support, and copying services. He expects to move into the offices by mid-July and anticipates the costs to be approximately \$200 per month in office expenses. He also suggested that the board consider continuing to meet in the Bexar County Commissioners Courtroom for the time being. Mr. Griebel also asked the board to go on record supporting the acceptance of office space and services from the Greater Kelly Development Authority to support the efforts of the BCRMA. Mr. R. Thompson made this request in the form of a motion. Mr. J. Reed seconded. Motion passed.

Two other items mentioned by Mr. T. Griebel included having Mr. Marcus Jahns, former Bexar County Budget Director, assist as a consultant in developing a strategic plan for the RMA; and secondly, Mr. Griebel introduced the idea of planning field trips to Houston and Dallas sometime in August and September to get an overview of toll road systems in those cities.

**12. Selection of date/time for the next BCRMA meeting.** Chairman Thornton set the next meeting for the Bexar County Regional Mobility Authority for Monday, August 9, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at this same location.

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**The Bexar County Regional Mobility Board did not meet in Executive Session**

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Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.