

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Meeting May 10, 2006, one P.M., in the Port Authority of San Antonio, Conference Room, at 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd.

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the AlamoRMA April 12, 2006 Board of Director meeting.** *B. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as were presented. R. Diaz seconded. Motion carried.*
3. **Project Status Report.** P. Irwin, Director of Engineering Operations for Alamo RMA, and J. Brown, TxDOT Engineer, updated the Board on the US 281/Loop 1604, I 35 and Wurzbach Parkway projects.

Loop 1604 – J. Brown, TxDOT Deputy District Engineer, updated the Board on the Loop 1604 project. J. Brown stated that an internal kick off meeting was held, and that the Environmental Study timeline is currently in the process of being created. Stakeholder and first round public meetings are to possibly be held in June.

US-281 – J. Brown, TxDOT Deputy District Engineer, updated the Board on US 281. B. Thornton asked J. Brown for a timeline of the Environmental Assessment. J. Brown stated that currently for the environmental assessment, data is being collected and alternatives are being looked at. TxDOT is anticipating holding a public hearing in September, or early fall. The document would be completed after the public hearing.

Discussion between J. Brown and R. Thompson took place regarding the public meetings that TxDOT held in March.

I 35 – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the board on the status of the I 35 project. P. Irwin stated that the I 35 corridor is a complex project, and that the RMA is identifying a set of criteria to assist in its decisions regarding project development and scheduling.

T. Brechtel informed the Board that the RMA staff attended Councilwoman McNeil's town hall meeting. The RMA project was an item on the agenda, and the RMA made a presentation to the community.

SH 16 – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the Board on the status of SH 16. P. Irwin stated that data that will drive design alternatives and environmental impact continues to be gathered as required by law. HNTB and their consultants will be hosting an agency coordination meeting to identify those specific areas of agency concern.

Wurzbach Parkway – P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, briefed the Board on the status of Wurzbach Parkway. P. Irwin stated that the RMA is continuing to gather design and environmental data. The design that was submitted to the Planning Committee is being tested for fatal flaws, both geometrically and environmentally.

Board member J. Reed reminded the Board that the work being done are feasibility studies to find

out whether or not these projects are toll-viable projects.

Board member R. Thompson had questions regarding the Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) procurement, whether the RMA will be able to create a CDA per its rules, or whether it has to be per TxDOT's rules. T. Brechtel stated that the RMA will be able to create the CDA per its needs. B. Cassidy, General Counsel, concurred with T. Brechtel and added that TxDOT as the RMA's local partner will be there to work with the RMA and to offer help.

H. Munoz asked if the RMA is not ready for proposals, and receives an unsolicited proposal, can it be rejected. B. Cassidy, General Counsel, responded that yes it can be rejected. There is no state law that prohibits rejection of unsolicited proposals.

4. **Resolution supporting Walk and Roll 2006 and celebrating a lifestyle that includes walking, bicycling and wheeling as daily and desirable forms of exercise, transportation and recreation.** T. Brechtel introduced the Resolution to support the Walk and Roll 2006, sponsored by the MPO each year. *J. Reed motioned to accept the resolution. R. Diaz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

5. **Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Aetna Group for employee health insurance and a contract with Dental Select for dental coverage for a one year period.** C. Conner, Comptroller for Alamo RMA, went over the Health Insurance options that were given to the Alamo RMA. Aetna was the recommended company due to having the best overall coverage and rates. Dental Select was the only plan that would cover a small group and that was the basis for its recommendation. The secondary recommendation for the Alamo RMA is that for those individuals whom are not covered, that the RMA cover, as a monthly health allowance, fifty percent of the premium that they would have otherwise been paid on their behalf. The personnel manual will need to be ratified to reflect the changes approved by the Board.

H. Munoz stated that the finance committee met and thoroughly reviewed the health insurance proposed and that this is the appropriate action to take, and it needs to be done. *H. Munoz, Chair of the finance committee motioned for all recommendations regarding health insurance be approved. Motion carried.*

6. **Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to ratify and extend the contract with James W. Griffin for advisory services through December 31, 2007.** *H. Munoz and J. Jenkins made the motion for approval. R. Diaz seconded. Motion carried.*

7. **Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend and extend the contract with Carrie Connor for accounting and administrative services through April 30, 2007.** *H. Munoz made the motion for approval. J. Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.*

8. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2006.** . C. Conner, Comptroller, presented the financial statements for period ending April 30, 2006. She reviewed the balance sheet, described the assets, liabilities, and fund equity; the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund deficit, explained the monies allocated for each column, and the statement of cash flow. *H. Munoz made the motion to approve the financial statements as represented to the Board. J. Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.*

9. **Citizens' Communications:** No citizens signed up to speak.

10. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.**

11. **Executive Session.**

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The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority did not meet in Executive Session

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There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 2:15p.m.

APPROVED:

BILL THORNTON, CHAIRMAN

DATE ADOPTED: _____

I hereby certify that the above foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct minutes of all the proceedings and official records of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority at its meeting on June 14, 2006.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO DIAZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER