

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Meeting June 14, 2007, 1:30p.m., in the Transguide, 1st Floor Conference Room, at 3500 N.W. Loop 410.

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. All Board members present.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Alamo RMA April 30, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.** *R. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. H. Muñoz seconded. Motion carried.*
3. **Legislative Update.** J. Brown, Deputy District Engineer for TxDOT San Antonio District, went over the overall outcome of the 80th Legislative Session, and what that means for Bexar County and the rest of the state. J. Brown stated that there is no new revenue coming into the State, and the county, more transportation dollars were diverted to non-transportation projects, the highway cost index has risen 73% since 2002, and that most if not all of the Mobility Fund will be needed to simply maintain the roads that exist now. J. Brown informed the Board that as of Fiscal year 2008 the state will already be using 2010 funds for maintenance of roads. J. Brown went over for the Board what the moratorium in SB 792 does and does not cover through the state of Texas. Toll projects in Bexar County were not stopped by the moratorium as long as they are non-concession projects.

Discussion occurred between Board members and J. Brown.

B. Cassidy reported on the Legislative Bills, other than Senate Bill 792, which passed and failed. He then went over Senate Bill 792, highlighting items that were of concern to the RMA. B. Cassidy then went on to explain the process of Market Valuation.

4. **Resolution for the Board to accept right of first refusal for potential development of the US 281/Loop 1604 project.** Dr. Thornton expressed to those in attendance that should the RMA accept development of the US 281/Loop 1604 project that would mean for Bexar County that there would be local control, local leadership, transparent contracts, and that the money would remain in Bexar County to be reinvested in other Bexar County transportation projects. Discussion occurred between Board members and B. Cassidy. J. Jenkins expressed disappointment in not pursuing other avenues for funding of the road project. *H. Muñoz made the motion for the RMA to initiate the right of first refusal for the potential development of the US 281/ Loop 1604 project. J. Reed seconded. 6 yeas and 1 nay by J. Jenkins. Motion carried.*

Citizen, Mel Borel, who lives off the 281 Corridor, informed the Board that he was against toll roads.

Citizen, Shirlene Harris who lives in the I 10/Dezavala area informed the Board that she was not against toll roads, just against existing roads being turned into toll roads. She also wanted to know that the adjacent roads would be maintained even though the toll road would be next to it.

Citizen, Lt. Christina M. Benacci who lives in the Mankie Park area, informed the Board of her position against toll roads.

Citizen, Deatra Thompson who lives in the Mankie Park area, stated her position against toll roads.

Citizen, John Greene who lives North of Marshall Road on US 281, informed the Board that he wants toll roads as soon as possible, but only as long as people will have the choice of being able to use free lanes. He also stated to the Board that he understands that Bond Financing is not free and that people pay them back in the form of property taxes.

Citizen, Jack M. Finger who lives in the 78212 zip code, stated that he was against toll roads and that the RMA should refuse US 281/ Loop 1604 project.

Citizen, Joe Krier, President and CEO of the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce, spoke for the business community approving the US 281/ Loop 1604 toll project, additionally Mr. Krier also reported on the City of San Antonio Bond Issue results.

Chairman Thornton recessed the meeting at 3:20pm to hold a press conference regarding the RMA initiating their right of first refusal for the potential development of US 281/Loop 1604 and to allow for media questions and statements.

Chairman Thornton reconvened the meeting at 3:35pm.

5. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2007.** T. Brechtel, presented the financial statements for period ending May 31, 2007. 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. J. Jenkins made the motion to approve the financial statements as presented. R. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.** T. Brechtel went over the Board calendar for the period of June through August, and she also informed the Board of where the RMA is on the Bandera Road project in regards to the Environmental Impact Statement.
7. **Executive Session.** Chairman Thornton announced the Board was going into executive session and adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.

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The Alamo Regional Mobility Board of Directors met in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code:

Subsection 551.071(1). Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with and advice from legal counsel concerning the US 281 and Loop 1604 CDA Toll Project.

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Chairman Thornton reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. He advised the public the board had met in executive session to consult with legal counsel, he then advised the public that no action was taken by the board

There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.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, 2007.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO DIAZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER