

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Meeting March 14, 2007, noon, 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 12:15pm. All Board members with the exception of M.C. Rodriguez were present.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Alamo RMA February 14, 2007 Board of Director meeting.** *H. Muñoz made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion carried.*
3. **Project Status Report.** P. Irwin, Director of Engineering and Operations for the Alamo RMA, and J. Brown, Deputy District Engineer for TxDOT, updated the Board on the status of the following projects.

I-35 Project – P. Irwin updated the Board on the status of the I 35 project. P. Irwin informed the Board that the RMA is continuing with the Project Development Schedule. He also stated that the RMA met with TxDOT on March 13, 2007, to get a Level 1 Traffic and Revenue Study conducted. L. Schietinger, Project Manager for GEC, presented the preliminary findings from the Phase I study for IH 35. She stated that over all HNTB is looking at an elevated structure as TxDOT recommended in a previous study, but that the area between 410S to 410N has the most right of way available to the RMA, and looks very promising for putting some of the facility at grade.

SH 16 – P. Irwin updated the Board on the status of the SH 16 project. P. Irwin stated that HNTB is continuing technical evaluations of the 21 design alternatives by testing them against future traffic conditions. The 5th Bandera Working Group meeting was held on March 13, 2007, and they were shown how the alternatives may be used.

Wurzbach Parkway – P. Irwin updated the Board on the status of the Wurzbach Parkway project. P. Irwin stated that the Federal Highway Administration is requiring the RMA to study Wurzbach Parkway from I 35 to Lockhill-Selma for the Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Wurzbach Parkway. Another Financial Assistance Agreement will be needed. Currently the estimation of Environmental clearance is the beginning of 2008 or sooner.

Loop 1604 / US 281 – J. Brown, Deputy District Engineer, updated the Board on the status of loop 1604 and US 281. J. Brown updated the Board on the Public Hearing that was held on February 7 for US 281. She stated that the comment period was extended for the Public Hearing. The Environmental Assessment will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration for approval, as soon as all comments have been received. The draft document is currently approximately 2300 pages. There were approximately 49 speaker cards, and about 280 comments. The timeline currently looks to be April or May for findings on US 281. J. Brown also informed the Board that the Public Hearing for Loop 1604 will be in either May or June. She stated that she would have a better time line available for the next board meeting.

Public Involvement Update – L. Alloway, Public Information Manager for the Alamo RMA, updated the Board on the RMA's Public Outreach efforts so far for 2007. L. Alloway stated that year-to-date there have been 8 presentations by Board and Staff, and that all have had positive feedback. Next quarter he estimated that there will be at least double or triple that amount of presentations. Public meetings for Wurzbach Parkway, SH 16, and I 35 will be conducted in a staggered manor during the summer. L. Alloway also stated that he will be discussing

enhancements for the website with HNTB.

4. **Briefing, discussion and appropriate action on the 2006 Alamo RMA Annual Report.** L. Alloway, Public Information Manager for the Alamo RMA, presented the 2006 Alamo RMA Annual Report for approval. *H. Muñoz made the motion to approve the Alamo RMA Annual Report as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Briefing, discussion and appropriate action of the approval of a consultant proposal for establishing goals, policies, and procedures for a local and SBEDA Program for the Alamo RMA.** T. Brechtel presented Resolution 07-06. T. Brechtel stated that Phase one of a three phase project is for the evaluation of current practices to help the RMA develop a program moving forward which will enable the RMA to monitor the SBEDA goals that it sets in place, and more importantly a way to provide outreach and technical assistance to parties interested in doing business with the RMA so that RMA may achieve the set goals. *H. Muñoz made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented. J. Reed seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2007.** T. Brechtel presented the financial statements for period ending February 28, 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. *H. Muñoz made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented. B. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.** T. Brechtel went over the Board calendar for the next several months, and reminded the Board about the 2006 Personal Financial Forms being due to the Texas Ethics Committee by April 30, 2007. B. Cassidy, General Counsel for the Alamo RMA, updated the Board on various bills that have been introduced to the Legislature.
8. **Executive Session.** Chairman Thornton recessed the Board meeting at 12:15.

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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

Subsection 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property - Discussion of real property purchase, exchange, lease, gift, donation, and/or negotiated settlement, including property to be acquired for right-of-way

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Chairman Thornton reconvened the meeting at 1:05 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 1:45p.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 March 14, 2007.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO DIAZ
SECRETARY/TREASURER