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1604 / 281 Interchange receives Federal Stimulus Funding *Four non-toll direct connectors on their way for San Antonio*

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(SAN ANTONIO) – March 5, 2009 – At their meeting in Austin, Texas today, the Texas Transportation Commission approved funding to allow for the construction of four needed direct connectors between Loop 1604 and US 281 to be built, using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal stimulus).

“With a local contribution of \$20,000,000, the Texas Transportation Commission has leveraged an additional \$120,000,000 to help pay for this needed improvement today”, said Dr. William E. Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA. “We are ready to get these connectors under construction, and provide needed non-tolled relief to our community as soon as possible.”

When construction of the direct connectors are finished, an estimated 50,000 vehicles per day will be able to be travel between Loop 1604 and US 281 without having to idle in traffic waiting for up to three traffic lights to turn green.

“This investment by the Texas Transportation Commission represents a long-term commitment to San Antonio and Bexar County,” said Jim Reed, chair of the Alamo RMA planning committee. “We still have a tremendous need in our community for transportation funds, but today is a step in the right direction to bring relief to our community.”

The US 281 / Loop 1604 -interchange connection will be under contract with construction starting within a year.

“When these connectors are open, we will be able to remove the 281/1604 intersection from the list of worst traffic spots in our community,” said Terry M. Brechtel, Executive Director of the Alamo RMA. “Relief is coming and the countdown to a new way to travel starts today.”

A graphic showing the connectors to be built, along with the estimated traffic each will carry, once constructed, can be downloaded at www.AlamorMA.org

About the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Alamo RMA includes a professional staff and consultant team that are committed to finding ways to empower our local community to take charge of our transportation future. The purpose of the Alamo RMA is to provide Bexar County with opportunities to accelerate needed transportation projects - through the direction of a local board making local choices about local mobility needs - that enhance the quality of life and economic growth for all residents in our region.

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