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Alamo RMA Board of Directors authorizes US 281 / Loop 1604 Interchange Design/Build team selection

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(SAN ANTONIO) – March 11, 2010 – The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) Board of Directors today authorized the selection of Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc., to serve as the design/builder for the US 281 / Loop 1604 Interchange project.

“This has been an open and transparent process,” said Dr. William Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA. “The Alamo RMA has ensured the highest possible value for our community and we will see this needed interchange constructed in the shortest possible time through the use of the design build approach.”

“Design build is a new way of building transportation projects in our region,” said Robert Thompson, Vice-Chair of the Alamo RMA Board of Directors. “The benefits of this approach will be seen when drivers are riding on the direct connectors of the interchange.”

The design build process allows for a public entity to ensure a fixed price and timeline for the completion of all design and construction work. For transportation projects, these benefits help to mitigate the impact of rising prices, which have resulted in cost overruns on a number of projects across our region.

“Taking a project with a fixed price, a fixed timeline will provide a tremendous benefit not only to the Alamo RMA but to our entire community,” said Terry Brechtel, Executive Director of the Alamo RMA. “By their actions today, the Alamo RMA Board of Directors have chosen the team to build the US 281 / Loop 1604 Interchange project and we look forward to seeing construction underway.”

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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