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Alamo RMA Chairman statement on recent developments in the 281 Lawsuit

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(SAN ANTONIO) – August 6, 2008 - Dr. William E. Thornton, chair of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), released the following statement today regarding the most recent development in the ongoing lawsuit regarding the 281 North project.

“Today, the Texas Department of Transportation has requested a stay of up to 60 days in the pending lawsuit on the environmental clearance for the 281 North project. As the implementing agency for the 281 North project, we fully respect the national environmental process and TxDOT’s decision to request additional time so that records can be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration to assure that all relevant information generated in connection with the environmental review process was considered.

“While we are disappointed in the prospect of any delay in our efforts to provide needed relief in the 281 corridor, due diligence is necessary to ensure protection of our environment.

“Since our formation in 2004, the Alamo RMA has been committed to bringing needed relief from congestion to our community. Through numerous challenges, we have continued to focus on providing relief to our friends and neighbors who suffer each day with gridlock and congestion throughout our community.

“The Alamo RMA looks forward to a quick resolution to this lawsuit and implementing the 281 North project in the very near future. We will continue to do all we can to be stewards of the public resources entrusted to us, both fiscal and environmental.”

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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