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**Texas Transportation Commission determines that US 281 and Loop 1604 will
continue as toll projects
Alamo RMA to pursue right of first refusal to ensure local leadership and control over projects**

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(SAN ANTONIO) – June 14, 2007 – After action taken by the Texas Transportation Commission this morning to continue the expansions of US 281 and Loop 1604 as toll projects, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) Board of Directors gave a clear direction to Terry Brechtel, Executive Director of the Authority, to begin the process to exercise the Alamo RMA's right of first refusal to develop these projects.

The determination this morning by the Texas Transportation Commission to proceed with development of US 281 and Loop 1604 as toll financed projects means that any improvements for these corridors will have to be funded utilizing toll revenue.

“We know that no one wants to pay tolls. We know that growth is, however, going to continue to come to our region and we can plan for it, or plan to avoid it,” said Dr. William Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA. “The reality is that if these needed projects are going to be built, they must be toll roads. Either TxDOT can build these projects, or the Alamo RMA can. With this last legislative session, we can now exercise the local leadership and local control necessary to keep control of this project in Bexar County and work closely with the MPO and other local partners on these projects.”

Under Senate Bill 792, the Alamo RMA, as a local entity authorized to develop toll projects, can, with the support of the MPO, exercise a right of first refusal to develop and build toll projects before TxDOT can attempt to build the project. The Alamo RMA will be pursuing the authority granted under SB 792 to keep Loop 1604 and US 281 as a local project.

“Bexar County approved the creation of the Alamo RMA to place local leaders in control of addressing our community's transportation needs,” said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

“Today's action ensures that this local public entity, and not a private domestic or foreign corporation, will maintain control of project development, project revenues, and project fees. All of these factors should make it easier for the community to accept solutions offered by the Alamo RMA,” Judge Wolff said.

For more information, please visit 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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