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Alamo RMA Board of Directors authorizes release of Design Build RFQ

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(SAN ANTONIO) – September 18, 2007 – The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) Board of Directors today authorized the release of a request for qualifications for developers for the 281 North toll project.

“The design build process we are utilizing provides a valuable tool in public projects,” said Dr. William Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA. “By being able to work with a construction and design team, we are able to accelerate the project, lock in a fixed price, seek innovative ideas to improve the project, and provide relief to our community years sooner than traditional methods.”

The design build process is not a concession or private sector model, which was previously discussed for this project by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Alamo RMA.

Development teams will be able to submit qualification statements and engage in a competitive process for the construction and design of the project, but will not have a role in operations of the facility once constructed.

“The actions taken by the Board today sends a signal to our community that we want relief, we need relief on this corridor, but we want to make sure the first project in our region is controlled and operated by our local RMA,” said Terry Brechtel, Executive Director of the Alamo RMA.

The 281 North toll project will be the first project undertaken by the Alamo RMA.

For more information on the procurement process, or to see the RFQ, 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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