

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

HIDALGO County

MINUTE ORDER

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission), by Minute Order 112250, dated April 29, 2010, designated the proposed Trade Corridor Connector Project as STATE HIGHWAY 365 in HIDALGO COUNTY along a new location from Farm to Market 1016, 1.7 miles south of US 83, eastward to FM 3072, 0.9 mile west of FM 2557, a distance of approximately 12.73 miles. The minute order also provided that the designation shall become null and void if construction of the Trade Corridor Connector Project does not begin within 36 months of the date of the minute order.

Subsequent to the April 29, 2010 minute order, the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) procured the services of a general engineering consultant, conducted traffic and revenue studies, and procured services for environmental studies, surveying and preliminary engineering for development of the Trade Corridor Connector Project. Although HCRMA is committed to expediting and completing development of the project, it is a complex endeavor and will not likely be ready to receive construction bids until fiscal year 2016. HCRMA's strategic plan for development of its overall system of projects also seeks to extend the limits of the project southward to US 281 (Military Highway). Accordingly, HCRMA and the department are recommending that Minute Order 112250 be amended.

The commission finds that amendment of Minute Order 112250 to extend the project limits and the deadline for beginning construction will facilitate the Trade Corridor Connector project, serves the public interest and is in the best interest of the state, is compatible with existing and planned transportation facilities, and serves to further state, regional and local transportation plans and goals.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that SH 365 be designated along a new location from FM 1016, 1.7 miles south of US 83, eastward to FM 3072, approximately 0.9 mile west of FM 2557, and then southward to US 281 (Military Highway), a distance of approximately 14.31 miles. In the event construction of the Trade Corridor Connector Project (SH365) does not begin by August 31, 2016, the order shall become null and void.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the project is developed by an entity other than the Texas Department of Transportation (department), the maintenance, control, and jurisdiction of the project will remain with the developing entity until the highway is opened to traffic as approved by the department.

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Date Passed