

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Starr County

MINUTE ORDER

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Pharr District

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) is preparing to widen the existing channel of an intermittent tributary to the Rio Grande, Arroyo Roma, from US 83 to the Rio Grande, in Starr County, Texas (CSJ 0038-07-058) (project). The purpose of the project is to prevent the upper reaches of Arroyo Roma, which passes through downtown Roma, from flooding US 83.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requiring, as a condition of its permit authorizing the project, compensatory mitigation of impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States in the form of preservation and planting of approximately 4.58 acres along Arroyo Roma. The parcels comprising the 4.58-acre mitigation area, plus an approximately 0.3-acre remainder, are described in Exhibit A (properties).

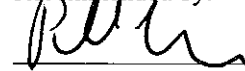
In accordance with Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 203, Subchapter D, Section 203.052, and 43 Texas Administrative Code §2.13(d)(3), the Texas Transportation Commission finds and determines that the acquisition of a conservation easement on or fee simple title to the properties is necessary or convenient to mitigate adverse environmental effects that directly result from the project.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the executive director is hereby authorized to proceed to acquire a conservation easement on or fee simple title to the properties for mitigation purposes.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Director of Environmental Affairs Division

Recommended by:

  
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Executive Director

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