

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARRANT AND DALLAS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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FORT WORTH AND DALLAS District

Subchapter E, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a comprehensive development agreement (CDA) with a private entity that provides for the design, development, financing, construction, maintenance, repair, operation, extension, or expansion of a toll project on the state highway system.

The department has been in development of the I-820, I-820/I-35W, and SH 183 project (project) as a managed lanes project and is pursuing environmental clearance through the Federal Highway Administration.

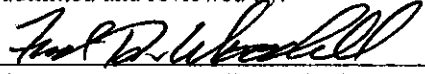
Section 223.203, Transportation Code prescribes requirements for a solicited proposal and requires the department to publish a request for qualifications in the *Texas Register* that includes the criteria that will be used to evaluate any qualification submittals, the relative weight given to the criteria, and a deadline by which qualification submittals must be received.

Development of this project is a crucial element in responding to severe recurrent traffic bottlenecks and congestion that occurs on a daily basis along the proposed project corridor. The project interconnects and bisects many of the region's most critical facilities. The magnitude and scope of the planned improvements will benefit from implementation through the CDA approach.

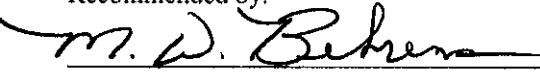
The planned improvements will provide increased capacity to serve traffic needs along I-820 and SH 183 from I-35W to SH 161, along I-820 to Randol Mill Road, and along I-35W from I-30 to SH 170 in Tarrant and Dallas counties. To assure that the planned improvements meet traffic needs, the department will continue to study the technical and financial feasibility of variations of the planned improvements to determine the optimal solution. The resulting project scope will be defined in the procurement documents. The potential exists for expediting the development and completion of this project through a public-private partnership under a CDA.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the department is authorized and directed to publish in the *Texas Register* and in one or more newspapers of general circulation a request for qualifications to develop, design, construct, finance, maintain, and operate, as necessary to achieve the optimal traffic solution, tolled managed lanes along I-820 and SH 183 from I-35W to SH 161, along I-820 to Randol Mill Road, and along I-35W from I-30 to SH 170 in Tarrant and Dallas counties, as well as other facilities to the extent necessary for connectivity, mobility, safety, and financing.

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