

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) takes special note of its designation by the governor as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs, in a letter dated October 4, 2005; and further acknowledges that federal program regulations require the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to ensure that grant funds are distributed fairly and equitably within the state.

The federal grant §5316 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and §5317 New Freedom programs have been repealed under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century. Residual grant funds of \$1,155,115 from JARC and New Freedom programs, and \$80,000 in state funds have been identified for award with this minute order to sustain existing projects. Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §31.17 and §31.18 establish a process by which projects are evaluated and funds distributed for JARC and New Freedom projects.

The commission recognizes that state and federal law permits the substitution of Transportation Development Credits (TDC) as the required non-federal match for projects. 43 TAC §5.109 establishes a process by which TDC may be awarded at the discretion of the commission. TDC of 193,761 are available for use as local match for federally funded capital projects.

In making the TDC award, the commission has considered the potential of the projects to expand the availability of funding for public transportation projects and finds that the projects meet the established program goals set forth in 43 TAC §5.102 to maximize the use of available federal funds, particularly in situations in which federal funds otherwise would be unused because of the inability to provide the non-federal share; and to support public transit.

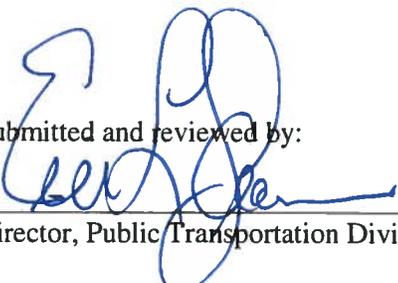
The commission finds that the projects listed in Exhibit A are eligible for funding and desires to award a total of \$1,155,115 in federal funds, \$80,000 in state funds and 193,761 in TDC.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

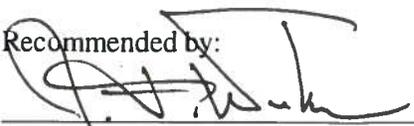
Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the awards as identified in Exhibit A, notify the entities in writing, and enter into the necessary contracts.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A
AWARD FEDERAL JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE AND
NEW FREEDOM FUNDS, STATE FUNDS, AND
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDC)
TO VARIOUS TRANSIT AGENCIES

Agency	Award Amount	TDC
Central Texas Rural Transit District	\$210,808	42,162
Colorado Valley Transit Inc.	60,000	12,000
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	147,051	29,411
Heart of Texas Workforce Development Board Inc.	186,320	0
Longview, City of	40,936	8,188
NDMJ Ltd. Transportation	80,000	0
Panhandle Community Services	300,000	60,000
South Plains Community Action Association	210,000	42,000
Total	\$1,235,115	193,761