

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006, there was conducted a SPECIAL Meeting of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, Texas, at the Brownsville Historic Museum thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE BOARD MET AT:

12:00 NOON

PRESENT:

DAVID ALLEX  
CHAIRPERSON

LAURA BETANCOURT  
DIRECTOR

SCOT CAMPBELL  
DIRECTOR

RAY RAMON  
DIRECTOR

VICTOR ALVAREZ  
DIRECTOR

MICHAEL SCAIEF  
DIRECTOR

DAVID N. GARZA  
DIRECTOR

Mary Robles

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Alex at 12:14 P.M. He asked Director Alvarez for the invocation.

The Board considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on April 6, 2006, at 3:21 P.M.:

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Betancourt and carried unanimously, the Board met in Executive Session at 12:15 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(XIV) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (A) DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.**

Upon motion by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 12:45 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(XV) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action taken.

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**(I) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None was presented.

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**(II) IN THE MATTER REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2006 (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously, the Minutes of March 9, 2006, were **TABLED**.

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**(III) REPORT FROM INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON STATUS OF ONGOING CCRMA PROJECTS RELATED TO THE UPCOMING TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING IN BROWNSVILLE**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Interim Executive Director, reported that the draft agenda for the Texas Transportation Commission to be held in Brownsville has the Cameron County projects under Item 5-a, Toll Road Projects. He added that a minute order will be considered by the commission, and noted that TXDOT would not do the environmental assessment on the West Loop Project, instead would allow the RMA to do it. Mr. Sepulveda indicated that mayors of different jurisdictions were informed of the meeting in order for them to attend in support of the projects.

Chairman Alex stated that the Levi Building was presently being renovated.

**The Report is as follows:**

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**(IV) STATUS REPORT BY HNTB**

Mr. Bobby Balli, HNTB, presented and highlighted the February 2006 status report.

**The Report is as follows:**

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(V) **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NORTH RAIL  
RELOCATION PROJECT**

Mr. Sepulveda presented and highlighted the following report. He explained that the City of Harlingen opted to terminate their contract with their consultant and to have RMA do the project.

**The Report is as follows:**

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**(VI) IN THE MATTER REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CCRMA AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN REGARDING THE NORTH RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT (TABLED)**

**(VIII) TABLED CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 4 WITH HNTB FOR THE NORTH RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT (TABLED)**

Mr. Sepulveda explained that the City of Harlingen wants for the RMA to do the project since it is working with HNTB. He indicated that he was not ready to recommend approval at this time; therefore, he suggested that his item be tabled.

Upon motion by Director Betancourt, seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously, this item was **TABLED**.

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**(IX) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FINANCIAL DEPOSITORY CONTRACT**

Mr. Sepulveda reported that up to today the RMA has used the county's depository contract and that the County Auditor advised that they could continue. He added that the RMA may have to bid out the depository contract depending on the action to be taken by the Texas Transportation Commission during their next meeting.

Director Alvarez moved that the \$250,000.00 loan from Cameron County be approved.

The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(X) IN THE MATTER REGARDING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES THAT CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Director Campbell, seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, this item was **TABLED**.

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**(XI) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF  
INTERSTATE 37 TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF  
TEXAS**

Director Garza moved that the Resolution supporting the extension of Interstate 37 to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**(XIII) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR DIRECTORS AND STAFF TO ATTEND THE TEAM TEXAS MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON MAY 3-4, 2006**

Chairman Alex informed that Directors Garza, Betancourt and Campbell would attend the TEAM TX Meeting in San Antonio. He noted that there was a consensus of the need to have an interstate connecting the Valley and that modifying Interstate 37 was the best option.

Mr. Sepulveda stated that extending Interstate 37 to the valley would cost approximately \$700 million and that studies would be conducted to determine possible funding options.

Chairman Alex stated that resolution supporting this project would be presented to the Texas Highway Commission during their meeting on April 27, 2006.

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**(XII) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY RMA STRATEGIC PLAN AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Project Manager, presented and highlighted the following report:

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There being no further business to come before the **BOARD** and upon motion by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Ramon the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:34 P.M.

**APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of **August 2006**.

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**CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALLEX**

**ATTESTED:**

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**SECRETARY LAURA BETANCOURT**