

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 31st day of August 2011, there was conducted a Special Meeting of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, at the Dancy Courthouse thereof, in 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 E. ALLEX
CHAIRPERSON

DIRECTOR

DAVID N. GARZA
DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR

RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.
DIRECTOR

JOHN WOOD
DIRECTOR

MARK ESPARZA
DIRECTOR

Secretary

MICHAEL SCAIEF
ABSENT

YOLANDA VILLALOBOS
ABSENT

ABSENT



The meeting was called to order by Chairman David E. Allex at 12:07 P.M. At this time, the Board considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on this August 26, 2011, at 2:25 P.M.

AGENDA

**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority**

**Dancy Courthouse
1100 E. Monroe
Brownsville, Texas 78520
Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

12:00 Noon

FILED AND RECORDED
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS
On: Aug 26, 2011 at 12:56P

Joe G Rivera
County Clerk
By
Massie Pena, Deputy
Cameron County

I. Public Comments

CONSENT ITEMS:

All Items under the Consent Agenda are heard collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested item will be considered, discussed and appropriate action taken separately.

- II. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for August 19, 2011 Special Meeting**
- III. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution endorsing the Emergency Port Of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2011**

ACTION ITEMS:

- IV. Approval of Claims**
- V. Discussion Regarding Upcoming TxDOT Public Hearings**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- VI. Executive Session**
 - A. Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning negotiations and related contract issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's Comprehensive Development Agreement, Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 (2)**
 - B. Deliberation regarding real property concerning Acquisition of Parcel 9, for the West Rail Project, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072**

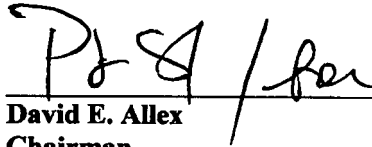
VII. Action Relative to Executive Session

A. Possible Action

B. Possible Action

VIII. Adjournment

Signed this 26th day of August, 2011



David E. Alex
Chairman

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

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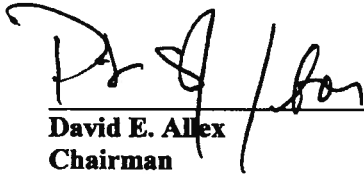
Joe G Rivera
County Clerk
By
Nassie Pena, Deputy
Cameron County

CONSENT ITEMS:

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I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for August 9, 2011 Special Meeting

Signed this 26th day of August, 2011



David E. Alex
Chairman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

ALL ITEM(S) UNDER THE CONSENT RMA AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY

II. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for August 19, 2011 Special Meeting

Director Gallegos made a motion to approve the Minutes for August 19, 2011 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Esparza and carried unanimously.

III. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution endorsing the Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2011

Vice-Chairman Wood commented that he, Mr. David A. Garcia, RMA Deputy Coordinator, County Commissioner Pct. 4 Dan Sanchez, 444th District Judge David A. Sanchez and Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., RMA Coordinator had attended a meeting with Senator John Cornyn in Hidalgo County. Vice-Chairman Wood mentioned that there were delegations from other Valley cities in attendance. He also mentioned that he had advised the Senator about issues we are experiencing with the Department of Homeland Security on the West Rail Project and the changes they are requesting on the project.

Director Gallegos made a motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Esparza and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

IV. Approval of Claims

The attached claims were presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

Director Gallegos made a motion to approve the Claims. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

The Claims are as follows:

V. Discussion Regarding Upcoming TxDOT Public Hearings

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., RMA Coordinator introduced the item and advised the Board about a public meeting that will be held at the Pharr District office on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. to receive input regarding the Unified Transportation Program, the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and to address the reconciliation of Category 5 and 7 Funds along with the distribution of Proposition 12 Funds. Mr. Sepulveda advised the Board that he had passed out a spreadsheet that included the Projects along the U.S. 77 Route that the Pharr District Engineer and the Corpus Christi District Engineer are planning to fund utilizing Proposition 12 Funds. Mr. Mario R. Jorge, Pharr District Engineer addressed the Board and advised them of his intention of funding projects with Proposition 12 Funds and went into detail on the proposed projects as well as going through the spreadsheet. Mr. Sepulveda asked if it was necessary to provide public input agreeing with the Texas Department of Transportation's District Engineers recommendation of Projects. Vice-Chairman Wood mentioned it was important to attend the public meeting and provide comments. Staff will provide testimony or talking points to the members of the Board attending the public meeting. also advised the Board that on the 20th of September there will be a public hearing in Austin and urged the Board to attend the public hearing.

Director Gallegos made a motion to acknowledge the Report on Upcoming TxDOT Public Hearings. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Esparza moved to go into Executive Session the motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the Board met in Executive Session at 12:23 P.M. to discuss the following matter:

VI. Executive Session:

- A. Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning negotiations and related contract issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's Comprehensive Development Agreement, Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071(2)**
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Upon motion by Director Gallegos seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 12:42 P.M.

VII. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning negotiations and related contract issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's Comprehensive Development Agreement, Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071(2)**

Vice-Chairman Wood made a motion to terminate the current Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's Comprehensive Development Agreement process. The motion was seconded by Director Esparza and carried unanimously.

- B. Deliberation regarding real property concerning Acquisition of Parcel 9, for the West Rail Project, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072**

Director Garza made a motion to acknowledge the report of Staff. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Wood and carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE AGENDA

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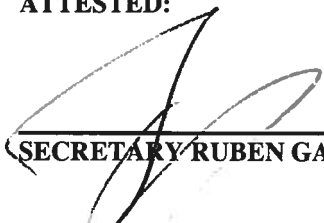
Director Gallegos made a motion to approve the Minutes for August 9, 2011 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Esparza and carried unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

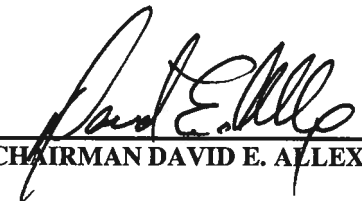
There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion by Vice-Chairman Wood seconded by Director Gallegos and carried unanimously the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:43 P.M.

APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2011.

ATTESTED:



SECRETARY RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.



CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALEX

**III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
ENDORING THE EMERGENCY PORT OF ENTRY
PERSONNEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING ACT
OF 2011**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF CAMERON

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2011, THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID BOARD FOR SUCH MEETING TO BE CONSIDERED

“CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EMERGENCY PORT OF ENTRY PERSONNEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING ACT OF 2011”

- WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced by Senator John Cornyn which relates to providing additional resources and funding for construction and infrastructure improvements at United States land ports of entry, to open additional inspection lanes, to hire more inspectors, and to provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States Customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Southern Border; and
- WHEREAS**, the enactment of this bill will assist the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority as it continues to improve the waiting time coming into the United States at the Gateway Bridge, Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates and the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios; and
- WHEREAS**, this legislation will work to improve the facilitation and movement of people as well as goods and services by providing additional personnel and resources; and
- WHEREAS**, Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority continues to work with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection personnel to improve legitimate trade and travel and to allow for the least amount of disruption to our travelers at our international bridges and Port of Entry; and
- WHEREAS**, this legislation is one more positive step towards providing the long overdue resources to our Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Entry in Brownsville, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority strongly supports the **EMERGENCY PORT OF ENTRY PERSONNEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING ACT OF 2011**.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 31st, day of August, 2011.

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY



DAVID E. ALEX
RMA CHAIRMAN



JOHN WOOD
RMA VICE-CHAIRMAN



RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.
RMA SECRETARY

MICHAEL SCAIEF
RMA TREASURER

YOLANDA VILLALOBOS
RMA DIRECTOR



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RMA DIRECTOR



MARK ESPARZA
RMA DIRECTOR

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Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2011 (Introduced in Senate - IS)

S 2767 IS

112th CONGRESS
1st Session

To provide additional resources and funding for construction and infrastructure improvements at United States land ports of entry, to open additional inspection lanes, to hire more inspectors, and to provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States Customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Southern Border.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To provide additional resources and funding for construction and infrastructure improvements at United States land ports of entry, to open additional inspection lanes, to hire more inspectors, and to provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States Customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Southern Border.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2011'.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) NORTHERN BORDER- The term 'Northern border' means the international border between the United States and Canada.
- (2) SOUTHERN BORDER- The term 'Southern border' means the international border between the United States and Mexico.

SEC. 3. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PERSONNEL.

(a) Staff Enhancements-

(1) NEW PERSONNEL- In addition to positions authorized before the date of the enactment of this Act and any existing officer vacancies within United States Customs and Border Protection on such date, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, hire, train, and assign to duty, not later than September 30, 2016--

(A) 2,500 full-time Customs and Border Protection officers to serve on all inspection lanes (primary, secondary, incoming, and outgoing) and enforcement teams at United States land ports of entry on the Northern border;

(B) 2,500 full-time Customs and Border Protection officers to serve on all inspection lanes (primary, secondary, incoming, and outgoing) and enforcement teams at United States land ports of entry on the Southern border; and

(C) 350 full-time support staff for all United States ports of entry.

(b) Waiver of FTE Limitation- The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any limitation on the number of full-time equivalent personnel assigned to the Department of Homeland Security in order to fulfill the requirements under subsection (a).

(c) Report to Congress-

(1) OUTBOUND INSPECTIONS- Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report containing the Department of Homeland Security's plans for ensuring the placement of sufficient United States Customs and Border Protection officers on outbound inspections and adequate outbound infrastructure at all Southern border land ports of entry to--

(A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(D) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS- Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit a report to the committees set forth in paragraph (1) that contains plans for ensuring the placement of sufficient agriculture specialists at all Southern border land ports of entry.

SEC. 4. SECURE COMMUNICATION; EQUIPMENT; AND GRANTS FOR BORDER PERSONNEL.

(a) Secure Communication- The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that each United States Customs and Border Protection officer is equipped with a secure 2-way communication and satellite-enabled device, supported by system interoperability, that

allows such officers to communicate between ports of entry and inspection stations, and with other Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement entities.

(b) Border Area Security Initiative Grant Program- The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a program for awarding grants for the purchase of detection equipment at land ports of entry and mobile, hand-held, 2-way communication and biometric devices for State and local law enforcement officers serving on the Southern border.

SEC. 5. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION OF LAND PORTS OF ENTRY

(a) In General- In order to aid in the enforcement of Federal customs, immigration, and agriculture laws, the Customs and Border Protection Commissioner may--

- (1) design, construct, and modify (or reimburse for construction costs) land ports of entry and other structures and facilities, including living quarters for officers, agents, and personnel;
- (2) acquire, by purchase, donation, exchange or otherwise, land or any interest in land determined to be necessary to carry out the Commissioner's duties under this section; and
- (3) construct additional ports of entry along the Southern border and the Northern border.

(b) Consultation-

(1) LOCATIONS FOR NEW PORTS OF ENTRY- The Secretary of Homeland Security is encouraged to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, the International Boundary and Water Commission, the International Joint Commission, and appropriate representatives of States, local governments, Indian tribes, and property owners to--

- (A) determine locations for new ports of entry; and
- (B) minimize adverse impacts from such ports on the environment, historic and cultural resources, commerce, and quality of life for the communities and residents located near such ports.

(2) SAVINGS PROVISION- Nothing in this subsection may be construed to--
(A) create any right or liability of the parties described in paragraph (1);
(B) affect the legality and validity of any determination under this Act by the Secretary; or
(C) affect any consultation requirement under any other law.

SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE LEASEHOLDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may acquire a leasehold interest in real property, and may construct or modify any facility on the leased property, if the Secretary determines that the acquisition of such interest, and such construction or modification, are necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated, to carry out this Act during the 6-year period beginning on October 1, 2011, \$6,000,000,000, of which--

(2) \$30,000,000 shall be used for Border Area Security Grants authorized under section 4(b).

SEC. 8. RESCISSION OF UNSPENT FEDERAL FUNDS TO OFFSET LOSS IN REVENUES.

(a) In General- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of all available unobligated funds, appropriated discretionary funds are hereby rescinded in such amounts as determined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget such that the aggregate amount of such rescission equals the amount in outlays by reason of section 7.

(b) Implementation- The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall determine and identify--

(1) the appropriation accounts from which the rescission under subsection (a) shall apply; and

(2) the amount of such rescission that shall be applied to each such account.

(c) Report- Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit a report to Congress and the Secretary of the Treasury that describes the accounts and amounts determined and identified for rescission under subsection (b).

(d) Exception- This section shall not apply to the unobligated funds of--

(1) the Department of Defense;

(2) the Department of Veterans Affairs

(3) the Department of Homeland Security

IV. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS



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Total for All Checks: 2,286,472.37

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING TxDOT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pete Sepulveda

From: TxDOT [txdot@service.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2011 1:21 PM
To: Pete Sepulveda
Subject: TxDOT HOSTS STATEWIDE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS
Attachments: UTP_Meeting_Locations.pdf

TxDOT HOSTS STATEWIDE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS

On Thursday, September 1, 2011, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a public meeting in each of its 25 districts throughout the state to provide information and solicit input from the public regarding the planning and funding of a variety of transportation projects. The discussions will center on recommended revisions to the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The plan revisions will include fund transfer requests and Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 carryover balances. They will also address the reconciliation of Category 5 and 7 funds, and the distribution of Proposition 12 funds.

The meetings will be held from **5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (CST)** on Thursday, **September 1, 2011**.

Beginning promptly at 5:30 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and revisions of the 2012 UTP. Additional information will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The following link http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/fin/utp/2012_revision/locations.pdf and attachment provide address information to each of the twenty-five meeting sites.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call (512) 486-5044 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Unified Transportation Program - Revisions

The UTP is a comprehensive 10-year statewide plan for the development and construction of transportation projects. The Texas Transportation Commission approved the 2012 UTP in May 2011. The September 1 meetings will include discussions regarding the revision of the UTP to include the addition of four metropolitan corridor projects in the El Paso District, tier-funded projects not previously identified, and language to allow for greater funding flexibility. For additional information regarding the UTP, please go to http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108. Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: TxDOT Finance Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until September 26, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program - Revisions

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years. The STIP includes all federally funded projects. The September 1 public meetings pertain specifically to FY 2011 August Quarterly STIP revisions that have gone through local project selection and public involvement processes. The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for August 2011 may be viewed online at

<http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm>. Interested parties may also visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704. Written comments must be received before September 26, 2011.

FY 2011 Carryovers

At the end of each fiscal year, unused State Highway Funds from TxDOT districts and applicable division-managed programs are reviewed for carryover into the next fiscal year. The public will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the carryover totals. The final approved amounts will be applied to the FY 2012 UTP allocations.

Category 5 and Category 7 Reconciliation

Category 5 funds Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement projects in non-attainment areas throughout the state. Category 7 is funding for the eight Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) serving populations greater than 200,000. The current reconciliation effort will allow the department and the affected MPOs to develop an agreed upon plan for the distribution of approximately \$200M in Category 5 and 7 funds. The effort includes public review and comment on the agreed upon plan.

Proposition 12 Distribution

Proposition 12 was approved by voters in 2007 for the issuance of \$5B in general obligation debt to be used to improve Texas highways. The first issuance of \$2B occurred in 2010. The second issuance, totaling \$3B, is scheduled to occur over the course of the upcoming biennium (2012-2013).

The specified funding amounts and categories are:

- \$1.4 billion to be distributed to the 25 TxDOT districts for rehabilitation and safety projects;
- 600 million for urban and metropolitan mobility projects to be selected by 25 MPOs in the state;
- \$500 million to replace or rehabilitate eight bridges, as specified in legislation;
- \$300 million to be sub-allocated to the four largest MPOs in the state - Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio - for the development of future mobility projects; and
- \$200 million for rural connectivity projects to be allocated by the Transportation Commission.

The Texas Transportation Commission is expected to approve these distributions at its September 2011 meeting. Districts and MPOs are working with local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and select projects during the months of August through October for consideration by the Commission.

- [UTP Meeting Locations.pdf](#)

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2012 Unified Transportation Plan - Revision Meeting Locations

Region	District	Meeting Location
South	Austin	7901 N. IH 35 Austin, Texas 78753
	San Antonio	4615 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, Texas 78229-0928
	Corpus Christi	1701 South Padre Island Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78416
	Yoakum	403 Huck Street Yoakum, Texas 77995
	Laredo	1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Texas 78043
	Pharr	600 West Expressway US 83 Pharr, TX 78577-1717
West	Abilene	4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79601
	Amarillo	5715 Canyon Drive Amarillo, Texas 79114
	Childress	7599 US 287 Childress, Texas 79201-9705
	El Paso	13301 Gateway West El Paso, Texas 79928-5410
	Lubbock	135 Slaton Road Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201
	Odessa	3901 East US Highway 80 Odessa, Texas 79761
	San Angelo	4502 Knickerbocker Road San Angelo, Texas 76904

Region	District	Meeting Location
North	Brownwood	Administration Building Conference Room BWD 2 2495 Highway 183 North Brownwood, Texas 76802
	Atlanta	Administration Building Atlanta Room 26 701 East Main St Atlanta, Texas 75551
	Dallas	Administrative Building DAL 2 Conference Room 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, Texas 75150
	Fort Worth	Regional Training Center 2501 SW Loop 820 (at McCart Ave) Fort Worth, Texas 76133
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