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Rio Grande Council of Governments

Request for Proposal

The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) seeks to contract with a firm/consultant to provide professional services for Human Resources. A copy of the RGCOG Request for Proposals may be obtained with a written request via email or fax attn: Mary Alvarado, RGCOG Executive Secretary, email: marya@riocog.org or fax at (915) 532-9385.

Completed proposals must be received by the RGCOG no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on July 27, 2009 in order to be considered. RGCOG reserves the right to negotiate with any and all consultants or firms that submit proposals as per the Government Code, Chapter 2254.

The RGCOG is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Intent - United States Highway (US) 281, Bexar County, Texas

Pursuant to 43 TAC §2.5(e)(2), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project. The scope of the project is United States Highway (US) 281 from Loop (LP) 1604 to Borgfeld Road, about 7.5 miles, in Bexar County, Texas. Areas within the city of San Antonio are included in the study area.

US 281 within the project limits is listed in the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (SA-BCMPO) Mobility 2030 Plan (the long-range transportation plan) as a six-lane tolled facility; other solutions for improving mobility within the US 281 corridor may be identified in future updates and/or amendments to the long-range transportation plan. The existing facility is a four-to-six-lane non-toll divided arterial with partial access controls. The need for improvements to US 281 has resulted from a historic and continuing trend in population and employment growth within the project corridor and surrounding areas. This growth has generated increasing levels of vehicle miles traveled, leading to higher levels of traffic congestion, vehicle crashes, and declining community quality of life. Without ad-

ditional transportation improvements it is anticipated that this population and employment growth will result in increased levels of vehicular traffic, crashes, and travel delays. Without improvements, accessibility within the corridor is anticipated to become increasingly reduced, its functionality as part of a regional transportation system would decline, and the overall community quality of life would diminish. The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life.

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the project, including, but not limited to, the following: impacts or potential displacements to residents and businesses; detours; air and noise impacts from construction equipment, and operation of the project; water quality impacts from the construction area and from roadway storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to floodplains; impacts to socio-economic resources (including environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations); indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; land use; vegetation; wildlife; and aesthetic and visual resources.

The Alamo RMA will consider several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose. The alternatives will include the no-build alternative, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, mass transit, and roadway build alternatives. The roadway build alternatives may include limited access and non-limited access designs, and toll and non-toll lanes.

The project may require the following approvals by the federal government: United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404; Section 401 Water Quality Certification; and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The actual approvals required may change after the Alamo RMA completes field surveys, conducts public involvement activities, and recommends a preferred alternative for the project.

A scoping meeting is an opportunity for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the draft EIS, and to comment on methodologies to evaluate alternatives. Public scoping meetings are planned for late summer and fall of 2009. The Alamo RMA will publish notice that scoping meetings will be held. The notice will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the project area at least 30 days prior to the meetings, and again approximately 10 days prior to the meetings.

The Alamo RMA will complete the procedures for public participation and, in coordination with the department, complete the procedures for coordination with other agencies as described in one or both of the National Environmental Policy Act and state law. In addition to scoping meetings, the Alamo RMA will hold a series of meetings to solicit public comment during the environmental review process. They will be held during appropriate phases of the project development process. Public notices will be given stating the date, time, and location of the meeting or hearing and will be published in English as well as Spanish. Provision will be made for those with special communication needs, including translation if requested. The Alamo RMA will also send correspondence to federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project, which will describe the proposed project and solicit comments. The Alamo RMA and department invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed project are identified and addressed. Comments or questions should be directed to the Alamo RMA and department at the addresses set forth below.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is not available.

Alamo RMA Contact: Lisa Adelman, Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA, 1222 N. Main Avenue, 10th Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78212; phone (210) 495-5499.

Department Contact: Dianna F. Noble, P.E., Director of Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; phone (512) 416-2734.

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Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Restrictions on Use of State Highway

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) will conduct public hearings to receive comments on a proposed restriction initiated by the department establishing lane use restrictions for certain classes of vehicles on the following highways:

1. Interstate Highway 20 in Tarrant, Dallas and Kaufman Counties from United States Highway 377 in the city of Fort Worth to Farm to Market Road 740 in the city of Mesquite;
2. Interstate Highway 30 in Tarrant County from Dale Lane in the city of Fort Worth to Farm to Market Road 157 in the city of Arlington;
3. Interstate Highway 820 in Tarrant County from Westpoint Boulevard in the city of Fort Worth to Interstate Highway 20 in the city of Fort Worth; and
4. Interstate Highway 45 in Dallas and Ellis Counties from Interstate Highway 30 in the city of Dallas to Farm to Market Road 3413 in the city of Ennis.

In accordance with Transportation Code, §545.0651 and 43 TAC §§25.601 - 25.604, the department is proposing to initiate a lane use restriction applicable to trucks, as defined in Transportation Code, §541.201, with three or more axles, and to truck tractors, also as defined in Transportation Code, §541.201, regardless of whether the truck tractor is drawing another vehicle or trailer. The proposed restriction would prohibit those vehicles from using the left or inside lane on the following highways:

1. Interstate Highway 20 from United States Highway 377 in the city of Fort Worth extending to Farm to Market Road 740 in the city of Mesquite;
2. Interstate Highway 30 from Dale Lane in the city of Fort Worth extending to Farm to Market Road 157 in the city of Arlington;
3. Interstate Highway 820 from Westpoint Boulevard in the city of Fort Worth extending to Interstate Highway 20 in the city of Fort Worth; and
4. Interstate Highway 45 from Interstate Highway 30 in the city of Dallas extending to Farm to Market Road 3413 in the city of Ennis.

The proposed restrictions would apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and would allow the operation of those vehicles in a prohibited traffic lane for the purposes of passing another vehicle or entering or exiting the highway.

In accordance with 43 TAC §25.604, the Texas Department of Transportation will evaluate the impact of the proposed restriction's compliance with the requirements of Transportation Code, §545.0651 and

43 TAC §§25.601 - 25.604, and will hold public hearings to receive comments on the proposed restriction. The hearings, preceded by a 30 minute open house, will be held at the following times and locations:

1. Ennis High School, 2301 Ensign Road, Ennis, Texas 75119, on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Fort Worth Intermodal Transportation Center, 1001 Jones Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Lancaster City Hall, 211 N. Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas 75146, on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

All interested citizens are invited to attend any of the hearings and to provide input. Those desiring to make official comments may register starting at 6:00 p.m. Oral and written comments may be presented at any of the public hearings and written comments may be submitted by regular postal mail during the 30-day public comment period. Written comments may be submitted to Maribel Chavez, P.E., District Engineer, Fort Worth District, Texas Department of Transportation, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. The deadline for receipt of written comments is 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2009.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the public hearing and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, or non-English speakers, readers, large print, or Braille, are requested to contact Jahnae Stout at (817) 608-2335 at least two business days prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For more information concerning the public hearing, please contact Jahnae Stout.

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Notice of Request for Proposal

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) for:

1. State Planning Assistance
2. Rural Transportation Assistance
3. Intercity Bus
4. Rural Discretionary
5. Job Access Reverse Commute
6. New Freedom

These public transportation projects will be funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §§5304, 5311(b)(3), 5311(f), and 5311 - Discretionary programs, §5316, and §5317. It is anticipated that multiple projects from multiple funding programs will be selected for State Fiscal Year 2011. Project selection will be administered by the Public Transportation Division (PTN). Selected projects will be awarded in the form of grants, with payments made for allowable reimbursable expenses or for defined deliverables. The proposer will become a sub-recipient of the department.

Purpose: The RFP invites proposals for services to develop, promote, coordinate, or support public transportation. The objectives for these proposals are to support the nonurbanized and small urban areas of Texas, to support services to meet the intercity travel needs of residents, or to support the infrastructure of the public transportation network through planning, marketing assistance, local match assistance,