

AGENDA ITEM 26**Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.**

Mike Weaver gave an update on road bond projects and discussed legislative issues regarding RMAs.

< Attachment >

Memorandum

To: Williamson County Commissioners Court
Travis County Commissioners Court
From: Michael J. Weaver
Prime Strategies, Inc.
Regarding: RMA Legislation
Date: December 9, 2002

Please find attached legislation pre-filed by Representative Mike Krusee and Representative Phil King regarding RMA's and Governor Perry's Trans Texas Corridor program. These bills address the RMA's immediate concerns regarding condemnation powers and bonding authority.

A number of other legislative initiatives are underway, including the Governor's transportation bill. As these bills are filed, we will provide copies for your information.

We will also provide copies of all legislative initiatives to the RMA Board of Directors for review and analysis. The Board will probably need to comment and support (as appropriate) certain bills that help the implementation of the RMA.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attachments

Cc: (w/attachments)
Joe Gieselman, P.E., Travis County
Tom Nuckols, Travis County
Joe England, P.E., Williamson County
C. Brian Cassidy, Locke, Liddell & Sapp

(HB 157)

By: _____

_____.B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a regional mobility authority to issue
3 turnpike revenue bonds.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 361.003, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

7 (m) A regional mobility authority has the same powers and
8 duties that the commission has under Subchapter E relating to the
9 issuance of turnpike revenue bonds.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(HB 156)

By: _____

____.B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the grant of the power of eminent domain to a regional mobility authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 361.003, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) The governing body of a regional mobility authority has the same powers and duties that the commission has under Subchapter D relating to the condemnation of real property.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

By: _____

(HB 159)

_____.B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation or a regional mobility authority to purchase or condemn real property for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER N. TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR

Sec. 201.961. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "Trans-Texas Corridor" means the multiuse, statewide transportation corridor described by the department's implementation plan adopted by the commission on June 27, 2002.

Sec. 201.962. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY. (a) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the legislature, the department may purchase or condemn real property necessary or convenient for the Trans-Texas Corridor, including purchasing or condemning real property for highway, railway, or utility purposes.

(b) Subject to the availability of sufficient funds, a regional mobility authority has the same powers as the department under Subsection (a).

(c) The authority to purchase or condemn real property under this section includes the authority to acquire a right-of-way that may be leased by the department or an authority to a private entity for profit.

(HB 160)

By: _____

____.B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT.

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to offer royalty interests as consideration for property acquired for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER N. TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR

Sec. 201.961. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "Trans-Texas Corridor" means the multiuse, statewide transportation corridor described by the department's implementation plan adopted by the commission on June 27, 2002.

Sec. 201.962. ROYALTY INTEREST AS CONSIDERATION. The department may offer royalty payments as consideration for property acquired by the department for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

AGENDA ITEM 27

Discuss and take appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Ed Lee announced that there has been a change in ownership of Landmark. He said that Faulkner Construction and Landmark are merging, and will be using the name Faulkner USA. He said he views this as a positive change as it lends Landmark more financial stability. He stated that the parking garage is 99% finished inside and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week and ready to open on December 16.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 28

Discuss and take appropriate action on the park advisory committee.

Commissioner Boatright said that representatives from US Fish & Wildlife will be present on Saturday for the ceremony regarding the exchange of funds for mitigation between Williamson County and TTA. He also said that Jim Rodgers will be contacting the Sheriff regarding electronic monitoring for the Williamson County Regional Park to deter any future vandalism.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:37 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002.

AGENDA ITEM 29

Discuss real estate (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.)

No action was taken in Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEM 30

Presentation by Cedar Park Development Corp. of a prospective business relocation to Williamson County (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.087 deliberations regarding economic development negotiations.)

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:44 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002.

AGENDA ITEM 31

Discuss and take appropriate action on real estate.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 32

Discuss and take appropriate action on presentation by Cedar Park Development Corp. of a prospective business relocation to Williamson County.

No action was taken on this item, which was removed from the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 33

Comments from commissioners.

Commissioner Boatright stated that the CAMPO board has delayed any action to expand CAMPO boundaries until February. He also said that the RMA review committee would meet after the Commissioners' Court meeting today to review the 17 RMA applications received.

Commissioner Heiligenstein noted that he attended a CUC policy meeting for legislative priorities last week and will bring back an update on the priority issues. He also discussed the possibility that the county would eventually need to hire someone to deal with environmental issues such as air quality, water quality and other technical issues.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:04 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002.