



# ALAMO RMA

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

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**BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:00 p.m.**  
**San Antonio River Authority, Board Room**  
**100 E. Guenther Street**  
**San Antonio, Texas 78204**

## Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Clamp called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Members present: John Clamp, Gavino Ramos, Ramiro Cavazos, Lou Miller, and David Starr. Members absent: John Montford.
2. **Approval of minutes from the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of August 27, 2015.** D. Starr made motion to approve the minutes as presented to the Board of Directors. R. Cavazos seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. **Executive Director's Report.** David Smith presented

### **A. Monthly Status Report on General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Work Authorizations**

For the month of August, work was performed on Work Authorization (WA) Number 1 with Pape Dawson Munoz.

- **Work Authorization No. 1:** Parking Feasibility Study:
  1. Presented to the RMA Board of Directors
  2. Began revisions to complete the final report submittal

### **B. Monthly Update on US Hwy 281 Environmental Impact Statement**

- **Work Authorization No. 4B:** Design Schematic for the Preferred Alternative and Environmental Impact Statement:
  1. Submitted the Environmental Permits, Issues and Commitments (EPIC) Sheet
  2. Submitted Project Files within an electronic database

### **C. Monthly Update on Loop 1604 Environmental Assessment**

- **Work Authorization No. 5:** Environmental Assessment:
  1. Continued the Noise Analysis
  2. Continued the Mobile Source Air Toxics Analysis
  3. Continued the Biological Assessment
  4. Submitted the Draft EA and Technical Reports
  5. Submitted the Draft Interstate Access Justification Report
  6. Continued project management, coordination and administration tasks

### **D. Monthly Financials for August 2015**

- Monthly financial statements are attached for August, including the following:
  1. Balance Sheets
  2. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
  3. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

#### 4. Project Costs (Capitalized and Non-Capitalized)

Comment by D. Starr: In considerations of all the things the County is looking to do, that I'm reading about in the newspaper, about the potential of a baseball stadium, soccer stadium, or anything that is going to be advantageous for the City. The availability since all of those will have some sort of park and ride component to them, because they are municipally owned, for public entertainment. The use of RMA's money to help facilitate garage facilities is something I think when you get into further discussions on these things we should be included because we have the potential to help make these projects work.

Response by D. Smith: That is a good point. We are not honestly far enough to know whether we will or won't but I am keeping in mind this board's interest and looking at opportunities to do those kinds of facilities.

Response by R. Cavazos: I agree with David's thoughts. Part of our goal is to work in partnership with the County on not just transportation but other items that are important to the County affair.

Response by D. Smith: It's often legally easier for us (the County at least and certainly RMA) to do that kind of infrastructure than the actual facility itself depending if it's a professional usage you get into different kinds of tax and bond issues so sometimes it's easier for us to help with the infrastructure such as parking.

Question by J. Clamp: Is the final parking study done?

Response by D. Smith: Really, I think they are just working on the model itself.

Response by R. Green: They were gonna bring that back and we have had some basic discussions but we could use some direction from the Board and its really about finding the right property and seeing if it's a financial viable deal.

Comment by J. Clamp: Why don't we do this, bring it forward for next Board meeting to finalize the parking model and discuss any financial mechanisms that the RMA can employ to do a deal.

Response by D. Smith: We can engage in discussions of a particular opportunity.

Response by D. Starr: I don't know if that model is going to be what we are looking at. We have financial advisors here, I think we can lay something out here and do something because what they are going to do is generic and I'm not sure they have the financial capacity to lay something out that we want to see.

Response by C. Trevino: Just to clarify, Pape Dawson Munoz's Work Authorization expires at the end of the month and the final deliverable is the final report based on incorporation of any comments received by the board at the presentation last month as well as an explanation of what was included in NPV calculation. They did add some additional information to clarify that and then we will get the excel model for our use as we see fit.

Response by R. Green: We will have the final model and Brian can discuss what we are legally allowed to do and not do as it relates to that type.

**The report was accepted by the Board of Directors as presented.**

#### **4. Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets.**

Renee Green and Seth McCabe presented Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets and requested appropriate action regarding approval.

Question by R. Cavazos: What kind of memberships are included in the budget?

Response by R. Green: The two most expensive ones is Internantional Bridge Turnpike Toll Association (IBTTA) and the other is San Antonio Mobility Coalition (SAMCo). Those two are \$2,215. We also are members of American Public Works Associaton (APWA) and Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

Question by J. Clamp: Brian, were there any new laws passed that will increase our audit services?

Response by Brian Cassidy: No, unless anything comes out of the House Bill 20 or that TxDOT is doing.

Comment by D. Smith: We have been and are going to continue to be talking to you and Commissioner's Court on how you want to utilize that vehicle registration fee money and particular how you want to approach the financing projects and using that to pay the debt service. We are going to be bringing forward some ideas than just the initial list of 4 or 5 that TxDOT pointed out and so again we can change these budgeted amounts depending on how the circumstances change.

Response by J. Clamp: Can we put on the agenda in the next month or two to take a really good look at our leveraging capabilities for the vehicle registration fee.

Question by D. Starr: If we raise the capital tomorrow, theoretically how much time, to an identified pool of money to be used for qualifying projects, do we have before we identify a project.

Response by Brian Cassidy: Are you talking about if we sell bonds and add the proceeds I think it's a year but I am not sure.

Response by D. Starr: I am trying to catch interest rates. We can sell the bonds and get the best leverage on raising the money and then raise it in an almost blind pool to utilize for projects to qualify for the RMA, because by the time you go and identify the projects and go to the County and get the County to agree and Commissioners and everybody it adds to the time. So this way we have the money and then we can pick the projects out and once you have the money I always find its easy for them to spend it than to raising the money to do it and make decisions a lot quicker that way and get a lot more accomplished.

Response by J. Clamp: Also within this framework when we start doing these joint projects with the County and TxDOT where does the maintenance obligation fall on?

Response by R. Green: Maintenance would fall under TxDOT, it's their roadways. Some of the projects that we are looking at partnering with the County on the maintenance responsibility would fall on the County. Those are already roads that are being maintained by both respective communities.

**L. Miller made the motion to approve Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets. R. Cavazos seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

5. **Discussion and update of the US 281 North Improvement Project.** Renee Green presented. Today we went to the TxDOT Transportation Commission Meeting and on their agenda was the repeal Two Minute Orders. The significance in those Two Minute Orders were both those Minute Orders put tolls on the two segments of 281, from 1604 to Stoneoak area and Stoneoak to County line. So by repealing those it takes the toll financing component off 281 and basically has taken the MPO's resolution (that if Prop 7 passes we want to build 281 non-tolled) and takes that into account. What that does is because the southern segment of 281 is currently funded, that allows TxDOT to start the design procurement for the southern segment of 281 from Loop 1604 to Stoneoak. TxDOT will continue to involve Chris in the design aspect of that. TxDOT will take the lead and their responsibility to maintain. We would expect to see something in the next 30 days from TxDOT. They are going to deliver the project design, traditional bid, and then build. They feel that because we are already at 30% design schematic that they can possible start turning dirt on 281 on early 2017. We also discussed with TxDOT the EIS and what would need to be done if Prop 7 passes and we can look at during the entire thing non-tolled and so TxDOT believes we can do an amendment since the Record of Decision is in that allows us to take the physical constraint of tolls off of 281 as part of the EIS document, but they have also agreed that they will handle that so there will be no more expense to the RMA for making that amendment to the Record of Decision.

Question by J. Clamp: What will our obligations be with 281 moving forward?

Response by R. Green: As long as there are no tolls related to that we will have no obligations.

**No approval or action was taken by the Board of Directors.**

**6. Citizens' Communications. (Citizens must sign the register to speak)**

Chairman Clamp acknowledged individuals who signed up to speak. Jack M. Finger signed up to talk about an agenda item #5.

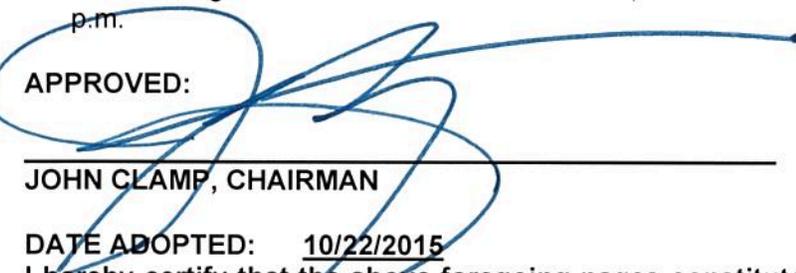
**7. Executive Session - Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code.**

Alamo RMA Board of Directors did not meet in Executive Session and no action was taken.

**8. Adjournment.**

There being no further action for the Board, Chairman Clamp adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

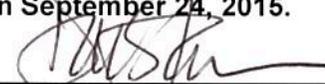
**APPROVED:**

  
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**JOHN CLAMP, CHAIRMAN**

**DATE ADOPTED: 10/22/2015**

I hereby certify that the above foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct minutes of all the proceedings and official records of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority at its meeting on September 24, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**DAVID STARR, TREASURER/SECRETARY**