

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-18

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code Section 361.003 authorizes the creation of a regional mobility authority for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and operating one or more turnpike projects in a region of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("CTRMA") was created pursuant to the request of Travis and Williamson Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 46 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, *et. seq.* (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the CTRMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, any CTRMA turnpike project which utilizes or receives federal funds or has significant federal involvement is subject to environmental review and approval pursuant to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ("NEPA") and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26.31 of the RMA Rules the CTRMA has all the powers and duties of the Texas Turnpike Authority Division of TxDOT under Chapter 361 of the Texas Transportation Code; including the obligation to conduct environmental reviews of turnpike projects; and

WHEREAS, Sections 26.41 and 26.42 of the RMA Rules specifically require RMA compliance with the environmental review requirements for turnpike projects under Section 361.103 of the Texas Transportation Code and related rules; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes and rules require environmental review of all turnpike projects, including those not subject to the requirements of NEPA; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA Board of Directors desires to reaffirm its commitment to adhere to and comply with the requirements of NEPA for environmental review of CTRMA projects receiving federal funds or otherwise having significant federal involvement and encourages that provisions be included in any pending legislation regarding RMAs to reflect this commitment and obligation; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA Board of Directors also desires to develop and adopt its own policies and procedures for environmental review of projects not otherwise subject to NEPA

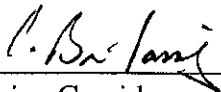
requirements, and that such policies be consistent with NEPA and be developed with ample opportunity for public input;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the CTRMA hereby evidences its support for the inclusion in any legislation affecting the general powers and duties of RMAs of requirements for RMA compliance with NEPA for the development and implementation by RMAs of policies and procedures consistent with NEPA for environmental reviews of projects not otherwise subject to NEPA requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CTRMA Planning Committee is directed to develop and implement a process for the development of environmental review procedures for CTRMA projects not otherwise subject to NEPA, and that such process provide ample opportunities for public input.

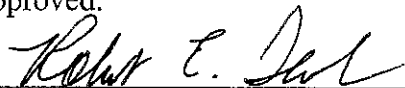
Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26th day of March, 2003.

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