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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-106

Authorizing a Program for Free or Discounted Use of CTRMA Toll Projects by Certain Eligible Vehicles Subject to Funding by the State of Texas to Defray the Cost of the Program

WHEREAS, in 2009, the 81st Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed H.B. 3139, which took effect on September 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.053 of the Transportation Code, enacted by H.B. 3139, authorizes a toll project entity such as the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to establish a program for free or discounted use of a toll project for a vehicle registered under Transportation Code § 504.202 [disabled veterans], § 504.315(g) ["recipients of the Purple Heart"], or to "a person who has received the Medal of Honor;" and

WHEREAS, in subsection (b) of Section 372.053, the Legislature provided that "[t]he legislature may appropriate funds from the general revenue fund to a toll project entity to defray the cost of providing free or discounted use of the entity's toll project ..."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors supports the idea of establishing a program to provide free or discounted use of CTRMA's toll projects to vehicles eligible under Section 372.053, provided that the State of Texas, rather than the other users of CTRMA toll projects, defrays the cost of that program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to begin designing a program to provide free or discounted use of CTRMA toll projects to vehicles eligible under Section 372.053; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall bring the proposed program to the Board for its approval when the State of Texas has appropriated and makes available to CTRMA sufficient funds to defray the full cost of the proposed program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall bring this Resolution to the Board for assessment following the conclusion of the 82nd Legislative session.

[Signatures on the following page]

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 8th day of December, 2010.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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Ray A. Wilkerson Chairman, Board of Directors Resolution Number: <u>10-106</u> Date Passed: <u>12/08/10</u>