CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT:

Resolution supporting the completion of the Trans-Texas Corridor project by the

Texas Department of Transportation

DATE:

November 18, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This resolution expresses the City Council's support for the continued collaboration among the City of San Antonio and other agencies in coordinating initiatives which provide for transportation improvements in and around San Antonio. Completion of the Trans-Texas Corridor and the extension of State Highway 130 would provide tremendous benefits to our city by reducing congestion and improving safety along our existing highway, rerouting freight rail, which would minimize the volume of hazardous materials passing through San Antonio, and by boosting economic development through the increase accessibility of transporting goods.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In January of 2002 Governor Rick Perry unveiled the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC) plan, which is expected to make traveling safer and more efficient, reduce pollution, and attract businesses that would create jobs. TTC is one of the largest, most extensive engineering projects ever proposed for Texas. The TTC concept consists of a transportation network, which would connect Texas by a 4000-mile network of corridors up to 1,200 feet wide with separate lanes for passenger vehicles (three in each direction) and trucks (two in each direction). The corridor concept also includes six rail lines (three in each direction), one for high-speed passenger rail between cities, one for high-speed freight and one for conventional commuter and freight. The third component of the corridor will be a 200-foot-wide dedicated utility zone. The estimated total cost for the Trans Texas Corridor would range from \$145.2 billion to \$183.5 billion.

One of the four high priority elements of the proposed TTC is TTC-35, which will extend from the Texas/Oklahoma border; north of the Dallas/Ft. Worth metropolitan area, south through central Texas, to the Texas/Mexico international border and/or the Texas Gulf Coast. TTC-35 will improve transportation by providing optimal connectivity to the existing highway, arterial, and rail networks and will ensure coordination of the TTC-35 planning process with San Antonio, Bexar County, and the Bexar County-San Antonio MPO and the ongoing transportation planning efforts of these local and regional entities.

A component of TTC-35 is the development of State Highway 130 (SH 130). SH 130 is a proposed controlled access transportation facility being constructed in segments along Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) north of Georgetown in Williamson County to Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) near Seguin in Guadalupe County. Segments 5 and 6, which are currently not funded, would extend SH 130 from Seguin along an alignment approximating the existing I-10 (west) to Loop 1604 South around the south and west sides of Bexar County to the existing I-35 corridor are of great interest to San Antonio and Bexar County. This resolution supports the extension of the SH 130 route, which would greatly benefit the City South initiative and would provide optimal access for Toyota, Toyota suppliers, Brooks City-Base, City South and the KellyUSA multimodel center.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this resolution is consistent with the City's policy to collaborate with other agencies on initiatives to improve transportation and to boost economic development in and around San Antonio.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this resolution.

COORDINATION

This request for resolution has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA), Bexar County, San Antonio Mobility Coalition, (SAMCo) and the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

ATTACHMENTS

1) Map of supported TTC

2) Map of supported SH 139 route

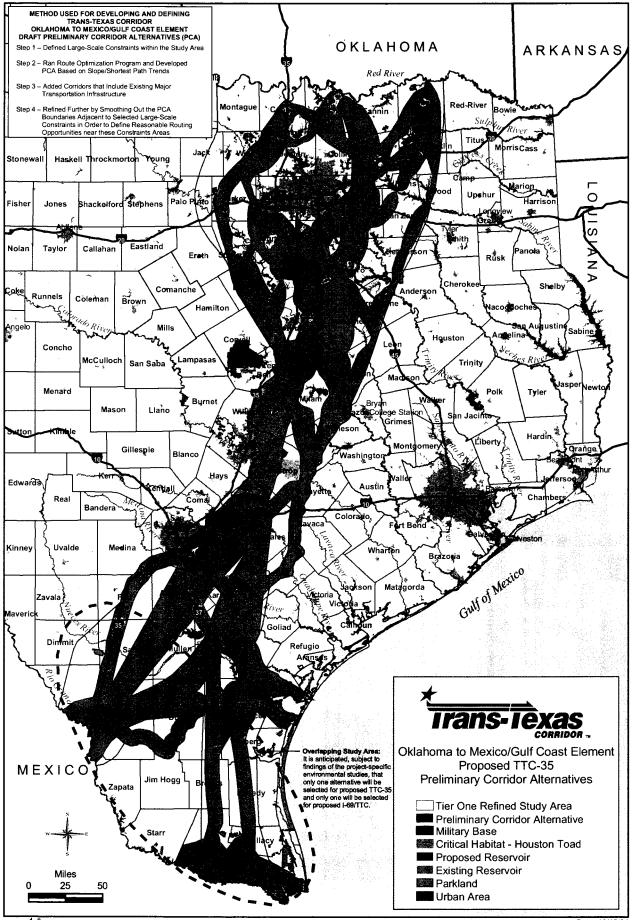
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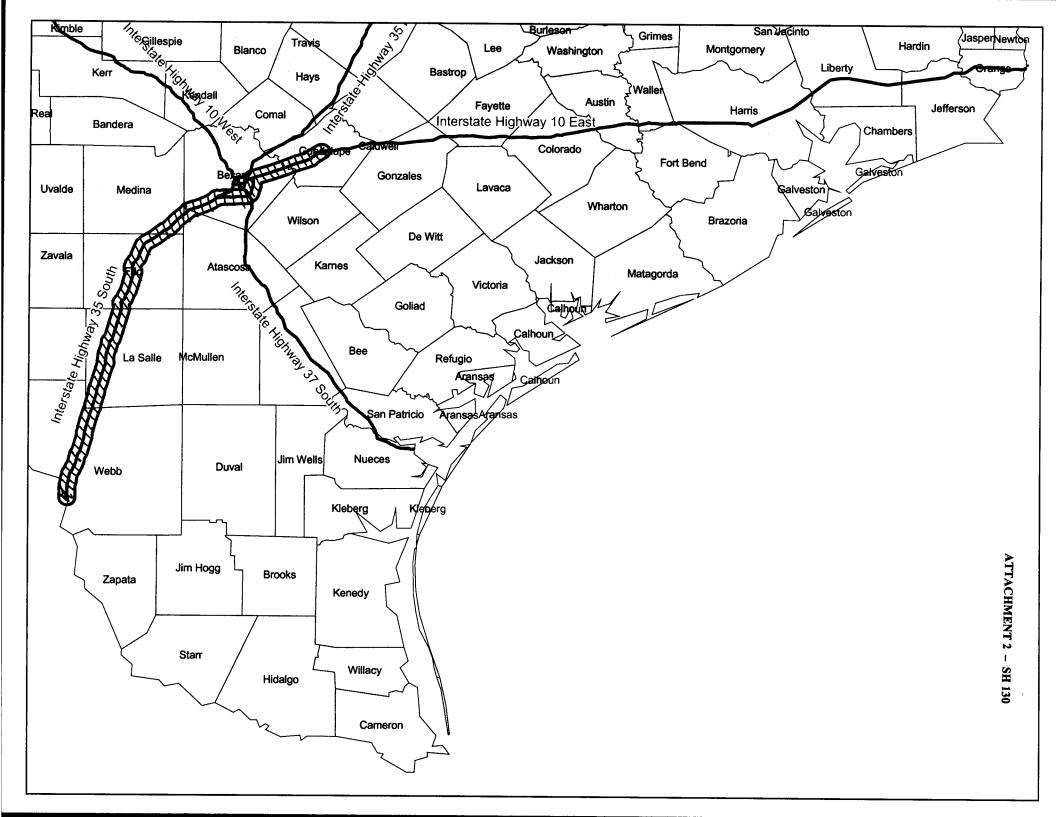
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A RESOLUTION

NOT OPPOSING THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION FOR A DUAL CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY THAT WAS FILED WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE WOODLAKE AREA.

WHEREAS, the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has applied for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in order to provide wastewater service within an area that is located at least partially within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio (City); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the proposed area includes the Woodlake area, which lies within the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS') wastewater CCN service area and the City limits, and is generally located east of Foster Road, north of I.H. 10 and south of Gibbs Sprawl Road; and

WHEREAS, SARA and SAWS have agreed that the area within SAWS' wastewater CCN service shall constitute a Dual CCN service area; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2004, the SAWS Board approved Resolution 04-214, which approved SARA's request for a Dual CCN; and

WHEREAS, SARA has provided wastewater service to the area since the late 1970's and SAWS does not have any wastewater service customers or infrastructure in the area, and has no plans for future extensions into the area; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The application of the San Antonio River Authority for a Dual CCN before the TCEQ to provide wastewater service within the Woodlake areas is hereby not opposed. The proposed Dual CCN service area is generally illustrated in Attachment I, which is incorporated into this ordinance.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2004

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