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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
 BETWEEN
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 AND
THE CITY OF EL PASO
 AND
THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO
 AND
THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
 AND
THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 FOR A COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT
 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EL PASO AREA

WHEREAS, in 2006, the City of El Paso was granted the authority by the Texas Transportation Commission to create the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the CRRMA is to assist in the establishment of a comprehensive transportation system to directly benefit the traveling public within the El Paso region through the development of additional transportation alternatives in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recognizes the essential need to promote and improve the efficiency of multiple modes of transportation within the state; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT, the City of El Paso, the CRRMA, and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recognize that efficient and reliable transportation continues to be vital to the region's future success; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT, the City of El Paso, the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso (Sun Metro), the CRRMA, and the El Paso MPO agree to working cooperatively to complete the projects included in the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan (2008 CMP), a copy of which is attached and made part of this memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT, the City of El Paso, Sun Metro, the CRRMA, and the El Paso MPO also agree to diligently work to meet the timelines as shown in the 2008 CMP; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso will establish a transportation reinvestment zone(s) to develop a revenue stream for the support of the 2008 CMP: and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and the CRRMA will enter into a contractual agreement to make the revenues generated by such transportation reinvestment zone available for the projects identified in the 2008 CMP; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT will develop environmental documents for all non-tolled roadway projects and develop and manage projects in accordance with the 2008 CMP; and

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WHEREAS, the CRRMA in coordination with TxDOT will submit pass through and toll equity financing requests and agreements to the Texas Transportation Commission for consideration in implementing funding plans as shown in the 2008 CMP; and

WHEREAS, The CRRMA will develop, manage and implement toll projects as the lead agency as shown in the 2008 CMP; and

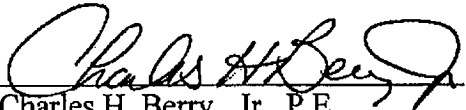
WHEREAS, the CRRMA will develop financing plans for the mobility projects as shown in the 2008 CMP; and

WHEREAS, the CRRMA, the City of El Paso, Sun Metro, the El Paso MPO, and TxDOT will cooperate with each other to meet the delivery schedule established in the CMP for all identified projects;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of El Paso, the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso, the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, as evidenced by the affixed signatures of our authorized representatives agree to direct our respective planning and development personnel to work in a cooperative manner to complete the projects identified within the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan, which will facilitate the safe and reliable movement of goods and people within the state of Texas, and which will benefit the transportation system of Texas and the people of the state.

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