

CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) worked cooperatively with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the development of the César Chávez Express Toll Lanes (Managed Lanes) and upon the opening of the Managed Lanes, which occurred on January 10, 2014, the CRRMA was tasked with the associated operation and maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS, development of the Managed Lanes was approved by the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (El Paso MPO), and the requirement for El Paso MPO approval of certain terms and conditions for the operation of the Managed Lanes was satisfied by action of the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board on April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the CRRMA, via Motion of December 9, 2015 and upon the request of State Representative Joe Pickett, directed staff to meet with TxDOT to discuss options available to remove tolls from the Managed Lanes, provided that any such removal resolved certain matters related to ongoing operations and maintenance, third-party approvals, and existing debt; and

WHEREAS, the CRRMA staff met with TxDOT staff on several occasions and has identified various scenarios which could facilitate the removal of tolls; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Pickett secured the passage of legislation by the 85th Texas Legislature which, on or after September 1, 2017 provides that if the CRRMA removes tolls from the Managed Lanes, the legislation will require TxDOT to assume operations and maintenance expenses and will transfer any CRRMA debt owed to TxDOT to the Border West Expressway Project; and

WHEREAS, the CRRMA now desires to direct staff to identify those steps necessary to remove tolls from the Managed Lanes and to return to the CRRMA Board with an approach to implement such toll removal so that the removal may be effective on or after September 1, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY:

THAT the Executive Director is hereby directed to identify all steps necessary to remove tolls from the César Chávez Express Toll Lanes and return to the CRRMA Board with a plan to implement such toll removal so that the removal may be effective on or after September 1, 2017.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE 2017.

**CAMINO REAL REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

Susan A. Melendez, Chair

ATTEST:

Joe R. Fernandez, Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Raymond L. Telles
Executive Director