

# CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD

CRRMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Held via Telephone and Video Conference  
October 14, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

## BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to the suspension of certain open meetings laws by Governor Greg Abbott relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster, the October 14, 2020 CRRMA Board meeting was held by telephone and video conference. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. CRRMA Board Chair Joyce Wilson present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Joyce Wilson  
Jim Smith  
Michael Norwich Jr. (arrived at 9:11am)  
Luis Rosas  
Patrick Byrne  
Nick La Mantia

The following board member was absent:

Marco Zaragoza

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## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order and Public Comments.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. No public comments were received.  
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### 2. Adoption of Minutes for the CRRMA Board meeting of September 9, 2020.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rosas and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rosas, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. LaMantia  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Norwich and Mr. Zaragoza  
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### 3. Discussion and action on CRRMA priorities for the 87th Texas Legislative Session.

Mr. Raymond Telles, CRRMA Executive Director, provided background information and recommended approval. Board Member Smith commented.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rosas and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Board Resolution for Item 3.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, Mr. Rosas, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. LaMantia  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Zaragoza

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4. Discussion and action on a Board Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to advertise a construction letting for the Fabens Airport Deceleration Lane Project.

Mr. Telles presented a PowerPoint and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Norwich and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Board Resolution for Item 4.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, Mr. Rosas, Mr. Byrne and Mr. LaMantia  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Zaragoza

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5. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions to authorize the Executive Director to execute the following amendments, as they relate to the State Loop 375 Main Lanes Widening and Frontage Road Ramps Projects:

- (a) Amendment No. 4 to Work Authorization No. 3 with Dannenbaum Engineering Company – El Paso, LLC for design services during construction (Main Lanes Widening Project);
- (b) Amendment No. 6 to Work Authorization No. 2 with AECOM for design services during construction (Frontage Road Ramps Project);
- (c) Amendment No. 7 to Work Authorization No. 2 with AECOM for additional design services (Frontage Road Ramps Project); and
- (d) Amendment No. 1 to Work Authorization No. 30 with Atkins North America, Inc. for oversight of design services during construction (Main Lanes Widening and Frontage Road Ramps Projects).

Mr. Telles presented a PowerPoint and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. LaMantia and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Board Resolution for Item 5.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, Mr. Rosas, Mr. Byrne and Mr. LaMantia  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Zaragoza

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6. Presentation, discussion and action on a Board Resolution adopting the CRRMA’s updated Investment Policy, designating the CRRMA’s Investment Officer, and authorizing training for such Investment Officer.

Mr. Robert Studer, CRRMA Director of Finance, provided background and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. Rosas, seconded by Mr. Norwich and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Board Resolution for Item 6.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, Mr. Rosas, Mr. Byrne and Mr. LaMantia  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Zaragoza

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7. Presentation and discussion on the following performance reports, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020:

- (a) Investment Report;
- (b) El Paso Bike Share (SunCycle) Program; and
- (c) General Engineering Consultant Team’s use of local resources.

Mr. Studer noted that items 7(a) and 7(b) were taken to the Finance Committee and no action was necessary.

**NO ACTION** was taken on Items 7(a), 7(b) or 7(c).

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**NOTE: THE CRRMA BOARD RETIRED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ITEM 10 PRIOR TO THIS ITEM 8, WHICH WAS TAKEN AFTER CONCLUSION OF ITEM 10.**

8. Reports on recently completed projects for El Paso County:

- (a) Fabens Airport Rezoning Plan; and
- (b) Master Thoroughfare Plan.

Mr. Telles noted that PowerPoint slideshows for Items 8(a) and 8(b) were provided to the Board for informational purposes only and had previously been reviewed by the Planning Committee.

**NO ACTION** was taken on Items 8(a) or 8(b).

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9. Presentation and discussion on change orders recently approved by the Executive Director for the 2013 El Paso County Comprehensive Mobility Plan and the Winn Road Project.

Mr. Telles noted that a PowerPoint was provided to the Board for informational purposes only. Board member Smith commented.

**NO ACTION** was taken on Item 9.

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**NOTE: THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, AFTER ITEM 7.**

10. Discussion and possible action on the operation of the Border West Expressway.

Motion by Mr. Norwich, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously approved that the CRRMA Board **RETIRE** into executive session at 9:29 a.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel for deliberations regarding legal issues on agenda Item 10.

The Board exited executive session and **RECONVENED** the meeting of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Board at 10:06 a.m.

Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rosas to **authorize the submission of a request to the Texas Department of Transportation to consider operating the Border West Expressway as a non-toll facility and to negotiate the terms thereof; provided that any resulting agreements be brought back to the board for action.**

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, and Mr. Rosas  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Byrne, Mr. LaMantia, and Mr. Zaragoza

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- 11. The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Board may retire into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.088 to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Board may move to Executive Session to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act, as amended.)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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Motion was made to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 10:13 a.m. by Mr. Rosas, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried to adjourn.

AYES: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Norwich, and Mr. Rosas  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Byrne, Mr. La Mantia, and Mr. Zaragoza

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Approved as to Content:

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Luis Rosas, Board Secretary