CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD (CRRMA Board)

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of El Paso City Hall Wednesday, February 8, 2012 9:00 AM

BOARD MINUTES

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) Board met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. CRRMA Board Chair Scott McLaughlin present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Scott McLaughlin Ralph Adame David Marcus Susan Melendez Tony Payan Rosario Holguin James Volk

AGENDA

- Call to Order. 1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- **Public Comments** 2. No public comments were made.
- Adoption of Minutes for the CRRMA Board meeting of January 25, 2012. 3.

Motion made by Mr. Marcus, seconded by Mr. Volk and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from January 25, 2012.

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Adame, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms.

Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Update and presentation from the Americas Gateway Builders on the Loop 375 at I-10 4. (Americas Interchange) Project.

Willie Kramer, Project Manager from, the Americas Gateway Builders, was present as well as Engineer Paul Toner to provide a powerpoint presentation and update on the Americas Interchange Project. No action was taken on this item.

5. Presentation and Status Report on the Border Highway West Extension Project by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Eduardo Calvo of TxDOT provided a powerpoint presentation on the Border Highway West Extension Project. No action was taken on this item.

- **6.** Discussion and action on the election of CRRMA Officers:
 - (a) Vice Chair,
 - (b) Treasurer,
 - (c) Secretary; and
 - (d) Alternate Secretary.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director of the CRRMA, noted that the CRMA Bylaws require an annual election of Officers at the February Board meeting. Discussion was held to continue with the same individuals continuing to serve.

Motion made by Mr. Volk, seconded by Ms. Melendez and unanimously approved to continue with the individuals serving in the current positions of Vice Chair (Ralph Adame), Treasurer (David Marcus), Secretary (Susan Melendez) and Alternate Secretary (Tony Payan).

AYES: Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Adame, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms.

Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 7. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following instruments, as they relate to the Loop 375 at FM659 (Zaragoza) Direct Connector Project:
 - (a) a Project Development Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation;
 - (b) a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$20 million; and
 - (c) Work Authorization No. 8 with Atkins North America, Inc. as the CRRMA's general engineering consultant.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director of the CRRMA, provided a detailed background on each item and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. Adame, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried to approve Item 7 regarding various Board Resolutions, as they relate to the Loop 375 at FM659 (Zaragoza) Direct Connector Project.

AYES: Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Adame, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms.

Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

8. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following instruments, as they relate to the Loop 375 (Northeast) Mainlane Extension Project:

- (a) a Project Development Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation; and
- (b) a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$6 million.

Raymond Telles provided a detailed background on each item and recommended approval, noting that Transportation Reinvestment Zone No. 3 would repay the loan for this item.

Motion made by Mr. Adame, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried to approve Item 8, regarding various Board Resolutions, as they relate to the Loop 375 (Northeast) Mainlane Extension Project.

AYES: Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Adame, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms.

Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

9. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following instruments, as they relate to the development of the Loop 375 César Chávez Border Highway Managed Lanes Project:

- (a) an amendment to that Amended and Restated Financial Assistance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation;
- (b) Project Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation; and
- (c) Amended and Restated Work Authorization No. 7 with Atkins North America, Inc. as the CRRMA's general engineering consultant.

Raymond Telles provided a detailed description on each item, noting that the Board had previously approved the items but various revisions had been made as provided to the Board. Mr. Telles recommended that the Board reaffirm its prior approval of these items, including the new revisions.

Motion made by Mr. Volk, seconded by Dr. Payan and unanimously carried to reaffirm approval of various Board Resolutions of this Item 9, as they relate to the development of the Loop 375 César Chávez Border Highway Managed Lanes Project.

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Adame, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms.

Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

10. Discussion and action on the Executive Director's Report:

- (a) Update on General Engineering Consultant's Use of Local Resources;
 Pete Jacobs of the CRRMA's General Engineering Consultant team (GEC) was present to provide an update. A vendor fair is being developed with the assistance of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. The GEC will also provide details on its use of local resources at the next Board meeting. No action was taken on this item.
- (b) Update on the FY11 Annual Audit; and Raymond Telles stated that the FY11 Annual Audit should be completed within the next couple of weeks and will be forwarded to a Finance Committee meeting in advance of the next Board meeting. No action was taken on this item.
- (c) 2012 TxDOT Transportation Forum San Antonio, Texas.
 Raymond Telles stated that he would be attending this forum along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CRRMA Board. The Board will be briefed at the next meeting.
 No action was taken on this item.

Motion made to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. by Mr. Adame, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

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Approved, as to Content:

Susan A. Melendez, Board Secretary