

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR §



## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to federal law, the Governor of the State of Texas designated the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for the San Antonio region in 1963, and;

**WHEREAS**, AAMPO's Transportation Policy Board is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making regarding transportation issues in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, and a portion of Kendall Counties in Central and South Texas, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Lone Star Rail District (LSRD) was established by the Texas Legislature in 1997 to facilitate rail improvements between Austin and San Antonio, and;

**WHEREAS**, LSRD and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began feasibility and environmental studies on potential commuter rail service between Austin and San Antonio in 1999 and LSRD is currently working on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that focuses on the Union Pacific Rail Road, SH 130, and IH 35 corridors, and;

**WHEREAS**, LSRD has been unable to achieve their stated goal on the feasibility and environmental studies of potential commuter rail service between Austin and San Antonio, and;

**WHEREAS**, the planning function of LSRD can be transferred to and shared by the two planning organizations within the I-35 Corridor, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), and;

**WHEREAS**, current AAMPO established rules prohibit AAMPO from spending any Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds on the EIS currently underway by LSRD, and;

**WHEREAS**, CAMPO and AAMPO currently have I-35 expansion plans consisting of 4 managed lanes between Austin and San Antonio, and;

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT, through AAMPO and CAMPO, has state and federal responsibility for studying, developing, and implementing transportation alternatives between cities in the State of Texas, and;

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT has the technical capacity and expertise to conduct a planning feasibility study, and;

**WHEREAS**, AAMPO and CAMPO can begin studying the feasibility of utilizing the I-35 corridor for rail in combination with future roadway expansion, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bexar County Commissioners Court:

1. SUPPORTS THE ALAMO AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT RULES IN PLACE CONCERNING SPENDING OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – METROPOLITAN MOBILITY FUNDS.
2. SUPPORTS TRANSFERING LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT'S CURRENT RAIL PLANNING DUTIES TO THE ALAMO AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH TXDOT.
3. SUPPORTS STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE I-35 CORRIDOR FOR RAIL IN COMBINATION WITH FUTURE ROADWAY EXPANSION.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by Bexar County Commissioners Court in San Antonio, Texas, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2016, in Bexar County, Texas.

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**NELSON W. WOLFF**  
County Judge

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