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H.B. No. 1379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the development and operation by a regional mobility
3 authority of an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement located
4 above, adjacent to, or connected to an interstate highway.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 370.003(14), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (14) "Transportation project" means:

9 (A) a turnpike project;

10 (B) a system;

11 (C) a passenger or freight rail facility,

12 including:

13 (i) tracks;

14 (ii) a rail line;

15 (iii) switching, signaling, or other

16 operating equipment;

17 (iv) a depot;

18 (v) a locomotive;

19 (vi) rolling stock;

20 (vii) a maintenance facility; and

21 (viii) other real and personal property
22 associated with a rail operation;

23 (D) a roadway with a functional classification
24 greater than a local road or rural minor collector;

- 1 (D-1) a bridge;
- 2 (E) a ferry;
- 3 (F) an airport, other than an airport that on
4 September 1, 2005, was served by one or more air carriers engaged in
5 scheduled interstate transportation, as those terms were defined by
6 14 C.F.R. Section 1.1 on that date;
- 7 (G) a pedestrian or bicycle facility;
- 8 (H) an intermodal hub;
- 9 (I) an automated conveyor belt for the movement
10 of freight;
- 11 (J) a border crossing inspection station,
12 including:
- 13 (i) a border crossing inspection station
14 located at or near an international border crossing; and
- 15 (ii) a border crossing inspection station
16 located at or near a border crossing from another state of the
17 United States and not more than 50 miles from an international
18 border;
- 19 (K) an air quality improvement initiative;
- 20 (L) a public utility facility;
- 21 (M) a transit system;
- 22 (M-1) a parking area, structure, or facility, or
23 a collection device for parking fees;
- 24 (N) if applicable, projects and programs listed
25 in the most recently approved state implementation plan for the
26 area covered by the authority, including an early action compact;
- 27 (O) improvements in a transportation

1 reinvestment zone designated under Subchapter E, Chapter 222;

2 (P) port security, transportation, or facility
3 projects eligible for funding under Section 55.002; ~~and~~

4 (Q) an aerial cable car or aerial tramway for the
5 transportation of persons or property, or both, that is located in
6 the jurisdiction of an authority created under Section 370.031(c);
7 and

8 (R) an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement
9 located above, adjacent to, or connected to an interstate highway,
10 which may include:

11 (i) recreational, bicycle, and pedestrian
12 facilities;

13 (ii) an intermodal hub;

14 (iii) parking areas; and

15 (iv) components that will benefit users of
16 transit, pedestrian, and other transportation modes, and promote
17 economic development in areas on or adjacent to the urban green
18 space or aesthetic enhancement.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.