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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the financing and development of the Trans-Texas
Corridor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 227.014(a), Transportation Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(a) If the commission determines that the mobility needs of
this state would be most efficiently and economically met by
jointly operating two or more facilities as one operational and
financial enterprise, it may create a system composed of those
facilities. The commission may create more than one system and may
combine two or more systems into one system. The commission may
finance, construct, and operate ~~[an]~~ additional facilities
~~[facility]~~ as an expansion of a system if the commission determines
that the facilities ~~[facility]~~ would most efficiently and
economically be constructed and operated if ~~[it were a]~~ part of the
system and that the addition will benefit the system. A system may
only include facilities included in a comprehensive transportation
corridor developed under a comprehensive development agreement, or
facilities located wholly or partly within the territory of ~~[+]~~
~~[(1)]~~ a metropolitan planning organization ~~[+]~~ or
~~[(2)]~~ two adjacent department districts. This section
does not prohibit the department from creating a system that
includes a facility that will extend continuously through the

1 territory of two or more metropolitan planning organizations or
2 more than two adjacent department districts.

3 SECTION 2. Section 227.023(c), Transportation Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (c) To the extent and in the manner that the department may
6 enter into comprehensive development agreements under Chapter 361
7 with regard to turnpikes, the department may enter into a
8 comprehensive development agreement [~~agreements~~] under this
9 chapter that provides for the financing, development, design,
10 construction, or operation of a facility or a combination of [~~with~~
11 ~~regard to~~] facilities on the Trans-Texas Corridor. All provisions
12 of Chapter 361 relating to comprehensive development agreements for
13 turnpikes apply to comprehensive development agreements for
14 facilities under this chapter, including provisions relating to the
15 confidentiality of information. Claims arising under a
16 comprehensive development agreement are subject to Section
17 201.112.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect November 1, 2003.