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H.B. No. 2693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to economic impact studies conducted by the Texas
3 Transportation Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 201.605 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.605. ECONOMIC IMPACT REVIEW. (a) The commission
8 by rule shall provide for the commission's review of the impact of
9 the department's transportation projects on businesses located in
10 the area of a project. The rules must provide for:

11 (1) public comment on the commission's economic
12 reviews, including the types of projects for which public hearings
13 are required, and a procedure for requesting a public hearing on an
14 economic review for which a public hearing is not required;

15 (2) the commission's evaluation of direct and indirect
16 effects of the department's projects;

17 (3) analysis of project alternatives; and

18 (4) a written report that briefly explains the
19 commission's decision on a project and that specifies any
20 mitigation measures on economic harm on which the project is
21 conditioned.

22 (b) An economic review of a project must be conducted in the
23 time required for an environmental review of the project.

24 (c) The commission shall consider the results of its reviews

1 in executing its duties.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.