

1-1 By: Ogden S.B. No. 718  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and  
1-4 Homeland Security; March 26, 2007, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 26, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the route selection for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 227.012, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-11 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 227.012. ROUTE SELECTION. (a) The commission shall  
1-13 consider the following criteria when selecting a route for a  
1-14 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor:

1-15 (1) current and projected traffic patterns;

1-16 (2) the safety of motorists;

1-17 (3) potential risks to persons from spills or  
1-18 accidents of any kind;

1-19 (4) environmental effects, including the effect on air  
1-20 quality;

1-21 (5) current and projected economic development;

1-22 (6) the current and projected need for additional  
1-23 transportation options; and

1-24 (7) system connectivity.

1-25 (b) To the extent possible, the commission shall select a  
1-26 route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the  
1-27 Texas Highway Trunk System.

1-28 (c) Before the 11th day after making a determination under  
1-29 Subsection (b) that it is not possible to select a route for a  
1-30 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Highway  
1-31 Trunk System, the commission shall file a written report of that  
1-32 determination and the reasons supporting the determination with  
1-33 each member of the legislature.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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