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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB965 by Shapiro (Relating to the powers and duties of a regional tollway authority related to turnpikes and other related projects.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to give a regional tollway authority the power to enter into a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to design, develop, finance, construct, maintain, repair, operate, extend, or expand a turnpike project. In addition, without supervision or regulation by a state agency or local government entity, the board of a regional tollway authority would be allowed to authorize use of surplus revenue of a turnpike project or system for the study, design, construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a highway or similar facility that is not a turnpike project in certain circumstances.

The regional tollway authority would be required to adopt rules governing (1) the award of contracts for engineering, design, construction, and maintenance services in a single procurement and (2) the award of contracts using construction manager-at-risk procedures.

If an authority is requested by the Texas Transportation Commission to participate in the development of a turnpike project that has been designated as part of the Trans-Texas Corridor, the authority would have the same powers granted under Chapter 366, Transportation Code, as those of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, the bill would affect only the North Texas Tollway Authority. Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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