

Amend CSHB 300, 81st Legislative Session, on page 104, after line 24 and before line 25, by adding an appropriately numbered section of the bill to read as follows:

Chapter 451, Title 6, Subtitle K, Transportation Code, is amended by adding an appropriately lettered Subchapter and appropriately numbered Section references relating to the expansion of powers of a metropolitan rapid transit authority, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER [____]. ADDITIONAL POWERS OF RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Sec. 451.901. DEFINITIONS. (a) In this subchapter:

(1) "Authority" means a rapid transit authority created under this chapter.

(2) "Board" means the governing body of the authority.

(3) "Comprehensive transportation system" means a transportation project or combination of transportation projects designated as a system by the board of an authority.

(4) "Transportation project" means

(A) the design, construction, extension, expansion, improvement, reconstruction, alteration, acquisition, financing, and maintenance of mass transit, light rail, commuter rail, intercity municipal rail, freight rail, fixed guideways, traffic management systems, bus ways, bus lanes, technologically advanced bus transit vehicles and systems, bus rapid transit vehicles and systems, passenger amenities, transit centers, stations, parking facilities and payment mechanisms, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, electronic transit-related information, fare collection and operating systems, high occupancy vehicle lanes, bridges, traffic signal prioritization and coordination systems, monitoring systems, tracks and rail line, switching and signaling equipment, operating equipment, depots, locomotives, rolling stock, maintenance facilities, other real and personal property associated with a rail operation and transit-oriented development, and other comprehensive advanced transportation facilities, equipment, operations, comprehensive transportation systems, and services, including planning, feasibility studies, operations, and professional and other services in connection with those facilities, equipment, operations, comprehensive transportation

systems, and services; and

(B) the design, construction, extension, expansion, improvement, reconstruction, alteration, acquisition, financing, and maintenance of:

(i) streets, roads, highways, high occupancy vehicle lanes, toll lanes, turnpike projects, pedestrian or bicycle facilities, bridges, grade separations, parking facilities and payment mechanisms, and infrastructure designed to improve mobility;

(ii) traffic signal prioritization and street lighting;

(iii) monitoring systems;

(iv) other mobility enhancement facilities, equipment, systems, and services, including drainage improvements or drainage related measures reasonable and necessary for the effective use of the transportation facility being constructed or maintained;

(v) an intermodal hub, air quality improvement initiative, and public utility facility; and

(vi) a conveyance or acceptance of the exclusive rights to develop tolled infrastructure or other mobility-related assets, including concession fees.

(b) A word or phrase that is not defined in this chapter and subchapter but is defined in Chapter 370 has the meaning in this chapter and subchapter that is assigned by that chapter.

Sec. 451.902. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION. This subchapter is to be liberally construed to carry out its purposes.

Sec. 451.903. EXPANDED MOBILITY POWERS AUTHORIZED. The board of an authority in a county where an advanced transportation district also exists may, by resolution, assume all of the rights, powers, duties, and privileges of a regional mobility authority under Chapter 370, Transportation Code.

Sec. 451.904. POWERS. (a) An authority assuming additional mobility powers under Section 451.903:

(1) has all the rights, duties, powers, and privileges granted under Chapter 370, Transportation Code.

(2) may plan, study, evaluate, design, finance,

acquire, construct, maintain, repair, and operate a transportation project, individually or as one or more comprehensive transportation system.

(3) may exercise such rights, duties, powers, and privileges independently or in combination to effect the purposes of this subchapter. In the event of a conflict, the most liberal provision applies.

Sec. 451.905. GOVERNANCE. The composition of the board of an authority operating under this subchapter shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter, and not by any inconsistent provisions relating thereto under Chapter 370, Transportation Code.