

Amend CSHB 300 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 1.____. (a) Subchapter I, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.713 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.713. USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS. The department may use, or enter into a contract to use, recycled materials as a replacement for traditional road materials, if the recycled materials:

(1) meet the department's standards and specifications; and

(2) are commercially available, are comparably priced to traditional materials, and have received approval by the department.

(b) Section 201.713, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a request for bids, proposals, or other offers by or on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation that is published on or after the effective date of this Act.