

Amend CSHB 3650 (house committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill by striking added Section 175.152, Transportation Code (page 4, lines 9 through 11), and substituting the following:

Sec. 175.152. GENERAL POWERS OF AUTHORITY. An authority has all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including authority to:

(1) plan and develop a high-speed rail facility under the authority in this chapter;

(2) solicit federal funding to be allocated to the authority for the purposes of this chapter;

(3) coordinate with federal planners and representatives from adjacent states for the interconnectivity of high-speed rail systems in this state with systems developed in federally designated high-speed rail corridors in other states;

(4) represent and negotiate on behalf of this state for the interconnectivity of high-speed rail with existing and planned transportation systems, including airports, seaports, transit systems, commuter rail systems, and highways; and

(5) coordinate with federal transportation planners and officials at the United States Department of Defense or its successor agency regarding issues related to the provision of connectivity to military installations in this state.