

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 2571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purposes and designation of transportation
reinvestment zones.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code,
is amended by adding Section 222.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 222.108. TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES FOR OTHER
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement in
Sections 222.106(b) and 222.107(b) that a transportation
reinvestment zone be established in connection with a project under
Section 222.104, a municipality or county may establish a
transportation reinvestment zone to provide commuter rail services
in counties adjacent to the Texas-Mexico border and from the Rio
Grande Valley to San Antonio. If all or part of the transportation
project is subject to oversight by the department, at the option of
the governing body of the municipality or county, the department
shall delegate full responsibility for the development, design,
letting of bids, and construction of the project, including project
oversight and inspection, to the municipality or county provided
that the commission or department may take any action that in its
reasonable judgment is necessary to comply with any federal
requirement to enable this state to receive federal-aid highway
funds.

(b) In this section, "transportation project" has the

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1 meaning assigned by Section 370.003.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.