SENATE AMENDMENTS

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	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
1	AN ACT			
2	relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation			
3	reinvestment zone.			
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:			
5	SECTION 1. Section 222.105, Transportation Code, is amended			
6	to read as follows:			
7	Sec. 222.105. PURPOSES. The purposes of Sections 222.106			
8	and 222.107 are to:			
9	<pre>(1) promote public safety;</pre>			
10	(2) facilitate the <u>improvement</u> , development, or			
11	redevelopment of property;			
12	(3) facilitate the movement of traffic; and			
13	(4) enhance a local entity's ability to sponsor a			
14	transportation project authorized under Section 222.104.			
15	SECTION 2. Section 222.106, Transportation Code, is amended			
16	by amending Subsections (b), (c), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (1)			
17	and adding Subsections (i-1) and (i-2) to read as follows:			
18	(b) This section applies only to a municipality in which a			
19	transportation project is to be developed [the governing body of			
20	which intends to enter into an agreement with the department] under			
21	Section 222.104.			
22	(c) If the governing body determines an area to be			
23	unproductive and underdeveloped and that action under this section			
24	will further the purposes stated in Section 222.105, the governing			

- 1 body of the municipality by ordinance may designate a contiguous
- 2 geographic area in the jurisdiction of the municipality to be a
- 3 transportation reinvestment zone to promote a transportation
- 4 project [described by Section 222.104 that cultivates development
- 5 or redevelopment of the area].
- 6 (g) The ordinance designating an area as a transportation
- 7 reinvestment zone must:
- 8 (1) describe the boundaries of the zone with
- 9 sufficient definiteness to identify with ordinary and reasonable
- 10 certainty the territory included in the zone;
- 11 (2) provide that the zone takes effect immediately on
- 12 passage of the ordinance;
- 13 (3) assign a name to the zone for identification, with
- 14 the first zone designated by a municipality designated as
- 15 "Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number One, (City or Town, as
- 16 applicable) of (name of municipality)," and subsequently
- 17 designated zones assigned names in the same form, numbered
- 18 consecutively in the order of their designation;
- 19 (4) designate the base year for purposes of
- 20 establishing the tax increment base of the municipality;
- 21 <u>(5)</u> establish an ad valorem tax increment account for
- 22 the zone; and
- (6) [(5)] contain findings that promotion of the
- 24 transportation project will cultivate the improvement,
- 25 development, or redevelopment of the zone.
- 26 (h) From taxes collected on property in a zone, the
- 27 municipality shall pay into the tax increment account for the zone

- 1 [an amount equal to] the tax increment produced by the
- 2 municipality, less any amount allocated under previous agreements,
- 3 including agreements under Chapter 380, Local Government Code, or
- 4 Chapter 311, Tax Code.
- 5 (i) All or the portion specified by the municipality of the
- 6 money deposited to a tax increment account must be used to fund the
- 7 transportation project for which the zone was designated, as well
- 8 as aesthetic improvements within the zone. Any remaining money
- 9 deposited to the tax increment account may be used for other
- 10 purposes as determined by the municipality [Money deposited to a
- 11 tax increment account must be used to fund projects authorized
- 12 under Section 222.104, including the repayment of amounts owed
- 13 under an agreement entered into under that section].
- 14 (i-1) The governing body of a municipality may contract with
- 15 a public or private entity to develop, redevelop, or improve a
- 16 transportation project in a transportation reinvestment zone and
- 17 may pledge and assign all or a specified amount of money in the tax
- 18 <u>increment account to that entity</u>. After a pledge or assignment is
- 19 made, if the entity that received the pledge or assignment has
- 20 itself pledged or assigned that amount to secure bonds or other
- 21 obligations issued to obtain funding for the transportation
- 22 project, the governing body of the municipality may not rescind its
- 23 pledge or assignment until the bonds or other obligations secured
- 24 by the pledge or assignment have been paid or discharged.
- 25 (i-2) To accommodate changes in the limits of the project
- 26 for which a reinvestment zone was designated, the boundaries of a
- 27 zone may be amended at any time, except that property may not be

- 1 removed or excluded from a designated zone if any part of the tax
- 2 increment account has been assigned or pledged directly by the
- 3 municipality or through another entity to secure bonds or other
- 4 obligations issued to obtain funding of the project, and property
- 5 may not be added to a designated zone unless the governing body of
- 6 the municipality complies with Subsections (e) and (g).
- 7 (j) Except as provided by <u>Subsections (i-1) and</u>
- 8 [Subsection] (k), a transportation reinvestment zone terminates on
- 9 December 31 of the year in which the municipality completes
- 10 [complies with] a contractual requirement, if any, that included
- 11 the pledge or assignment of all or a portion of money deposited to a
- 12 tax increment account or the repayment of money owed under an [the]
- 13 agreement for development, redevelopment, or improvement of the
- 14 project for [under Section 222.104 in connection with] which the
- 15 zone was designated.
- 16 (k) A transportation reinvestment zone terminates on
- 17 December 31 of the 10th year after the year the zone was designated,
- 18 if before that date the municipality has not entered into a contract
- 19 <u>described in Subsection (i-1) or otherwise not</u> used the zone for the
- 20 purpose for which it was designated.
- 21 (1) Any surplus remaining in a tax increment account on
- 22 termination of a zone may be used for other purposes as determined
- 23 by [transportation projects of] the municipality [in or outside of
- 24 the zone].
- 25 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 222.107, Transportation
- 26 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 Sec. 222.107. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES[+

1 TAX ABATEMENTS; ROAD UTILITY DISTRICTS].

- 2 SECTION 4. Section 222.107, Transportation Code, is amended
- 3 by amending Subsections (b), (c), (e), (f), (h), (i), (k), and (1)
- 4 and adding Subsections (h-1) and (k-1) to read as follows:
- 5 (b) This section applies only to a county in which a
- 6 transportation project is to be developed [the commissioners court
- 7 of which intends to enter into a pass-through toll agreement with
- 8 the department] under Section 222.104.
- 9 (c) The commissioners court of the county, after
- 10 determining that an area is unproductive and underdeveloped and
- 11 that action under this section would further the purposes described
- 12 by Section 222.105, by order or resolution may designate a
- 13 contiguous geographic area in the jurisdiction of the county to be a
- 14 transportation reinvestment zone to promote a transportation
- 15 project [described by Section 222.104 that cultivates development
- 16 or redevelopment of the area] and for the purpose of abating ad
- 17 valorem taxes or granting other relief from taxes imposed by the
- 18 county on real property located in the zone.
- 19 (e) Not later than the 30th day before the date the
- 20 commissioners court proposes to designate an area as a
- 21 transportation reinvestment zone under this section, the
- 22 commissioners court must hold a public hearing on the creation of
- 23 the zone, its benefits to the county and to property in the proposed
- 24 zone, and the abatement of ad valorem taxes or the grant of other
- 25 <u>relief from ad valorem taxes</u> imposed by the county on real property
- 26 located in the zone. At the hearing an interested person may speak
- 27 for or against the designation of the zone, its boundaries, or the

- 1 abatement of or the relief from county taxes on real property in the
- 2 zone. Not later than the seventh day before the date of the
- 3 hearing, notice of the hearing and the intent to create a zone must
- 4 be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the
- 5 county.
- 6 (f) The order or resolution designating an area as a
- 7 transportation reinvestment zone must:
- 8 (1) describe the boundaries of the zone with
- 9 sufficient definiteness to identify with ordinary and reasonable
- 10 certainty the territory included in the zone;
- 11 (2) provide that the zone takes effect immediately on
- 12 adoption of the order or resolution; [and]
- 13 (3) assign a name to the zone for identification, with
- 14 the first zone designated by a county designated as "Transportation
- 15 Reinvestment Zone Number One, County of (name of county)," and
- 16 subsequently designated zones assigned names in the same form
- 17 numbered consecutively in the order of their designation; and
- (4) designate the base year for purposes of
- 19 establishing the tax increment base of the county.
- 20 (h) The commissioners court by order or resolution may enter
- 21 into an agreement with the owner of any real property located in the
- 22 transportation reinvestment zone to abate all or a portion of the ad
- 23 valorem taxes or to grant other relief from the taxes imposed by the
- 24 county on the owner's property in an amount not to exceed the amount
- 25 <u>calculated under Subsection (a)(1) for that year</u>. All abatements
- 26 or other relief granted by the commissioners court in a
- 27 transportation reinvestment zone must be equal in rate. In the

2 elect to abate a portion of the ad valorem taxes or otherwise grant 3 relief from the taxes imposed by the county on all real property located in the zone. In any ad valorem tax year, the total amount of 4 5 the taxes abated or the total amount of relief granted under this section may not exceed the amount calculated under Subsection 6 7 (a)(1) for that year, less any amounts allocated under previous 8 agreements, including agreements under Chapter 381, 9 Government Code, or Chapter 312, Tax Code. 10 (h-1) To further the development of the transportation project for which the transportation reinvestment zone was 11 12 designated, a county may assess all or part of the cost of the 13 transportation project against property within the zone. The 14 assessment against each property in the zone may be levied and 15 payable in installments in the same manner as provided by Sections 372.016-372.018, Local Government Code, provided that the 16 17 <u>installments</u> do not exceed the total amount of the tax abatement or other relief granted under Subsection (h). The county may elect to 18 19 adopt and apply the provisions of Sections 372.015-372.020 and 20 372.023, Local Government Code, to the assessment of costs and 21 Sections 372.024-372.030, Local Government Code, to the issuance of 22 bonds by the county to pay the cost of a transportation project. 23 The commissioners court of the county may contract with a public or private entity to develop, redevelop, or improve a transportation 24 project in the transportation reinvestment zone, including 25 26 aesthetic improvements, and may pledge and assign to that entity all or a specified amount of the revenue the county receives from 27

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- 1 installment payments of the assessments for the payment of the
- 2 costs of that transportation project. After a pledge or assignment
- 3 is made, if the entity that received the pledge or assignment has
- 4 itself pledged or assigned that amount to secure bonds or other
- 5 obligations issued to obtain funding for the transportation
- 6 project, the commissioners court of the county may not rescind its
- 7 pledge or assignment until the bonds or other obligations secured
- 8 by the pledge or assignment have been paid or discharged. Any
- 9 amount received from installment payments of the assessments not
- 10 pledged or assigned in connection with the transportation project
- 11 may be used for other purposes associated with the transportation
- 12 project or in the zone.
- (i) In the alternative, to [To] assist the county in
- 14 developing a transportation project [authorized under Section
- 15 222.104], if authorized by the commission under Chapter 441, a road
- 16 utility district may be formed under that chapter that has the same
- 17 boundaries as a transportation reinvestment zone created under this
- 18 section.
- (k) A road utility district formed as provided by Subsection
- 20 (i) may enter into an agreement [with the county to assume the
- 21 obligation, if any, of the county] to fund development of a project
- 22 [under Section 222.104] or to repay funds owed to the department
- 23 [under Section 222.104]. Any amount paid for this purpose is
- 24 considered to be an operating expense of the district. Any taxes
- 25 collected by the district that are not paid for this purpose may be
- 26 used for any district purpose.
- 27 (k-1) To accommodate changes in the limits of the project

- 1 for which a reinvestment zone was designated, the boundaries of a
- 2 zone may be amended at any time, except that property may not be
- 3 removed or excluded from a designated zone if any part of the
- 4 assessment has been assigned or pledged directly by the county or
- 5 through another entity to secure bonds or other obligations issued
- 6 to obtain funding of the project, and property may not be added to a
- 7 designated zone unless the commissioners court of the county
- 8 complies with Subsections (e) and (f).
- 9 (1) Except as provided by Subsection (m), a tax abatement
- 10 agreement entered into under Subsection (h), or an order or
- 11 resolution on the abatement of taxes or the grant of relief from
- 12 taxes under that subsection, terminates on December 31 of the year
- 13 in which the county completes any contractual requirement that
- 14 included the pledge or assignment of assessments [of money]
- 15 collected under this section.
- SECTION 5. Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code,
- 17 is amended by adding Sections 222.108 and 222.109 to read as
- 18 follows:
- 19 <u>Sec. 222.108. TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES FOR OTHER</u>
- 20 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement in
- 21 Sections 222.106(b) and 222.107(b) that a transportation
- 22 reinvestment zone be established in connection with a project under
- 23 Section 222.104, a municipality or county may establish a
- 24 transportation reinvestment zone for any transportation project.
- 25 If all or part of the transportation project is subject to oversight
- 26 by the department, at the option of the governing body of the
- 27 municipality or county, the department, to the extent permitted by

- 1 law, shall delegate full responsibility for the development,
- 2 design, letting of bids, and construction of the project, including
- 3 project inspection, to the municipality or county. After assuming
- 4 responsibility for a project under this subsection, a municipality
- 5 or county shall enter into an agreement with the department that
- 6 prescribes:
- 7 (1) the development process;
- 8 (2) the roles and responsibilities of the parties; and
- 9 <u>(3) the timelines for any required reviews or</u>
- 10 approvals.
- 11 (b) Any portion of a transportation project developed under
- 12 Subsection (a) that is on the state highway system or is located in
- 13 the state highway right-of-way must comply with applicable state
- 14 and federal requirements and criteria for project development,
- 15 design, and construction, unless the department grants an exception
- 16 to the municipality or county.
- (c) The development, design, and construction plans and
- 18 specifications for the portions of a project described by
- 19 Subsection (b) must be reviewed and approved by the department
- 20 under the agreement entered into under Subsection (a).
- 21 (d) In this section, "transportation project" has the
- 22 meaning assigned by Section 370.003.
- Sec. 222.109. REDUCTION PROHIBITED. (a) A municipality or
- 24 county may not be penalized with a reduction in traditional
- 25 transportation funding because of the designation and use of a
- 26 transportation reinvestment zone under this chapter. Any funding
- 27 from the department committed to a project before the date that a

- 1 transportation reinvestment zone is designated may not be reduced
- 2 because the transportation reinvestment zone is designated in
- 3 connection with that project.
- 4 (b) The department may not reduce any allocation of
- 5 <u>traditional transportation funding to any of its districts because</u>
- 6 <u>a district contains a municipality or county that contains a</u>
- 7 <u>transportation reinvestment zone designated under this chapter.</u>
- 8 SECTION 6. Sections 222.106(h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) and
- 9 222.107(h), (i), (k), and (l), Transportation Code, as amended by
- 10 this Act, and Sections 222.106(i-1) and (i-2), 222.107(h-1) and
- 11 (k-1), 222.108, and 222.109, Transportation Code, as added by this
- 12 Act, apply to a transportation reinvestment zone that is governed
- 13 by those sections designated before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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Substitute the following for \mathbb{H} .B. No. 563 :			
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          Sec. 222.108. TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES FOR OTHER
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   TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement in
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   Sections 222.106(b) and 222.107(b) that a transportation
   reinvestment zone be established in connection with a project under
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    Section 222.104, a municipality or county may establish a
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    transportation reinvestment zone for any transportation project.
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   If all or part of the transportation project is subject to oversight
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   by the department, at the option of the governing body of the
   municipality or county, the department, to the extent permitted by
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   law, shall delegate full responsibility for the development,
   design, letting of bids, and construction of the project, including
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   project inspection, to the municipality or county. After assuming
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   responsibility for a project under this subsection, a municipality
   or county shall enter into an agreement with the department that
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   prescribes:
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               (1) the development process;
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                    the roles and responsibilities of the parties; and
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               (3)
                    the timelines for
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   approvals.
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          (b) Any portion of a transportation project developed under
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   Subsection (a) that is on the state highway system or is located in
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   the state highway right-of-way must comply with applicable state
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   and federal requirements and criteria for project development,
   design, and construction, unless the department grants an exception
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   to the municipality or county.
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              The development, design, and construction plans and
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   specifications for the portions of a project described by
   Subsection (b) must be reviewed and approved by the department
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   under the agreement entered into under Subsection (a).
          (d) In this section, "transportation project" has the
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   meaning assigned by Section 370.003.
          Sec. 222.109. REDUCTION PROHIBITED. (a) A municipality or
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county may not be penalized with a reduction in traditional

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transportation funding because of the designation and use of a
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   transportation reinvestment zone under this chapter. Any funding
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   from the department committed to a project before the date that a
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   transportation reinvestment zone is designated may not be reduced
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   because the transportation reinvestment zone is designated in
   connection with that project.
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             The department may not reduce any allocation of
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   traditional transportation funding to any of its districts because
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   a district contains a municipality or county that contains a
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   transportation reinvestment zone designated under this chapter.
         Sec. 222.110. SALES TAX INCREMENT. (a) In this section,
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   "sales tax base" for a transportation reinvestment zone means the
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   amount of sales and use taxes imposed by a municipality under
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   Section 321.101(a), Tax Code, or by a county under Chapter 323, Tax
   Code, as applicable, attributable to the zone for the year in which
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   the zone was designated under this chapter.
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             The governing body of a municipality or county may
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   determine, in an ordinance or order designating an area as a
   transportation reinvestment zone or in an ordinance or order
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   adopted subsequent to the designation of a zone, the portion or
   amount of tax increment generated from the sales and use taxes
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   imposed by a municipality under Section 321.101(a), Tax Code, or by
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   a county under Chapter 323, Tax Code, attributable to the zone,
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   above the sales tax base, to be used as provided by Subsection (e).
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   Nothing in this section requires a municipality or county to
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   contribute sales tax increment under this subsection.
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          (c) A county that designates a portion or amount of sales
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1 tax increment under Subsection (b) must establish a tax increment
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- 2 account. A municipality or county shall deposit the designated
- 3 portion or amount of tax increment under Subsection (b) to the
- 4 entity's respective tax increment account.
- 5 (d) Before pledging or otherwise committing money in the tax
- 6 increment account under Subsection (c), the governing body of a
- 7 municipality or county may enter into an agreement, under
- 8 Subchapter E, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, to authorize and
- 9 direct the comptroller to:
- 10 (1) withhold from any payment to which the
- 11 municipality or county may be entitled the amount of the payment
- 12 into the tax increment account under Subsection (b);
- 13 (2) deposit that amount into the tax increment
- 14 account; and
- 15 (3) continue withholding and making additional
- 16 payments into the tax increment account until an amount sufficient
- 17 to satisfy the amount due has been met.
- (e) The sales and use taxes to be deposited into the tax
- 19 increment account under this section may be disbursed from the
- 20 account only to:
- 21 (1) pay for projects authorized under Section 222.104,
- 22 including the repayment of amounts owed under an agreement entered
- 23 <u>into under that section; and</u>
- 24 (2) notwithstanding Sections 321.506 and 323.505, Tax
- 25 Code, satisfy claims of holders of tax increment bonds, notes, or
- 26 other obligations issued or incurred for projects authorized under
- 27 Section 222.104.

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(f) The amount deposited by a county to a tax increment
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   account under this section is not considered to be sales and use tax
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   revenue for the purpose of property tax reduction and computation
   of the county tax rate under Section 26.041, Tax Code.
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          SECTION 6. Sections 222.106(h), (i), (j), (k), and (1) and
    222.107(h), (i), (k), and (l), Transportation Code, as amended by
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   this Act, and Sections 222.106(i-1) and (i-2), 222.107(h-1) and
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    (k-1), 222.108, and 222.109, Transportation Code, as added by this
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   Act, apply to a transportation reinvestment zone that is governed
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   by those sections designated before the effective date of this Act.
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          SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.
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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO.

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 563 (senate committee report) in SECTION 5 of the bill, after added Section 222.110(f), Transportation Code 2 (page 5, between lines 63 and 64), by adding the following: 3 (g) Not later than the 30th day before the date the 4 governing body of a municipality or county proposes to designate a 5 portion or amount of sales tax increment under Subsection (b), the 6 7 governing body shall hold a public hearing on the designation of the sales tax increment. At the hearing an interested person may speak 8 for or against the designation of the sales tax increment. Not 9 later than the seventh day before the date of the hearing, notice of 10 the hearing must be published in a newspaper having general 11 circulation in the county or municipality, as appropriate. 12 (h) The hearing required under Subsection (g) may be held in 13 conjunction with a hearing held under Section 222.106(e) or 14 222.107(e) if the ordinance or order designating an area as a 15 transportation reinvestment zone under Section 222.106 or 222.107 16

also designates a sales tax increment under Subsection (b).

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment

zone.), As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 222 of the Transportation Code regarding use of taxes collected on property in a municipal transportation reinvestment zone and in a county transportation zone and deposited into a tax increment account. The bill also would change the criteria for which municipalities and counties would be authorized to create a transportation reinvestment zone.

The bill would add Sections 222.108 and 222.109 to Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, to authorize a municipality or a county, notwithstanding other subsections, to establish a transportation zone for any transportation project. In addition, if all or part of a transportation project in the zone is subject to oversight by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), TxDOT would be required, at the option of the governing body of the municipality, the county or TxDOT to the extent permitted by law to 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. After assuming a project under this subsection, a municipality or a county shall enter into an agreement with the department. Any portion of a transportation project that is on the state highway system or is located in the state highway right-of-way must comply with applicable state and federal requirements and criteria for project development, design, and construction, unless TxDOT grants an exception, and must be approved by the department.

TxDOT would be prohibited from penalizing a municipality or a county with a reduction in traditional transportation funding because of the designation and use of a transportation reinvestment zone. Any funding from TxDOT identified for a project before the date that a zone is designated may not be reduced because the zone is designated in connection with that project.

TxDOT would be prohibited from reducing any allocation of traditional transportation funding to any of its districts because a district contains a municipality or county that contains a transportation reinvestment zone.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize the governing body of a municipality or a county to designate an area as a transportation reinvestment zone and establish a tax increment account. The municipality or county would be allowed to use a portion of tax increment generated from sales and use taxes imposed for deposit into a tax increment account and could use those funds to pay for authorized projects, tax increment bonds, notes or other obligations, but not for property tax reduction or computation of a county tax rate.

The bill would allow the governing body of a municipality or a county to authorize the Comptroller to withhold from any payment into the account, amounts due that are related to the transportation reinvestment zone. The bill would require a municipality or a county to hold a public hearing not later than the 30th day before the date the entity proposes to designate a portion of sales tax increment and not later than the 7th day prior to the hearing, publish a notice in a general circulation newspaper in the county or municipality.

Sections that are amended or added by the bill apply to a transportation reinvestment zone that are governed by those sections designated before the effective date of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Based on the analysis by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, there would be no administrative costs to the agency and no fiscal impact on the state.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact of implementing the proposed requirements for use of tax increments in a transportation reinvestment zone would vary depending on the projects to be funded. Regarding change in eligibility to create a transportation reinvestment zone, it is assumed that a municipality or a county would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

The Texas Municipal League noted that transportation reinvestment zones are optional for municipalities; therefore, it is assumed that a municipality would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, MW, TP, TG

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 6, 2011

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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The bill would allow the governing body of a municipality or a county to authorize the Comptroller to withhold from any payment into the account, amounts due that are related to the transportation reinvestment zone.

Sections that are amended or added by the bill apply to a transportation reinvestment zone that are governed by those sections designated before the effective date of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, MW, TP, TG

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 2011

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.), As Engrossed

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LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, MW, TP, TG

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 4, 2011

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment

zone.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 222 of the Transportation Code regarding use of taxes collected on property in a municipal transportation reinvestment zone and in a county transportation zone and deposited into a tax increment account. The bill also would change the criteria for which municipalities and counties would be authorized to create a transportation reinvestment zone.

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Sections that are amended or added by the bill apply to a transportation reinvestment zone that are governed by those sections designated before the effective date of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Based on the analysis by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact of implementing the proposed requirements for use of tax increments in a transportation reinvestment zone would vary depending on the projects to be funded. Regarding change in eligibility to create a transportation reinvestment zone, it is assumed that a municipality or a

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The Texas Municipal League noted that transportation reinvestment zones are optional for municipalities; therefore, it is assumed that a municipality would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, MW, TP, TG

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION Revision 1

February 22, 2011

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment

zone.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 222 of the Transportation Code regarding use of taxes collected on property in a municipal transportation reinvestment zone and in a county transportation zone and deposited into a tax increment account. The bill also would change the criteria for which municipalities and counties would be authorized to create a transportation reinvestment zone.

The bill would add Sections 222.108 and 222.109 to Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, to authorize a municipality or a county, notwithstanding other subsections, to establish a transportation zone for any transportation project. In addition, if all or part of a transportation project in the zone is subject to oversight by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), TxDOT would be required, at the option of the governing body of the municipality or county, to 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 reasonable to ensure compliance with federal requirements to receive federal-aid highway funds. A project on the state highway system must comply with state design criteria unless TxDOT were to grant an exception to the municipality or county.

TxDOT would be prohibited from penalizing a municipality or a county with a reduction in traditional transportation funding because of the designation and use of a transportation reinvestment zone. Any funding from TxDOT identified for a project before the date that a zone is designated may not be reduced because the zone is designated in connection with that project.

TxDOT would be prohibited from reducing any allocation of traditional transportation funding to any of its districts because a district contains a municipality or county that contains a transportation reinvestment zone.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

TxDOT indicates that the state's federal highway funding could be jeopardized under certain provisions of the bill and federal penalties could accrue depending on the number and scope of projects in violation of federal requirements. Currently, TxDOT is the designated state administrative agency granted authority by the federal government to oversee or conduct environmental and design and build reviews for any major roadway receiving federal aid and/or intersecting a federal-aid highway or transit system subsidized by the federal government.

For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed TxDOT and the Texas Transportation Commission would take any reasonable action to ensure compliance with federal requirements to receive federal-aid highway funds as authorized by the bill.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact of implementing the proposed requirements for use of tax increments in a transportation reinvestment zone would vary depending on the projects to be funded. Regarding change in eligibility to create a transportation reinvestment zone, it is assumed that a municipality or a county would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

The Texas Municipal League noted that transportation reinvestment zones are optional for municipalities; therefore, it is assumed that a municipality would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, TP, TG, MW

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

February 21, 2011

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB563 by Pickett (Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment

zone.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 222 of the Transportation Code regarding use of taxes collected on property in a municipal transportation reinvestment zone and in a county transportation zone and deposited into a tax increment account. The bill also would change the criteria for which municipalities and counties would be authorized to create a transportation reinvestment zone.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact of implementing the proposed requirements for use of tax increments in a transportation reinvestment zone would vary depending on the projects to be funded.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) reported that a county would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive; however, there is no way to determine the number of counties that would choose to create a zone or a road utility district. Therefore, the fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

The Texas Municipal League (TML) reported that transportation reinvestment zones are optional for municipalities; therefore, it is assumed that a municipality would designate a transportation reinvestment zone and undertake a transportation project only if there were sufficient resources available or the net fiscal impact would be positive.

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