

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 8, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1489** by Watson (Relating to the powers and jurisdiction of a regional mobility authority.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 370 of the Transportation Code to authorize a Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) to acquire, plan, design, construct, maintain, repair, or operate a transportation project on behalf of another governmental entity, regardless of whether the project is located in the RMA's jurisdiction. An RMA would be authorized to acquire, plan, design, construct, maintain, repair, or operate a transportation project on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), regardless of whether the project is located in the RMA's jurisdiction.

The bill would authorize an RMA to study, evaluate, design, finance, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, repair, expand, or extend a transportation project of the RMA in any county that is not part of the RMA under an agreement between the RMA and the county. Under current statute, an RMA's authority to construct a project outside its boundaries is limited to a project in a county that is a continuation of a project located within the boundaries of the RMA.

The bill would provide an RMA with the authority to construct and operate projects, including toll projects, in any area of the state subject to entering into an agreement with the county in which the project is located, with TxDOT or another governmental entity on whose behalf the project is constructed and/or operated.

TxDOT indicated no significant fiscal impact on the agency or on the operations of TxDOT is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 601 Department of Transportation

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