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H.B. No. 1837

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to approval of the study of, design for, and construction of a proposed toll project by the commissioners court of the county in which the toll project is to be located.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 372.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.002. COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL REQUIRED. (a) A toll project entity or metropolitan planning organization must obtain, by a three-fifths vote, approval of the commissioners court of the county in which a toll project is proposed to be located before the toll project entity or metropolitan planning organization may:

(1) conduct a feasibility study for the project;
(2) develop a design for the project; or
(3) enter into a construction contract for the project.

(b) A toll project entity or metropolitan planning organization is required by Subsection (a) to obtain separate approval before each of the actions specified by Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3).

SECTION 2. Section 372.002, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, does not apply to a toll project for which:

(1) a feasibility study has been conducted or a plan or

1 design has been developed before September 1, 2015; or

2 (2) a contract for construction has been entered into
3 before September 1, 2015.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.