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H.B. No. 1968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to certain comprehensive development agreements of the  
3 Texas Department of Transportation or a regional mobility  
4 authority.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 223.201(j), Transportation Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (j) Before the department may enter into a comprehensive  
9 development agreement under Subsection (f), the department must:

10 (1) for a project other than the State Highway 99  
11 (Grand Parkway) project, obtain, not later than August 31, 2019  
12 [~~2017~~], the appropriate environmental clearance:

13 (A) for the project; or

14 (B) for the initial or base scope of the project  
15 if the project agreement provides for the phased construction of  
16 the project; and

17 (2) present to the commission a full financial plan  
18 for the project, including costing methodology and cost proposals.

19 SECTION 2. Sections 223.2011(a), (c), and (f),  
20 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

21 (a) Notwithstanding Sections 223.201(f) and 370.305(c), the  
22 department or an authority under Section 370.003 may enter into a  
23 comprehensive development agreement relating to improvements to,  
24 or construction of, all or part of:

- 1           (1) the Loop 1 (MoPac Improvement) project from  
2 Farm-to-Market Road 734 to Cesar Chavez Street;
- 3           (2) the U.S. 183 (Bergstrom Expressway) project from  
4 Springdale Road to Patton Avenue;
- 5           (3) a project consisting of the construction of:
- 6                 (A) the Outer Parkway Project in Cameron County  
7 from U.S. Highway 77 to Farm-to-Market Road 1847; and
- 8                 (B) the South Padre Island Second Access Causeway  
9 Project from State Highway 100 to Park Road 100;
- 10          (4) the Loop 49 project from Interstate 20 to U.S.  
11 Highway 69 (Lindale Relief Route) and from State Highway 110 to U.S.  
12 Highway 259 (Segments 6 and 7);
- 13          (5) the Loop 375 Border Highway West project in El Paso  
14 County from Race Track Drive to U.S. Highway 54;
- 15          (6) the Northeast Parkway project in El Paso County  
16 from Loop 375 east of the Railroad Drive overpass to the Texas-New  
17 Mexico border;
- 18          (7) the Loop 1604 project in Bexar County;
- 19          (8) the Hidalgo County Loop project; ~~and~~
- 20          (9) the International Bridge Trade Corridor project;  
21 and
- 22          (10) the Farm-to-Market 1925 project in Cameron County  
23 from Interstate 69E to Interstate 69C.
- 24          (c) Not later than December 1, 2016 [~~2014~~], the department  
25 or the authority, as applicable, shall provide a report to the  
26 commission on the status of a project described by Subsection  
27 (a). The report must include:

1           (1) the status of the project's environmental  
2 clearance;

3           (2) an explanation of any project delays; and

4           (3) if the procurement is not completed, the  
5 anticipated date for the completion of the procurement.

6           (f) The authority to enter into a comprehensive development  
7 agreement under this section expires August 31, 2019 [~~2017~~].

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.