Amend CSSB 977 (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 199.003, Transportation Code (page 1, between lines 48 and 49) by inserting the following:

(d) This section is not intended to preclude or limit the execution of the department's responsibilities under federal law or other state law, including:

(1) regulatory responsibilities;

(2) oversight of transportation projects;

(3) environmental review;

(4) policy development;

(5) communication with public officials; or

(6) coordinating with a private entity that operates or proposes to operate high-speed rail in the same manner that the department coordinates with other entities that operate transportation projects.