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H.B. No. 417

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to economic impact reviews conducted by the Texas  
Transportation Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,  
is amended by adding Section 201.605 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.605. ECONOMIC IMPACT REVIEW. (a) The commission  
by rule shall provide for the commission's review of the economic  
impact of the department's transportation projects on businesses  
located in the area of a project. The rules must provide for:

(1) public comment on the commission's economic impact  
reviews, including the types of projects for which public hearings  
are required, and a procedure for requesting a public hearing on an  
economic impact review for which a public hearing is not required;

(2) the commission's evaluation of direct and indirect  
effects of the department's projects;

(3) analysis of project alternatives; and

(4) a written report that briefly explains the  
commission's decision on a project and that specifies any  
mitigation measures on economic harm on which the project is  
conditioned.

(b) An economic impact review of a project must be conducted  
in the time required for an environmental review of the project.

(c) The commission shall consider the results of its reviews

1 in executing its duties.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.