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S.B. No. 2054

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain road districts to enter into contracts for and to contribute to transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 257, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 257.902 to read as follows:

Sec. 257.902. AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN ROAD DISTRICTS TO CONTRACT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Revenue" means fares, fees, rents, tolls, and other money received by a road district from the ownership or operation of a transportation project.

(2) "Transportation project" means:

(A) a roadway;

(B) a bridge;

(C) a ferry or ferry landing;

(D) a pedestrian or bicycle facility;

(E) an intermodal hub;

(F) an air quality improvement initiative;

(G) a public utility facility;

(H) a transit system;

(I) a parking area, structure, or facility or a collection device for parking fees;

(J) if applicable, projects and programs listed in the most recently approved state implementation plan for the

1 area covered by the authority, including an early action compact;
2 (K) improvements in a transportation
3 reinvestment zone designated under Subchapter E, Chapter 222; and
4 (L) port security, transportation, or facility
5 projects eligible for funding under Section 55.002.

6 (b) This section applies only to a road district that:

7 (1) operates or contributes to the operations of a
8 ferry system; or

9 (2) was created for the purpose of operating or
10 contributing to the operation of a ferry system, regardless of
11 whether the district continues to operate or contribute to the
12 operation of a ferry system.

13 (c) A road district may:

14 (1) enter into a lease, service agreement, license
15 agreement, franchise agreement, or other similar agreement with a
16 person governing:

17 (A) the person's use of a transportation project;
18 and

19 (B) the rights and obligations of the district
20 with respect to the transportation project;

21 (2) spend the road district's revenue on a
22 transportation project or public improvement project in the
23 district for any purpose related to a transportation project or
24 public improvement project, including for the acquisition,
25 construction, maintenance, or operation of the transportation
26 project or public improvement project; and

27 (3) send surplus revenue to the county in which the

1 road district is located for any purpose related to a
2 transportation project located in the county, including for the
3 acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of the
4 transportation project.

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