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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to revenue enhancement by the Texas Transportation Commission.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 201.109(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  In carrying out this section, the commission shall provide for:

(1)  maximizing the generation of revenue from existing assets of the department, including real estate and rights-of-way;

(2)  increasing the role of the private sector and public-private projects in the leasing of real estate and other assets in the development of highway projects;

(3)  setting and attempting to meet annual revenue enhancement goals;

(4)  reporting on the progress in meeting revenue enhancement goals in the department's annual report;

(5)  contracting for an independent audit of the department's management and business operations in 2007 and each 12th year after 2007;

(6)  developing a cost-benefit analysis between the use of local materials previously incorporated into roadways versus use of materials blended or transported from other sources; [~~and~~]

(7)  increasing private investment in the transportation infrastructure, including the acquisition of causeways, bridges, tunnels, turnpikes, or other transportation facilities, in the border region, including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala; and

(8)  developing a cost-benefit analysis of the potential local and state budget impacts of implementing new highway design concepts, including highway capping and stitching projects, highway capping projects that restore the historic urban street grid and allow for dense walkable development, and projects to convert highways to urban boulevards.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.