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H.B. No. 3498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the construction of nontolled frontage roads adjacent to certain toll projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 372.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.060. CONSTRUCTION OF NONTOLLED FRONTAGE ROAD REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN TOLL PROJECTS. (a) Except as provided by Section 228.201, a toll project entity may not construct a toll project along the route of a previously nontolled highway unless the entity constructs at least one adjacent nontolled lane of frontage road for each direction of travel of the toll project.

(b) The lanes of frontage road described by Subsection (a) shall be maintained by the entity that had authority over the previously nontolled highway along which the toll project is constructed.

SECTION 2. Section 372.060, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a toll project for which a contract for financing, construction, or operation is entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A toll project for which a contract was entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed at the time the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.