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S.B. No. 2140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the development and operation of a transportation
3 project by a regional mobility authority.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 370.003(14), Transportation Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (14) "Transportation project" means:

8 (A) a turnpike project;

9 (B) a system;

10 (C) a passenger or freight rail facility,
11 including:

12 (i) tracks;

13 (ii) a rail line;

14 (iii) switching, signaling, or other
15 operating equipment;

16 (iv) a depot;

17 (v) a locomotive;

18 (vi) rolling stock;

19 (vii) a maintenance facility; and

20 (viii) other real and personal property
21 associated with a rail operation;

22 (D) a roadway with a functional classification
23 greater than a local road or rural minor collector;

24 (D-1) a bridge;

- 1 (E) a ferry;
- 2 (F) an airport, other than an airport that on
3 September 1, 2005, was served by one or more air carriers engaged in
4 scheduled interstate transportation, as those terms were defined by
5 14 C.F.R. Section 1.1 on that date;
- 6 (G) a pedestrian or bicycle facility;
- 7 (H) an intermodal hub;
- 8 (I) an automated conveyor belt for the movement
9 of freight;
- 10 (J) a border crossing inspection station,
11 including:
- 12 (i) a border crossing inspection station
13 located at or near an international border crossing; and
- 14 (ii) a border crossing inspection station
15 located at or near a border crossing from another state of the
16 United States and not more than 50 miles from an international
17 border;
- 18 (K) an air quality improvement initiative;
- 19 (L) a public utility facility;
- 20 (M) a transit system;
- 21 (M-1) a parking area, structure, or facility, or
22 a collection device for parking fees;
- 23 (N) if applicable, projects and programs listed
24 in the most recently approved state implementation plan for the
25 area covered by the authority, including an early action compact;
- 26 (O) improvements in a transportation
27 reinvestment zone designated under Subchapter E, Chapter 222;

1 (P) port security, transportation, or facility
2 projects eligible for funding under Section 55.002; ~~and~~

3 (Q) an aerial cable car or aerial tramway for the
4 transportation of persons or property, or both, that is located in
5 the jurisdiction of an authority created under Section 370.031(c);
6 and

7 (R) an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement
8 located adjacent to or connected with an interstate highway, which
9 may include:

10 (i) recreational, bicycle, and pedestrian
11 facilities;

12 (ii) an intermodal hub; or

13 (iii) parking areas,

14 and which may include components, which will:

15 (i) benefit a transit provider; and

16 (ii) promote economic development in areas
17 adjacent to the facility.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.