By:  LaMantia S.B. No. 1418

(In the Senate - Filed March 1, 2023; March 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; March 31, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 31, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

West              X

Alvarado          X

Eckhardt          X

Hancock           X

King              X

Miles             X

Parker            X

Perry             X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1418 By:  West

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 623.219(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  For a permit issued by a port authority located in a county that borders the United Mexican States, the commission [~~shall~~], with the consent of the port authority:

(1)  shall[~~,~~] designate the most direct route from:

(A) [~~(1)  the Gateway International Bridge or~~] the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using State Highways 48 and 4 or United States Highways 77 and 83 or using United States Highway 77 and United States Highway 83, East Loop Corridor, and State Highway 4; and

(B) [~~(2)~~]  the Free Trade International Bridge to:

(i) [~~(A)~~]  the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highways 77 and 83, Farm-to-Market Road 511, State Highway 550, and East Loop (State Highway 32);

(ii) [~~(B)~~]  the eastern entrance of the Port of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highway 77 Business, and Farm-to-Market Road 1846;

(iii) [~~(C)~~]  the western entrance of the Port of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Roads 509 and 106;

(iv) [~~(D)~~]  the southern entrance of the Harlingen Industrial Park using Farm-to-Market Road 509; [~~and~~]

(v) [~~(E)~~]  the southern entrance of the Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport using Farm-to-Market Road 509; and

(vi)  the western Cameron County line using Farm-to-Market Road 509 and United States Highway 281; and

(2)  may designate another route in consultation with the port authority.

SECTION 2.  Section 623.363(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The commission may authorize a regional mobility authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County on:

(1)  the following roads:

(A)  U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with State Highway 336;

(B)  State Highway 336 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016;

(C)  Farm-to-Market Road 1016 between its intersection with State Highway 336 and its intersection with Trinity Road;

(D)  Trinity Road between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 396;

(E)  Farm-to-Market Road 396 between its intersection with Trinity Road and its intersection with the Anzalduas International Bridge;

(F)  Farm-to-Market Road 2061 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3072 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 281;

(G)  U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with the eastern Hidalgo County line [~~Spur 29~~];

(H)  Spur 29 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with Doffin Canal Road;

(I)  Doffin Canal Road between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with Spur 29;

(J)  Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business;

(K)  U.S. Highway 83 Business between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with South Pleasantview Drive;

(L)  Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection with Mile 9 Road North; and

(M)  Mile 9 Road North between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe Stephens Avenue; or

(2)  another route designated by the commission in consultation with the authority.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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