

# AGENDA ITEM V

February 20, 2008

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## Review of FM 691 Corridor Study proposal evaluations

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

With the unabated growth being experienced in the Sherman-Denison Study Area, more specifically the scheduled development of the new Texoma Medical Center on the north east corner of the intersection of US 75 and FM 691 in Denison, the Transportation Policy Board, at the October 3, 2007 approved the RFP for an FM 691 Corridor Study. The reasoning was to pro actively address some key road facilities to maintain or enhance their functionality as their capacity continues to be tested.

As cited in Subtask 5.5 of the UPWP:

*“Recent openings of retail destinations (i.e. Sherman Towne Center and Sherman Commons in Sherman), office complexes (Cigna office building in Denison) and the planned opening of a regional hospital (Texoma Medical Center with its ancillary doctors offices ) between Sherman and Denison, all situated along US 75, confirm the need to address congestion issues along major thoroughfares. While existing (US 75) and planned road facilities (SH 289 extension – possible Dallas North Tollway) adequately address north south traffic. The lack of east/west facilities (with the exception of US 82) will exacerbate congestion issues.*

*Because of special traffic generators including the Grayson County Airport, the (potential) new jail at the same facility, Grayson County College, the planned TMC Hospital (with its ambulance and patron users) as well as existing and planned residential growth along the FM 691, the system will be taxed with operational and access issues. The Board has selected this sub-area as its first priority.*

*This sub-area corridor study will analyze existing and future conditions, and evaluate the potential effect of collector/distributor lanes.”*

Staff developed a Scope of Work containing six (6) tasks for the consultant to perform. These include:

1. Develop a work plan
2. Research existing conditions of the transportation system
3. Document existing and projected environmental and land-use conditions
4. Analyze future (2030) travel demand performance in the corridor
5. Evaluation of the Effect of Collector/Distributor Lanes and validate the need for an extension of FM 691 to the new SH 289
6. Prepare the draft corridor plan document.

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Eighteen RFP's went out and two proposals were submitted by the deadline of December 31, 2007.

Copies of the proposals were delivered to the technical committee (Tom Speakman - City of Denison, Jeff Miller - City of Sherman, Jerry White - Grayson County and Kevin Harris - TxDOT) for their evaluation. The TPB received a copy also.

### ***NO ACTION REQUIRED:***

*The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to review and discuss the evaluation results as provided by the technical committee.*

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Proposal Evaluation Criteria

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Action on the negotiation with consultants for the FM 691 Corridor Study

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Based on the results of the previous agenda item, the policy board will provide guidance as listed below.

## ***ACTION REQUESTED:***

*The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to provide guidance on the following questions:*

- Does the MPO want to provide local match without the state for this study?
- Does the MPO want to select one of the firms to negotiate with the (Technical Committee's) recommendations?
- Does the MPO want the staff /Technical committee to start negotiations (Provide Technical Committee latitude to negotiate with second firm if no agreement is reached with first firm)?

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- none