

1 SUBCHAPTER B. DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES

2 §24.13. Corridor Planning and Development.

3 (a) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used
4 in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the
5 context clearly indicates otherwise.

6 (1) Commission--The Texas Transportation Commission.

7 (2) Department--The Texas Department of Transportation.

8 (3) Executive director--The executive director of the
9 department or the executive director's designee.

10 (4) Trans-Texas Corridor--Has the meaning provided in
11 §24.11 of this subchapter (relating to Comprehensive Development
12 Agreements).

13 (b) Route designation. The commission will consider the
14 following when designating a route for a segment of the Trans-
15 Texas Corridor:

16 (1) the criteria provided by Transportation Code,
17 §227.012, including:

18 (A) current and projected traffic patterns;

19 (B) the safety of motorists;

20 (C) potential risks to persons from spills or accidents
21 of any kind;

22 (D) environmental effects, including the effect on air
23 quality;

1 (E) current and projected economic development;

2 (F) the current and projected need for additional

3 transportation options; and

4 (G) system connectivity;

5 (2) comments submitted at a public hearing held in each

6 county through which the segment may pass, as required by

7 Transportation Code, §227.013; and

8 (3) the advice and recommendations of a corridor segment

9 committee created under subsection (c) of this section.

10 (c) Corridor segment committees.

11 (1) Purpose. The commission by order will create a

12 corridor segment committee before initiating the environmental

13 review process for the construction of a proposed segment of the

14 Trans-Texas Corridor or, if a tiered environmental review

15 process is used, before the start of the Tier Two review. A

16 corridor segment committee shall be created for a proposed

17 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor and for a facility that

18 serves a connectivity or financing purpose to an element of the

19 Trans-Texas Corridor and that may become a segment of the Trans-

20 Texas Corridor. The purpose of a corridor segment committee is

21 to provide input, advice, and recommendations to the commission

22 and the department regarding the designation of a route for the

23 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor for which the committee was

1 created, and regarding the construction of the proposed segment
2 of the Trans-Texas Corridor or a facility that may become all or
3 part of a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

4 (2) Membership. A corridor segment committee consists of
5 the following members:

6 (A) one member appointed by the county judge of each
7 county in which the proposed segment or facility may be located,
8 representing the general public within the county;

9 (B) one member appointed by each metropolitan planning
10 organization within whose boundaries all or part of the proposed
11 segment or facility may be located, representing the general
12 public within the metropolitan planning organization;

13 (C) additional members representing the general public
14 within cities designated by the commission, in which all or part
15 of a proposed segment or facility may be located, each of whom
16 will be appointed by the mayor of a designated city; and

17 (D) additional members representing the ports, chambers
18 of commerce, or economic development councils and corporations
19 designated by the commission, within whose service area all or
20 part of a proposed segment or facility may be located, each of
21 whom will be appointed by the governing body of a designated
22 entity.

23 (3) Duties. As part of the public involvement process,

1 the department shall request the input of a corridor segment
2 committee during the environmental review of a segment or
3 facility proposed to be constructed. In conjunction with a
4 hearing held under Transportation Code, §227.013, the department
5 will request the input of a corridor segment committee on the
6 designation of a route for a proposed segment. A corridor
7 segment committee shall report to the executive director its
8 advice and recommendations on the route of the proposed segment,
9 whether to construct the proposed segment or facility, and other
10 segment level planning, development, and financing matters as
11 requested by the department. A corridor segment committee may
12 provide information to, coordinate with, or request information
13 from a corridor advisory committee created under §15.9 of this
14 title (relating to Corridor Advisory Committees). In developing
15 advice and recommendations, a corridor segment committee will
16 consider existing facilities, upgrades to existing facilities,
17 new or planned facilities, multimodal solutions, and available
18 financing options.

19 (4) Commission action. The commission shall consider and
20 give great weight to the recommendations of a corridor segment
21 committee created for a proposed segment of the Trans-Texas
22 Corridor or a facility that may become a segment of the Trans-
23 Texas Corridor before the commission may:

1 (A) designate the route of the proposed segment; or

2 (B) decide whether or not the proposed segment or

3 facility is to be constructed.

4 (5) Additional requirements. A corridor segment

5 committee is subject to the requirements for committee

6 operations and procedures applicable to a statutory advisory

7 committee under §1.82 of this title (relating to Statutory

8 Advisory Committee Operations and Procedures), unless in

9 conflict with the requirements of this section.

10 (6) Confidential information. The department may require

11 members of a corridor segment committee created under this

12 section to sign agreements to maintain the confidentiality of

13 and not disclose information provided to a committee that is

14 confidential by law or that is not subject to disclosure,

15 inspection, or copying under the Texas public information law,

16 Government Code, Chapter 552.