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NET RMA BOARD SELECTS FIRM FOR DESIGN-BUILD TOLL 49 SEGMENT 3B PROJECT, DISCUSSES PRIORITY PROJECTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NET RMA

Tyler, Texas – June 23, 2010 – The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) Board of Directors met Wednesday for its Board Meeting at University of Texas, Tyler in Tyler, Texas. Among the topics on the agenda were the selection of CH2MHill for the Toll 49 Segment 3B project for the Design/Build Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA), funding opportunities, and the swearing in of several board members for another 2-year term.

“The selection of a firm to construct Segment 3B of the Toll 49 project demonstrates the project’s continued momentum. The next step is to prepare to sell bonds,” said NET RMA Project Director Everett Owen. “Our colleagues in the financial industry are still very bullish on the deal and believe that there is no better time to sell a transportation bond than right now,” he continued. Toll 49 Segment 3B is a 9.7 mile section of roadway that stretches between State Highway 31 and Interstate 20.

“We are very honored about the opportunity to bring our integrated Design Build team along with the local suppliers/vendors to deliver this truly important project to the NET RMA and the traveling public of East Texas,” said Dave Bird, Vice-President and Director of Projects, CH2MHill. CH2MHill is partnering with the following subcontractors for the completion of the project, R.K. Hall Construction for asphalt paving, Landtech Consultants for surveying and Goodbee & Associates for utility management and coordination among others.

“We are excited about the selection of CH2MHill, this is a great milestone for the NET RMA,” said Chairman Jeff Austin, III. “This is another example of regional support for the NET RMA and its priority projects,” he continued.

The NET RMA board also heard a presentation on possible funding opportunities for the continuation of Toll 49 as well as other projects that have been identified as priorities in the North East Texas Region. One of these projects is Toll 49 Segment 4 from I-20 to US 69 around Lindale. As TxDOT continues to work through the environmental study process, this project remains a priority to the NET RMA.

The following board members were sworn in for an additional 2-year term by Judge Joel Baker from Smith County.

Rodney Gilstrap from Harrison County

Robert Murray from Bowie County

Hudson Old from Titus County

William Runnels from Cass County

Michael Thomas from Smith County, was sworn in as the newest board member of the NET RMA.

Details for the next NET RMA board meeting will be posted at www.netrma.org.

About the NET RMA

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in northeast Texas. Our mission is to implement transportation solutions that will enhance the quality of life and the economic environment in our area. The NET RMA is governed by a Board of Directors that represent each of the member counties: Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood, and Van Zandt. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by the State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004.

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