

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) is authorized to use payments received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under a comprehensive development agreement (CDA) to finance transportation or air quality projects within the same region.

As proposed, S.B. 887 requires TTC to use payments received by TxDOT under a CDA to finance other transportation projects in the same district as the project or facilities to which the payments are attributable.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 228.0055, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 228.0055. USE OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text. Requires, rather than authorizes, the payments received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under a comprehensive development agreement to be used by TxDOT to finance the construction, maintenance, or operation of a transportation project or air quality project in the same TxDOT district as the project or facilities to which the payments are attributable, rather than in the region.

(b) Prohibits the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) from revising the formula as provided in TxDOT's unified transportation program, or its successor document, in a manner that results in a decrease of a department district's allocation because of a payment under Subsection (a) or from taking any other action that would reduce funding allocated to a TxDOT district because of payments received under a comprehensive development agreement.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 228.006(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Prohibits TTC from revising the formula as provided in TxDOT's unified transportation program, or its successor document, in a manner that results in a decrease of a TxDOT district's allocation because of a payment under Subsection (a) or from taking any other action that would reduce funding allocated to a TxDOT district as a result of surplus revenues generated from a toll project located within the district.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.