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S.B. No. 718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the route selection for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 227.012, Transportation Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 227.012. ROUTE SELECTION. (a) The commission shall
7 consider the following criteria when selecting a route for a
8 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor:

9 (1) current and projected traffic patterns;

10 (2) the safety of motorists;

11 (3) potential risks to persons from spills or
12 accidents of any kind;

13 (4) environmental effects, including the effect on air
14 quality;

15 (5) current and projected economic development;

16 (6) the current and projected need for additional
17 transportation options; and

18 (7) system connectivity.

19 (b) To the extent possible, the commission shall select a
20 route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the
21 Texas Highway Trunk System.

22 (c) Before the 11th day after making a determination under
23 Subsection (b) that it is not possible to select a route for a
24 segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Highway

1 Trunk System, the commission shall file a written report of that
2 determination and the reasons supporting the determination with
3 each member of the legislature.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.