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### **City of Cibolo Receives Official Approval for Privately Funded Cibolo Parkway Project**

The City of Cibolo is pleased to announce that the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) has voted to place the Cibolo Parkway Project on their long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project would include:

- Privately funded Cibolo Parkway Toll that would include the construction of a new toll road facility from Weil Road, near Byron P. Steele II High School, to I-10.
- Privately funded Cibolo Expressway that would include free express overpasses on FM 1103 at Orth Lane, Green Valley Road and near Saddle Spoke. This would complement TxDOT roadway improvements set to be made on FM 1103.

Additionally, TxDOT verbally informed the City that the environmental study associated with the planned improvements on FM 1103 from I-35 to Weil Road was completed in April 2017, and indicated that there were no environmental concerns that may delay the roadway improvements in this area. With this news, TxDOT should continue as planned with a 2019 construction start date for this portion.

In order to capitalize on this important news from TxDOT, the Cibolo City Council hopes to see the timely start of the TxDOT roadway improvements on FM 1103. In an effort to optimize TxDOT's construction schedule, construction of the Cibolo Expressway overpasses will not begin until TxDOT has finalized construction of the FM 1103 mainlanes. While the provisions for the Expressway overpasses will remain as part of the conceptual plan for future needs, they will not be part of the initial TxDOT improvements.

Mayor Allen Dunn said building the Expressway overpasses after the planned TxDOT FM 1103 improvements will be in the best interest of the community and will avoid any unnecessary delays. Mayor Dunn also indicated that he was pleased with the decision by the AAMPO, which approved the Cibolo Parkway Project at their May 24 board meeting.

"As we see continued growth in Cibolo, these type of improvements are vital in bringing connectivity, mobility and safety," said John Crew, Manager of the Cibolo Turnpike Corporation. "We are pleased to hear that TxDOT is moving forward with the planned improvements to the FM 1103 mainlanes. Together, these improvements, along with the privately funded Cibolo Expressway overpasses and the Cibolo Parkway projects, will enhance the quality of life of those living in Cibolo and surrounding communities."

The City of Cibolo has a public-private partnership with the Cibolo Turnpike Corporation who will plan and construct the proposed project. Recently, the two entities agreed the future Cibolo Expressway overpasses, when built, will remain free from tolling operations. Toll charges would only apply to the proposed 7-mile Cibolo Parkway Toll that would connect northern Cibolo between Weil Road and I-10.

An additional benefit to the City’s project is the construction of a pedestrian bridge over FM 1103 near Rodeo Drive. This pedestrian bridge would improve access and safety for students getting to-and-from Steele High School. This amenity is being donated and funded by the Cibolo Turnpike Corporation to the City of Cibolo.

Currently the Cibolo Parkway Project is being analyzed for financial viability by the Cibolo Turnpike Corporation. If the project is not deemed financially viable, it will go no further. It is anticipated the necessary reviews may take up to nine months before they are complete and presented to the Cibolo Mayor and City Council.

### Project Map

