

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, various ports-of-entry along the Texas-Mexico border are not part of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, which direct future transportation projects and systems in urbanized areas of the state. C.S.S.B. 192 requires the Department of Transportation to include projects relating to ports-of-entry for certain areas along the border in its transportation improvement plan.

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 Chapter 201I, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.710, as follows:

Sec. 201.710. PLANNING AND FUNDING OF PORTS-OF-ENTRY. (a) Defines “port of entry” and “project related to a port of entry.”

(b) Provides that this section applies only to a port of entry on the border with the United Mexican States. Provides that this section does not apply to a port of entry at an airport.

(c) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to include projects related to ports of entry in its unified transportation program or any successor to that program.

(d) Requires a metropolitan planning organization that has a port of entry within its jurisdiction to include projects related to ports of entry in its transportation improvement plan.

(e) Requires the department, in allocating money to projects, to fund projects related to ports of entry from money other than North American Free Trade Agreement discretionary funds.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 192, Chapter 201I, Transportation Code, as follows:

- Adds new proposed definitions “port of entry” and “project related to a port of entry.”

- Adds newly proposed Subsection (b) regarding applicability of section.
- Adds newly proposed Subsection (d) regarding a metropolitan planning organization.
- Makes nonsubstantive changes in proposed Subsections (c) and (e).