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SAMCo Members and Partners:

From all accounts, a deal was reached yesterday by House and Senate leaders on a compromise version of SB 792. Assuming passage by both houses on Saturday, indications are that the Governor will sign the bill. For your reference, I have provided three articles below from the SA Express News, the Austin American-Statesman, and The Quorum Report. Based on these articles (we are still awaiting a copy of the updated text of the new bill) it would appear:

- 1) With most urban projects exempted from the moratorium and with removal of Amendment 13 that would have placed a moratorium on Trans-Texas Corridor "facilities agreements", the anti-toll groups are not at all pleased with the compromise, as per their quotes below and recent posts on the San Antonio Toll Party website and blog at [www.sanantionitollparty.com](http://www.sanantionitollparty.com).
- 2) The bill generally enhances the ability of local toll entities - including the AlamoRMA - to pursue toll projects. The bill does not restrict the ability of the AlamoRMA to pursue a traditional, public-sector toll project on either US 281 or Loop 1604.
- 3) The bill does place a two-year moratorium on CDA concession agreements, including US 281. I have received conflicting reports this morning on whether Loop 1604 is specifically included in the moratorium or not, and will await receipt of the final version of the bill before making further comment on this.
- 4) The bill also has no impact on Segments 5 and 6 for State Highway 130, with the necessary contracts already having been signed.

There are many new provisions in the bill that will have attorneys at TxDOT and AlamoRMA working for weeks to fully assess. For now, this looks like a significant improvement over previous versions of the moratorium legislation. I would like to specifically thank our Chairman Joe Krier and our lobbyist Chris Shields, as well as many volunteers in SAMCo and our partner organizations, for their efforts in helping shape a better bill.

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