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Alamo RMA response on latest ruling in the 281/1604 Interchange Lawsuit Judge Biery has denied AGUA's motion for a preliminary injunction

(San Antonio, Texas) –Dr. William E. Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) today issued the following statement regarding the denial of AGUA's motion for preliminary injunction, which sought to stop all construction of the US 281 at Loop 1604 Interchange.

"We are thrilled with Judge Biery's order today, denying AGUA's motion for a preliminary injunction. As Judge Biery stated in his opinion, the Alamo RMA, TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration followed the procedures and requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act in moving forward with the clearance and now the construction of this long awaited and much needed interchange to help solve one of the worst safety and traffic spots in our entire community.

"By seeing the actions taken during the environmental clearance, and now the actions being taken during construction to safeguard our aquifer, Judge Biery has confirmed our actions and decisions in bringing protections to this corridor are indeed in the public interest.

"With over 10,000 pages of administrative record on this project, with the extensive and detailed ongoing environmental protections being added to this area as part of this project, and with the comprehensive and through environmental monitoring being done as part of this construction, we are confident that this needed project will be looked upon as an example of best practices in providing relief and protecting our precious natural resources.

"We look forward to the resolution of this lawsuit, and we look forward to the successful completion of the US 281 at Loop 1604 Interchange project by the summer of 2013."

About the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors, the Alamo RMA includes a professional staff and consultant team that are committed to finding ways to empower our local community to take charge of our transportation future. The purpose of the Alamo RMA is to provide Bexar County with opportunities to accelerate needed transportation projects - through the direction of a local board making local choices about local mobility needs - that enhance the quality of life and economic growth for all residents in our region

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