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To: Members, Texas Senate

From: David Dewhurst, Lt. Governor

Greetings, my friends. I trust you have gotten some rest over the last three plus weeks.

Governor Rick Perry has announced that he will be calling the Legislature back into Special Session on July 1st at 10 a.m. to pass legislation relating to the appropriation of \$2 billion in Proposition 12 transportation bonds and creation of a revolving fund, the extension of certain specific comprehensive development agreements to build roads, and passage of a Sunset scheduling bill.

In an effort to expedite the process and ensure that we are able to act quickly, while keeping all Members totally informed, I have been working with Senator John Carona, Senator Glenn Hegar, and my staff to draft legislation to address Governor Perry's Proclamation. Attached are summaries of the three pieces of legislation that will be filed and a draft of SB 1, which will be filed no later than tomorrow, after some small technical changes are incorporated.

On July 1st, I would like to come into Session at 10 a.m., refer the necessary bills to committee, and then stand at recess for a committee hearing on those bills. For the sake of efficiency, it is my intention to send all three bills to the Senate Finance Committee. Following the committee hearing, the bills will be promptly returned to the Senate for full consideration. The Senate will then consider and pass the bills, and we will work with the Speaker and the House of Representatives to complete the business and promptly pass all the bills, hopefully, by the weekend.

Please let me know if you have concerns or comments about the three bills, and I look forward to working with each of you.

Bill Summaries

SB 1 - TxDOT: Proposition 12 Bonds, Revolving Fund and Appropriations

Direction

Section 1 is the same as the Senate engrossment of Senate Bill 263 (81st Leg., R.S.). It authorizes the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds to fund state highway improvement projects under the authority of Article III, Section 49-p of the Texas Constitution.

Section 2 is the same as the Senate engrossment of Senate Bill 1350 (81st Leg., R.S.). This section creates the Texas Transportation Revolving Fund.

Section 3 amends Texas Department of Transportation Rider 60 to clarify contingency appropriations made in Senate Bill 1 (81st Leg., R.S.) relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds and the creation of the revolving fund.

Section 4 provides that the bill takes effect immediately if it receives the required supermajority vote. Otherwise, it is effective on the 91st day after the session adjourns (as required by Tex. Const. art. III, sec. 39).

SB 2 - Sunset Bill

Legislation is currently being drafted; however, the intent is to extend the Sunset date for the following agencies for 2 years, and provide for a limited scope follow-up review:

- Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
- Department of Insurance
- Office of Public Insurance Counsel
- Racing Commission
- Texas Department of Transportation

In addition, Sunset review of most health and human services agencies will be delayed until 2013, while most environmental agencies will be moved to 2011.

It is my intent to get copies of this legislation to you for careful review by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

SB 3 - TxDOT: Comprehensive Development Agreement Extensions

Legislation is currently being drafted; however, the intent is to extend a specific list of Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) projects for four years. The list should include approximately 10 CDAs.

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