

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 281, Sec. 2.29, eff. June 14, 2005.

Sec. 227.030. UNAUTHORIZED USE. The department may remove unauthorized personal property, including a vehicle, from the Trans-Texas Corridor without notice and at the owner's expense. Removed property may be stored until claimed by the owner. If a removed motor vehicle is not claimed by the owner within 72 hours after the date and time of removal, it shall be considered abandoned within the meaning of Chapter 683. The department and its employees are not liable for damage to property that is removed from the Trans-Texas Corridor under this section. Any removal or relocation of a public utility facility is governed by Sections 227.029(d)-(i) and is not governed by this section.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, Sec. 1.01, eff. June 21, 2003.

Sec. 227.031. EXCLUSIVE LANES. The department may dedicate one or more lanes of a highway on the Trans-Texas Corridor to the exclusive use of designated classes of vehicles.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, Sec. 1.01, eff. June 21, 2003.

Sec. 227.032. HIGHWAYS INTERSECTING TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR.

(a) The department shall ensure that, at each intersection of a segment of a state highway that is designated as part of the Trans-Texas Corridor and a segment of a highway that is designated as an interstate highway, state highway, or United States highway, the Trans-Texas Corridor and the interstate highway, state highway, or United States highway are directly accessible to each other.

(b) The department shall make every reasonable effort to connect a segment of a state highway that is designated as part of the Trans-Texas Corridor with significant farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads and major county and city arterials included in the locally adopted long-range transportation plan as determined by the department, taking into consideration:

- (1) financial feasibility;
- (2) advice solicited from:

- (A) county commissioners courts;
 - (B) governing bodies of municipalities; and
 - (C) metropolitan planning organizations;
- (3) circuitry of travel for landowners;
 - (4) access for emergency vehicles; and
 - (5) traffic volume.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 281, Sec. 2.30, eff. June 14, 2005.

Sec. 227.033. GROUNDWATER. (a) After receipt of an unsolicited proposal or after soliciting proposals to construct a facility for the transportation of groundwater from the county in which the groundwater is pumped or extracted, but not later than the 90th calendar day before entering into a lease agreement, license agreement, or franchise agreement for the use of any part of the Trans-Texas Corridor for that purpose, the department shall provide written notice of the proposal or the solicitation to:

- (1) each groundwater conservation district, subsidence district, or other local water authority having territory in the county in which the groundwater is pumped or extracted; and

- (2) the commissioners court of the county in which the groundwater is pumped or extracted.

(b) The department may not pump or extract, or allow the pumping or extracting, of groundwater from the right-of-way of the Trans-Texas Corridor unless the groundwater is needed for the construction, operation, or maintenance of a facility other than a public utility facility. If a well drilled and operated on the Trans-Texas Corridor is located inside the boundaries of a groundwater conservation district or a subsidence district, the well is subject to the rules of the district.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 281, Sec. 2.30, eff. June 14, 2005.

Sec. 227.034. PROHIBITION AGAINST LIMITING OR PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) A contract for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of a facility