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**San Antonio, Texas, January 29, 2010** – The Alamo Regional Rural Planning Organization (ARRPO) held its first meeting on January 27, 2010, at the offices of the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

The first order of business was to confirm ARRPO membership followed by adoption of its by-laws. The membership includes: County Judge Diana Bautista (Atascosa County); County Judge Richard A. Evans (Bandera County); County Judge Danny Scheel (Comal County); Commissioner Richard Hernandez (Frio County); Commissioner Donnie Schuch (Gillespie County); County Judge Mike Wiggins (Guadalupe County); County Judge Alger H. Kendall, Jr. (Karnes County); Commissioner Ann Reissig (Kendall County); Commissioner Bill Williams (Kerr County); County Judge James E. Barden (Medina County); County Judge Marvin Quinney (Wilson County); Mayor James W. Danner (Cities – Group A: Atascosa, Frio, and Medina Counties); Dick Hetzel (Cities – Group B: Comal, Guadalupe, Karnes, and Wilson Counties); Mayor Todd A. Bock (Cities – Group C: Bandera, Gillespie, Kendall, and Kerr Counties) and Mario G. Medina, P.E. (Texas Department of Transportation). Non-voting members include: Commissioner Kevin Wolff (San Antonio / Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization); Gloria C. Arriaga (Alamo Area Council of Governments); and Vacant (At-large Membership). The Committee elected Medina County Judge James E. Barden as Chairman and Bandera County Judge Richard A. Evans as Vice Chairman.

The ARRPO is a voluntary membership organization serving the 11-county rural area of the Alamo Area Council of Governments. Its purpose is to foster a coordinated, continuing, cooperative, comprehensive, and proactive transportation planning, decision-making, and prioritization process for improvement of rural transportation within the 11-county area.

For more information about AARPO, please contact Tim Treviño at AACOG at (210) 362-5200.

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*AACOG is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special governmental districts serving the Alamo Area/State Planning Region 18, which covers 12 counties and 11,354 square miles. AACOG's mission is to enhance the lives of all residents of the Alamo Region by working in mutual respect and partnership with all levels of government, the business sector, and the community at large to meet regional challenges and to create regional strengths.*