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***TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION TO BREAK GROUND ON
THE NEW CAPITOL COMPLEX PHASE I DEVELOPMENT and
GEORGE H. W. BUSH STATE OFFICE BUILDING***

Austin, Texas – Historic groundbreaking for Phase I Development of the Texas Capitol Complex and the new George H. W. Bush State Office Building will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2017. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 a.m. at 1801 Congress Avenue, directly across from the Texas State History Museum and will also commemorate the public service of President George H. W. Bush by naming the new building to be located at 1801 Congress Avenue in his honor. As provided by the 2016 Texas Capitol Complex Master Plan, the Phase I Development focuses on reducing the State’s reliance on costly leased facilities by redeveloping the area north of the Capitol building along Congress Avenue and is projected to save the State \$15.1 million a year in lease cost avoidance. The guiding vision for the redevelopment is the creation of the Texas Mall on Congress Avenue with underground parking beneath the mall, two new state office buildings at 1601 and 1801 Congress Avenue, and utility infrastructure improvements to support the complex.

The Texas Facilities Commission has hired Page as the Master Architect/Engineer and Balfour Beatty Construction as Construction Manager Agent for the Phase I Development. Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., a national civil engineering and surveying firm, has been hired as the Site Services Engineer and the Engineer of Record to develop designs to upgrade and maintain the infrastructure in the Capitol Complex as well as designs for the excavation portion of the project. Zachry Construction Corporation, a San Antonio-based contractor, has been hired as Construction Manager at Risk for excavation. The Texas Facilities Commission anticipates hiring additional Architects/Engineers of Record and Construction Managers at Risk later this year.

The relocation of state agencies and staff into the new buildings is estimated to begin in late 2021. Detailed information about the project and members of the project team is available at www.tfc-ccp.com.

The Texas Facilities Commission (www.tfc.state.tx.us) supports state government through planning, asset management, design, construction, renovation, maintenance, and operation of state facilities. The Commission manages 26.1 million square feet of owned and leased real estate assets supporting the needs of 103 agencies throughout 249 Texas cities. The Commission’s inventory is currently comprised of 15.8 million square feet of state-owned facilities and 10.3 million square feet of state-leased facilities.

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