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## **Alamo Plan Receives Permit Approval to Begin Construction**

**SAN ANTONIO** – The Alamo Plan has received the necessary approval from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to begin construction on Phase One. The THC approved two permit applications: one for archeological investigation and monitoring, and one for the investigation of future tree planting. Representatives from the Alamo Plan team will return to THC in March for a historic building and structures permit for the restoration and relocation of the Cenotaph. Construction on Phase One is scheduled to begin in February.

“The Texas Historical Commission's approval today is an important step toward making the Alamo Church and historic battlefield better understood and a more reverent space in a tangible, visible way,” said Chairman of the Alamo Management Committee Gene Powell. “The Cenotaph is in dire need of restoration and we look forward to returning to the THC in March to ensure that we will be able to preserve the Spirit of Sacrifice for future generations. When the plan is fully completed, people visiting the Alamo will know that they are walking on hallowed ground long before they enter the church.”

Phase One will include the closure of a portion of Crockett Street, widening parts of Bonham Street, landscape design architecture and lighting on the south end of Alamo Plaza from Crockett Street to the mall, and the restoration and relocation of the Cenotaph. Phase One is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2020, pending approval of the historic building and structures permit.

“We have a team of experts from around the world who have come together to create a more reverent and impactful Alamo Plaza,” said District 1 City Councilman Roberto Trevino. “We appreciate the thorough review by the members of the Texas Historical Commission and look forward to beginning work on Phase One to finally bring this great vision to life.”

Clark/Guido – a joint venture between Clark Construction and Guido Construction – will lead Phase One construction while Broaddus & Associates will serve as the Program Manager for the entire Alamo Plan. Founded in 1927, San Antonio-based Guido Construction built the original base of the Cenotaph when it was

first erected in 1939.

The Alamo Plan centers on five key concepts, as approved by the Alamo Citizens Advisory Committee and the San Antonio City Council: the restoration of the Church and Long Barrack; delineation of the historic footprint; restore the historic mission plaza and create a sense of reverence and respect on the historic 1836 battlefield; create a world-class visitor center and museum that tells the story of the Battle of the Alamo and 300 years of layered history; and create a sense of arrival to the site and enhance connectivity between Alamo Plaza and other public spaces.

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