

**January 26, 2011 CTRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Summary Sheet**

**AGENDA ITEM # 17**

**Executive Director's Update – Presentation of the Executive Director's Report**

**Department: Administrative**

**Associated Costs: None**

**Board Action Required: NO**

**Description of Matter:**

**The Executive Director's Report is attached for review and reference.**

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 26, 2011

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PRIORITY ISSUES



Manor Expressway Right-of-Way Acquisition



Manor Expressway Request for Detailed Proposals

### ADMINISTRATION

#### STAFF

The Mobility Authority has hired a nationally recognized toll industry veteran to succeed former Director Ron Fagan as Director of Operations. Tim Reilly comes to the Mobility Authority from PBS&J where he served as a Senior Toll Specialist. During his time at PBS&J, Reilly worked on the Central Texas Turnpike System supporting implementation of the TxTag system, and he helped the North Texas Tollway Authority go cashless. Prior to joining PBS&J, Reilly spent 30 years with the Maryland Transportation Authority in multiple positions including Director of Operations and Chief of Construction. Reilly's start date is February 7th.

### OPERATIONS

#### CUSTOMER TOLL ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In March 2010, the Mobility Authority began the process of seeking a private company or companies with customer account management experience interested in issuing their own branded toll tags to customers in Texas. The Mobility Authority issued a Request for Proposals on November 22nd and proposals were due January 18th. A team composed of Mobility Authority staff and toll industry experts are currently reviewing the proposals and are scheduling one on one meetings with proposers in early February.

### MOBILITY AUTHORITY WINS FIRST TOLL VIOLATION TRIAL

The first 183A toll violator to plead not guilty went to trial December 15th in Williamson County. The driver who had over 2,000 unpaid tolls was charged with three misdemeanor counts of Failure to Pay a Toll. The jury found the driver guilty on all three counts. The Mobility Authority only prosecutes repeat offenders, and to date, no other defendants have elected to go to trial.

Staff is working on ways to improve the enforcement process to ensure all drivers pay their fair share.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY PHASE 1

##### CONSTRUCTION

Our construction contractor, Webber continues to focus on footings and columns for the intersection bridges, but is slowly transitioning to structural elements with the placement of the first bridge beams in the coming weeks. Work also continues on excavation, embankment and retaining walls.

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY PHASE 2

##### DESIGN/BUILD COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Work continues on the Design/Build CDA procurement. Staff is working with the four, shortlisted teams to ensure good responses.

Detailed proposals are due on February 3rd, and staff is scheduled to make a presentation to the Board February 23rd.

### RIGHT-OF-WAY

Right-of-way acquisition and negotiations with affected property owners continues for the 1.4 mile section of the Manor Expressway between US 183 and Chimney Hill Boulevard. As parcels are acquired, contractors are doing asbestos testing, asbestos abatement, underground storage tank removal and general demolition on the acquired properties.

Acquisition of the parcels required for Phase 2 of the Manor Expressway from Chimney Hill Boulevard to Parmer Lane have been separated into priority groupings. Appraisal and offer letter development is underway.

### MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The draft Environmental Assessment is being finalized and is scheduled to be submitted to TxDOT February 28th. Staff continues to coordinate with the City of Austin on a wide range of issues including the downtown connections, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, aesthetics and sound walls. The MoPac Improvement Team has also been meeting with bicycle advocacy groups to better understand their priorities in regard to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Wilbur Smith has completed the draft Origin and Destination Study for the corridor and is continuing to do operational traffic modeling.

### 183A EXTENSION

#### CONSTRUCTION

Webber continues to make progress on the 183A Extension, having completed over a third of the project. Webber is focusing its efforts on bridge structure construction, excavation of material, embankment building and drainage facility construction.

#### SHARED USE PATH

Construction of the 183A shared use path from South Brushy Creek to FM 1431 is over 40% complete and on schedule to open this summer.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The FY 2010 Annual Report has been completed and will be presented to the Board at this month's Board Meeting. The theme of this year's report is "Back to Work," and features interviews with various contractors working on the 183A Extension, Manor Expressway and MoPac Improvement Project. This year's Annual Report has been scaled back to include highlights of the agency's audited financial statements. As previously reported, the independent auditors issued a finding of no exceptions.

#### 183A AND TXTAG NIGHT WITH THE CEDAR PARK STARS

January 29th, the Mobility Authority and TxTag are sponsoring the Cedar Park Stars as they take on the Abbotsford Heat. The sponsorship includes radio spots, a scoreboard feature and TxTag sign-ups in the concourse. Four contestants will be randomly selected from the crowd to participate in an on ice shootout to win free TxTag tolls.