



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #15 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Report.

Department: Administrative

Associated Costs: None

Funding Source: None

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

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

A. Scheduling of future Board Meetings

B. Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Mobility Authority

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 31, 2012

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## PRIORITY ISSUES



183A Brushy Creek Pedestrian  
Bridge Now Open



MoPac South Environmental Study  
Request for Qualifications

### ADMINISTRATION

#### REGIONAL EXPRESS LANE WORKSHOP

On September 27, the Mobility Authority hosted a one-day, facilitated workshop for elected officials, regional representatives and key stakeholders on how Express Lanes can be part of a regional solution to address Central Texas' mobility challenges. The workshop included a Peer Expert Panel with speakers from the Washington State Department of Transportation, San Diego Association of Governments and Georgia State Road and Toll Authority.



Photos from Regional Express Lane Workshop

### IH 35 CORRIDOR STUDY

TxDOT and the City of Austin have been taking a look at IH 35 to develop ideas that improve mobility in the corridor but don't require major right-of-way acquisition or substantial construction elements. The original focus was on downtown Austin, but thanks to additional Rider 42 funding, the study limits were expanded from SH 45 in Williamson County to SH 45 in Hays County.

The different concepts are being evaluated at a 4-day charette attended by industry professionals, TxDOT, the Mobility Authority and the City of Austin in order to produce a realistic list of projects that are feasible for additional study and development. While these projects will provide short-term enhancements to mobility in the corridor, they will be incorporated in to long-term solutions being studied on IH 35 from Bell County to Comal County.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

#### US 183/US 290 DIRECT

#### CONNECTORS

Over the last month, the contractor finished all bridge deck construction and mainlane paving. This allowed for the toll system integrator to begin installation of the toll collection equipment at both the east and westbound plazas. Structural painting, illumination and sign installation has begun, and crews are completing miscellaneous concrete work such as bridge railing and curbing.

## MANOR EXPRESSWAY

### PHASE II PROJECT

In preparation for the completion of the US 183 Interchange Project, Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) has focused their efforts on completing construction of the eastbound mainlanes and westbound frontage road between the US 183 interchange and Springdale Road. CTMC completed construction of the westbound frontage road between Springdale Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard in October, allowing for the traffic switch necessary to complete the first phase of the project. Construction efforts have also prioritized completing toll gantry construction, so installation of tolling equipment can begin.

During October, the Public Involvement team presented an update to the Harris Branch subdivision homeowners association on the project's construction activities.

## MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

On September 21st, the Mobility Authority issued the official Request for Detailed Proposals to the previously shortlisted, proposing teams: DW/Sundt, Abrams/Lane and CH2M HILL. The final, one-on-ones were held on October 24th, and proposals are due in January. Staff anticipates bringing a best value proposer to the Board in February of 2013.

## 183A EXTENSION

### CONSTRUCTION

Finishing touches on the 183A Northern Extension continue. Construction activities include completion of the Shared Use Path, landscaping and minor aesthetic elements.

## BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Work on the Bergstrom Expressway Environmental Study is underway. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT held the first Open House on September 18th at the Delco Center. Stakeholders were invited to learn more about the Environmental Study process and the different alternatives being looked at. The next Open House has been tentatively scheduled for January 17th.

Staff has re-initiated a Context Sensitive Solution Process that will build upon ideas developed previously but also include concepts from the Green Mobility Challenge. The process will also consider aesthetic enhancements that unify the corridor and promote the Bergstrom Expressway as a gateway in to Austin.

The Public Involvement Team launched a study website at *BergstromExpressway.com* to regularly update project stakeholders and receive questions and comments.

## OAK HILL PARKWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

In preparation for the start of the environmental study in Oak Hill, a small group of community members were invited to participate in a facilitated envisioning mobility workshop that discussed Oak Hill's values and vision for mobility improvements. The information collected at the workshop held in September was used to develop a list of potential names intended to create a new and distinctive identity for the study. The names were voted on by the community, and the name Oak Hill Parkway was selected as the preferred name.



On October 17th, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT held a press conference to announce the beginning of the Environmental Study and unveil the study name and logo. Chairman Wilkerson, State Representative Paul Workman, Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber, Capital Metro President/CEO Linda Watson and TxDOT Austin District Engineer Greg Malatek presented a united front and a commitment to finding a mobility solution for Oak Hill.

The Oak Hill Parkway's first Open House is scheduled for November 15th at Small Middle School in Oak Hill. Stakeholders will be invited to share their ideas and concerns about mobility issues in the corridor. A study website has also been launched at *OakHillParkway.com*.