

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Wednesday, July 30, 2014
9:00 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Mobility Authority's Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr., Board Room at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849. Notice of the meeting was posted July 25, 2014 at the respective County Courthouses of Williamson and Travis Counties; online on the website of the Secretary of State; online on the website of the Mobility Authority; and in the Mobility Authority's office lobby at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman Ray Wilkerson.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and called the roll. Directors present at the time the meeting was called to order were Mr. Jim Mills, Mr. Bob Bennett, Ms. Nikelle Meade, and Mr. David Armbrust. Mr. David Singleton and Mr. Charles Heimsath were not present for the meeting.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment.

Bill Bunch, Executive Director of Save Our Springs Alliance, provided comments on the MoPac Improvement Project and SH 45 SW suggesting that the Mobility Authority consider the impact of the bottleneck that will occur on the bridge over Lady Bird Lake once SH 45 SW is open to traffic.

3. Authorize a procurement for marketing services for the MoPac Express Lanes information campaign.

4. Authorize a procurement for services related to traffic signals, signage, and lighting on Mobility Authority roadways.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented Items 3 and 4 for Board consideration under the consent agenda.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval of Items 3 and 4 as the consent agenda, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the respective resolutions for Items 3 and 4 were approved as drafted.

5. Approve the minutes for the June 25, 2014, Regular Board Meeting.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented for Board consideration the minutes for the June 25, 2014, Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Jim Mills moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Mr. Bob

Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0, and the minutes were approved as drafted.

6. Approve the unaudited financial statements for June 2014.

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. There was nothing unusual to report for the June 2014 financial statements.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Ms. Nikelle Meade seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

7. Approve an amendment to the contract with CDM Smith Inc. for traffic and revenue studies on Mobility Authority toll projects.

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this proposed amendment to the Agreement for Traffic and Revenue Engineering Services with CDM Smith. The amendment deletes the existing July 31, 2014, expiration date and instead provides that the contract will continue until either party provides a 120 day notice of termination, or terminates the contract under another provision of the current contract.

Ms. Nikelle Meade moved for approval, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

8. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Bergstrom Expressway.

Mr. Sean Beal presented this item. The amendment will add \$13,730,000 to the previously approved Advance Funding Agreement of \$6,500,000 making a total of \$20,230,000 in STP MM funds available to the Mobility Authority to cover project development costs for the Bergstrom Expressway Project. The project development costs will include, but not be limited to, project management and oversight, utilities, right of way, administrative tasks, community outreach, and preliminary and final design. Any unused funds can be carried over to cover construction costs.

Mr. Jim Mills moved for approval, and Mr. Bob Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

9. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Oak Hill Parkway.

Mr. Sean Beal presented this item. The Advance Funding Agreement for \$5,930,000 in STP MM funds to the Mobility Authority will cover the costs associated with preliminary project development of the Oak Hill Parkway Project. The project development costs will include, but not be limited to, project management, administrative tasks, right of way, utilities, community outreach, and preliminary and final design.

Bill Bunch, Executive Director of Save Our Springs Alliance, provided public comment and stated that naming the project as a “parkway” was misleading. Calling the Oak Hill project the

“Oak Hill Parkway” when it would have frontage roads in all of the alternatives was not consistent with the Mobility Authority’s claims of placing a priority on transparency. He suggested that the Mobility Authority consider changing the project name.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Ms. Nikelle Meade seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

10. Approve a work authorization with Atkins North America, Inc., to provide general engineering consultant services for the SH 71 Express Project.

Mr. Sean Beal presented this item. Atkins North America, Inc. will provide General Engineering Consultant services to the Mobility Authority for development of the SH 71 Express Project. These efforts will include, but not be limited to, project management, administrative tasks, and program oversight including coordination with TxDOT, consultants, resource agencies, design/construction oversight, toll systems integrator oversight, toll lane maintenance and operations, community outreach and additional activities as specifically requested by the Mobility Authority.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

11. Approve a work authorization with Telvent USA, LLC, for toll system design and integration services for the SH 71 Express Project.

Mr. Tim Reilly presented this item. Schneider Electric (dba Telvent USA LLC) will provide Tolls System Integration services to the Mobility Authority for development of the SH 71 Toll Lanes. These efforts will include, but not be limited to, procurement, installation, testing, and implementation of a complete and fully operational toll collection system. Services will also include communications and system interfaces consisting of design, coordination, and project interface activities to facilitate the design and construction of the toll system infrastructure facilities by others on the SH 71 Toll Lanes Project, and additional activities as specifically requested by the Mobility Authority.

Ms. Nikelle Meade moved for approval, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

12. Approve a resolution supporting the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution providing for increased state funding for roads, highways and bridges.

Mr. Brian Cassidy presented this item. The 83rd Texas Legislature passed SJR 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November 4, 2014 state ballot. The ballot language provides:

“The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads;”

The proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$1.4 billion per year in additional funding for the state highway fund. With the passage of this resolution, the Mobility Authority would join other groups and regional mobility authorities who support this amendment to provide additional funding to the state highway fund.

Ms. Nikelle Meade moved for approval, and Mr. Jim Mills seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

Briefing and discussion on the following:

13. Quarterly briefing on the MoPac Improvement Project.

Ms. Heather Reavey, Mr. Paul Petrich, and Mr. Ben Torres presented this item. Weekly task force meetings continue, water pollution abatement plan was approved, coordination continues with UPRR and CapMetro, and change order development and design revisions are ongoing. Construction activities include: striping and metal beam guard fence removals, placement of temporary traffic barriers, erosion control measures, fabrication and pre-cast concrete barrier rails, sound wall panels, drilled shafts for bridges, roadway maintenance, temporary lighting installation and drainage structures, utility relocations, pavement marking removals and replacements, and excavation and grading for retaining walls. The project supported 203 jobs during the reporting month of June 2014.

14. Quarterly briefing on the following projects: Maha Loop/Elroy Road, 183/183A Intersection, SH 71 Express, Bergstrom Expressway, Oak Hill Parkway, MoPac South, MoPac Intersections, 183 North, SH 45 SW.

Mr. Bubba Needham, Mr. Sean Beal, and Ms. Melissa Hurst presented this item. The project development process is currently focusing on environmental assessment, final design schematic, public outreach, final context sensitive solutions, and design-build procurement for the Bergstrom Expressway. The environmental assessment is scheduled to be complete in spring 2015.

The implementation of the Oak Hill Parkway project is currently focusing on actively engaging the public to help identify project constraints and initiation of early concept development through the use of citizen workgroups. The environmental impact statement is anticipated to take approximately four years to complete.

The Mobility Authority is leading the environmental study and community outreach program for the MoPac South Project in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation. The first technical working group meeting was held in April 2014. Initial traffic data has been developed and evaluation of preliminary alternatives against evaluation criteria will begin. Engineers are initiating sketch level designs. Initial draft environmental assessment submittal is planned for early 2015 with a public hearing planned for the summer of 2015.

The schematic design for the MoPac Intersections and the technical memoranda have been submitted to TxDOT for review and comment. An environmental decision is anticipated in winter 2014/2015.

The team continues preparation of environmental documentation for the 183 North project. Comments from TxDOT and FHWA on the draft purpose and need have been addressed and the updated draft is being circulated. A second technical working group was held on June 24. Project preliminary design and traffic operational analysis is on-going. Initial traffic modeling micro simulations for the US183/MoPac interchange have been completed and reviewed. The environmental process is anticipated to take two to three years. A public hearing is anticipated in August 2015, and a completion of the environmental study in early 2016.

TxDOT provided a presentation on SH 45 SW at the Kent Butler Summit on April 25. The draft environmental impact statement was released for public review on June 27, and a public hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2014. The Mobility Authority continues to manage the project website and Twitter account as well as answering the phone hotline. A request for qualifications to procure engineering design services for SH 45 SW was posted on May 23, 2014, and a pre-proposal conference was held on June 3. Responses to the RFQ will be due on July 30. Interviews, review, and a recommendation for a design procurement shortlist are planned for late August 2014.

Bill Bunch, Executive Director of Save Our Springs Alliance, provided comments on this item. He stated that SH 45 SW would add more traffic and congestion onto MoPac, and expressed concerns about its eventual connection to IH35, which will increase traffic from IH35 to MoPac.

15. Presentation on traffic modeling for the SH 45 SW project.

Mr. Will Smithson presented this item and provided a brief presentation on the traffic modeling for the SH 45 SW project.

Bill Bunch, Executive Director of Save Our Springs Alliance, provided comments on this item and expressed concerns about the results of the traffic modeling. He stated among other comments that all the adjoining projects, such as SH 45SW, MoPac Intersection Improvements and MoPac South, should have been studied jointly and not as separate projects; that all of the traffic modeling assumed that South Mopac was already expanded as contemplated by the CAMPO 2035 plan; and that there was no traffic modeling at all looking at impacts on MoPac traffic prior to or in the absence of expanding South MoPac, which is not scheduled to take place for some years.

16. Executive Director's report.

Mr. Mike Heiligenstein provided a brief update on the interlocal agreement with the City of Leander and the development project adjacent to the 183/183A Intersection and reported that he participated in a presentation of transportation issues to City of Austin City Council candidates.

20. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with William K. Reagan and Reagan National Advertising of Austin, Inc. to resolve outstanding claims relating to acquisition of property interests in Parcel 17, a 0.899 acre parcel of real estate located at 9207 US Hwy 290E in Travis County, necessary for construction of the Manor Expressway (290 Toll) project.

Mr. Andy Martin presented this item, recommending that the Mobility Authority resolve all outstanding claims and disputes with the property owners by acquiring their interest in the ground lease for an agreed amount of \$120,000.00.

Ms. Nikelle Meade abstained from the vote. Mr. David Armbrust moved for approval, and Mr. Jim Mills seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with unanimous consent.

Approved 10/29/2014