



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #9 SUMMARY

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Amend the Policy Code to prohibit a vehicle with more than two axles from using a tolled lane on the MoPac Improvement Project unless the Policy Code exempts that vehicle from paying tolls.

Department: Law

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action Required: Yes

Description of Matter: This proposed Policy Code amendment will restrict the use of the MoPac Express Lanes to vehicles that have no more than two axles. It also prohibits use of the express lanes by a vehicle towing a trailer.

A vehicle that is exempt from paying a toll under Section 301.044 of the Policy Code is not subject to this restriction and may be operated in an express lane no matter how many axles the vehicle has. This exception allows use of the express lanes by authorized emergency vehicles, military vehicles, and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System vehicles that are used to provide public transit.

Backup information: Draft Resolution

Contact: Andrew Martin, General Counsel

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-\_\_\_**

**AMENDING THE POLICY CODE TO PROHIBIT A VEHICLE WITH MORE  
THAN TWO AXLES FROM USING A TOLLED LANE ON THE MOPAC  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNLESS THE POLICY CODE EXEMPTS  
THAT VEHICLE FROM PAYING TOLLS.**

WHEREAS, the MoPac Improvement Project includes one express lane in each direction that will use variable tolls to keep traffic moving even when the adjacent lanes are congested; and

WHEREAS, to further ensure that the express lanes provide predictable travel times, the Executive Director recommends that vehicles using the express lanes be restricted to passenger cars and trucks with no more than two axles, and toll-exempt vehicles including authorized emergency vehicles such as police, fire, and EMS vehicles and buses and other public transit vehicles operated by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends the Policy Code to add a new Section 304.0211, to read in its entirety as set forth in Exhibit 1.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Andrew Martin, General Counsel

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Ray A. Wilkerson  
Chairman, Board of Directors

**EXHIBIT 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 15-**

The Policy Code is amended by adding a new Section 301.0211, to read in its entirety as follows:

**301.0211 Vehicles Prohibited in a Express Lane**

- (a) No person shall operate a vehicle with more than two axles on an authority facility designated as a tolled express lane that has variable rate tolls.
- (b) No person shall operate a vehicle that is towing a trailer on an authority facility designated as a tolled express lane that has variable rate tolls.
- (c) This section does not apply to any vehicle that is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under state law and Section 301.044.