



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #12 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. Project Status Updates.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 2, 2013

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac Improvement Project
Ground Breaking - October 18th



SH 45SW Open House - Bailey
Middle School, 5 pm - 8 pm.

ADMINISTRATION

IBTTA ANNUAL MEETING

I was elected President of the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) at the IBTTA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. I will serve as the President of IBTTA for one year. I previously served as the First Vice President of the association. Being chosen for this position by my colleagues is not only an honor but an acknowledgment of what the Mobility Authority has accomplished in the ten years since it was created.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus construction efforts on completion of the frontage roads and intersections. Construction of the Giles Road/Johnny Morris Road intersection is currently underway. To facilitate construction, the intersection was closed and is expected to be reopened by the end of September. The mainlane bridges at the Arterial "A" intersection are also being constructed. Upon completion of these bridges, the Arterial "A" intersection will be opened, facilitating the turnaround for the Chimney Hills neighborhood. Final asphalt pavement on the frontage roads continues, mainly at night. Nightly lane closures to support this activity will continue through October.

In addition to the work on the frontage roads and intersections, CTMC continues mainlane construction in several areas. Embankment is

currently progressing between the Giles Road/Johnny Morris Road intersection and the Harris Branch Parkway intersection. Additionally, mainlane concrete pavement construction near the SH 130 interchange is occurring.

MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The MoPac Improvement Project remains on schedule. CH2M Hill continues to work on final design and anticipates completing the first segment of 100% plans on October 10th. Some design changes have required a re-evaluation of the environmental assessment. The design changes were presented to the public at an Open House on September 5th at O. Henry Middle School. Approximately 90 people attended. Public comments were received through the website, by letter, or at the open house. Most were in favor of the design changes.

One of the design changes presented was a striping and signing change, allowing express lane traffic to access both downtown via Cesar Chavez and 5th Street. There was significant public comment in opposition to this change, primarily from the OWANA neighborhood, but an even larger number of comments in favor of the access change. The revised environmental document is anticipated to be completed and submitted to FHWA for approval in October.

Some residents continue to object to the soundwall planned for the Allendale Neighborhood continues. We have met with several representatives of the neighborhood and presented information and answered questions

at their September 26th neighborhood association meeting.

BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Public involvement activities continue, and the team will have completed the second round of stakeholder meetings by early October. The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with the Environmental activities and are planning for the second Context Sensitive Solutions Open House on October 10th, at SW Key, 6002 Jaime Lanes. The Public Hearing is scheduled for mid 2014.

The team continues to coordinate with TxDOT, FHWA and other agencies in support of the schematic development, utility coordination and advanced funding agreements. As part of the advanced funding agreement, we are looking to expedite the relocation of utilities that have the potential to impact the construction schedule. The results of the latest design led to a significant cost savings to the project, and the team continues to work with our finance team to evaluate and update project financing and delivery alternatives.

OAK HILL PARKWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The team continues to refine the various concepts as it reaches out to the neighborhoods and affected businesses. At the same time, we are developing preliminary screening criteria that will serve to narrow the amount of concepts from further evaluation that do not meet the purpose and need of the project.

On September 30th, a Design and Evaluation Workshop was held at Covington Middle School from 6 pm -8 pm to discuss and seek detailed comments on each of the concepts and begin reviewing the screening criteria being proposed.

This meeting will help us prepare for the next Open House scheduled for October 22nd at Covington Middle School from 5 pm -8 pm. This meeting will also have the Virtual Open House option for those who are unable to attend in person. We will

continue outreach efforts through the end of the year as we refine and narrow the alternatives.

183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CP&Y has begun data collection and public involvement activities, as well as schematic efforts. The study team met with Capital Metro to discuss transit opportunities for this and other projects. The first open house will be held in January 2014.

MO PAC SOUTH AND INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Jacobs continues data collection and public involvement activities, as well as schematic efforts. The team continues adjacent project coordination regarding approach to traffic modeling and agency coordination, as well as coordination with CH2M HILL regarding “tie in” design on the north end of Lady Bird Lake for better connectivity between projects. Stakeholder outreach in advance of public events this fall is ongoing. A Store Front “Meet and Greet” Event for the Intersections Study will be held October 24th from 10 am - 7 pm at Parkside Village, 5701 Slaughter Lane, Austin TX 78749 (Suite B between BurgerFi and Matthew Horne Dentistry). An Open House for the MoPac South Environmental Study will be held November 7th at Bowie High School. The website, MoPacSouth.com, launched this month.

SH 45 SW ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Mobility Authority has been assisting TxDOT with the preparation of outreach tools and stakeholder outreach in advance of the Open House at Bailey Middle School on October 8th. The Mobility Authority will launch a Virtual Open House on October 9-18 on the project website, www.SH45SW.com.