



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #15 SUMMARY

Approve a legislative program for issues and proposals affecting the Mobility Authority in the 84th Texas Legislature.

Strategic Plan Relevance: Economic Vitality; Sustainability; Innovation

Department: Law

Associated Costs: None

Funding Source: Operating Fund

Board Action Required: Yes

Description of Matter:

The 84th Legislature will convene January 13, 2015, and will consider legislative proposals and issues that affect the Mobility Authority.

In previous legislative sessions, the Mobility Authority has worked with other regional mobility authorities and tolling entities to address issues of common concern to tolling entities. The proposed legislative program attached as an exhibit to the draft resolution includes common issues anticipated in the upcoming session as well as items of specific concern to the Mobility Authority.

Reference documentation: Draft Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-___

**APPROVING A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR ISSUES AND PROPOSALS
AFFECTING THE MOBILITY AUTHORITY IN THE 84th TEXAS LEGISLATURE.**

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature is scheduled to convene at noon, Tuesday, January 13, 2015, and to adjourn on Monday, June 1, 2015, in the 84th Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, action on legislation considered by the 84th Legislature can affect the powers, duties, and ability of the Mobility Authority to fulfill its statutory mission as a regional mobility authority existing and operating under Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors supports consideration and adoption by the 84th Legislature of legislation that addresses issues identified and supported by other regional mobility authorities throughout Texas, as well as issues that affect only the Mobility Authority, as set forth on the legislative program attached to this resolution as Exhibit 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the legislative program set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 29th day of October, 2014.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Andrew Martin
General Counsel for the Central
Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Ray A. Wilkerson
Chairman, Board of Directors
Resolution Number: 14-___
Date Passed: 10/29/14

Exhibit 1

Mobility Authority Legislative Program

Legislative Priorities 84th Legislative Session

The following is a list of priorities for the 84th Legislative Session:

1. **Increased Transportation Funding:** There is a continuing need for increased funding for the state's transportation system. The Mobility Authority will support viable options to increase funding at the state or local level, including enhancements to make county TRZs more effective; dedication of vehicle sales tax revenues to the state highway fund, ending diversions, and enhanced local options for transportation funding.
2. **Data Protections:** The Mobility Authority supports efforts to enhance protection of customer and trip data on Mobility Authority toll facilities from public disclosure, including efforts to clarify the definition of a "customer" under Chapter 370 of the Transportation Code in regard to the information that is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

Items specific to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority:

3. **Project-Specific CDA Authority:** In the 83rd Legislative Session, SB 1730 authorized certain projects to be developed using a Comprehensive Development Agreement (a "CDA"). If supported by the local legislative delegation, the Mobility Authority will seek to extend that authority as necessary for previously authorized projects, and add projects to the list that are appropriate for development as a CDA.
4. **State Funding for Discounted or Free Tolls under Section 372.053(b), Transportation Code:** The Mobility Authority supports and will seek the appropriation of sufficient state funds to fully defray the cost of providing free or discounted tolls on Mobility Authority toll projects to customers eligible under a discount program established pursuant to Section 372.053 (Veteran Discount Program), Transportation Code.