



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #10 SUMMARY

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Amend the Policy Code relating to toll exemptions on Mobility Authority toll facilities for vehicles providing public transit

Department: Law

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action Required: Yes

Description of Matter: This proposed Policy Code amendment amends the toll exemption previously established by the Board of Directors for certain public transit vehicles operated by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Capital Area Rural Transportation System. The current exemption applies to “public transportation vehicles with a carrying capacity of 16 or more individuals that are owned or operated on behalf of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System.”

The proposed amended exemption applies to “a vehicle used exclusively to provide transportation to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System.” As drafted, the exemption applies not just to buses and other larger vehicles, but also to vehicles with a capacity of less than 16 persons. Smaller vehicles are used by CapMetro for the MetroAccess program for persons with disabilities and for its Vanpool & Carpool program for commuters. The amended toll exemption does not apply to a taxi or other vehicle used to transport someone through the CapMetro “Access-A-Ride” or “Guaranteed Ride Home” or similar programs, unless that vehicle is used exclusively for transportation under those programs.

The only substantive amendments to Sec. 301.004 are in subsection (d). The revisions to the other subsections are intended to be non-substantive edits.

Backup information: Redline of amendment to Sec. 301.004, Policy Code  
Draft Resolution

Contact: Andrew Martin, General Counsel

# MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE

## Redline showing revisions to Sec. 301.004:

### **301.004 Exemption from Toll**

(a) ~~Users~~The operator or the registered owner of ~~toll facilities area~~ vehicle operated on an authority toll facility ~~is~~ required to pay the toll established by this ~~subsections~~subchapter unless the vehicle is exempted by state law; or ~~as authorized by the board under state law and the bond documents~~this section.

(b) ~~Pursuant to Sections 370.177, 362.901, and~~ An authorized emergency vehicle defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, ~~the authority will create technical procedures to ensure that authorized emergency vehicles, as well as state and federal military vehicles, are~~is exempt from paying ~~tolls on the authority's~~a toll facility ~~to use an authority toll facility under Section 370.177, Transportation Code.~~

(c) ~~Pursuant to~~A state or federal military vehicle is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 362.901, Transportation Code.

~~(e)~~(d) Under Section 370.177;~~(a-1)~~, Transportation Code, and to facilitate a multi-modal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient travel for all individuals in ~~Central~~central Texas, ~~public a vehicle used exclusively to provide~~ transportation ~~vehicles with a carrying capacity of 16 or more individuals that are owned or operated on behalf of~~to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System ~~are~~is exempt from paying ~~tolls on the authority's~~a toll facility ~~to use an authority toll facility.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The authority will create technical procedures to implement the toll exemptions described and established by this section.

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

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

**AMENDING THE POLICY CODE RELATING TO TOLL EXEMPTIONS  
ON MOBILITY AUTHORITY TOLL FACILITIES FOR VEHICLES  
PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSIT.**

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority exempts toll charges on Mobility Authority toll facilities for certain public transit vehicles owned or operated on behalf of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System; and

WHEREAS, since the time those toll exemptions were established, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Capital Area Rural Transportation System have established or expanded their transportation services to include programs that use smaller-capacity vehicles for public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends amending the toll exemption criteria to also provide a toll exemption for the smaller-capacity vehicles now used for the MetroAccess program for persons with disabilities and the Vanpool & Carpool programs for commuters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Section 304.0211 of the Policy Code to read in its entirety as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to this resolution.

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-**

Section 301.0211 of the Policy Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**301.0211 Exemption from Toll**

(a) The operator or the registered owner of a vehicle operated on an authority toll facility is required to pay the toll established by this subchapter unless the vehicle is exempted by state law or by this section.

(b) An authorized emergency vehicle defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 370.177, Transportation Code.

(c) A state or federal military vehicle is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 362.901, Transportation Code.

(d) Under Section 370.177(a-1), Transportation Code, and to facilitate a multi-modal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient travel for all individuals in central Texas, a vehicle used exclusively to provide transportation to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility.

(e) The authority will create technical procedures to implement the toll exemptions described and established by this section.