

May 30, 2018 AGENDA ITEM #10

Discuss and reaffirm further development of the 183A Phase III Project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	Justin Word, P.E., Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	None
Funding Source:	None
Action Requested:	Consider staff's recommendation to continue to develop the 183A Phase III Project

Summary:

This project is in the schematic development and environmental study phase of development. Work progress has been limited to financial planning and project delivery analyses since December 2017 due to a statewide re-evaluation of toll road projects. The Board previously authorized this work as well as to authorize staff to procure an engineering firm to develop construction documents.

Williamson County reaffirmed its support for the 183A, Phase III project by resolution at its May 22, 2018 Commissioners Court meeting.

After further consideration staff recommends proceeding with development of the project as previously authorized by the Board. Staff provide an update on work activities and considerations for moving this work forward.

Backup Provided:	Draft Resolution
	Williamson County Commissioners Court Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-0XX

AUTHORIZE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE 183A PHASE III PROJECT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-068 dated December 13, 2017, the Board of Directors approved funding for general engineering consultant services for the development of the 183A Phase III Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director, working with Mobility Authority staff, has evaluated and reviewed configurations and phasing options for the potential development of the 183A Phase III Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has briefed the Board on the current status and options for moving forward on the 183A Phase III Project;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board authorize staff to proceed with further development of the 183A Phase III Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to proceed with further development of the 183A Phase III Project.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 30th day of May 2018.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Ray A. Wilkerson Chairman, Board of Directors

State of Texas County of Williamson Know all men by these presents:

That on the **22nd** day of May 2018, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

> Dan Gattis, County Judge Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct Two Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 183A PHASE III PROJECT

WHEREAS; Williamson County serves as the County Government for all the citizens of Williamson County and its Communities; and,

WHEREAS; Williamson County is committed to improving economic growth and providing mobility options to the citizens of the region; and,

WHEREAS; a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital to connect goods and people, with connectivity for motorists being the cornerstone of prosperity, creating expanded economic development and more financial opportunities for individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS; the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority was created to improve the transportation system in Williamson and Travis Counties with a mission to implement transportation options that reduce congestion and create choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality; and,

WHEREAS; the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority developed the first two phases of 183A ahead of schedule and on budget, adding hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenue for the local government and the State, and creating new options for mobility; and,

WHEREAS; the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is developing the 183A Phase III Project in Williamson County, a 5.3-mile extension of the existing 11.6-mile roadway northward from Hero Way to just north of SH 29; and,

WHEREAS; the need for this roadway is demonstrated by the average monthly transactions along 183A, which have increased from approximately 1.8 million in July of 2007 to 4.7 million in April 2018; and,

WHEREAS; the populations in both Cedar Park and Leander increased by more than 35% from 2010 – 2015 according to the United States Census Bureau, and the Williamson County population is expected to more than triple to approximately 2,000,000 residents by 2050; and,

WHEREAS; congestion is bad for the environment, for the economy, for public safety, and for quality of life; and the 183A Phase III Project will give drivers the option to spend less time on the road, help improve air quality and reduce the threat to public safety caused by crowded roadways; and,

WHEREAS; continued investment in mobility in the region is pivotal in accommodating the population and economic growth of Williamson County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamson County Commissioners Court reaffirms its past support for the development of the 183A Phase III Project to improve the quality of life and safety of Williamson County residents and the region.

RESOLVED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY 2018.

Dan Å. Gattis, County Judge Commissioner