

March 27, 2019 AGENDA ITEM #6

Amend the Mobility Authority Policy Code to include toll exemptions provided by federal law

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility

Department: Operations

Contact: Tracie Brown, Director of Operations

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: Operations Budget

Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

Summary:

Section 301.004(a) of the Mobility Authority Policy Code currently states that that all vehicles operated on a Mobility Authority facility are required to pay a toll unless the vehicle is exempted under state law or by an exemption established by the Board. In order to conform with all applicable laws as they relate to toll exemptions on Mobility Authority operated facilities, staff recommends that Policy Code Section 301.004 be amended to also recognize any toll exemptions provided by federal law.

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

Proposed Amendment

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0XX

AMENDING MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE SECTION 301.004

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12-016 dated February 29, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the Mobility Authority Policy Code ("Policy Code"); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to its initial adoption, the Board of Directors has amended the Policy Code from time to time in order to modify existing policies and incorporate new policies beneficial to the operation of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("Mobility Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority is required to comply with all applicable state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends amending the Policy Code Section 301.004 as shown in Exhibit A to clarify that the Mobility Authority complies with federal law regarding toll exemptions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Section 301.004 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 27th day of March 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:	Approved:
Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel	Ray A. Wilkerson Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE

301.004 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 <u>federal law</u>, 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) Through December 31, 2021, recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart awards as well as Disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the Qualified Veterans Toll Discount Program. To be exempt from paying a toll to use the authority's non variable rate toll facilities, participants must be registered with the authority; the vehicle must be registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; the vehicle must have a qualifying specialty plate and have it properly displayed; the vehicle must be associated to an electronic toll tag account; and the participating veteran must have no outstanding CTRMA toll violations at the time of the transaction. Participation is limited to one (1) vehicle per qualified veteran. The exemption does not apply to the authority's express lane facilities.
- (e) 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.
- (f) The authority will create technical procedures to implement the toll exemptions described and established by this section.