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In the Spotlight

CAMPO Adopts 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan

On May 24th, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) adopted the 2035 long-range transportation plan for the region. The plan identifies priority transportation projects for Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop and Caldwell counties over the next 25 years, including road, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects at a total estimated cost of \$28.6 billion.

Compared to the previous 25-year plan approved by CAMPO five years ago, the estimated cost is \$6.6 billion greater, with approximately half of those funds earmarked for rail and transit spending.

The plan also identifies possible revenue sources and assumes that local governments will play a much bigger role in funding road and highway projects. While the plan may be amended at any time over the next five years, projects must be included in the plan to be eligible for consideration for federal funding.

Proposals to build new tolled expressways such as the US 183 Bergstrom Expressway, the US 290 Oak Hill Expressway and the SH 45 Manchaca Expressway were included in the plan along with the MoPac Improvement Project, which will ultimately involve construction of tolled express lanes from Parmer Lane through downtown

183A News

183A Construction Update



Construction is officially underway on the five-mile, northern extension of the 183A toll road in Williamson County, following a ceremonial ground breaking ceremony in March. Construction crews have been busy in recent weeks excavating, moving dirt, and building concrete piers to support the project's bridges. Most of the bridgework so far has been centered around New Hope Road. To accommodate construction in the Scottsdale Drive area, traffic on the frontage roads has been temporarily shifted onto the shoulders and into the acceleration and deceleration lanes. Those lanes will be reopened once the project is completed. Since March, the \$105 million project has boosted the region's economy and added more than 100 new jobs.

For project updates or to view photos of construction progress visit www.183A.com. If you have questions regarding the project, call our project hotline at 512-684-3256.

Block House Creek Neighborhood Access

Construction of the 183A Northern Extension will require temporary road closures that may affect travel for some Block House Creek residents.

Beginning in Spring 2011, construction of the 183A toll road will require the temporary closure of the Scottsdale Drive crossover between the northbound and southbound frontage roads. Residents will still be able to access the Block House Creek neighborhood entrance at Scottsdale Drive from the southbound 183A frontage road. Closure of the Scottsdale Drive crossover should last no more than 120 days.

The Mobility Authority is working diligently to construct the project quickly and efficiently in order to minimize inconveniences for the neighborhood. [Click here](#) for more information about closures in the Block House Creek area.

US 183 Improvement Project

A major construction project is also underway just north of 183A on old US 183. Williamson County and the Texas Department of Transportation have begun upgrading the 4.3-mile stretch of US 183 from the South San



Austin all the way to Slaughter Lane.

[Click here](#) to download the CAMPO 2035 Plan. [Click here](#) to read an article that provides a quick glance at the plan's highlights.

Ways to Stay Informed

Follow Progress on the Manor Expressway and 183A Extension!

Construction of the Manor Expressway and 183A Extension is currently underway, and the Mobility Authority is using some new communication tools to help keep you informed about project developments and traffic impacts.

At our project web sites you can sign up for SMS Text Message alerts or link to our twitter pages where you can sign up for tweets. Visit [183A.com](#) or [ManorExpressway.com](#) or if you are anxious to tweet, you can go directly to our [183A Extension Twitter page](#) or [Manor Expressway Twitter page](#).

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Gabriel River to just north of SH 29. The project involves upgrading the existing four-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided highway with a wide median. The project includes construction of two new bridges over the San Gabriel River and is estimated to cost \$14.7 million. It is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.



The Mobility Authority has posted additional information about the project on our [web site](#).

In Depth

Round Rock Rail Feasibility Study Completed

The City of Round Rock, in partnership with the Mobility Authority, has completed a study to determine if connecting Round Rock, Georgetown and Pflugerville (Williamson and northeast Travis counties) to Austin by commuter rail is a viable option. The study analyzed potential ridership, reviewed rail service options, estimated the cost to build and operate the rail link, and considered environmental impacts, economic benefits, the financial capacity of local governments to support the proposed project, and governance options.

The proposed route is an 18.3-mile branch that would connect the Capital Metro Red Line, just north of Howard Station, to Round Rock and Pflugerville along the SH45 right of way, and to Georgetown, along the now-abandoned Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MKT) rail corridor. Five stations are planned for the system, three stations in Round Rock, one in Georgetown and one in Pflugerville, and the project is estimated to cost \$340 million.

The City of Round Rock recently posted the study results and other related documents to its website. Visit their [web site](#) for more information.

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