

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RULES GOVERNING USE OF THE CTRMA OPERATED TOLL ROADS

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY

The mission of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority") is to implement innovative multi-modal transportation solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. It is the policy of the Authority that all actions shall be based on achieving the highest degree of regional mobility and transportation safety while encouraging economic development and enhancing the quality of life.

Pursuant to Section 370.033(a)(12) of the Texas Transportation Code, these Rules Governing Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads contain provisions setting forth rules for the use of the Authority's transportation projects. These provisions are in addition to and an enhancement of the provisions of Subtitle C, Title 7 of the Texas Transportation Code (the "Statutory Rules of the Road"). The Authority expressly adopts these provisions and those set forth in the Statutory Rules of the Road. To the extent any conflict arises between the provisions hereof and the Statutory Rules of the Road that cannot be overcome through any reasonable consideration of both, the Statutory Rules of the Road shall control.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms, when used in these policies, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1. Authority: The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority.
2. Board: The Board of Directors of the Authority.
3. Median: The area between traffic lanes for the purpose of separating traffic.
4. Toll Plaza: The area where tolls are collected.
5. Toll Gantry: A structural frame installed over tolled roadways and/or ramps supporting electronic toll collection systems.

SECTION 3. RULES GOVERNING USE OF CTRMA OPERATED TOLL ROADS

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Rules Governing the Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads are hereby established and adopted as follows:

1. Speed Limits

Transportation Code, Chapter 545, Subchapter H, "Speed Restrictions," governs speeds on highways in the State of Texas. The CTRMA has the authority to alter prima facie speed limits on its toll roads, provided the *Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones* are followed.

Guidelines established by Texas Department of Transportation Procedures for *Establishing Speed Zones*, current edition, will be used in conducting Speed Zone Studies and establishing Speed Limits on CTRMA operated toll roads. The data collected during the Speed Zone Studies are analyzed to determine the 85th Percentile Speed. The 85th Percentile Speed is the speed at which 85% of the traffic at a specific test site is traveling at or slower. The 85th Percentile Speed will be the basis for how the posted speed limit is determined.

Maximum speeds within construction, transitional or reduced speed zones or during any period of adverse atmospheric or weather conditions shall be in accordance with signs displayed for such zones. All regulatory and zoning signs displayed on CTRMA operated toll roads shall be obeyed.

Regulatory signs for toll plaza speed zones shall be placed in advance of, at the beginning, and at the end of the defined speed zone. All regulatory signs displayed at the toll plaza shall be obeyed.

Motor vehicles shall not be driven in excess of the mechanical limits of vehicles or tires. If traffic, weather, pavement or other conditions render the maximum allowable speed hazardous, the speed of motor vehicles shall be reduced consistent with such conditions.

A. 183A Turnpike

The maximum speed of motor vehicles on the 183A Turnpike shall be limited to seventy (70) miles per hour except within construction, transitional or reduced speed zones or during any period of adverse atmospheric or weather conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum speed of motor vehicles on the portion of the 183A Turnpike as Frontage Roads lying north of FM1431 shall be sixty (60) miles per hour.

2. Parking

Parking or stopping of vehicles on any traffic lane, deceleration lane, acceleration lane, or on any bridge is prohibited. Parking or stopping of vehicles is permitted only on the shoulders to the right of the traffic lane. All wheels and projecting parts of the vehicle or load shall be completely clear of the traffic lane.

During the period beginning one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and ending one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise or at any other time when insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric or weather conditions require, any parked vehicle shall display illuminated parking and tail lights, or lighted flares to indicate its location.

Unnecessary parking or parking of vehicles for extended periods of time (in excess of 24 hours) is prohibited, and the driver of a disabled vehicle shall arrange for its prompt removal from CTRMA operated toll roads.

3. Median Strip

The median strip is the area between the dual or triple traffic lanes for the purpose of separating traffic.

Crossing, driving, parking or stopping on the median strip is prohibited, except as necessary for official maintenance, operational or emergency uses.

4. No U-Turn

Except as specifically provided for as standard Turnarounds, U-Turns at any location on CTRMA operated toll roads are prohibited.

5. Pedestrians

Pedestrians are not permitted on the mainlane roadways, access ramps or any interchange of CTRMA toll roads. Solicitation of rides or "hitchhiking", panhandling, passing of hand bills, displaying signs, or attempting to sell merchandise is prohibited on CTRMA operated toll roads. Loitering in or about Toll Plazas or upon any Turnpike property is prohibited.

6. Prohibited Modes of Transportation

No person shall operate any of the following on any roadway or access ramp operated by the CTRMA:

- A. Animal drawn vehicles.
- B. Animals - led, ridden, or driven.
- C. Vehicles loaded with animals or poultry not properly confined.
- D. Vehicles with flat pneumatic tires.
- E. Vehicles in the charge of intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated operators.
- F. Vehicles with improperly secured loads which may shift or litter the highway.
- G. Vehicles with metal tires or which have solid tires worn to metal.
- H. Rollers, graders, power shovels, or other construction equipment, either self-propelled or in tow of another vehicle, unless such equipment is either:
 - (i) truck mounted and such truck can be operated at a minimum speed of forty-five (45) miles per hour while traveling on the mainlane roadways of CTRMA operated toll roads, weather and road conditions permitting, or
 - (ii) owned or controlled by the Authority or by any contractor in connection with the performance of work authorized by the Authority.

- I. Vehicles exceeding the maximum weights allowed on State highways under the motor vehicles laws of the State of Texas in effect from time to time.
- J. Vehicles including any load thereon exceeding the following maximum dimensions, unless permitted pursuant to Rule 9 of these Rules Governing Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads are prohibited:

Height	13 feet 6 inches
Width	8 feet 6 inches
Length	The maximum allowable lengths permitted on Interstate highways and other controlled access roadways in Texas pursuant to the motor vehicle laws of the State of Texas, as in effect from time to time, without over-length permit.

- K. Disabled vehicles in tow by tow-rope or chain.

No person shall operate any of the following on the mainlane roadways or access ramps of CTRMA operated toll roads:

- A. Bicycles or tricycles, with or without motors, and motor driven cycles, including motor scooters.
- B. Farm implements.

7. Evasion of Fare

Entering or leaving CTRMA operated toll roads or any part of its right of way except through the regular Toll Plaza lanes, or committing any act with intent to defraud or evade payment of fare is prohibited.

8. Trees, Shrubs and Plants

Cutting, mutilating or removing trees, shrubs, or plants located within CTRMA operated toll roads right-of-way is prohibited.

9. Overlimit Exceptions

There are no exceptions to Rule 6 (J) of these Rules Governing Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads.

10. State Laws

All laws, rules and regulations in the State of Texas pertaining to the use of public highways and policing thereof, including but not limited to the Statutory Rules of the Road, shall apply to CTRMA operated toll roads, except insofar as they may be supplemented by these Rules Governing Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads.

11. Penalties

Any violation of these Rules Governing Use of the CTRMA Operated Toll Roads shall be deemed an offense as defined in the Statutory Rules of the Road and shall be subject to prosecution and penalties as set forth in the Statutory Rules of the Road.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Adoption of these Policies is effective as of March 3, 2007 for all purposes.