

February 28, 2024 AGENDA ITEM #7

Discuss and consider approving a toll rate schedule for the 183A Phase III Project

Strategic Plan Relevance: Stewardship

Department: Finance

Contact: Jose Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

<u>Project Description/Background</u>: The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is constructing a 5.3-mile extension of the existing 10-mile 183A Toll Road north from Hero Way to north of SH 29. Together with the associated access ramps, frontage road improvements and transitions, the overall project length will be approximately 6.6 miles. The tolled lanes are within the median of TxDOT right-of-way of the existing US 183 corridor. The new toll lanes are scheduled to open no later than January 2025; however, they may open as early as July 2024.

This item establishes tolls consistent with the tolls projected in the 183A Phase III Traffic and Revenue Forecasts dated October 16, 2020, as updated annually by the traffic and revenue consultant to reflect the Mobility Authority's toll escalation policy. The toll rate table attached in the backup contains the recently updated (December 2023) toll rates for passenger cars and multiple axle vehicles by type of payment. The approved 183A Phase III Toll Rates will be published on the Mobility Authority website.

Action requested/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve and adopt toll rates for the 183A Phase III Project that are consistent with the tolls identified in the 183A Phase III Project Traffic Revenue Forecasts dated October 16, 2020, as most recently updated by the Mobility Authority's traffic and revenue consultant.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution

Proposed toll rates

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-0XX

ADOPTING A TOLL RATE FOR THE 183A PHASE III TOLL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the 183A Phase III Toll Project Traffic Revenue Forecast dated October 16, 2020 identified a proposed toll schedule for customers using the 183A Phase III Toll when that project is completed and open to traffic; and

WHEREAS, the 183A Phase III Toll Project Traffic Revenue Forecast has been updated annually to reflect the Mobility Authority's toll escalation policy; and

WHEREAS, the 183A Phase III Toll is anticipated to open to traffic as soon as July 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board approve and adopt tolls for the 183A Phase III Toll that are consistent with the tolls identified in the 183A Phase III Toll Project Traffic Revenue Forecast as updated through December 2023, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts the tolls identified in the 183A Phase III Toll Project Traffic Revenue Forecast as updated through December 2023, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 28th day of February 2024.

| Submitted and reviewed by: | Approved: | | |
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| James M. Bass | Robert W. Jenkins, Jr. | | |
| Executive Director | Chairman, Board of Directors | | |

Exhibit A

TRAFFIC CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION (February 2024 Toll Modification for Opening of 183A Phase III)

The undersigned is a duly authorized officer of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. serving as traffic consultant (the "Traffic Consultant") to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("Authority") pursuant to that certain Master Trust Indenture, dated as of February 1, 2005, between the Authority and Regions Bank, as successor in trust to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee (the "Master Trust Indenture"), relating to the issuance of Obligations thereunder. Any capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the respective meaning given to such terms in the Master Trust Indenture.

- In accordance with Section 502 of the Master Trust Indenture, the Authority has provided us the proposed change to the Toll Rate Schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. In our opinion, the adoption of such proposed Toll Rate Schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" will not adversely affect the ability of the Authority to comply with its covenants in Section 502 of the Master Trust Indenture.
- Our certification herein is based upon our opinion as to Revenues to be derived by the Authority from the ownership and operation of the System (which Revenues include investment and other income not related to Tolls that constitute the Revenues of the System as estimated by an Authorized Representative), and, to the extent necessary, a certificate of the Authorized Representative filed with the Trustee, stating the opinion of the Authority as to the amount of Operating Expenses paid or accrued during any pertinent Annual Period, assuming the proposed Toll rate schedule had been in effect during such pertinent Annual Period.

EXECUTED THIS 17th day of February, 2024

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

By: William Sho Name: William Ihlo

Title: Principal

EXHIBIT A

Mid 2024/January 2025 183A Toll Rates - UPDATED to reflect actual 2022, 2023, and 2024 CPI increases.

| Toll Location | Payment Type | 2-axle | 3-axle | 4-axle | 5-axle | 6-axle | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| New Phase III Toll Plazas | | | | | | | | |
| North Whitewing Ramps | ETC | \$1.02 | \$2.04 | \$3.06 | \$4.08 | \$5.10 | | |
| | PLP | \$1.12 | \$2.24 | \$3.37 | \$4.49 | \$5.61 | | |
| | PBM | \$1.53 | \$3.06 | \$4.59 | \$6.12 | \$7.65 | | |
| Whitewing ML Plaza | ETC | \$1.29 | \$2.58 | \$3.87 | \$5.16 | \$6.45 | | |
| | PLP | \$1.42 | \$2.84 | \$4.26 | \$5.68 | \$7.10 | | |
| | PBM | \$1.94 | \$3.87 | \$5.81 | \$7.74 | \$9.68 | | |
| South Whitewing Ramps | ETC | \$0.76 | \$1.52 | \$2.28 | \$3.04 | \$3.80 | | |
| | PLP | \$0.84 | \$1.67 | \$2.51 | \$3.34 | \$4.18 | | |
| | PBM | \$1.14 | \$2.28 | \$3.42 | \$4.56 | \$5.70 | | |
| San Gabriel Ramps | ETC | \$0.76 | \$1.52 | \$2.28 | \$3.04 | \$3.80 | | |
| | PLP | \$0.84 | \$1.67 | \$2.51 | \$3.34 | \$4.18 | | |
| | PBM | \$1.14 | \$2.28 | \$3.42 | \$4.56 | \$5.70 | | |
| San Gabriel ML Plaza | ETC | \$1.09 | \$2.18 | \$3.27 | \$4.36 | \$5.45 | | |
| | PLP | \$1.20 | \$2.40 | \$3.60 | \$4.80 | \$6.00 | | |
| | PBM | \$1.64 | \$3.27 | \$4.91 | \$6.54 | \$8.18 | | |

^{*}If Phase III opens earlier than January 2025, this toll schedule will be in effect from opening day until January 2026.

ETC = Electronic Toll Collection, transaction made with a tag/transponder

PLP = Pre-paid License Plate Account, series of license plates connected to a single ETC tag account

PBM = Pay by Mail, for customers without a ETC tag account