



Central Texas Regional  
Mobility Authority

## AGENDA ITEM #10 SUMMARY

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Executive Director's Update.  
Presentation of Executive Director's Report.

**Executive Director's Update – Presentation of the Executive Director's Report.**

**Department: Administrative**

**Associated Costs: None**

**Funding Source: None**

**Board Action Required: No**

**Description of Matter:**

**The Executive Director's Report is attached for review and reference and includes the following:**

- A. Green Mobility Challenge
- B. Public-Private Partnership (P3) Update
- C. Strategic Plan

**Attached documentation for reference:**

**Executive Director's Report**

**Contact for further information:**

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 26, 2011

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PRIORITY ISSUES



STP-MM Funding for Mobility Authority projects



Express Lanes Recommended Alternative for MoPac Improvement Project

### ADMINISTRATION

#### 2012 STRATEGIC PLAN

Earlier this year, staff began the process of updating our 5-year strategic plan. At our November Board Retreat, staff will share our draft agency values, mission and vision for your input and comment. The 2012 Strategic Plan must be submitted to the Williamson and Travis County Commissioners Courts by March 31st.

#### GREEN MOBILITY CHALLENGE

Submissions for the Green Mobility Challenge were received on October 13th. The proposals have been distributed to a team of technical judges for their first round of scoring. The top three teams scored by the technical judges will make presentations to a jury of community leaders at the Green Mobility Challenge Presentations and Awards on November 15th at the LCRA Red Bud Center. The challenge is being sponsored by ATKINS, HNTB, Webber, MSB, Vinson & Elkins, Stantec and the Central Texas CEC. Additional sponsors may be forthcoming.

The technical panel is composed of the following members:

- Jon Geiselbrecht, TxDOT
- Justin Hamm, FHWA
- Mike Kelly, City of Austin
- Paul Linehan, Land Strategies, Inc.
- Vince Briones, Atkins
- Mark Matthews, HNTB

### CAMPO UPDATE

The Transportation Policy Board met on October 10th but took no action on STP-MM funding applications. We submitted 4 project applications, and all were scored well by the technical reviewers. Instead, the Board agreed to hold a work session on October 31st to further deliberate their funding priorities. We now anticipate action on the funding awards at CAMPO's November meeting.

### FINANCE

#### P3 PROCUREMENT

First Southwest and KPMG have released a Request for Information to identify firms that are interested in pursuing the MoPac Improvement Project and the Bergstrom Expressway (US 183) under the public-private partnership bill recently passed by the state legislature. Interest has been high, and multiple firms have requested draft traffic and revenue numbers. Responses from interested parties are due October 31st.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY INTERCHANGE

#### CONSTRUCTION

Work on the project remains on schedule. Crews have spent most of October focused on paving the eastbound mainlanes, substructure construction and bridge deck placement. Over 60% of the bridge beams have been placed, and 30% of the bridge decks have been poured. In addition, Webber is developing a plan to rectify the issues with the 10 columns that were constructed at the wrong height.

## MANOR EXPRESSWAY

### DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus on completing design. Staff reviewed the 65% plans from US 183 to Decker Lane, and CTMC is working to finalize that design. Substantial right-of-way has been procured and cleared for the eastbound frontage road, and earthwork and embankment operations have begun. Phase 1 is projected to open in late 2012. The remainder of the project is expected to open in 2014.

## MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The MoPac Improvement Team recently completed the voting process for sound walls along the corridor. Residents voted in favor of constructing 18 of the 22 wall segments identified in the environmental study. One of the proposed walls would need to be constructed on City of Austin property. The City Council is expected to consider approval of the wall at a meeting in early November.

The MoPac Improvement Project environmental study remains on schedule. After responding to comments from FHWA, TxDOT submitted an updated environmental document including revised design exceptions. After completing a thorough analysis of the various alternatives, TxDOT has determined that the Express Lane alternative is best suited for the corridor and has recommended it to the Federal Highway Administration. The No Build alternative is also still being considered.

The Mobility Authority plans to host a series of community meetings in early 2012 to gather public feedback on the two remaining alternatives. TxDOT will hold a public hearing on the project afterward. The environmental document will then be forwarded to FHWA for final consideration. A decision regarding the project is expected around August 2012.

## 183A EXTENSION

### CONSTRUCTION

Webber continues to make progress on the 183A Extension focusing the majority of their efforts on mainlane paving and bridge construction at Scottsdale Drive. The Scottsdale Drive intersection is scheduled to re-open soon. Crews have also been working on toll gantry foundation work, sign column construction and drainage facility construction.

## MANCHACA EXPRESSWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Mobility Authority has been holding preliminary meetings with TxDOT as the environmental study for the Manchaca Expressway (45SW) gets underway. During the next several months, TxDOT's consultant will be doing preliminary work including defining the study area including the logical beginning and end points. The first public meetings are likely to occur in spring 2012. Hays County recently proposed building the project as a county arterial in partnership with Travis County. While those discussion continue, there are currently no plans to suspend the environmental work on the project.