



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #11 SUMMARY

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Executive Director's Update.  
Presentation of 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: Project Updates

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

Contact for further information:

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 29, 2012

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PRIORITY ISSUES



Opening of 183A Extension



Funding for Future Express Lanes

### ADMINISTRATION

#### CAMPO TRANSIT WORKING GROUP

During their February 24th meeting, I updated the Transit Working Group on our strategic plan to create a regional Express Lane network. I also discussed our first Express Lane project on MoPac and highlighted the importance of continuing to work together toward a comprehensive regional transportation system that incorporates all modes of mobility.

#### RIDER 42 FUNDING

##### RECOMMENDATIONS

On February 23rd, the Texas Transportation Commission approved \$16 million in Proposition 12, Rider 42 to fund project development activities on MoPac between Lady Bird Lake and Slaughter Lane. The study will look at a wide range of alternatives, with Express Lanes being among them. TxDOT is expected to issue bonds in March or April and a number of other Rider 42 projects around the state. In all, the Central Texas region is expected to receive more than \$31 million in Rider 42 funds.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

##### US 183 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Despite a wetter than normal winter, construction crews continue to make significant progress on the interchange project. Large sections of steel bridge beams have been installed over the last several weekends as

crews dodged rain and the threat of freezing precipitation. Over the weekend of February 11th, the new westbound US 290 frontage road was opened to traffic, and all traffic on the US 290 mainlanes was shifted to the eastbound travel lanes to accommodate construction of the westbound mainlines and completion of the overhead bridges. To date, more than 80% of the bridge beams have been placed, and more than 50% of the bridge decks have been poured.

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

##### PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus on completing project design. Staff has reviewed, approved and released for construction a majority of the plans from US 183 to approximately Giles Road and is currently reviewing plans from Giles Road to west of SH 130. In terms of construction, crews have focused their efforts on completing the eastbound frontage road and the eastbound mainlines. Significant progress has been made on earthwork, bridge structures and drainage structure installation. The contractor hopes to switch traffic to the new eastbound frontage road and mainlanes later this spring to allow construction to begin on the westbound mainlanes and frontage road. With the goal of opening the section between US 183 and Giles Road by fall of 2012, construction crews have been working just about 24 hours a day, six days a week. The overnight work has created some noise complaints from adjacent residents.

## MoPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The project team has received a second round of comments from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is in the process of preparing responses. A comment resolution meeting was held February 14th between TxDOT, the Mobility Authority and FHWA representatives. If found satisfactory, the study will be available for public review, and a Public Hearing could be held as early as this spring. The ongoing review by FHWA is expected to delay the Public Hearing for at least a month. Two Community Open Houses will be held in March in anticipation of the Public Hearing. The project team continues its public outreach. Over 20 one-on-one briefings with elected officials and their staff were held in January and February. The team has been in close coordination with TxDOT and the City of Austin with regard to neighborhood concerns, funding and other agreements between the Mobility Authority, TxDOT and the City.

The Board is invited to attend either or both of the open houses, which are scheduled for:

Thursday, March 1, 2012 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
O. Henry Middle School, Cafeteria  
2610 West 10th Street  
Austin, Texas 78703

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Dell Jewish Community Center  
7300 Hart Lane  
Austin, TX 78731-2407

### 183A EXTENSION

#### CONSTRUCTION

Webber is in the final stages of completing the 183A Extension Project. They are finishing the final concrete paving on the mainlines and have begun painting the concrete structures. Crews are completing sign structures and are beginning to install signs. Televent is in the process of installing toll equipment at the toll plazas, and crews are installing the final sections of guard rail and concrete barrier wall. Construction of the 183A Shared Use Path continues, although it is not expected to open at the same time the roadway opens.

The contractor currently indicates progress is slightly behind schedule. It is anticipated that the contractor will submit change orders that may impact the substantial completion date. As a result, we have been unable to confirm an official opening date.

## SCHEDULE OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIP MEETINGS

- IBTTA Board of Directors' Meeting
- Texas Transportation Forum

### MoPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MEETINGS

- Commissioner Karen Huber
- Commissioner Lisa Birkman
- Representative Paul Workman
- Representative Mark Strama
- Westlake City Council
- Councilmember Chris Riley
- Councilmember Mike Martinez
- Councilmember Bill Spelman

- Councilmember Kathie Tovo
- Councilmember Laura Morrison
- Representative Donna Howard
- Judge Sam Biscoe
- Commissioner Margaret Gomez
- Representative Larry Gonzales
- Williamson County Commissioner's Court
- Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt
- Representative Elliott Naishtat
- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
- Senator Kirk Watson
- Mayor Lee Leffingwell