



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #11 SUMMARY

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:

- A. Project update on the MoPac Improvement Project.
- B. Update on Mobility Authority website and Dashboard
- C. Personal Financial Statements for calendar year 2011.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 28, 2012

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac Improvement Project
Environmental Clearance



183A Northern Extension Grand
Opening - April 6, 2012

ADMINISTRATION

CAMPO

During the Transportation Policy Board's March 19th meeting, CAMPO Executive Director Maureen McCoy briefed the Board on the new \$2 billion in state and federal funds that are available for statewide projects. While details of project eligibility are still being formulated, we anticipate that some of our projects may qualify, and we will pursue their funding if appropriate. The available sources of revenue are:

- \$750 million in federal dollars
- \$600 million in Texas Mobility Funds
- \$650 million additional Proposition 12/
Proposition 14 funds

OPERATIONS

STATEWIDE REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY COORDINATION

Staff continues to support the efforts of Regional Mobility Authorities across the state. The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority Board Members and Staff are visiting Austin on March 29th to meet with our agency and to tour the TxTag customer service center.

In addition, we are handling toll transactions for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority and routing the tag transactions to the statewide toll system HUB and Pay By Mail transactions to Municipal Services Bureau for processing. We are currently working with the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and the

North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority to provide similar support.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

US 183 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Construction continues to progress on the interchange project. Crews have focused their efforts on setting steel bridge girders over US 290 and US 183. All the beams have been set for the entire southbound US 183 to eastbound US 290 direct connector, a major milestone for the project.

Traffic on US 290 was rerouted in February to allow for final construction of the northbound US 183 to eastbound US 290 connector. All bridge support structures have been completed, and 75% of the bridge beams have been set with just a few steel sections remaining. Crews have also reconstructed the westbound mainlanes and are ready to begin concrete pavement. In addition, toll gantry construction is underway.

To date, more than 75% of the bridge beams have been placed, more than 50% of the bridge decks have been poured and 100% of the bridge supports (footings, columns, bent caps, and capitals) have been completed.

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus their efforts on project design activities. Staff have reviewed, approved and released for construction a majority of the plans.

Construction has centered around completing the eastbound mainlanes and frontage road, so traffic can be switched and construction of the westbound mainlanes and frontage road can begin. Significant progress has been made on earthwork, bridge structures and drainage structure installation. Construction of retaining walls has also begun. The traffic switch is anticipated this spring. In anticipation of opening the section between US 183 and Giles Road with the interchange project this fall, construction activities have increased to include work at night and on the weekends. The public involvement team has been working with neighbors along Walnut Creek to address concerns about water backing up during major rain events. The team has also been reaching out to the Rosemont at Hidden Creek apartment complex, which has been impacted by noise from nighttime work.

MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

We have responded to a second round of FHWA comments on the Environmental Assessment, and an updated draft was submitted to FHWA on March 14th. If found satisfactory, the study will be available for public review, and a Public Hearing could be held this summer. The Texas Historical Commission concurred that this project will have no adverse effect to historic properties.

Two Community Open Houses were held in March in anticipation of the Public Hearing. A combined total of 371 members of the public attended. Information was provided on the environmental process, the express lanes alternative, sound walls, project aesthetics and bicycle/pedestrian mobility improvements.

We also continue to review the best solution for the 5th Street/Cesar Chavez Street access to downtown at the southern end of the project. The University of Texas Center for Transportation Research is currently conducting additional traffic modeling

to determine how downtown streets would be impacted by traffic exiting the Express Lanes at 5th Street/Cesar Chavez Street.

183A EXTENSION

CONSTRUCTION

The five mile extension project will open to traffic on April 6, 2012, following a Grand Opening Celebration at 10:30 a.m. at 183A and Hero Way. Webber is in the final stages of completing critical elements of the project for the April opening. They have placed most of the roadway striping and are focused on finishing the installation of signs, guardrail and lighting. Toll system installation and testing is complete. The contractor will have until this summer to finish final elements of the project including painting, landscaping and the shared-use path.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS IN OAK HILL

OPEN HOUSE

On March 22, 2012, TxDOT, in cooperation with the City of Austin and Travis County, hosted an Open House to discuss the intersection improvements being considered in Oak Hill. The improvements being considered are:

- Constructing turn lanes at the intersection of Ranch-to-Market Road 1826
- Constructing turn lanes at the intersection of Convict Hill Road
- Re-configuring the US 290/SH 71 intersection to allow a continuous flow design
- Re-configuring the William Cannon Drive intersection to allow a continuous flow design
- Improving operations at Joe Tanner Lane.

Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are also being considered at the five intersections. Mobility Authority staff participated at the open house and answered questions about the longer term solutions that will be studied over the next several years as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process.