



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #13 SUMMARY

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.

- A. Project Status Updates.
- B. Board Retreat Follow-up.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 5, 2012

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PRIORITY ISSUES



Manor Expressway Phase One
Now Open



MoPac South Environmental Study
Request for Qualifications

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

US 183/US 290 DIRECT

CONNECTORS

Motorists had their first chance to drive the first sections of the Manor Expressway on Saturday, December 1st. First to open was the eastbound mainlanes from US 183 to east of Springdale Road. Later that same day, the southbound to eastbound direct connector ramp from US 183 to the Manor Expressway opened. The rest of the direct connector ramps will open throughout the month of December.

Final construction activities including painting and landscaping will continue throughout December. Tolling will begin in January.

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

In preparation for the completion of the US 183 Interchange Project, Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) has focused their efforts on completing construction of the eastbound mainlanes and completing the final toll location for the interim milestone. CTMC completed construction of the westbound frontage road between Springdale Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard in October, allowing for the traffic switch necessary to complete the first phase of the project. Construction efforts have also prioritized completing toll gantry construction, so installation of tolling equipment can begin.

In preparation for the first phase opening, the Public Involvement team has been implementing a comprehensive outreach plan including print, online, pump top and outdoor advertising as well as radio advertising and remotes and direct mail.



Billboard along US 290

MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The shortlisted, proposing design/build teams (DW/Sundt, Abrams/Lane and CH2M HILL) are currently preparing their responses to the Mobility Authority's official Request for Detailed Proposals. Proposals are due in January, and staff anticipates bringing a best value proposer to the Board in February.

As construction approaches, there will be an increasing effort to update the public on what to expect during construction. The Public Involvement team is updating informational materials and scheduling stakeholder outreach throughout the next few months. Coordination with Union Pacific Railroad, Capital Metro,

City of Austin and utilities continues in preparation for construction.

183A EXTENSION

CONSTRUCTION

Finishing touches on the 183A Northern Extension continue. Construction activities include completion of the Shared Use Path, landscaping and minor aesthetic elements.

BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Building on the success of the first Open House in September, public involvement and environmental activities continue. Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) activities have been initiated that build upon ideas developed previously and include concepts from the Green Mobility Challenge. The process will consider enhancements important to the community including art, music, native landscaping, bike and pedestrian facilities in hopes of unifying the corridor and promoting the Bergstrom Expressway as a gateway to Austin.

OAK HILL PARKWAY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Launching the beginning of the environmental study, the first Open House was held on November 15th. Approximately 80 citizens attended the event, giving their input on mobility problems in the corridor. The project team is compiling the comments and surveys and preparing a summary that will be available at OakHillParkway.com.

MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Mobility Authority has initiated the Environmental Study and Preliminary Design for improvements to MoPac from Cesar Chavez Street south to SH 45. The Mobility Authority is currently in the procurement process for a Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Consultant. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was published on September 21st, and responses to the RFQ were due on October 12th. Five submittals were received, interviews were held on October 22nd, and interviews were held on November 5th. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Board this month. The environmental study and community outreach program are anticipated to start in 2013.