



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #12 SUMMARY

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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. Reappointment of Chairman Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman Mills, and Treasurer Bennett to the Board of Directors.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 27, 2013

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac South Environmental Study  
Contract Negotiations



US 183 Environmental Study  
Contract Selection

### ADMINISTRATION

#### BOARD MEMBER RE-APPOINTMENTS

Governor Rick Perry re-appointed Chairman Wilkerson for his third two-year term as Mobility Authority Chairman on February 28th. He was confirmed by the Senate on March 13th. Vice Chairman Mills and Mr. Bennett were both re-appointed by Williamson County on March 19th.

### CAMPO

I presented an update of our MoPac Improvement Project to the CAMPO Board on March 18th. My briefing covered our selection of CH2MHill as the project's design-builder, the project's cost and the anticipated construction schedule. In comments prior to my presentation, Mayor Lee Leffingwell joked that our project was set for construction "beginning tomorrow," which emphasizes our community's focus and need for improved mobility in the corridor. The information was well received, and only one question was asked.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

#### PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus their construction activities on the new, eastbound frontage road from Johnny Morris Road to Parmer Lane as well as the new, westbound frontage road from SH 130 to Chimney Hill Boulevard. CTMC is also working on constructing the mainlanes from the open interim milestone to Johnny Morris Road.

Eastbound traffic was recently switched to the newly constructed eastbound frontage road from Parmer Lane to SH 130, and a new turnaround west of Johnny Morris Road has been constructed for the residents of the Chimney Hill Neighborhood and Rosemont Apartments.

### MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CH2MHill, the project's design-builder, and staff have been meeting regularly to finalize the Design/Build Contract. We continue to coordinate with FHWA and TxDOT and have requested their concurrence in award of the contract. We anticipate their approval at the end of the month. With their concurrence, we anticipate executing the contract and issuing Notice to Proceed (NTP) in mid-April.

Following issuance of NTP, there will be several months of ramp up tasks for CH2MHill including:

- Obtaining and setting up a project office
- Beginning partnering discussions
- Preparing utility and railroad agreements
- Conducting field surveys
- Permitting
- Developing final design

Construction should begin late this year.

### BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Public involvement and environmental activities for the study continue. The Team held its second Open House meeting on March 7th at East Austin College Prep (formerly Solid Rock Church). At this meeting, the Community was asked to provide feedback on context sensitive solutions and other project enhancements such as architecture, landscaping and pedestrian facilities. A third Open House is planned for this June to share what we've learned from the community and collect more detailed information. TxDOT anticipates holding a Public Hearing in late 2013. An online survey has also been developed and launched on BergstromExpressway.com to gather additional community feedback.

The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with schematic development, a value engineering study and utility planning.

### OAK HILL PARKWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Oak Hill Parkway Environmental Study continues to move forward. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT have continued their series of facilitated working group meetings with Oak Hill community members who expressed an interest in the project. Past meetings covered environmental issues and general design. At our most recent meeting on March 19th, we discussed bicycle and pedestrian elements. The City of Austin and the Oak Hills Trails Association shared their vision for trails in the community, and participants were asked to share specific areas where access could be improved.

Information collected from these meetings is being used to develop various alternatives for the project that protect the character of the area and its

sensitive environmental features. These alternatives will be introduced to the greater community at the next Open House, which is tentatively scheduled for May 23rd.

### 183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The procurement process for the 183 North Environmental Study kicked off on January 28th with the issuance of the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Request for Qualifications. Seven responses were received, and four teams were short-listed. Interviews were held on March 18th, and a recommendation will be made to the Board at this month's Board Meeting.

### MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Throughout March, Jacobs Engineering and Mobility Authority staff have been negotiating scope and fee for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Contract. The Environmental Study will encompass MoPac South from Cesar Chavez to Slaughter Lane as well as overpasses at Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue. The contract is being presented to the Board this month. If approved, Notice to Proceed is anticipated in early April. Contract deliverables include:

- Environmental Assessment for MoPac South
- Categorical Exclusions for Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue
- Development and evaluation of alternatives and a recommended preferred alternative
- Public involvement
- Design surveying
- Hydrologic and hydraulic engineering
- Traffic engineering and level of service analysis
- Geometric schematic of preferred alternative