



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #14 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. Financial reports for July 2013
- B. Proposal for road system improvements in southeast Travis County
- C. Policy for monument signs on Mobility Authority roadways

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 28, 2013

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PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac Improvement
Project Ground Breaking



Bergstrom Express
Bees Moved!

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continue to focus on construction of the frontage roads and intersections throughout the project. Construction at the Blue Goose intersection has been completed, and traffic has been shifted to the newly constructed westbound frontage road in this area. Placement of the final asphalt course on the frontage roads began July 29th; this operation is projected to continue through September and will require nightly lane closures through that time. CTMC is also focused on completion of the Arterial "A" intersection. Completion of this intersection will allow the phased construction of the Giles Road/Johnny Morris Road to continue.

The concrete pavement on the eastbound mainlanes has been completed to the Arterial "A" intersection. Paving continues on the eastbound mainlanes toward the Giles Road/Johnny Morris intersection.

MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Strategy and preparation has begun for an Environmental Re-Evaluation Open House, to be held September 5, 2013. During the detailed design phase of the project, four proposed modifications were identified for consideration.

These modifications will require FHWA approval under an environmental re-evaluation process before implementation.

A Ground Breaking Event is scheduled for October 18 at a location to be determined.

A preliminary construction schedule has been released. While all construction time frames are subject to change, major milestones include:

- Fall 2013: Between RM 2222 and Braker Lane
- Early 2014: On the area south of RM 2222 to Cesar Chavez
- Mid 2014: On the area north of Braker Lane to Parmer Lane.

CH2M HILL submitted the first design package, which is a 30% design of the entire project. A pre-submittal workshop was held July 9. A package is currently under review.

In August, the 24/7 Hotline, 512-270-5000, went live. In September, a mobile device App will be available, featuring project information and construction alerts.

BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

Public involvement activities continue as the team has begun the second round of meetings and sharing updates with project stakeholders. The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with the Environmental activities and are planning for the second Public Meeting in early October, followed by the formal Public Hearing in mid 2014.

As part of the public involvement and environmental activities, the team identified several large oak trees at the southern end of the project that will be saved and incorporated into the design. While inspecting the trees, two large beehives were identified. To help preserve the honey bee population, the bees have been successfully relocated to Robinson, Texas.

The team continues to coordinate with TxDOT, FHWA and other agencies in the support of the schematic development, utility coordination and advanced funding agreements. As part of the advanced funding agreement, we are looking to expedite the relocation of utilities that have the potential to impact the construction schedule. The results of the latest design led to a significant cost savings to the project and the team is now working with finance to evaluate and update project financing and delivery alternatives.

OAK HILL PARKWAY



The project team is in the process of evaluating feedback and preparing comment responses from the Open House .

The team met with the FIX 290 group on June 12th to hear in more detail the concept which they would like us to consider as part of the environmental process.

RTG has prepared the concept as well as incorporating revisions into the other concepts based on public input. The next Open House is scheduled for this fall and will include the revised concepts and the outline for the screening criteria which will be used to evaluate each concept. An e-newsletter will be released in the next month which will highlight our recent Open House and the feedback we received.

183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

The project kicked off in August. CP&Y have begun preparation of the environmental assessment, primarily data collection and public involvement activities, as well as schematic efforts. The environmental process is anticipated to take up to three years. The schedule for this project is under development.

MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY



MO PAC SOUTH
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

A detailed project schedule has been developed and is currently under review. The public involvement plan and key stakeholder list was finalized in July. A series of stakeholder meetings are being scheduled for this fall in anticipation of an Open House in November.

SH 45 SW ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

TxDOT's Special Projects Division and Environmental Affairs Division are leading the project. The Mobility Authority is working with TxDOT to determine the agency's level of involvement and role in terms of project development. Community outreach will be led by the Mobility Authority. Community outreach tools, including Frequently Asked Questions and branding concepts, are under development in anticipation of stakeholder and elected official outreach this fall. An October date for an open house is still being determined. The environmental process is anticipated to take two years.