



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #12 SUMMARY

Approve a resolution supporting the proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution providing for increased state funding for roads, highways and bridges.

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Executive Director
Associated Costs:	N/ A Briefing Only
Funding Source:	N/ A
Board Action Required:	Yes

Description of Matter: The 83rd Texas Legislature passed SJR 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November 4, 2014 state ballot. The ballot language provides:

“The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads;”

The proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$1.4 billion per year for the state highway fund. With the passage of this resolution, the Mobility Authority would join other groups and regional mobility authorities who support this amendment to provide additional funding to the state highway fund.

Reference documentation:	Draft Resolution
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**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - _____

**SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
TEXAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR INCREASED STATE FUNDING
FOR ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

WHEREAS, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed SJR 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November 4, 2014 state ballot affecting the state's roads, highways, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, SJR 1 prescribes the ballot language as follows: "*The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads;*" and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will aid in maintaining the current infrastructure and will ease congestion by funding new projects for added capacity without any new or increased taxes, fees or debt; and

WHEREAS, a strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' quality of life and economic vitality, and the state's ability to attract new businesses and generate new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$1.4 billion per year for the state highway fund; and

WHEREAS, while the proposed amendment would not fully fund the state's overall transportation needs, it would be an important step toward securing critical funding for transportation projects in Texas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors supports the passage of the proposed constitutional amendment to help address Texas' transportation infrastructure needs.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 30th day of July, 2014.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Andrew Martin
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Ray A. Wilkerson
Chairman, Board of Directors
Resolution Number: 14-_____
Date Passed: 7/30/2014