



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #13 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Report.

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility

Department: Executive

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

Executive Director's Monthly Report

A. Project Updates

Reference documentation: Executive Director's Report

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PROJECT UPDATES

MoPac Improvement Project

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- The contractor mobilized two additional major subcontractors to assist in project delivery, including a subcontractor focused on the construction of the undercrossing near downtown.
- Drilling the shaft foundations for retaining walls and sound walls is approximately 50% complete.
- Construction activities related to the 42" City waterline relocation commenced at the Camp Mabry and Camp Hubbard (TxDOT facility) locations.



Crews striping the temporary SB Cesar Chavez/5th St./Lake Austin Blvd. exit as they prepare to open it.

- The Lake Austin Blvd. ramp was reopened along with new southbound Cesar Chavez/5th Street exits.
- Paving operations have resumed, mostly on the northern half of the project.
- The installation of sound wall columns and panels continues on the south end of the project. Installation will progress northward.

183 North Mobility Project



- The design exception package was submitted to TxDOT on May 22 and is currently under TxDOT Review.
- Project Level Toll Analysis, Regional Toll Analysis and emissions analysis revisions have been completed.
- 90% schematic design was submitted to the Mobility Authority and to TxDOT on June 2 for review
- The draft environmental document was submitted to TxDOT ENV on June 5.
- Stakeholder outreach continues.

MoPac South Environmental Study



- The project team is looking at several concepts related to access to downtown and number of Express Lanes including concepts provided by the City of Austin and Travis County. These options are under evaluation in terms of geometry, environmental, and operational impacts. The options and information on the evaluation of the options will be presented at the additional public meeting in September.
- UT's Center for Traffic Research (CTR) was contracted to conduct a study of the downtown street system for 2020 (opening year). They will study the *no build* scenario and compare it to operations of the Express Lane concepts, with and without direct connections to downtown.

MoPac Intersections Environmental Study

- TxDOT's Environmental Division approved the draft Environmental Assessment as satisfactory for further processing. The document will be made available for public review on the project website.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for July 30, 2015 at Bowie High School.
- Once the project is environmentally cleared, TxDOT will assume responsibility for final design and construction.

SH 45SW Environmental Study



- The Mobility Authority's design team submitted 30% design plans. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT reviewed and provided comments. Plans were also provided to Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) for review.
- The design team is evaluating design refinements, which are proposed to reduce environmental impacts and improve safety. A re-evaluation will be submitted to TxDOT this summer.
- Remaining field work includes geotechnical borings for pavement and bridge design and a design survey at FM 1626 to capture recently completed construction.
- A neighborhood meeting for the Bliss Spillar Neighborhood was held; more than 70 stakeholders attended. Planning for additional stakeholder meetings is underway.
- The development of construction plans is anticipated to be complete by the end of the year. Letting for construction is expected early next year.

Bergstrom Expressway Project/ 183 South



- Final negotiations are complete with Colorado River Constructors to construct the project. Subject to Board approval, it is anticipated that Contract Execution and first Notice to Proceed will occur in early August allowing design to commence and construction to stay on schedule with launch in early 2016.
- Statements of Qualification for construction inspection, survey, and materials testing teams have all been received and are currently under evaluation by staff.
- Project programming activities continue as the team works to finalize project funding agreements with TxDOT and FHWA.
- The team is currently addressing FHWA comments related to the Project Management Plan and the Initial Finance Plan in efforts to re-submit final versions for approval.
- Financing activities continue as we develop updates for the TIFIA Program, finalize the Engineers Report and the Preliminary Official Statement and continue coordination with TxDOT regarding the Toll Equity Grant and SIB loans.
- ROW Acquisition continues in efforts to meet the commitments outlined in the D/B Contract.

Kellam Road (Maha Loop)



Final Kellam Road open to traffic

- Placement of rock riprap, vegetation, and plantings in the ponds is ongoing.
- Punch list items and as-built reviews are ongoing.
- The turn lanes on SH 71 are complete; the change order to add signals is negotiated and approved by the County; signal poles have been delivered; signal work anticipated to begin in July.

290 Toll (Manor Expressway)



- CTMC is finalizing the non-conflict utility relocations required by the project to obtain Final Acceptance.
- CTMC is submitting final documentation to achieve Final Acceptance.

Oak Hill Parkway Project



- Efforts with TxDOT and the City of Austin continue for potential regional detention facilities.

- The design level schematics for both concepts moving forward into the alternatives analysis phase are continuing to be refined as the engineering aspects are reviewed.
- The team continues to contact and meet with stakeholders with concerns regarding regional water detention and right-of-way acquisition; this effort will continue for several months.
- Other outreach meetings continue in advance of the next open house, including project specific stakeholder meetings. A second meeting with Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods took place July 21 to discuss the project.
- Preparations are occurring for the rescheduled Water Quality Workshop to be held on August 25 at Oak Hill United Methodist Church. It will feature ideas for revitalizing Williamson Creek, as well as information about flooding concerns and water quality measures.
- FAQs are being updated to provide the latest information to the public via e-newsletters, the website, and other outreach methods.

SH 71 Express



- Coordination meetings between McCarthy and the Toll Integrator continue.
- Atkins and Schneider Electric continue to review design submittals and attend comment resolution meetings.
- McCarthy continues to progress design activities from 60% to Final Design.
- Earthwork activities at the SH 130 interchange continue.
- McCarthy continues substructure work on the Onion Creek and SH 130 bridges.
- Utility adjustments are progressing on all utilities currently with the exception of Texas Gas.