



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL  
**MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

July 24, 2019  
**AGENDA ITEM #15**

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Approve a short-list of proposers to receive the  
Request for Detailed Proposals for the 183  
North Mobility Project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	Justin Word, P.E., Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	No financial liability at this stage
Funding Source:	Project funds
Action Requested:	Consider and act on the draft resolution

**Project Description** – The 183 North Mobility Project will expand capacity along a nine mile stretch of US 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac by adding two tolled express lanes in each direction in the middle of US 183, expanding the existing US 183 to four non-tolled general-purpose lanes in each direction, and constructing a shared use path, and sidewalks between SH 45 North/RM 620 and Loop 1. The project also includes adding a direct connector between the existing express lanes on MoPac and the proposed express lanes on US 183 and additional operational improvements south along MoPac, allowing for improved commutes from far north Austin and Williamson County to downtown Austin or beyond.

The Mobility Authority’s current cost estimate for the Design-Build contract is approximately \$350 million.

**Previous Actions/Brief History of the Project –**

On April 27, 2016, the Mobility Authority received environmental approval for the development of the 183 North Project through the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact by the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”).

On April 26, 2017, the Mobility Authority exercised its option as a local toll project entity to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183 North Project.

On January 31, 2019, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the release of \$104.2 million in federal funding for the non-tolled portion of the 183 North Mobility Project.

On March 15, 2019, the Mobility Authority issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and construction of the 183 North Mobility Project through a Design-Build Agreement. In response to this RFQ, the Mobility Authority received five Statements of Qualifications (“submissions”) on May 24, 2019. Submissions were received from the following Proposers, listed alphabetically:

1. Austin | Granite Joint Venture
2. Capital Express Partners
3. Colorado River Constructors
4. Great Hills Constructors
5. Lane-Flatiron Joint Venture

During the submission preparation phase a Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee was formed together with an Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee (ESRC) and Senior Advisory Committee (SAC). Training was conducted based on an Evaluation Manual which was provided to each committee member.

Each of the submissions received was reviewed for compliance with the Mobility Authority’s stated criteria, which included: team qualification and experience; approach to project development and delivery; inclusion of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises; assurance related to avoidance of conflict of interest; and financial qualifications.

All submissions received were initially reviewed by the Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee and, following acceptance, were then conveyed to ESRC members for individual review and scoring. A combined ESRC session was then convened to evaluate individual scoring and share reviewer comments. Individual scores were recorded and averages calculated.

ESRC average scoring was then presented to the SAC for review and application of confidential weighting of evaluation factors. The resultant ranking and short list recommendation was then presented to the Mobility Authority’s Executive Director.

Each committee followed strict protocol guidelines. The outcome of this process resulted in a recommendation that three Proposers be short-listed and receive the draft Request for Detailed Proposals (RFDP), which signifies the beginning of step two of the two stage procurement process.

### **Next Steps**

The draft RFDP will be issued in August 2019 to elicit input from the short-listed Proposers. Comments and feedback will be reviewed for incorporation in the Final RFDP which, pending Board authorization in the fall of 2019, is currently scheduled for issuance in November 2019. The board action requested at that time will be approval to obligate funds for payment for work product for the unsuccessful Proposers.

Proposers will then develop their understanding of project requirements through activities including preparation of preliminary designs, production of delivery plans and

schedules, and development of cost estimates culminating in preparation of a detailed proposal. The Mobility Authority will continue to coordinate with TxDOT, resource agencies, and the FHWA as required during this phase. Upon receipt of Proposals (anticipated March 2020) the Mobility Authority will undergo an evaluation process (similar to the evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications. A recommendation for award of a Design-Build contract will be brought to the Board for consideration upon completion of the evaluation, tentatively scheduled for May 2020.

**Financing** - There is no financial liability at this stage. Funding will ultimately be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds, Transport Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds, and reimbursement from TxDOT against costs incurred.

**Action Requested/Staff Recommendation** - Staff recommends that the Board short-list the attached proposers (to be provided at the meeting) to receive the draft RFDP for the 183 North Mobility Project.

Backup Provided:                      Draft resolution

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-0XX**

**APPROVING A SHORT-LIST OF PROPOSERS TO RECEIVE THE REQUEST FOR  
DETAILED PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP THE 183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the 183 North Mobility Project includes construction of two express lanes in each direction along a 9-mile stretch of US 183 between SH 45/RM 620 and MoPac, the addition of a fourth general purpose lane in each direction and connections from the 183 North Express Lanes to the MoPac Express Lanes, as well as new shared use path connections, new sidewalks, and cross-street connections for bicycles/pedestrians (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-023, dated April 26, 2017, the Board exercised its option as a local toll project entity to develop, finance, construct, and operate an approximately 8.0-mile section of managed lanes on U.S. 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, by Minute Order No. 115406, dated January 31, 2019, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the release of \$104.2 million in federal funding for the non-tolled portion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 370, Subchapter K, authorizes the Mobility Authority to use a design-build method to develop the Project; and

WHEREAS, Mobility Authority Policy Code Chapter 4, Article 20, Subchapter A implements applicable state law and establishes the process the Mobility Authority will use to solicit proposals for a design-build contract to develop the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2019, the Executive Director issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to solicit qualifications submittals from teams interested in pursuing the development of the Project through a design-build contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority received five (5) responses to the RFQ, each of which complied with and was responsive to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director formed a Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee, an Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee and a Senior Advisory Committee to evaluate the responses and to recommend a short-list of teams to participate in the detailed proposal phase of the design-build contract procurement process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the RFQ and Mobility Authority procurement policies, the Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee analyzed and scored each proposal using the criteria and procedure set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends to the Board that it approve the short-list of teams identified and recommended by the Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the short-list of teams recommended by the Executive Director, as identified and listed on Exhibit A hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its appreciation to all of the teams and members of the teams that submitted a response to the Request for Qualifications.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

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Nikelle Meade  
Vice Chair, Board of Directors

**Exhibit A**

**Short-List of Teams Qualified to Respond to the RFDP  
To Develop the 183 North Mobility Project**

***[TO BE PROVIDED AT BOARD MEETING]***