



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

September 11, 2019
AGENDA ITEM #12

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Project Development Agreement with TxDOT 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 (“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. Additionally, the Project will expand the existing US 183 to four non-tolled general-purpose lanes in each direction, construct a shared use path, and construct sidewalks along the frontage roads between SH 45 North/RM 620 and Loop 1. The project also includes the addition of a direct connector between the existing express lanes on MoPac and the proposed express lanes on US 183 as well as additional operational improvements south along MoPac. This Project will allow for improved commutes from north Austin and Williamson County to downtown Austin.

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 (FONSI) 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 Project.

On May 24, 2019, the Mobility Authority received five Statements of Qualification, from which the following three Proposers were short-listed:

1. Capital Express Partners
2. Colorado River Constructors
3. Great Hills Constructors

Draft Requests for Detailed Proposals (RFDP) documents were issued to these short-listed Proposers on August 9, 2019, consequent to Board approval on July 24, 2019.

In parallel with the above procurement process the Mobility Authority has been developing a draft Project Development Agreement (PDA) with TxDOT. Execution of a PDA with TxDOT is a requirement for implementation of the Project. This agreement establishes the respective obligations of the Mobility Authority and TxDOT for the financing, procurement, design, and construction of the Project.

Next Steps

Staff from the Mobility Authority and TxDOT will continue to develop the PDA to achieve agreement on a discrete number of currently unresolved issues. Both parties have committed to execute the PDA prior to issuing final RFDP documents in November 2019.

Financing – Funding for the tolled portion of the Project will be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds. The PDA will include terms for funding the non-tolled portion of the Project through reimbursement from TxDOT against costs incurred.

Action Requested/Staff Recommendation – Staff recommends that the Board Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Project Development Agreement with TxDOT, including terms for financing the non-tolled portion of 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

**AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-002, dated January 25, 2017, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors (the “Board”) authorized the Executive Director to proceed with further development of the 183 North Mobility 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 183 North Mobility Project (the “Mobility Authority Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, TxDOT has evaluated potential non-tolled project elements to be developed and constructed as part of the 183 North Mobility Project, including widening of US 183 as required to bring the total number of general-purpose lanes to four in each direction, construction of bicycle/pedestrian elements, and associated development costs (the “TxDOT Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, by Minute Order No. 115406, dated January 31, 2019, TxDOT authorized up to \$120 million in funding for the TxDOT Improvements, subject to the terms specified therein; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT are required to execute a project development agreement (“PDA”) governing the development of the 183 North Mobility Project; and

WHEREAS, the PDA negotiated by the Mobility Authority and TxDOT will govern the development, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the 183 North Mobility Project and TxDOT’s financial contribution to the TxDOT Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board authorize him, in consultation with the Board Chairman, to negotiate, finalize and execute a PDA with TxDOT for the 183 North Mobility Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director, in consultation with the Board Chairman, to negotiate, finalize and execute a project development agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 183 North Mobility Project on behalf of the Mobility Authority.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 11th day of September 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Bobby Jenkins
Chairman, Board of Directors