



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

February 26, 2020
AGENDA ITEM #2

Discuss and consider dedicating a portion of the
183A Phase II Project in honor of the service
provided by former Mobility Authority
Chairman Ray A. Wilkerson

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility
Department: Engineering
Contact: Justin Word, P.E., Director of Engineering
Associated Costs: TBD
Funding Source: Project Funds
Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

Summary:

Ray Wilkerson was appointed by the Governor as the Chairman of the Board in 2009 and in that time Mr. Wilkerson has dedicated countless hours and exercised exceptional leadership in taking the CTRMA from its early stages of a regional mobility authority to a multi-billion-dollar entity serving the needs and improving the lives of Central Texans as well as those throughout the entire State of Texas. The CTRMA has had numerous successful accomplishments under the leadership of the Board during Wilkerson's tenure. These include the opening of 183A Phase II in Williamson County, the first toll road in the state developed and operated by a regional mobility authority, the Manor Expressway (290 East) which provides an east-west connection between the emerging SH 130 corridor and Austin's downtown core as well as MoPac Express Lane, the first variable priced toll lane in Central Texas.

Under Mr. Wilkerson's leadership, the Mobility Authority has assisted in the development of billions of dollars of economic development throughout the Central Texas region, with the creation of new jobs and a substantial tax base to local government. The economic development resulting from the improved infrastructure provided by the Mobility Authority has made Central Texas a mecca for new industry and has resulted in our area being one of the most robust and fastest growing in the country. In addition to providing Central Texas with the added mobility of over 482 lane miles of roadway projects, Mr. Wilkerson has overseen a partnership with Capital

Metro that has grown ridership on Metro Express buses by 70%, and has further overseen the Mobility Authority's development of over 70 miles of bike lanes and pedestrian paths, all of which have greatly enhanced the quality of life for all Central Texans; and

This item provides for Board approval of a resolution that designates a portion of the 183A Phase II Project as the "Ray A. Wilkerson Freeway."

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0XX

**DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF 183A PHASE II ROADWAY AS
THE “RAY A. WILKERSON FREEWAY”**

WHEREAS, the CTRMA was created by Travis and Williamson counties in 2002 with a mission to implement innovative, multi-modal transportation solutions that enhance the quality of life and economic opportunity for all Central Texans; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA is overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors who volunteer their expertise and experience to fulfill the organization’s mission, with the Travis County and Williamson Counties Commissioners Courts each appointing three board members and the Governor appointing the Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Ray Wilkerson was appointed by the Governor as the Chairman of the Board in 2009 and over the ensuing decade Mr. Wilkerson has dedicated countless hours and exercised exceptional leadership in taking the CTRMA from its early stages of a regional mobility authority to a multi-billion-dollar entity serving the needs and improving the lives of Central Texans by providing new capacity and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA Board has had numerous successful accomplishments under the leadership of the Board during Wilkerson’s tenure, including the opening of 183A Phase II in Williamson County, the Manor Expressway (290 East), 45SW, the innovative MoPac Express Lanes, and the commencement of the \$750 million 183 South Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Mr. Wilkerson’s dedication to the Mobility Authority and essential contributions to improving mobility in Central Texas, the Board hereby officially designates a portion of the 183A Phase II roadway as the “Ray A. Wilkerson Freeway”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board would like to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Wilkerson for his ongoing dedication to public service which has greatly benefitted all the citizens of Central Texas.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26th day of February 2020.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors