



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL  
**MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

February 8, 2021  
**AGENDA ITEM #5**

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Discuss and consider awarding a contract to design and construct the 183 North Mobility Project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	Mike Sexton, P.E., Acting Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	Total Project Costs estimated at \$612 Million
Funding Source:	Toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) 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 and MoPac by adding two tolled express lanes in each direction in the median 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/RM 620 and MoPac. 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 and additional operational improvements along MoPac, including the option to add a collector-distributor road.

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

- 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”).
- 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.
- 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.

- February 6, 2020 - TxDOT approved an environmental reevaluation for the optional collector-distributor road along MoPac.

### **Procurement Timeline**

- 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. We subsequently received five statements of qualifications in response to the RFQ.
- May 24, 2019 - Received five Statement of Qualifications
- July 24, 2019 - the Mobility Authority evaluated the statements of qualifications and short-listed three Proposers to receive the draft Request for Detailed Proposals. The short-listed Proposers included:
  - Capital Express Partners
  - Colorado River Constructors
  - Great Hills Constructors
- November 20, 2019 - the Mobility Authority issued the Final Request for Detailed Proposals to the short-listed Proposers.
- August 18, 2020 - the Mobility Authority received Proposals from the three short-listed Proposers.

### **Evaluation Process**

The committees (listed below) each had a specific, defined role in the evaluation process. The committees were comprised of Mobility Authority staff, consultants, and external experts.

Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee and the Price Evaluation Committee - Each Proposal was reviewed for compliance by both the Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee and the Price Evaluation Committee (PEC).

Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee - The compliant proposals were provided to the Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee (ESRC) for their review and rating. A consensus rating session was held to discuss individual ratings and determine a consensus rating from this committee.

Senior Advisory Committee - The consensus ratings were then presented to the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) for review and concurrence. Once all SAC comments were addressed the SAC, ESRC, and PEC met to apply predetermined confidential weightings of the qualitative ratings and points to develop a technical

score, to reveal the price component, and to determine the price score of each individual Proposal. The technical score and price score were combined to determine the final total proposal score.

Each committee followed strict protocols and processes under oversight of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The resulting scores will be presented at the Board Meeting.

**Financing** -Funding to be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.

**Action requested** - Staff recommends that, conditioned on receiving concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT, the Board award the contract for design and construction of the 183 North Mobility Project to the Proposer with the highest final total proposal score. Staff also recommends that the Board authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and bring back to the Board a final Design-Build Contract for its approval.

Backup Provided:                      Draft Resolution

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-0XX**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT  
THE 183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-023, dated April 26, 2017, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors (Board) exercised its option as a local toll project entity to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183 North Mobility Project that includes construction of two express lanes in each direction along a 9-mile stretch of US 183 between SH 45/RM 620 and Mo Pac, 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, Subchapter K, Chapter 370, Transportation Code, authorizes the Mobility Authority to use a design-build method to develop the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and construction of the Project through a design-build agreement on March 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority received five (5) statements of qualifications in response to the RFQ which were analyzed and scored by an Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee using the criteria and procedures set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, following the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board approved a short-list of three (3) proposers to receive the Request for Detailed Proposals (RFDP) by Resolution 19-043 dated July 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-070, dated November 20, 2019, the Board authorized the issuance of the RFDP to the short-listed proposers; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority received proposals from all three short-listed proposers by the August 18, 2020 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director formed a Pass/Fail and Responsiveness Committee, a Price Evaluation Committee, an Evaluation and Selection Recommendation Committee and a Senior Advisory Committee to evaluate the responses and to recommend a proposer for the award of a contract to design and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the RFDP and Mobility Authority procurement policies, the various evaluation committees analyzed and scored each proposal using the criteria and procedures set forth in the RFDP; and

WHEREAS, based on the scores developed by the various evaluation committees, the Interim Executive Director recommends awarding a design-build contract for the 183 North Mobility Project to Great Hills Constructors, a joint venture between Archer Western Construction LLC and Sundt Construction, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards a contract to design and construct the 183 North Mobility Project to Great Hills Constructors, a joint venture between Archer Western Construction LLC and Sundt Construction, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contingent upon receiving concurrence in the award of the contract to Great Hills Constructors from the Federal Highway Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation, the Board authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate the design-build contract awarded to Great Hills Constructors on behalf of the Mobility Authority consistent with the proposal submitted by Great Hills Constructors, the Mobility Authority's procurement policies, and as the Executive Director further determines is in the best interest of the Mobility Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once an agreement with Great Hills Constructors has been reached, the Board directs the Interim Executive Director to present the proposed design-build contract to the Board for its approval.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

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