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In the Spotlight

2010 Mobility Authority Annual Report Now Available



The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority's 2010 Annual Report is now available online. The report, "Back to Work," was written and designed by the

Mobility Authority's staff and contains information about the agency, its projects and finances. It also includes personal profiles and interviews with individuals from various companies working on Mobility Authority projects.

Print copies of the Annual Report are also available at the Mobility Authority offices at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 650.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Mobility Authority Launches New Website

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority invites you to visit our new website, www.MobilityAuthority.com. Here you can find information about the Mobility Authority, our various projects and initiatives, doing business with us and helpful information for Central Texas drivers.

Construction Updates

Information about construction activities and lane closures on the 183A Extension and Manor Expressway projects can be found online or by calling our project hotlines.

MoPac Improvement Project

Progress Continues on MoPac Corridor Study

Since two rounds of public open house meetings concluded in October and December, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT have continued to make progress on the MoPac Improvement Project. Study and evaluation has continued on [four "build" alternatives and one "no build" alternative](#) for the corridor.



Ultimately, these options will be narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional public input and an analysis of the possible effects on the environment, historic properties and neighborhoods, implementation ability, right-of-way impacts and other factors. The preferred alternative will be presented to the public for review and comment in Spring 2012.

Meanwhile, outreach efforts to neighborhoods and other community stakeholders continue. A Context Sensitive Design (CSD) process is underway to shape the design of the various aesthetic features of the project. The CSD process is building on efforts completed by an aesthetics committee in 2007 and will result in the development of guidelines for items such as sound walls, bridge structures, retaining walls and landscaping. Original aesthetic committee members and other representatives from the corridor are participating in the renewed CSD effort. Additionally, meetings with neighborhood residents regarding noise mitigation and the location of sound walls will begin this summer. An open house meeting will be held on May 26, 2011 to provide updated information on various aspects of the study:

WHEN: Thursday, May 26, 2011 from 4pm - 8pm

WHERE: Gullett Elementary School, Cafeteria (6310 Treadwell Blvd. 78757)

For more information about the MoPac Improvement Project, visit www.MoPacExpress.com.

183A News

Construction Continues on 183A Extension

The Mobility Authority continues to make progress on construction of the five-mile, 183A northern extension in Williamson County. After placing bridge deck panels in January and February, concrete





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pavement is now being placed at the 183A mainlane bridges over New Hope Drive.

Construction of the new 183A mainlanes has required the temporary closure of the Scottsdale Drive crossover. Residents can still access the Block House Creek neighborhood entrance at Scottsdale Drive from the southbound 183A frontage road. Closure of the Scottsdale Drive crossover should last approximately 4 months. For more information, including a map detailing alternate routes, visit www.183A.com.

183A Shared Use Path and South Brushy Creek Pedestrian Bridge

Construction of the 183A shared use path that runs from South Brushy Creek to FM 1431 continues, and the path is scheduled to open this summer. Design work is also underway on a bridge across South Brushy Creek that will link the 183A path with the existing Brushy Creek Regional Trail. Bridge construction is expected to begin in spring 2012.

Manor Expressway News

Mobility Authority Moving Forward with Plans to Complete Manor Expressway

Construction continues on the Manor Expressway interchange at US 183. Activities over the past month included setting beams, forming bridge decks and bridge foundation work. Concrete paving operations are also underway.



Design/Build Contractor Selected

In February, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority selected Central Texas Mobility Constructors to complete the remainder of the 6.2-mile Manor Expressway project. Central Texas Mobility Constructors is a joint venture team consisting of Webber LLC, Texas Sterling Construction Company, Michael Baker Jr., Inc. and Bridgefarmer & Associates, Inc. The team submitted a best value bid of \$207 million - well below the engineer's original estimate of more than \$300 million. The team was one of four shortlisted firms that submitted proposals. The Mobility Authority is now working to secure financing for the project. Construction is expected to be underway on the remainder of the project by summer 2011. The first 1.4-mile segment of the Manor Expressway is expected to open next year.

Visit www.ManorExpressway.com for more information about the project.

"Y" at Oak Hill Update

Improvements to the "Y" at Oak Hill Coming Soon

On March 3rd, the City of Austin, Travis County, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced a \$5.5 million short-term

initiative to improve traffic near the US 290 and SH 71 intersection, also known as the, "Y at Oak Hill."

In the near-term, TxDOT will implement a continuous flow intersection at the "Y", which will change how drivers make left turns. Other intersection improvements include the addition of dual turning lanes at FM 1826 and Convict Hill Road, adjusting traffic signal timing and installing median U-turns. Construction of these intersection improvements is expected to occur in 2012.

In the meantime, TxDOT and the Mobility Authority are preparing to kick-off an environmental study this summer to determine a long-term solution to the traffic problems in the corridor.

HERO Program Update

HEROs to the Rescue on I-35

A free I-35 roadside assistance program called HERO (Highway Emergency Response Operator) is already making a difference for Central Texas Drivers. Since its launch in September 2010, HERO has provided assistance in more than 3,000 incidents. Feedback received from those assisted has been overwhelmingly positive.

HERO trucks patrol I-35 in Central Texas on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Central Texas drivers are encouraged to call 974-HERO to request assistance if a HERO truck or other emergency response vehicle isn't already on the scene.

Mobility Authority News

Mobility Authority Chairman Reappointed to Second Term



Governor Rick Perry announced in February that Mobility Authority Board Chairman Ray A. Wilkerson has been appointed to serve a second two-year term. Wilkerson, a Travis County resident, was first appointed to the Mobility Authority Board in June 2009. During his first two years of service, Wilkerson and the Mobility Authority broke ground on the 183A Extension project, the Manor Expressway project and fast-tracked development of the MoPac Improvement

Project.

"Chairman Wilkerson has devoted an incredible amount of time to supporting our efforts to bring greater mobility, economic vitality and an improved quality of life to the people of Central Texas," says Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director of the Mobility Authority. "We are privileged to work with Chairman Wilkerson, and we are thrilled he will be sharing his expertise with our organization for another two years."

Click [here](#) to learn more about Chairman Wilkerson.

Toll Operations Expert and Seasoned Government Accountant Join Mobility Authority Staff

Experienced toll industry veteran Tim Reilly has joined the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority as Director of Operations. Reilly, a 35-year toll industry veteran, will be responsible for overseeing procurement, design, implementation,

operation and maintenance of toll collection systems on all of the Mobility Authority's projects including 183A and the Manor Expressway. Reilly will also be responsible for overseeing the Mobility Authority's Pay By Mail video billing program and violation enforcement process.

Prior to joining the Mobility Authority, Reilly worked for engineering firm PBS&J, where he supported development and toll collection for the Central Texas Turnpike System and deployment of TxTag. He also served as Program Director for the North Texas Tollway Authority's all-electronic toll collection system conversion program.

Former Round Rock Assistant City Manager Cindy Demers has been brought on as Controller to assist the Mobility Authority's financial department with budgeting, accounting, procurement and compliance. Demers will also work with General Counsel and other agency leaders to oversee contract management.

Before accepting the position of Controller, Demers was appointed Round Rock Assistant City Manager in October 2008. Demers had worked for the City since 1992, holding positions as Accountant, Accounting Manager and Finance Director. Ms. Demers holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Masters of Business Administration from St. Edward's University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

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