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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 projects hotlines.



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MoPac Improvement Project Update

MoPac Express Lane Construction on Track for 2013

A proposal to improve MoPac by adding one express lane in each direction between



downtown Austin and Parmer Lane could be under construction by 2013 thanks in part to recent action by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board.

On June 11, 2012 the CAMPO Board agreed to allocate \$130 million to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to help pay for construction of the \$200 million MoPac Improvement Project. In turn, the Mobility Authority will, over a 25-year period, deposit \$230 million into a Regional Infrastructure Fund, which can be used to fund other critical tolled and non-tolled transportation projects in Central Texas, such as improvements to Interstate 35.



The CAMPO funding will allow the Mobility Authority to expedite design and construction of the project. In addition, the region will save more than \$300 million in bond payments that would have otherwise gone to private investors. Click [here](#) for more details.

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Meanwhile, the MoPac Improvement Project team is close to wrapping up the environmental study for the project. On May 23, 2012, more than 150 people attended the final public hearing for the project. The team received more than 350 comments from the public and has been reviewing those comments and addressing the issues that were raised. The final Environmental Assessment has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, which is expected to issue a decision regarding the project late this summer. For more information visit: www.MoPacExpress.com

183A Update

183A Extension Attracting Nearly 16,000 Drivers Each Day

Central Texas drivers have embraced the extension of 183A, which opened in early April. The 5-mile-long extension extends from RR 1431 (Whitestone Boulevard) to north of RR 2243. For the week that ended June 11, 2012 an average of 15,906 vehicles passed the Crystal Falls Main Plaza, which is on the extension. The plaza is supposed to average 17,257 transactions each weekday by the end of calendar year 2012 and is on track to meet or exceed those projections.

183A Shared Use Path Extension Set to Open in Fall 2012

The 183A Shared Use Path will become part of an extensive regional trail network this fall with the opening of a bridge over South Brushy Creek and the completion of a 5-mile extension. The bridge will link the 183A Shared Use Path with Williamson County's 7-mile Brushy Creek Trail. At the same time, the 5-mile extension of the 183A path from RR 1431 to Hero Way in Leander will make the 183A Shared Use Path nearly 8-miles long. Eventually, the Mobility Authority would like to extend the trail to the Cap Metro Transit Station in Leander and north

to the San Gabriel River.

Manor Expressway Update

First Phase of Manor Expressway Set to Open by End of 2012



Work on the 6.2-mile Manor Expressway is moving at a rapid pace. In late June, construction crews opened the new eastbound lanes of US 290 and began tearing out

sections of the old highway to make room for the new Manor Expressway. The first 1.4-mile stretch of the project from Chimney Hill Drive to US 183 is expected to open by the end of this year. The first phase includes flyover ramps that will link the Manor Expressway directly to US 183. Work on the second phase is also humming along with a significant amount of bridge work underway in the vicinity of SH 130. Phase Two, which extends from Chimney Hill Drive to east of Parmer Lane, is slated for completion in early 2014.

Mobility Authority Update

Mobility Authority Board Sets Course for the Future with 2012 Strategic Plan

The Mobility Authority Board recently approved a new Strategic Plan with core values that include integrity, accountability, credibility and innovation. In adopting those core values, the Board established an expectation that the agency and its staff will operate in an honest, transparent, responsible, collaborative, fair and visionary way. Under the plan, the staff is directed to pursue projects and programs that support regional mobility and economic vitality in a sustainable and innovative way. A number of goals and objectives are outlined in the plan; click [here](#) to learn more about the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

Mobility Authority Wins International Award for Social Responsibility

The Mobility Authority's Green Mobility Initiative has been named the 2012 winner of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association's Social Responsibility Award. The [Green Initiative](#) program rewards construction contractors for taking steps to reduce their impact on the environment. Contractors are awarded points based on their implementation of a long list of sustainable practices such as the use of recycled materials. In addition, as part of the Green Initiative, the Mobility Authority hosts special events such as the [Green Mobility Challenge](#), a competition aimed at identifying best practices for implementing projects, especially those in environmentally sensitive areas such as southwest Travis County.

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