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Mobility Authority Opens 183A Northern Extension

(Leander, Texas) –Drivers are getting their first chance to travel the new 183A Northern Extension in Leander. The \$105 million expressway opened to traffic on Friday, April 6, 2012 following a Grand Opening ceremony featuring Congressman John R. Carter (R-Texas).

The highlight of the event was the breaking of a ceremonial banner featuring a Capital Metro Express Bus. Capital Metro Express Buses will use the 183A extension at no cost and will be able to zip commuters in and out of the region quicker than ever thanks to the new extension. A number of project supporters who attended the ceremony spoke about the mobility benefits and economic opportunity the 183A extension will bring. They included Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long, Leander Mayor John Cowman, Mobility Authority Chairman Ray Wilkerson and Texas Department of Transportation Chief Planning and Projects Officer Russell Zapalac.

“The 183A Northern Extension project is a great example of how our region's investment in toll roads is paying big dividends, both in terms of mobility and investment in our community,” said Ray Wilkerson, Mobility Authority Chairman. “This project has been a major catalyst for development in the area. Given the difficult economic times we’ve just been through, the prospect of growth along 183A is exciting.”

The 5-mile 183A Extension was built more than seven years ahead of schedule after traffic exceeded original projections. The extension project is a tolled, limited-access expressway with three lanes in each direction. It was constructed in the median of the existing frontage roads from FM 1431 in Cedar Park to north of RM 2243 in Leander. The frontage roads will remain non-tolled.

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“People need greater mobility, and we’re working hard to make sure they get it,” said Congressman John R. Carter. “By reducing federal red tape and empowering local communities to take part in how their federal transportation funds are allocated, we’re letting local communities take charge of their own destinies. The 183A Northern Extension is an impressive example of this model.”

The 183A extension was built in conjunction with a number of other regional roadway projects such as Hero Way and the San Gabriel Parkway. The Mobility Authority helped fund portions of those roadways.

“The 183A extension will do an incredible job of getting people in and out of Cedar Park and Leander in coming decades,” said Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long. “But it won’t be of much value if you get stuck in traffic just trying to get to 183A. That’s why I’ve worked with Cedar Park and Leander to secure funding to improve the existing roads that intersect 183A. These new and improved roads together with 183A will help make Williamson County an even greater place to live, work and prosper.”

As part of the opening of the 183A Northern Extension, toll rates are being adjusted along the entire 183A corridor. TxTag customers will pay \$2.80 to drive the entire length of 183A from Lakeline Boulevard to north of RM 2243. The toll rate for TxTag customers using the original portion of 183A, from RM 620 to New Hope Road will decrease from \$2.00 to \$1.85.

Specifically, TxTag rates at the Park Street Main Plaza will decrease from \$1.55 to \$1.35. Rates at the Lakeline Mainline Plaza will increase from \$0.45 to \$0.50 and rates at the Brushy Creek Ramps will increase from \$.45 to \$0.54. In addition, multi-axle toll rates are being reinstated at the Brushy Creek Ramps and a special program for four axle vehicles is being eliminated.

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183A Toll Rates		
	TxTag	Pay By Mail
Crystal Falls Parkway Ramps (NEW)	\$0.36	\$0.48
Crystal Falls Mainline Plaza (NEW)	\$0.95	\$1.27
Scottsdale Drive Ramp (NEW)	\$0.54	\$0.72
Park Street Mainline Plaza	\$1.35	\$1.80
Brushy Creek Ramps	\$0.54	\$0.72
Lakeline Mainline Plaza	\$0.50	\$0.67

For more information about the 183A Northern Extension, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.

About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created to improve the regional transportation system. Our mission is to implement innovative solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. The Mobility Authority is the state's first Regional Mobility Authority, created in November 2002 to serve Travis and Williamson counties. The Mobility Authority currently operates the 183A toll road in Williamson County and is currently working to extend the 183A project and construct the US 290 East (Manor Expressway) project.