



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #16 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Update.
Presentation of Executive Director's Report.

Department: Administrative

Associated Costs: None

Funding Source: None

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

The Executive Director's Report is attached for review and reference and includes the following:

- A. Budget process for FY 2012-2013 annual budget.
- B. Update on financing discussions at the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO).

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 25, 2012

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac Improvement Project
Satisfactory for Further Processing



Manor Expressway Phase I Opening

ADMINISTRATION

SDIC PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

TRAINING

The Mobility Authority is hosting a Systematic Development of Informed Consent (SDIC) training session May 3rd and 4th. SDIC is an approach to Public Involvement created by Hans and Anne-Marie Bleiker and practiced by the Mobility Authority and other agencies in the area. Professionals use the tools taught in their courses in public sector problem solving and decision making. Please let us know as soon as you can if you are interested in attending on either day. We'll be using improvements to the intersection of US 290W/SH 71W (Y at Oak Hill) Project as the subject of our work session.

Event Details:

Systematic Development of Informed Consent
Workshop

Location: Hilton - 500 East 4th Street

SDIC Executive Overview:

May 3rd

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

SDIC Project Work Session:

May 3rd

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

May 4th

8:00 - 1:00 pm

CAMPO

The CAMPO Transportation Policy Board appointed their Executive Committee to work with us on a financial agreement for

the \$136 million in TxDOT funds that have been allocated to our region. The Executive Committee's first meeting to discuss the agreement was held on April 23rd. The final agreement will require approval of the full CAMPO Board and the Mobility Authority Board.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

US 183 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Significant progress on the interchange project occurred in the month of March. Construction efforts focused on the westbound US 290 to northbound US 183 direct connector. Pavement reconstruction on the westbound US 290 mainlanes and entrance ramp also took place as well as concrete paving for the bridge approaches. Retaining wall and toll gantry construction continues. Steel girders for the US 183 north to US 290 east direct connector were set. The US 183 southbound to US 290 eastbound toll plaza concrete paving and gantry columns are complete, and the overhead sign truss is installed. The traffic switch for the final phase of construction is anticipated to occur in late April. All issues related to the column elevations have been completed, 85% of the concrete bridge beams have been placed and 60% of the bridge decks have been poured.

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to focus on completing project

design activities. Staff has reviewed and approved a majority of the project's construction plans. Construction crews have been focused on completing the eastbound frontage road, so traffic can be switched and construction of the eastbound mainlanes can be completed. The traffic switch is anticipated to occur this summer. Subsequent traffic switches to support the construction of the westbound mainlanes and frontage road will be required in the future.

Significant progress has been made on earthwork, bridge structures and drainage structure installation. Construction on retaining walls and the eastbound frontage road pavement section has also begun.

In anticipation of opening the section between US 183 and Giles Road in conjunction with the interchange project this fall, construction activities have continued at night and on the weekends. The public involvement team continues to work with neighbors along Walnut Creek to address concerns about water flow during major rain events. The team also continues to reach out to the Rosemont at Hidden Creek apartment complex, which has been impacted by noise from nighttime work.

MO-PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

On April 12th, the Federal Highway Administration deemed the draft environmental assessment "satisfactory for further processing" (SFP). This allows the draft study to be available to the public for review and comment. As part of that public review process, a Public Hearing has been scheduled for May 23rd at O. Henry Middle School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The project is still on schedule to receive environmental clearance in August 2012. In anticipation of moving forward with a design-build procurement, a Request for Qualifications was developed and issued on April 13th. Responses are due to the Mobility Authority by 4:00 p.m. on May 14th.

183A EXTENSION

CONSTRUCTION

On April 6th, the five mile extension project opened to traffic following a Grand Opening Celebration featuring Congressman John Carter. With over 150 guests in attendance, the highlight of the event was the breaking of a ceremonial banner featuring a Capital Metro Bus. Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long, Leander Mayor John Cowman, Chairman Ray Wilkerson and TxDOT Chief Planning and Projects Officer Russell Zapalac all gave remarks to the crowd at the event.

Construction of the 183A Northern Extension is 93% complete. Webber continues to work at the San Gabriel Parkway intersection and the north to south turn around at RM 2243. Additional activities include landscaping, painting and completing the shared use path. Final completion is anticipated this summer.

PHOTOS FROM THE 183A NORTHERN EXTENSION GRAND OPENING:

