



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #17 SUMMARY

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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.

A. Project Status Updates.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 30, 2013

Mike Heiligenstein – Executive Director

## MoPac Improvement Project

- The MoPac Improvement Project remains on schedule.
- Executive Level Partnering Meeting was held Oct. 9.



- The Design/Builder continues to work on final design and submitted the first Final (100%) Design Package for Segment 2B this month.
- Construction agreements for work on or around UPRR, Capital Metro, and various utilities are underway.
- The mobile app launched for iPhones this month.
- “A Better MoPac is Just Around the Corner” was an advertising wrap around the *Austin American Statesman* on Oct 27.
- “Meet the Contractor” Open House will be held on Nov. 12.
- CH2M Hill is readying resources for full construction launch this December.

## MoPac South and MoPac Intersection Environmental Studies

Jacobs continues environmental assessment preparation, primarily data collection and public involvement activities, as well as schematic efforts. There are ongoing environmental submittals to TxDOT. Ongoing coordination is occurring between the teams of MoPac South, 183 North, SH 45SW, and Oakhill Parkway, regarding approach to traffic modeling and agency coordination. Stakeholder outreach continues in advance of public events this fall. A Store Front “Meet and Greet” Event for the Intersections Study was held on Oct. 24, and was attended by over 150 citizens. An Open House for the MoPac South Environmental Study will be held Nov. 7th at Bowie High School.

## US 183 North Mobility Study

CP&Y continues EA preparation, primarily data collection and public involvement activities, as well as schematic efforts. Stakeholder outreach launches this fall/winter. The first Open House will be held in January 2014.

- Groundbreaking Ceremony occurred on Oct 18, featuring Chairman Ray Wilkerson, Chairman Ted Houghton with the Texas Transportation Commission, Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe and Chairman Will Conley of the CAMPO Policy Board.



## SH 45 SW Environmental Study



The first Open House was held on October 7 at Bailey Middle School. Over 240 citizens attended, including Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty. A Virtual Open House launched concurrently on the project website. The next Open House is anticipated in January.

## Manor Expressway Phase II Project

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) has been focused on completion of the frontage roads and intersections. The majority of the frontage road work has been completed; however, CTMC will continue to focus on the remaining frontage road elements still outstanding. One of these outstanding items is the final asphalt surface course. CTMC will continue to place the final asphalt placement on the frontage roads and intersections. Nighttime lane closures will continue for this activity. The Giles Road/Johnny Morris Road intersection remains closed to northbound and southbound traffic. Due to inclement weather over the past month, the re-opening of this intersection is now scheduled for the end of October.

CTMC's construction focus has started shifting to main lane construction. Concrete pavement has been completed on the main lanes from the western project limits to the Giles Road/Johnny Morris Road intersection. Main lane concrete pavement has been completed through the SH 130 interchange. CTMC will continue to progress the main lane concrete paving over the next few months.

## US 183 Bergstrom Expressway Project

Public involvement activities continue and the team has completed the second round of stakeholder and public outreach meetings. The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with the Environmental activities and completed the second Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Open House on Oct. 10th, at Southwest Key. The CSS presentation of final results and the Public Hearing are scheduled for mid 2014.

The team continues to coordinate with TxDOT, FHWA and other agencies in support of the schematic development, utility coordination and advanced funding agreements. As part of the advanced funding agreement, we are looking to expedite the relocation of utilities that have the potential to impact the construction schedule. The results of the latest design led to a significant cost savings to the project in the range of \$50 to \$75M, and the team continues to work to establish the best project financing and delivery approach.

## US 290W/SH 71W Oak Hill Parkway Project

Being in the preliminary stages of the environmental documentation process, the team continues outreach to the affected neighborhoods, property owners and business owners to get their input on the concepts brought forth to date. Refinements have been made to many of the concepts based on this valuable feedback.

On September 30, a Design and Evaluation Workshop was held at Covington Middle School to introduce three new concepts (Concept F established in collaboration with Fix 290, TMS (Transportation Systems Management) and TDM (Transportation Demand Management) and to seek comments on all of the concepts developed to date. Attendees were allowed to participate in an instant feedback survey concerning the new concepts.

The second Open House was held on Oct. 22 at Covington Middle School. The preliminary screening criteria that will be used to narrow the concepts were also introduced at this public meeting for comment. We will continue outreach efforts through the end of the year as we refine and begin to narrow the alternatives for more detailed analysis.