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Mobility Authority Board of Directors Welcomes New Travis County Appointee Ben Thompson

(Austin, Texas)— The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) Board of Directors has received a new member, Ben Thompson, appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court at its July 25 meeting.

Thompson is an environmental attorney and community advocate, and currently working on several private wildlife conservation projects throughout the State. Other than attending school, he has spent his entire life and career in South Austin.

“It is especially important that our board membership reflects the communities we serve,” said Bobby Jenkins, chairman of the Mobility Authority Board of Directors. “We welcome Ben to the board and look forward to benefiting from his expertise and perspective.”

Thompson was welcomed to his first Mobility Authority Board of Directors’ meeting on August 16.

“I feel fortunate to be able to serve my community and the Mobility Authority in this new role,” said Thompson. “I look forward to working with my fellow board members to address our region’s greatest mobility challenges.”

Thompson fills the open position left by, and will complete the term of, former Travis County-appointed Board member Jay Blazek Crossley who stepped down to pursue other opportunities. The position had been filled on an interim basis by John Langmore.

Previously, Thompson worked as a staff attorney at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, where he prosecuted administrative, civil, and criminal enforcement cases. He is particularly focused on preservation and enhancement of coastal wetlands and the delicate desert ecosystems of the Trans-Pecos region of west Texas. Closer to home, he serves as president of the Armadillo Park Neighborhood Association, and has been a leader in the local environmental and conservation community.

Thompson received his Bachelor’s Degree from Southwestern University and Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Montana Law School. An avid outdoor enthusiast, his dedication to environmental conservation grew from a lifelong love of hunting, fly fishing, and experiencing the wonder and awe of the natural world.

The Mobility Authority Board of Directors is comprised of seven local community volunteers who are responsible for setting policies, identifying priority projects, and ensuring the agency is operated in an efficient and effective manner. Board members are active members of the community who are appointed to serve two-year terms and are not compensated for their service. The governor appoints

the chairman, and the Commissioners Courts for both Travis and Williamson counties each appoint three members to serve on the Board.

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About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to develop, deliver, operate and maintain high-quality roadways and related transportation solutions. The Mobility Authority operates 183A Toll, 290 Toll, the 71 Toll Lane, the MoPac Express Lane, the 45SW Toll Road, and the 183 Toll Road. The agency is also constructing the Barton Skyway Ramp Relief, 183A Phase III, 183 North Mobility Projects. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.