

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
9:00 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Mobility Authority's Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr. Board Room at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849. Notice of the meeting was posted January 23, 2015 at the respective County Courthouses of Williamson and Travis Counties; online on the website of the Secretary of State; online on the website of the Mobility Authority; and in the Mobility Authority's office lobby at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849.

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman Ray Wilkerson.**

After noting that a quorum of the Board was present, Chairman Ray Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Directors present at the time the meeting was called to order were Mr. Jim Mills, Ms. Nikelle Meade, Mr. David Singleton, Mr. Bob Bennett, Mr. David Armbrust, and Mr. Charles Heimsath.

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment.**

No public comments were given.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented Items 3 through 8 for Board consideration as the consent agenda:

- 3. Approve a supplement to the work authorization with HNTB Corporation for the development of the 183A/US 183 Intersection Project.**
- 4. Approve a supplement to the work authorization with HNTB Corporation for the development of the SH 45 SW Project.**
- 5. Approve an extension of the work authorization with HNTB Corporation for oversight of the US 183 North Project.**
- 6. Approve an extension of the work authorization with HNTB Corporation for oversight of the MoPac Improvement Project.**
- 7. Approve an extension of the work authorization with HNTB Corporation for oversight of the Value Pricing Pilot Project Program.**
- 8. Approve an extension of the agreement with Crosswind Communications, LLC, for communication, public outreach, public involvement, and marketing services and advice.**

Mr. David Singleton moved for approval of the consent agenda, and Mr. Bob Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolutions for Items 3 through 8 passed on the consent agenda were approved as drafted.

**9. Approve the minutes for the December 17, 2014, Regular Board Meeting.**

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented for Board consideration the minutes for the December 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. David Singleton moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Ms. Nikelle Meade seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the minutes were approved as drafted.

**10. Approve the financial statements for December 2014.**

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. There was nothing unusual to report on the December 2014 financial statements.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved for approval, and Mr. Jim Mills seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

**11. Authorize an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for a State Infrastructure Bank loan and a toll equity grant for the Bergstrom Expressway Project.**

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. This resolution will authorize the Executive Director to prepare and submit the appropriate applications to the Texas Department of Transportation for a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank and a toll equity grant to fund the development and construction of the Bergstrom Expressway Project.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Mr. David Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

**12. Authorize an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for a toll equity grant and gap loan for the SH 45 SW Project.**

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. This resolution will authorize the Executive Director to prepare and submit the appropriate applications to the Texas Department of Transportation for a toll equity grant and a gap loan to fund development and construction of the SH 454 SW Project.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Mr. David Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

**13. Authorize a procurement for independent auditing services.**

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. The resolution authorizes procurement of independent auditing services by issuance of a request for qualifications from auditing firms. After reviewing and analyzing the responses to the RFQ, staff will make a recommendation to the Board for board action to award a contract for auditing services.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved for approval, and Mr. Bob Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

**14. Report on legislative issues and possible action to revise the Mobility Authority legislative program for the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.**

Mr. Andy Martin and Mr. Brian Cassidy presented this item. Bills have been introduced to make mandatory the program to provide free tolls to disabled and certain other veterans and to expand eligibility for those free tolls to include all vehicles issued military-related license plates.

Mr. Cassidy reported that Lieutenant Governor Patrick has reappointed Robert Nichols as Senate Chair of Transportation and named the members of the Senate Transportation Committee. The Speaker of the House has not yet appointed House committees.

The Board took no action on this item.

**15. Approve an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for construction of improvements at the intersection of SH 71 and the Maha Loop/Elroy Road Project.**

Mr. Wes Burford presented this item. The advance funding agreement is an instrument to allow the Mobility Authority's contractor permission to work inside the Texas Department of Transportation's right of way on SH 71 for construction of turn lanes and traffic signal work.

Mr. Bob Bennett moved for approval, and Mr. David Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

**Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551**

Chairman Wilkerson announced in open session at 9:17 a.m. that the Board would recess the open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session to deliberate the following items:

**18. Discuss legal issues relating to procurement and financing of Mobility Authority transportation projects, as authorized by §551.071 (Consultation With Attorney).**

**19. Discuss legal issues related to claims by or against the Mobility Authority, pending or contemplated litigation and any related settlement offers; or other matters as authorized by §551.071 (Consultation With Attorney).**

**20. Discuss legal issues related to legislation proposed to the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature that could affect the Mobility Authority or its operations, as authorized by §551.071 (Consultation With Attorney).**

The Board reconvened in open meeting at 9:57 a.m., and Chairman Wilkerson announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**Briefing and discussion on the following:**

**16. Quarterly update on each Mobility Authority transportation project under construction and development.**

The MoPac Improvement Project update was presented by Paul Petrich, Project Manager for Oversight with HNTB Corporation. The permitting process with utilities and railroads continues. There have been recent updates with Union Pacific regarding agreements including construction and maintenance agreements and the Project team is still waiting on the right of entry agreements in order to be on their property doing work. The 42" waterline final plans are being approved by the City of Austin. The Project team is waiting on a site permit that is required before any work can begin. The Project requires easement negotiation because it crosses Camp Mabry as well as Westminster Manor. The City of Austin is working on obtaining the easements. The Project team is monitoring and coordinating with them on easement acquisitions.

The Project team received a revised schedule from the design build contractor in early January. There is a change in the critical path on the project. Segment 3 from 2222 to Enfield which encompasses the waterline is now on the critical path. There are opportunities for acceleration of work by considering seasonal rainout dates. All activities in segments 1, 2, and 4 are shown to be finishing in early fall 2015.

Change orders are expected and are currently being negotiated with the design build contractor. The overall impact of the change orders that will impact the substantial completion date will be brought before the Board as soon as they are negotiated.

Mr. Armbrust suggested the Board call a special meeting if needed to discuss the change orders. Mr. Wilkerson suggested making sure the public is aware of all change orders and major enhancements to the Project and why the Mobility Authority is doing the enhancements.

Dan Reynolds, Interim Project Manager for the project and Senior Vice President with CH2M Hill, addressed the Board regarding the project and discussed their actions and plans. Bridge construction, pavement construction, retaining wall construction and sound wall installation have all begun and more work is expected with good weather forecasted. Undercrossing work is planned for the first week in March as soon as jack and bore operations are completed. Large guide signs from storage have been brought in and installed along the corridor. Getting out ahead of utility relocations has been the number one focus. The Project team hired utility relocation companies in order to get out ahead.

Mr. Heimsath asked about mass transit in the region and express buses in the managed lanes on MoPac and diamond lanes on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Mario Espinoza, Deputy Executive Director, responded that the Mobility Authority has been meeting with the City of Austin and Capital Metro throughout this project and would continue to discuss transit issues with them.

The final bridge deck and approach slab was poured on South Tributary Bridge for the Maha Loop Project. All matting and seeding has been completed on the west ditch line. The first course of pavement has been completed and the final course of pavement is scheduled in mid-February. The project is on schedule for an early spring 2015 opening.

Installation of portable concrete traffic barriers were put in place for the US 183/183A intersection project. Road widening for deceleration lane to Bryson Ridge Trial Roadway occurred as well as driveway culvert installation.

The 183 North Project has its next technical working group scheduled for February 24, 2015, and the next open house is March 5, 2015.

The MoPac South Project has an open house scheduled for February 26, 2015.

The MoPac Intersections study was elevated from a categorical exclusion to an environmental assessment and the funding agreement with TxDOT to accommodate increased efforts has been executed. Release of the draft environmental assessment and public hearing is planned for spring 2015.

The final environmental impact statement for SH 45 SW was released on January 23, 2015. The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will vote on a revised consent decree with TxDOT on February 12, 2015. The project's record of decision is anticipated in February 2015.

There was a public hearing held on November 19, 2014 for the Bergstrom Expressway Project. The final environmental assessment was released on January 9, 2015. A record of decision is anticipated in February 2015.

A technical working group met on December 3, 2014 for the Oak Hill Parkway, and an open house was held on January 20, 2015.

The groundbreaking ceremony for SH 71 was held on January 27, 2015. Dan Freeman of Atkins was introduced as the project manager.

## **17. Executive Director's report.**

Director Heiligenstein presented this item and discussed an infographic of Mobility Authority projects and funding. He also reported that the Mobility Authority is researching its participation in the Austin Community College industry scholarship fund.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. with unanimous consent.

Approved 01/25/2015