



August 27, 2025
AGENDA ITEM #6

Amend Mobility Authority Policy Code
Section 301.004 to add eligibility for
disabled peace officers under the
Mobility Authority's toll discount
program

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Stewardship
Department:	Operations
Contact:	Tracie Brown, Director of Operations
Associated Costs:	Not Applicable
Funding Source:	Not Applicable
Action Requested:	Consider and act on draft resolution

Project Description/Background: Senate Bill 2001, adopted during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, amended Section 372.053 of the Texas Transportation Code to require a toll project entity which has established a discount program for electronic toll collection customers to provide free or discounted use of the entity's toll projects to vehicles registered to peace officers disabled because of an injury suffered during the course and scope of the person's employment as a peace officer. This change in law is effective September 1, 2025.

Current Action: To codify the legislative changes described above, staff proposes amending Section 301.004 to the Mobility Authority's Policy Code. The specific changes are outlined below in red:

- (d) *Disabled Peace Officers and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart awards as well as Disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the Qualified Toll-Discount Program to be exempt from paying a toll to use the authority's non variable rate toll facilities. Participation is limited to no more than two vehicles per qualified veteran-participant, the designated primary plate and an additional plate upon demonstration of a hardship as determined by the Executive Director. All qualified participants must be registered with the authority. To qualify, the vehicle must be registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; the vehicle*

must have a qualifying specialty plate and have it properly displayed; the vehicle must be associated to an electronic toll tag account and the tag must be properly affixed to the vehicle's windshield; and the ~~participating veteran~~ participant must have no outstanding CTRMA toll violations at the time of the transaction. The exemption does not apply to the authority's express lane facilities.

Previous Actions & Brief History of the Program/Project: The CTRMA Board of Directors issued a resolution in support of veteran toll exemptions in December 2009. The resolution authorized the Executive Director to design a program that provided free or discounted tolls on CTRMA toll roads for certain veteran classes and present the program for the Board's consideration at a future date once the State of Texas appropriated and made available funds sufficient to defray the full cost of the proposed program. The State has not made available funds to underwrite this program.

In July 2018, the Board of Directors approved the implementation of a veteran discount program to provide toll exemptions for certain qualified veteran customers. This program required the veteran customer to register, have a valid electronic toll tag to be associated with the qualified license plate and pay all outstanding tolls and fees before being accepted into the program.

In September 2018 the Board approved adding qualified veterans to the list of exemptions in the Mobility Authority Policy Code. The program went into effect on November 1, 2018.

In January 2020 the Board approved a modification to its Qualified Veteran Board to codify legislative changes that allowed an additional exemption to be issued under hardship.

In October 2021 the Board approved a resolution reauthorizing the Qualified Veteran Discount Toll Program and removed the program's expiration date.

Financing: Not Applicable.

Action requested/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve amending Section 301.004 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code to include toll exemptions for disabled peace officers.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution
Draft Policy Code modifications

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0XX

**AMENDING MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE SECTION 301.004 TO
EXEMPT DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS FROM THE PAYMENT OF TOLLS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12-016 dated February 29, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (“Mobility Authority”) Policy Code (“Policy Code”); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to its initial adoption, the Board of Directors has amended the Policy Code from time to time in order to modify existing policies and incorporate new policies beneficial to the operation of the Mobility Authority; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.053 of the Transportation Code authorizes toll project entities to establish a program for free or discounted use of a toll project for an electronic toll collection customer whose vehicle is registered under the Transportation Code as a disabled veteran, recipient of the Purple Heart, or a person who has received the Medal of Honor (“Qualified Veterans”); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-039, dated July 25, 2018, the Board of Directors approved the implementation of the Qualified Veteran Discount Program through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-064, dated October 27, 2021, the Board of Directors recognized the successful utilization of the Qualified Veteran Discount Program, and in order to continue to show the Mobility Authority's gratitude for their military service, approved the continuation of the Qualified Veterans Discount Program beyond the previously adopted expiration date of December 31, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends amending the Policy Code Section 301.004, as shown in Exhibit A to provide toll exemptions for Qualified Peace Officers under the Mobility Authority's Toll Discount Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Section 301.004 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 27th day of August 2025.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

James M. Bass
Executive Director

Nikelle Meade
Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE

301.004 Exemption from Toll

- (a) The operator or the registered owner of a vehicle operated on an authority toll facility is required to pay the toll established by this subchapter unless the vehicle is exempted by federal law, state law or by this section.
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- (c) A state or federal military vehicle is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 362.901, Transportation Code.
- (d) Disabled Peace Officers and Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart awards as well as Disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the Qualified ~~Veterans~~-Toll Discount Program to be exempt from paying a toll to use the authority's non variable rate toll facilities. Participation is limited to no more than two vehicles per qualified ~~veteran~~participant, the designated primary plate and an additional plate upon demonstration of a hardship as determined by the Executive Director. All qualified participants must be registered with the authority. To qualify, -the vehicle must be registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; the vehicle must have a qualifying specialty plate and have it properly displayed; the vehicle must be associated to an electronic toll tag account and the tag must be properly affixed to the vehicle's windshield; and the participating ~~veteran-participant~~ must have no outstanding CTRMA toll violations at the time of the transaction. The exemption does not apply to the authority's express lane facilities.
- (e) Under Section 370.177(a-1), Transportation Code, and to facilitate a multi-modal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient travel for all individuals in central Texas, a vehicle used exclusively to provide transportation to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility.
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