



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL  
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

# Expressway News

February 2025

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## Moving Forward Together

February marks a time of supporting our community. Continue reading to learn how this month was a celebration of progress, inclusion, and a healthier future for everyone.



February is Black History Month, a nation-wide celebration of Black individuals throughout American history. Transportation in the United States has made immense progress over the years, due in no small part to the achievements of Black individuals. Below are just a few examples of men and women who made a lasting impact on transportation.

- **Bessie Coleman (1892–1926)** – Born in Atlanta, Texas, she was the first African American woman and first Native American to earn a pilot's license, breaking barriers in aviation.

- **Garrett Morgan (1877–1963)** – In 1923, he patented a three-position traffic signal, predecessor to the traffic lights that we still use today.
- **Arcola Philpott (1913–1991)** – In 1944, she became the first Black woman streetcar operator for the Los Angeles Railway, paving the way for future generations.

Understanding and uplifting these contributions helps us move toward greater equity in transportation. We encourage you to [explore more](#) about Black leaders in transportation and their lasting legacies.

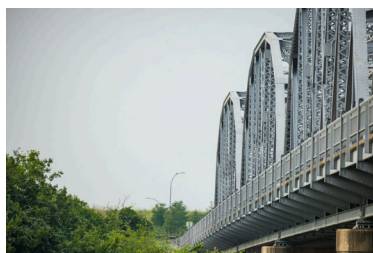
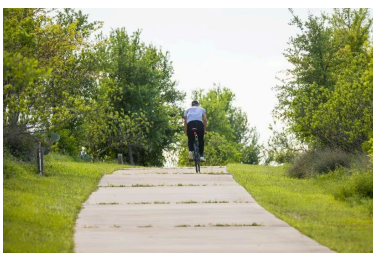
## Supporting Black-Owned Businesses Along Our Corridors

Another great way to celebrate Black History Month is by supporting Black-owned businesses in your community. Make sure to check out these businesses while driving on Mobility Authority roadways:

- **[Kicking It ATX](#)**: Located off the MoPac Expressway in the Domain NORTHSIDE, *Kicking It ATX* is a sneaker and streetwear shop that celebrates individuality and self-expression. The business also brings together aspiring entrepreneurs with networking opportunities.
- **[Slab BBQ & Beer](#)**: This barbecue restaurant has multiple locations in Austin, Texas, one near the intersection of MoPac and US 183. The food served here mixes Texas BBQ with the flavors of the south.
- **[Munch Munch Waffles and More](#)** – With roots in Liberty Hill, near the north end of the 183A Phase III Project, Munch Munch Waffles and More serves brunch inspired by Belgian Waffles. Whether you are looking for a savory or sweet breakfast, MMWM is a great place to stop along your route.

[Learn More about Black-Owned Businesses in Central Texas](#)

## Promoting Heart Health Month With Mobility



February is Heart Health Month, a national campaign to raise awareness about heart disease and promote cardiovascular wellness. Staying active is one of the best ways to support heart health,

and the Mobility Authority is committed to providing infrastructure that encourages walking, biking, and running. Our Shared Use Paths, sidewalks, and pedestrian bridges offer safe and scenic routes for an active lifestyle.

### Explore Our Trails

Our network of Shared Use Paths offers opportunities to get moving while connecting communities:

- [183A Trail](#) – A 7-mile path along 183A Toll from Brushy Creek Road to Hero Way. This will soon be extended northward 5 miles from Hero Way to Seward Junction Loop as part of the 183A Phase III Project.
- [290 Trail](#) – A 5-mile path along 290 Toll from US 183 to SH 130.
- [71 Trail](#) – A 5-mile path along SH 71 from US 183 to SH 130.
- [MoPac Trail](#) – 5 miles of facilities connecting to downtown Austin from Parmer Lane.
- [45SW Trail](#) – A 4.5-mile path along 45SW Toll from MoPac to FM 1626.
- [183 Trail](#) – A 10-mile path along US 183/183 Toll between US 290 and SH 71.

**Fun Fact:** The 45SW Trail and 183 Trail also encourage history and learning with signage featuring Augmented Reality experiences. Trail users can download the Trail Explorer by CTRMA app on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), scan the trail signage, and view animations and audio narrations that bring the public up close to the history of the region.



**Moving Forward with 183 North**

The 183 North Mobility Project has an exciting update! The Annual Update Meeting is now available on the [project website](#). Learn about the project and its milestones in 2024, then dive into the construction goals for this year.

## Major Activities: Drainage



October 2024

January 2025

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### A Chance to Share Your Feedback:

The Mobility Authority works to communicate effectively and minimize construction impacts as we complete the 183 North Mobility Project as safely and quickly as possible. Let us know how we did last year by completing our survey.

**2025 183 North Annual Public Opinion Survey**

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### **Get Involved: Move, Learn, and Share**

February was about coming together—whether by celebrating Black leaders in transportation, staying active on our trails, or spreading awareness about programs that support our community. Join us in making a difference all year long!

Stay connected with us at [www.MobilityAuthority.com](http://www.MobilityAuthority.com).



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