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Summer may not be here yet, but the time for road trips, long weekends, and adventures across Central Texas has begun. At the Mobility Authority, we're excited to help you enjoy the season with safety, savings, and smoother travel in mind. Here's what you need to know as you head into summer 2025.

Beat the Heat



National Heat Awareness Day is on May 30, 2025. Every year, National Heat Awareness Day reminds us how dangerous extreme temperatures can be, especially here in Texas. Whether you're on the job, behind the wheel, or enjoying the outdoors, it's important to take precautions to stay safe.

Here are some key tips to keep in mind this summer:

- Hydrate regularly. Don't wait until you're feeling thirsty.
- **Dress for the heat.** Wear lightweight, light-colored, and breathable clothing.
- **Check the back seat.** Never leave children, elderly individuals, or pets in parked cars.
- **Prep your vehicle.** Hot weather can strain your car's battery, tires, and A/C system. Schedule a checkup at the beginning of the summer.
- **Plan your drive.** Avoid peak heat hours when possible, and build in rest stops.

Your well-being matters, and a few smart steps can go a long way in keeping you and your passengers safe.

Summer Savings with an Electronic Tag



Planning a summer road trip or just wanting to avoid delays during your daily drive? Make sure your vehicle is equipped with an electronic tag. Drivers with an active electronic tag save 33% on tolls compared to Pay By Mail rates, skip the hassle of paper mail and potential late fees, and drive on Mobility Authority roadways without stopping or slowing down.

Whether you're driving around town or taking a longer journey, an electronic tag is the simplest way to make your trip smoother and more affordable. And remember, if you're visiting from out of state, we accept a variety of in-state and out-of-state options.

Learn More About Electronic Tags

Mobility Authority Milestone: 183A Phase III is Officially Fully Open to Traffic



The Mobility Authority has officially opened the newest extension of the <u>183A Toll Road</u>. The five-mile stretch from Hero Way in Leander to just north of SH 29 in Liberty Hill gives drivers nearly 16 miles of continuous, signal-free travel.

Here's why this matters:

- Reduced congestion Drivers can skip traffic signals and avoid local bottlenecks.
- Reliable travel times The extension lets drivers know what to expect before their drive.
- **Better connectivity** 183A provides more options for fast-growing communities in Williamson County.

Crews will continue work over the next several months to complete the Shared Use Path, landscaping, and other project elements. This project milestone is part of our ongoing effort to build smarter, more efficient roadways that grow with Central Texas.



Learn More About 183A

Celebrate Summer Responsibly

We all want to make the most of these sunny months, and with a little preparation, you can do it safely and responsibly. Here are some friendly reminders to make this season one to remember.

• Wear sunglasses or a hat to help block the sun, put your phone away, and keep your eyes on the road.

- Summer can mean more celebrations with friends and family. If you are celebrating with alcohol, make sure to use a ride share service or designate a sober driver.
- You may see more people walking or cycling on the roads. Be mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycles, especially at night.

On behalf of everyone at the Mobility Authority, thank you for driving responsibly and being part of a community that values smart mobility.

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