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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-047

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

WHEREAS, 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 ("Qualified Peace Officers"); and

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:

James M. Bass

Executive Director

Approved:

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.
- (b) An authorized emergency vehicle defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 370.177, Transportation Code.
- (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.
- 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 veteranparticipant, 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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- (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 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 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.
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