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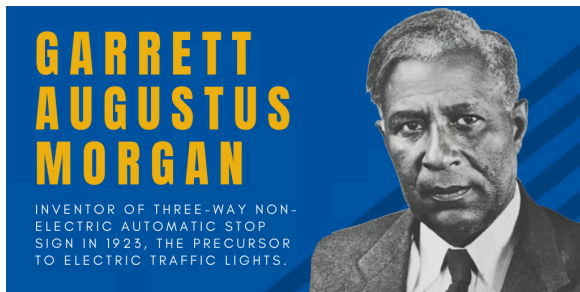
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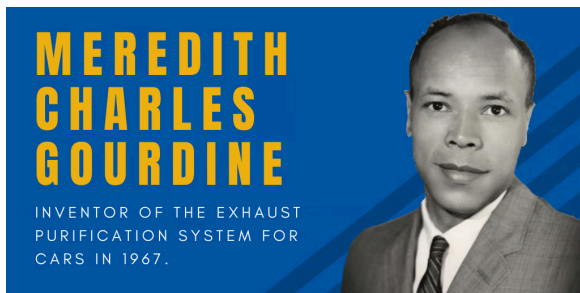
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## Honoring Black History Month

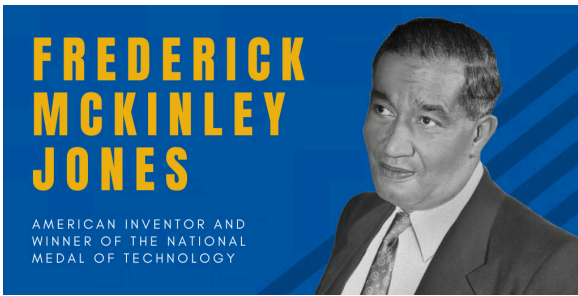
Black Americans have always been at the forefront of our nation's progress, especially in transportation. Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of Black innovators who helped shape mobility as we know it today.



Have you ever thought about how many traffic signals you pass during your daily commute? This safety feature derived from the invention of Garret A. Morgan. On November 20, 1923, Morgan patented the three-position traffic signal, helping create the safer stop-and-go systems drivers rely on every day.



With an increased amount of pollutants contributing to the degradation of our air quality, systems and regulations to mitigate negative effects is critical. Meredith Charles Gourdine is known for developing electrostatic precipitator systems that remove pollutants from the air. His inventions include "Incineraid," which removes smoke from burning buildings, and technology that helps clear fog from airport runways- improving both safety and environmental conditions.



Next time you head to the grocery store, consider how food arrives fresh and safe. Frederick McKinley Jones invented the air-cooling unit for trucks in 1938. This innovation became especially critical during World War II, preserving blood, medicine, and food for military hospitals and battlefields. Today, refrigerated transportation remains essential to our daily lives.

***Understanding and uplifting these contributions helps move us toward greater equity in transportation and inspires continued innovation.***

## February is Heart Health Month

Heart disease is a major concern, but staying active can make a meaningful difference. [Research](#) shows that individuals should aim to get at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week to receive health benefits. At the Mobility Authority, we believe movement should be accessible, enjoyable, and safe.

Our Shared Use Paths, sidewalks, and trails provide opportunities for walking, biking, rolling, and exploring the region. Several trails also include exercise equipment for bodyweight workouts, making it easy to incorporate fitness into your routine.



Movement can also be educational and fun. The 45SW Trail and 183 Trail feature interpretive signage with augmented reality experiences that bring the region's history to life. Trail users can download the Trail Explorer by CTRMA app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), scan trail signage, and view animations and audio narration that provide an immersive learning experience.



[Learn More About Our Shared Use Paths](#)

## Project Updates

### 183 North Mobility Project

The [183 North Mobility Project](#) reached several major milestones in the past month. Following the opening of the northbound express lanes, the project team also opened the new direct connector from the northbound MoPac Express Lane to the northbound 183 Express Lanes.

The direct connectors are flyover structures designed to provide smoother and more efficient travel between corridors, helping reduce congestion and improve travel reliability for Central Texas drivers.


It was also announced at the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting that the southbound 183 Express Lanes would open on Saturday, February 28. Visit the [website](#) for videos that show you how to navigate the new lanes, as well as other educational material.

While the full 183 project will be open to traffic as of February 28, there will still be lane closures. Sign up for the [project newsletter](#) to stay up to date on project progress.

### MoPac South

The [MoPac South Project](#) reached a new milestone and officially published the [draft Environmental Assessment](#), now available for public to review. Mark your calendars for the

comment period & virtual Public Hearing which will remain open from March 9, 2026 by 5 p.m. through May 3, 2026. Participants will be able to watch a pre-recorded video, view exhibits, review the schematic and submit comments.




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# MoPac South Public Hearing

**Attend virtually:**  
**Mon., Mar. 9, 2026 -**  
**Sun., May 3, 2026**  
[ph.mopacsouth.com](http://ph.mopacsouth.com)

**Attend in-person:**  
**Tues., Mar. 24, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Bowie High School Cafeteria  
4103 W Slaughter Ln.  
Austin, TX 78749



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