



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #7 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Report.

Department: Administrative

Associated Costs: None

Funding Source: None

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

The Executive Director's Report is attached for review and reference.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

- A. Update on Mobility Authority Projects.
- B. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization action on creation of Regional Infrastructure Fund.

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JUNE 27, 2012

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PRIORITY ISSUES



183A Shared-Use Path Pedestrian
Bridge Construction



75 MPH Speed Limit on 183A

ADMINISTRATION

CAMPO

During its June meeting, the CAMPO Policy Board approved a Transportation Improvement Program amendment and an interlocal agreement for financing the MoPac Improvement Project. These actions allow the project to advance six months ahead of schedule. We are very appreciative of the support we received from the CAMPO Board and the diligent work of our Board Chair, Board Members and all who worked with us on the negotiations.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

US 183 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Construction continued on the project over the last month. The final bridge bent cap was poured allowing the remaining concrete bridge beams to be set. Five concrete bridge decks were poured, and three spans of steel girders were set for the US 290 west bound to US 183 southbound direct connector. The frontage roads are in the process of being reconstructed, and retaining walls for the US 290 west bound to north bound direct connector at the east end of the project are currently being erected.

The contractor is finalizing work on the eastbound toll plaza, allowing toll systems integration work to begin. Concrete for the westbound toll plaza was recently poured, and overhead gantries will be installed soon. The buildings for the tolling systems equipment

have been placed at each plaza, and the electrical service has been installed.

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) has substantially completed the design for the project. In terms of construction, CTMC continues to focus their activities on the eastbound frontage road between the U.S. 183 interchange and Giles Road to complete the first traffic switch. CTMC expects to shift eastbound U.S. 290 traffic to the new eastbound frontage road and shift westbound U.S. 290 traffic to the existing U.S. 290 eastbound lanes by early July. CTMC must complete construction of the bridge superstructure elements, erection of retaining walls and the paving for the eastbound frontage road in this first section to meet this milestone. Subsequent to this first traffic switch, CTMC will continue construction of the eastbound mainlanes and commence construction of the westbound frontage road between Springdale Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard.

Weekend construction is necessary to meet this scheduled traffic switch. The public involvement team continues to work with residents along U.S. 290. On June 7th, the team hosted a barbecue for the residents of the Hidden Creek Apartments to thank them for their patience with the continuing construction activities. The Round Rock Express joined

the Public Involvement Team and hosted a raffle for the residents that included multiple sets of tickets and an autographed baseball. The Round Rock Express mascot Spike was also there to take photos and spend time with the kids. These residents are being significantly affected by around the clock construction directly adjacent to their complex. In addition, they will soon be unable to directly access westbound U.S. 290 and will have to endure a fairly long detour that is expected to be in place until sometime next year.



Spike Assisting with the Raffle at the Hidden Creek Apartments Appreciation Barbeque

MoPac Improvement Project

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The environmental study continues to stay on schedule. TxDOT is completing the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis report, which will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval next month. Previously, the Board approved the following short list of potential Design/Build teams for the MoPac Improvement Project: DW/Sundt, Abrams/Lane and CH2M HILL. This month, these proposing teams were provided the Draft Request for Detailed Proposers for review and comment and were introduced to important project aspects at a workshop. Project staff continues to coordinate with TxDOT, CAMPO, UPRR and Capital Metro in order to assure required agreements are in place prior to construction.

183A EXTENSION

CONSTRUCTION

Final touches on the 183A Northern Extension continue. Construction is 94% complete. Webber continues to work on drainage construction, painting and illumination lighting. Crews are placing bridge traffic rail, barrier rail and metal beam guard fence. Colored, stamped and textured concrete is also being worked on, and hydroseeding is occurring across the project. Grading and concrete placement for Phase II of the Shared Use Path continues. The path is expected to open late this summer. The timing of the project's final acceptance is currently under discussion with the project team.

US 183 BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Federal Highway Administration is requiring TxDOT and the Mobility Authority to conduct an Environmental Assessment of the Bergstrom Expressway Project. The Mobility Authority has been developing the public involvement plan for the project and assembling a team to work on it. The first community open house is tentatively scheduled for late summer. Initial outreach to elected officials, businesses, community groups and neighborhoods along the corridor is underway.

US 290W/SH 71W INTERSECTION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Environmental Impact Statement effort for the Oak Hill Project is expected to get underway late this year. In the meantime, TxDOT representatives and member of our leadership team have been meeting with local elected officials to update them on the status of the project and to let them know that a similar study is in the works for the SH 45 Southwest project.