



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #14 SUMMARY

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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.

A. Project Status Updates.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JUNE 26, 2013

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## PRIORITY ISSUES



Development of Draft 2014  
Operating Budget



183 North Environmental Study  
Contract Negotiations

### ADMINISTRATION

#### CAMPO

At their June 10th Policy Transportation Board meeting, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty presented an update of the 45 SW CAMPO committee work. The committee also consists of Hays County Commissioner Mark Jones and Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Board Member Dr. Bob Larsen. In Commissioner Daugherty's update, he reiterated the need to have the Mobility Authority involved in the development of the project. Future committee reports and possible CAMPO Board action regarding the 45 SW project are anticipated in the upcoming months.

#### TEXAS TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

I have been asked to serve on TxDOT's Technology Task Force who's goal is to develop the capacity to be a thought leader on emerging technologies and their potential to enhance our transportation system. Over the next few months, the task force will develop physical platforms, pilot programs and other initiatives to test, implement, refine and evolve new transportation systems. We will also be identifying changes to statutes, policies and rules in hopes of facilitating the implementation of various technology opportunities in Texas.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

##### PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continue to focus their construction activities on completing the frontage roads along the entire project. Traffic has recently been shifted to the newly completed frontage road through the Johnny Morris Road intersection. Intersection construction at Blue Goose Road continues, but CTMC's priority at this time is completing the westbound frontage road between Giles Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard.

On June 18th, the intersection of Decker Lane at US 290 changed to accommodate Manor Expressway construction. Traffic is being rerouted until the Texas Department of Transportation realigns Decker Lane to intersect with the Manor Expressway at Harris Branch Road. That project is expected to break ground this fall and will take approximately one year to complete. In the meantime, motorists on Decker Lane who want to head west on US 290 will have to go east instead and use the turnaround at SH 130 to reach westbound US 290. Drivers heading west on US 290 who want to take Decker Lane will have to continue west, use the turnaround at Harris Branch and take US 290 eastbound back to Decker Lane.

CTMC has also began concrete paving, and is focusing on the eastbound mainlanes between Chimney Hill Boulevard and Johnny Morris Rd.

## MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CH2M HILL continues their design work and is preparing to begin construction this fall. Intermittent night time lane closures will continue through July to allow survey work and soil testing to support bridge, sound wall and other structures foundation design. The soil tests involve drilling and hammering activities that can be noisy. Some of the drilling and hammering will take place near homes and could be disruptive to nearby residents, especially during overnight hours. Our outreach team has notified the residents along the testing zones and is meeting with elected officials to inform them as well. Information regarding dates, locations and times for various activities are available on the website.

The public involvement team is currently redesigning the MoPacExpress.com website. The new site will be launched at the end of the month.

## BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Public involvement and environmental activities for the study continue. The team has incorporated feedback from the second Open House, held on March 7th at East Austin College Prep (formerly Solid Rock Church) and a value engineering study into both the design schematic and study document. The team has begun meeting and sharing the updates with project stakeholders and is preparing to present the new schematic at an Open House in September.

The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with schematic development, utility coordination and advanced funding agreements. As part of the advanced funding agreement, we are looking to expedite utility relocation. Additional financial and alternative project delivery models are also being evaluated.

## OAK HILL PARKWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

On May 23rd, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT hosted an Open House at Clint Small Middle School to present the initial design concepts and receive comment. To ensure all members of the public had the opportunity to be actively engaged in the project's development, the project team worked with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to launch a Virtual Open House. Online participants were able to have a similar experience to the live Open House and view the same information. Team members also made themselves available on May 24th and May 28th to answer questions in real time through an online chat.

The project team is in the process of incorporating feedback from the Open Houses and developing an approach towards design revisions. The team anticipates sharing revised concepts with the public this fall.

## MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The team has focused their efforts this month on developing a community outreach plan and an identity for the project. Jacobs is finalizing their schedule and development plan. Stakeholder outreach and data collection has begun, and the first Open House is scheduled for this fall. Meetings with key stakeholders, including neighborhood and business associations and the environmental community will be ongoing over the summer months.

## 183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Contract negotiations with the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Consultant, CP&Y continue. We anticipate beginning work on the study this summer; it is expected to take two to three years to complete