

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
9:00 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Mobility Authority's Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr. Board Room at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849. Notice of the meeting was posted April 17, 2015 at the respective County Courthouses of Williamson and Travis Counties; online on the website of the Secretary of State; online on the website of the Mobility Authority; and in the Mobility Authority's office lobby at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849.

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman Ray Wilkerson.

After noting that a quorum of the Board was present, Chairman Ray Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Directors present at the time the meeting was called to order were Mr. David Singleton, Mr. Charles Heimsath, and Mr. David Armbrust. Ms. Nikelle Meade, Mr. Bob Bennett, and Mr. Jim Mills were not present for the meeting.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment.

The Board heard public comment from Brigid Shea, Wendi Hunley, David King, Roger Baker, Amy Patillo, Bill Bunch, Roy Whaley, Barbara Rush, and Kevin Keim.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented Items 3 through 5 for Board consideration as the consent agenda:

- 3. Authorize negotiation and execution of a project development agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Bergstrom Expressway 183 South Project.**
- 4. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for Mobility Authority maintenance of non-tolled TxDOT facilities in roadway corridors shared with Mobility Authority toll facilities.**
- 5. Approve a landscape license agreement with Crescent Leander TX, LLC for an entry monument to its development project on 183A.**

Mr. David Singleton moved for approval of the consent agenda, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the resolutions for Items 3 through 5 passed on the consent agenda were approved as drafted.

6. Approve the minutes for the March 25, 2015, Regular Board Meeting.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson presented for Board consideration the minutes for the March 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. David Armbrust moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Mr. Charles Heimsath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0, and the minutes were approved as drafted.

7. Approve the financial statements for March 2015.

Mr. Bill Chapman presented this item. There was nothing unusual to report on the March financial statements.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved for approval, and Mr. David Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

8. Authorize a traffic engineering analysis and a traffic impact report by the Center for Transportation research at the University of Texas at Austin on northbound traffic from the proposed Loop 1 South express lanes exiting to West Cesar Chavez Street.

Mr. Wes Burford presented this item. In 2012, in connection with the review of the MoPac Improvement Project, staff asked the Network Modeling Center of the Center for Transportation Research at The University of Texas at Austin (“CTR”) to study the potential impact of traffic exiting from MoPac Express Lanes onto César Chavez and 5th Streets. That study contributed to the discussions with stakeholders on the MoPac Improvement Project and guided Mobility Authority decisions.

As the environmental review for the MoPac South project continues, questions have been raised about the traffic impact from northbound traffic exiting the proposed MoPac South Express Lanes to West César Chavez Street and how that will affect area streets. With Board authorization, the Executive Director will engage CTR to study and report on traffic exiting the MoPac South Express Lanes onto West César Chavez Street and its impact on the downtown grid.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved for approval, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the traffic engineering analysis was authorized.

9. Amend the Policy Code to prohibit a vehicle with more than two axles from using a tolled lane on the MoPac Improvement Project unless the Policy Code exempts that vehicle from paying toll charges.

Mr. Tim Reilly presented this item. The proposed Policy Code amendment will restrict the use of the MoPac Express Lanes to vehicles that have no more than two axles. It also prohibits use of the express lanes by a vehicle towing another vehicle.

A vehicle that is exempt from paying a toll under Section 301.044 of the Policy Code is not subject to this restriction. The MoPac Express Lanes may be used by authorized emergency vehicles (police, fire, EMS), military vehicles, and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or Capital Area Rural Transportation System vehicles that are used to provide public transit services.

Mr. David Singleton moved for approval, and Mr. Charles Heimsath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

10. Amend the Policy Code relating to toll exemptions on Mobility Authority toll facilities for vehicles providing public transit.

Mr. Mario Espinoza presented this item. The proposed Policy Code amendment amends the toll exemption previously established by the Board of Directors for certain public transit vehicles operated by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Capital Area Rural Transportation System. The current exemption applies to “public transportation vehicles with a carrying capacity of 16 or more individuals that are owned or operated on behalf of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System.”

The amended exemption applies to “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.” This amendment is consistent with CAMPO toll policies related to toll-free access for paratransit vehicles as proposed in the 2040 CAMPO Plan. As drafted, the exemption applies not just to buses and other larger vehicles, but also to vehicles with a capacity of less than 16 persons, including smaller vehicles used by CapMetro for the MetroAccess program (for persons with disabilities) and for its Vanpool & Carpool program for commuters. The amended toll exemption does not apply to a taxi or other vehicle used to transport someone through the CapMetro “Access-A-Ride” or “Guaranteed Ride Home” or similar programs, unless that vehicle is used exclusively for transportation under those programs.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved for approval, and Mr. David Armbrust seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the resolution was approved as drafted.

11. Briefing and appropriate action on a proposal to live stream on the internet meetings of the Mobility Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Rick L’Amie presented this item. Staff has identified a qualified vendor that has experience with government entities and provides equipment and services at a fair market value. Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the identified vendor for equipment, installation and ongoing support services to produce and distribute the meetings.

Mr. Charles Heimsath moved to approve the requested authorization, and Mr. David Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0, and the Board authorized staff to proceed as requested.

Briefing and discussion on the following:

12. Quarterly briefing on the MoPac Improvement Project.

Heather Reavey, HNTB, and Craig Martel, CH2M Hill, presented this item. There has been much preparation work for the foundations and drill shafts to prepare for installation of sound wall panels. There is a sound wall near 10th Street that has been completed. We have now received all of the environmental clearances for the 42-inch water line pipe relocation near 35th Street and Camp Mabry, as well as all the right of entries and required easements to move forward with that portion of the work. There has been progress on the pedestrian bridge that has been set over the UP Railroad line in the northern section of the project. Three of the borings have been complete. The fourth one is underway right now, and we anticipate it being completed by the end of this week or early next week. Then the contractor will be able to begin on the fifth and final boring. Right now we anticipate that the last bore will take approximately a month to be completed. There will be a temporary planned closure on the project as the Lake Austin Boulevard exit ramp will be temporarily closed for at least 30 days beginning Sunday, April 26. During the reporting period, the contractor did receive approval for three job requests that totaled almost \$11 million, and the amount paid to the contractor to date is just over \$55.5 million. The contractor is required to meet a disadvantaged business enterprise participation goal on the project of 11.7 percent both for the design phase of the project, as well as the construction phase. The contractor has exceeded the goal on the design portion of the project, and has achieved almost 29 percent of the goal for the construction portion. At this time, we don't have any concerns about their ability to meet the goal because we do know of commitments they've made to DBE subcontractors for work that will come later in the project. As of the end of March, the project supported 493 positions and that number will continue to rise.

Steve Pustelnyk provided information about a tree giveaway event hosted in partnership with the non-profit group TreeFolks. He also gave an update on the MoPac courtesy patrol service, discussed trends regarding public inquiries about the project, , and spoke about an ice cream giveaway event targeted at residents living along MoPac. Mr. Pustelnyk also updated the Board regarding an informational campaign that is getting underway to inform drivers about the MoPac Express Lanes and how they will work.

13. Quarterly briefing on projects in environmental review.

Mr. Wes Burford and Ms. Melissa Hurst presented this item. There is a design consultant on board and staff has issued a limited notice to proceed for the SH 45 SW Project, and they are in the very early stages of final design. We are anticipating in December 2015 to have the

completion of that final design and in the spring of 2016 to give a notice to proceed to a contractor to begin construction. The environmental process concluded with the issuance of a record of decision, and staff has entered into the final design phase.

The 183 South project is in the procurement phase now, and staff has been working with three design-build developer teams that were previously short listed. Since this is a design-build project, the developer is going to submit a lump sum bid that is going to include their efforts to do the final design and build this project. We have received the detailed proposals with the management plan as well as the cost proposals from the short listed developers. The proposals are being split into pieces and assigned to different teams for evaluation, and staff will bring a recommendation the Board. We are anticipating a notice to proceed in August of this year.

The 183 North Project had its third open house on March 10th, and staff launched a virtual open house as well. Between the open house and the virtual open house, we reach 380 individuals about the project. We are on schedule to have an environmental decision on this project in early 2016.

The MoPac South Project environmental study has been extended an additional 4 to 6 months to allow for additional community input. We've had 280 stakeholders weigh in on the study at this point and continue to look at multiple alternatives in terms of design concepts, specifically those providing access to and from downtown. Staff anticipates having the next open house later this summer.

The Oak Hill Parkway team, including staff from the Mobility Authority, TxDOT, and Atkins participated in a Williamson Creek cleanup project at the "Y" in Oak Hill. The team pulled over 34 full bags of trash after a few hours of work. There were some very large items, including tires and shopping carts. The work was messy and dirty but the team was happy to contribute their time to improve the creek.

11. Executive Director's report.

Mr. Mike Heiligenstein mentioned that staff would be looking at concept design alternatives to the MoPac South Project. He also provided an update on proceedings before the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Steve Pustelnyk provided an update on the Express Lanes education program.

14. Report on legislative issues and possible action to revise the Mobility Authority legislative program for the 84th Texas Legislature.

Mr. Brian Cassidy provided an update of legislative issues.

Chairman Ray Wilkerson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. with unanimous consent.

Approved 05/27/2015