



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL  
**MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

July 25, 2018  
**AGENDA ITEM #16**

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Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution in support of the 183A Frontage Roads south of RM 1431 in Cedar Park

Strategic Plan Relevance: Deliver Responsible Mobility Solutions that Respect the Communities We Serve

Department: Executive

Contact: Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director  
Jeff Dailey, Deputy Executive Director

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

Summary:

The City of Cedar Park is proposing to complete a frontage road system along 183A between Avery Ranch Blvd. and RM 1431 to mitigate congestion on Bell Blvd., provide a non-toll alternative for local traffic, and facilitate the City's effort to implement its *Bell Boulevard Redevelopment Master Plan*. We have been working with Cedar Park and TxDOT to develop various alternatives, some of which were presented to the Board at the June 2018 meeting. The City of Cedar Park was unsuccessful in securing funds from CAMPO for the frontage road project during the last call for projects. The City is requesting a resolution of support from the Mobility Authority to support its efforts to pursue funding for the project.

The Mobility Authority's bond covenants precluded it from contributing financially to this project. However, the proposal, or alternates thereof, will achieve the goals of the City and improve mobility. Therefore, staff recommends Board approval of the resolution in support of the City of Cedar Parks efforts to construct a frontage road from Avery Ranch Blvd. to RM 1431.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution  
Frontage Road Exhibit

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-0XX**

**SUPPORT FOR 183A FRONTAGE ROADS SOUTH OF RM 1431 IN CEDAR PARK**

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the “Mobility Authority”) was created at the request of Williamson and Travis counties and under the authority of newly passed state legislation with a mission to implement innovative, multi-modal transportation solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality in the Central Texas Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority Board of Directors has been committed to implementing a regional approach to developing transportation infrastructure, together with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”), the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (“CAMPO”), Williamson and Travis Counties, and the growing cities of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority has developed over \$1.8 billion in new roadway infrastructure for Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, in the petition to create the Mobility Authority both Williamson County and the City of Cedar Park endorsed the proposed 183A Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority moved forward with the 183A Project as the first Mobility Authority project in 2003, and began construction of the \$234 million segment from Avery Ranch Road to the South San Gabriel River in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority, given the severe financial constraints it faced as a startup agency, prioritized building out the non-tolled frontage roads from north of RM 1431 in Cedar Park to the South San Gabriel River in the City of Leander; and

WHEREAS, due to initial funding constraints the 183A Project did not include non-tolled frontage roads south of RM 1431; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park has been collaboratively working with CTRMA, TxDOT and CAMPO to identify options for the construction of frontage roads south of RM 1431 to mitigate congestion on existing US 183 (Bell Boulevard) and to allow for renovation of the existing 183 corridor; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the success of the 183A Project and the significant growth along the corridor, the Mobility Authority made the decision to accelerate the building of the second phase of the project, costing \$95 million, by seven years in order to respond to, and enhance the

economic growth of the City of Cedar Park and the corridor and provide additional relief of congestion that resulted from the growth; and

WHEREAS, with unprecedented growth in Williamson County, mostly notably in Leander, Cedar Park and Liberty Hill, traffic volumes along US 183 and 183A are expected to increase 166% over the next 25 years, driving an even greater need for proactive measures to provide for congestion relief; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority remains committed to providing that relief and creating transportation choices that enhance quality of life through projects such as 183A Phase III and 183 North; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority supports the City of Cedar Park's efforts to mitigate congestion along US 183 (Bell Boulevard) and redirection of a portion of that demand to the 183A corridor given its ability to absorb that demand while preserving a high level of service; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority looks forward to working with the City of Cedar Park in the scoping of the proposed frontage roads along the southern portion of 183A and endorses the City's important efforts in pursuing the construction of the aforementioned frontage roads; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority will continue to work with stakeholders and the community in a collaborative effort to develop inventive and effective solutions that reduce congestion and preserve and improve the quality of life for the residents of Cedar Park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Mobility Authority fully understands the importance of non-tolled frontage roads along the portion of 183A south of RM 1431 and fully endorses and supports the efforts of the City of Cedar Park in pursuing construction of these frontage roads; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the Mobility Authority is precluded by existing bond covenants from financially contributing to construction of the 183A frontage roads south of RM 1431, the Board looks forward to working with the City of Cedar Park in the planning process and to integrating the frontage roads with the 183A Project.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Geoff Petrov, General Counsel

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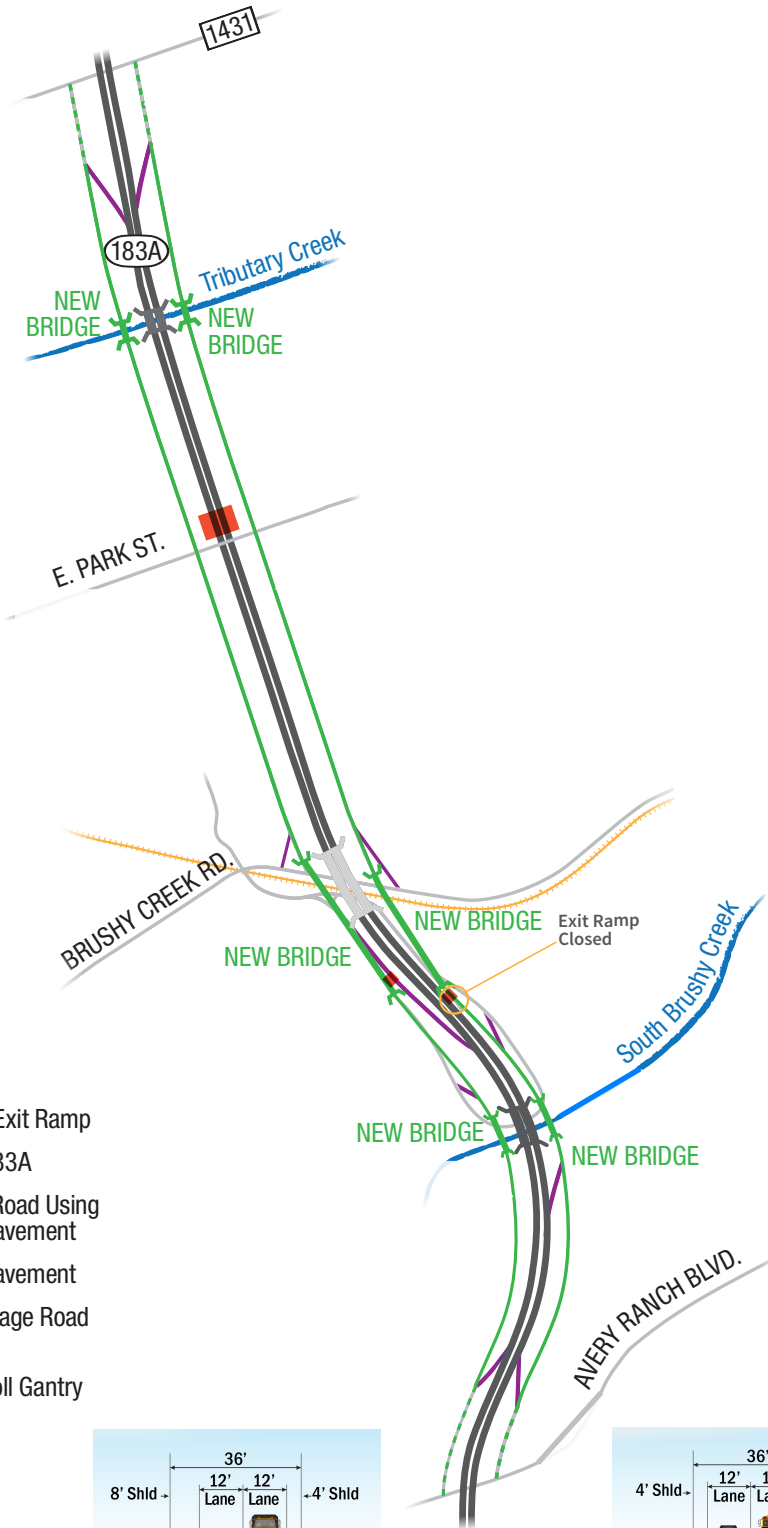
Ray A. Wilkerson  
Chairman, Board of Directors

# PROPOSED 183A FRONTAGE ROAD CONCEPT



Grade separated parallel two-lane frontage road

Project Limits: Approx. 3 miles from RM 1431 to Avery Ranch Blvd.



## LEGEND

- Entrance/Exit Ramp
- Existing 183A
- - - Frontage Road Using Existing Pavement
- Existing Pavement
- New Frontage Road Pavement
- Existing Toll Gantry

