



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

October 31, 2018
AGENDA ITEM #4

Dedicating certain bridges on the Manor
Expressway (290E) Phase III Project in honor
of the service provided by former Mobility
Authority Board Member James H. Mills

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility
Department: Engineering
Contact: Justin Word, P.E., Director of Engineering
Associated Costs: TBD
Funding Source: Project Funds
Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

Summary:

James H. Mills served as an original member of the CTRMA Board of Directors, appointed by the Williamson County Commissioners Court in 2002. During his tenure he served as a member of the Planning Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Aesthetics Committee. In addition, Mr. Mills served as Vice Chairman of the Board beginning in 2012 and continuing until his retirement in 2017. The CTRMA has had numerous successful accomplishments under the leadership of the Board during Mills' tenure. These include the opening of 183A in Williamson County, the first toll road in the state developed and operated by a regional mobility authority, as well as the Manor Expressway (290 East) which provides an east-west connection between the emerging SH 130 corridor and Austin's downtown core.

Mr. Mills was instrumental in the development of the Manor Expressway Phase III (290 East) Project. Following his observations of congestion at the interchange of the Manor Expressway (290 East) and SH 130, CTRMA investigated the feasibility of various operational improvement projects to address the congestion. Ultimately this study resulted in the development of the Manor Expressway (290 East) Phase III Project that will construct three "flyovers" at the convergence of the Manor Expressway (290 East) and SH 130. When complete, drivers will have access to a safe and efficient, free-flowing direct connection between the two facilities, which will also free up capacity at the

frontage road intersection for those who prefer the non-tolled option.

This item provides for Board approval of a resolution that designates Manor Expressway (290 East) Phase III Project's north to west and south to west flyover bridge as the "James H. Mills Bridge."

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-0XX

**DESIGNATION OF THE MANOR EXPRESSWAY (290E) PHASE III PROJECT'S
NORTH TO WEST AND SOUTH TO WEST FLYOVER BRIDGE AS THE "JAMES H.
MILLS BRIDGE"**

WHEREAS, in 2001 the 77th Texas Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code to the creation of regional mobility authorities for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating turnpike projects in a region of the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("CTRMA") was created at the request of Williamson and Travis counties 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 CTRMA is overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors who volunteer their expertise and experience to fulfill the organization's mission, with the Travis and Williamson counties Commissioners Courts each appointing three board members and the Governor appointing the Chairman; and

WHEREAS, James H. Mills served as an original member of the CTRMA Board of Directors from 2002 to 2016 and during his tenure served as a member of the Planning Committee, the Audit Committee, the Aesthetics Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the Board since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA Board has had numerous successful accomplishments under the leadership of the Board during Mills' tenure. These include the opening of 183A in Williamson County, the first toll road in the state developed and operated by a regional mobility authority, as well as the Manor Expressway (290 East) which provides an east-west connection between the emerging SH 130 corridor and Austin's downtown core.

WHEREAS, the CTRMA remains committed to implementing a Regional approach, together with CAMPO and the County sponsors, and has participated in the development of over \$1.8 billion in new roadway infrastructure for Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, following his observations of traffic congestion at the interchange of the Manor Expressway (290E) and SH 130, Mr. Mills was instrumental in the development of the Manor Expressway (290E) Phase III Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation ("TXDOT"), is developing plans to construct three direct connectors at the SH 130 interchange to alleviate congestion, provide drivers free-flowing direct connection and free up capacity on the frontage road intersection underneath the toll facilities; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Manor Expressway (290E) Phase III Project is anticipated to begin Fall 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Manor Expressway (290E) Phase III Project is yet another example of Mr. Mills' exemplary leadership in Central Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Mr. Mills' dedication to the Mobility Authority and essential contribution in the creation of the Manor Expressway (290E) Phase III Project, the board hereby officially designates the Manor Expressway (290 East) Phase III Project's north to west and south to west flyover bridge as the "James H. Mills Bridge".

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 31st day of October 2018.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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