

# November 20, 2019 AGENDA ITEM #4

Add the 45SW Toll Project to the Mobility Turnpike System

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Finance
Contact:	Bill Chapman, Chief Financial Officer
Associated Costs:	N/A
Funding Source:	N/A
Action Requested:	Consider and act on the draft resolution

<u>**Background</u>** – The Transportation Code, Section 370.034, allows an authority to operate two or more transportation projects as one operational and financial enterprise, more commonly known as a "System". The Board, after making certain determinations, may expand the System to add a transportation project.</u>

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority has previously established the CTRMA Turnpike System to include the 183A Phase I Project, the 183A Phase II Project, the 183A Phase III Project, the Manor Expressway (290 East) Project (comprised of the 290E Phase I Project, the 290E Phase II Project and the 290E Phase III Project), the Bergstrom Expressway (183 South Project) and the SH 71 Express Project.

45SW Toll is an innovative 3.6-mile four-lane toll road built on state property between MoPac and FM 1626 bringing relief to the rapidly growing area of northern Hays and southern Travis counties. Access to 45SW is available from FM 1626, Bliss Spillar Road, MoPac, and SH 45 west of MoPac.

<u>**Previous Actions</u>**-In July 2016, the contract for 45SW construction services was awarded to McCarthy Building Companies (MBC). CTRMA entered an agreement with TxDOT in October, 2016 where TxDOT would loan the authority \$60 million to construct the 45SW Toll.</u>

<u>Action requested/Staff Recommendation</u> - The Executive Director has determined and recommends that the 45SW Toll Project could be most efficiently and economically operated if it were a part of the System, and that the inclusion of the 45SW Toll Project in the System will benefit the System. The Executive Director also has determined that traffic needs of Williamson County, Travis County, and the surrounding region could be most efficiently and economically met by including the 45SW Toll Project in the System.

The draft resolution ratifies and confirms the inclusion of the 45SW Toll Project to the existing Mobility Authority Turnpike System after repayment, defeasance, refunding, refinancing or restructuring of any outstanding Authority debt obligations secured by revenues of the 45SW Toll Project.

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-0XX**

# APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF THE SH 45 SOUTHWEST PROJECT IN THE CTRMA TURNPIKE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 370.034 of the Texas Transportation Code, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority") has previously established the CTRMA Turnpike System (the "System") to combine certain of the Authority's transportation projects as one operational and financial enterprise of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has determined and recommends that the traffic needs of Williamson County, Travis County, and the surrounding region could be most efficiently and economically met by including the SH 45 Southwest Project, as described on <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto (together with any modifications thereto determined to be necessary or desirable during the design and construction thereof and any future improvements thereto, the "SH 45 Southwest Project"), in the System and by operating the expanded System as one operational and financial enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the inclusion of the SH 45 Southwest Project in the System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that the SH 45 Southwest Project could be most efficiently and economically constructed and operated if it were a part of the System, and that the inclusion of the SH 45 Southwest Project in the System will benefit the System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that the traffic needs of Williamson County, Travis County, and the surrounding region could be most efficiently and economically met by including the expanded SH 45 Southwest Project in the System and operating the expanded System as one operational and financial enterprise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of the SH 45 Southwest Project in the System is hereby approved, with such inclusion to be effective, without further action of the Board, upon the repayment, defeasance, refunding, refinancing or restructuring of any outstanding Authority debt obligations secured by revenues of the SH 45 Southwest Project.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman, Board of Directors

# Exhibit A

#### **Description of the SH 45 Southwest Project**

The SH 45 Southwest Project includes (i) a toll facility in Travis and Hays Counties that generally consists of a four-lane, divided toll road on the state highway system of approximately 4.5 miles in length, including four new tolled lanes between Loop 1 (MoPac) and FM 1626, an at-grade intersection at FM 1626, an overpass at Bliss Spillar Road, a grade-separated interchange at Loop 1 and bicycle/pedestrian shared use paths and (ii) any other roads, bridges, tunnels or other toll facilities that the Authority designates as part of the SH 45 Southwest Project by official action of the Board of Directors of the Authority.