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## MEDIA ALERT

### **Mobility Authority to Hold Neighborhood Meeting on Potential Closure and Relocation of SH 71 Turnaround at US 183**

*Proposed relocation of turnaround to Riverside Drive would enhance safety for drivers*

**(Austin, Texas)** – As part of the 183 South construction project, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Colorado River Constructors (CRC), and the Texas Department of Transportation are holding a neighborhood meeting to discuss the proposed closure and relocation of the westbound to eastbound turnaround on State Highway 71 at the intersection with US 183 near The Parking Spot and Gatti's Pizza. The proposal includes re-directing drivers to use the existing non-signalized free-flow turnaround at Riverside Drive and SH 71.

The proposed closure would enhance safety and traffic flow on SH 71 and is recommended by CRC, the firm designing and building the 183 South project under the oversight of the Mobility Authority and TxDOT. The reason for the proposed relocation is that safety is compromised in the existing condition. Drivers wishing to complete a turnaround movement from westbound SH 71 have to cut across multiple lanes and compete with high speed through-traffic as they attempt to merge onto eastbound SH 71. The construction of the 183 South Project presents an opportunity to mitigate this safety risk and improve operations by relocating the turnaround movement to a safer location on Riverside Drive.

To inform the community on this proposal and seek public input, the 183 South project team will hold a neighborhood meeting with affected property owners to discuss the safety and operational reasons for this proposed relocation. Information about the operational changes will be provided, and public input solicited. Staff from CRC, the Mobility Authority, and TxDOT will be available to answer questions.

**WHAT:** Neighborhood meeting to gather public input on the proposed closure and relocation of the westbound to eastbound SH 71

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 3, 2016 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**WHO:** Mobility Authority, TxDOT, CRC, 183 South project team

**WHERE:** 183 South project office, 7901 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78744

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#### **About 183 South:**

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is building a new tolled expressway with three lanes in each direction on an eight-mile section of US 183 between US 290 and SH 71. In addition, the Mobility Authority will be reconstructing and improving the non-tolled US 183 general purpose lanes and adding \$25 million worth of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities. The project will open in phases between 2019 and 2020, offering greater mobility for all users of the corridor.

### About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to improve the regional transportation system in Travis and Williamson Counties. The Mobility Authority implements innovative and sustainable transportation options to enhance quality of life and economic vitality in Central Texas. The Mobility Authority operates 183A in Williamson County and 290 Expressway in east Austin. The agency is also constructing Express Lanes on the MoPac Expressway and an 8-mile facility on US 183 in east Austin. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit [www.MobilityAuthority.com](http://www.MobilityAuthority.com).

### About the Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. Through collaboration and leadership, we deliver a safe, reliable, and integrated transportation system that enables the movement of people and goods. Find out more at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov). "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter/TxDOTAustin.

### About Colorado River Constructors

Colorado River Constructors (CRC), a project specific joint venture, is comprised of two of Texas's most experienced design-build firms: Fluor Enterprises, Inc. and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., with Parsons Brinckerhoff as Lead Engineer. The Fluor/Balfour 14-year relationship has resulted in three significant design-build projects in Texas, including the successful planning and development of such major highway and infrastructure projects as State Highway 130 (Segments 1-4) in Central Texas and State Highway 161 and The Horseshoe Project in North Texas.

## EXHIBITS





Proposed  
71 Turn  
Around  
Location

E Ben White Blvd

E Riverside Dr

State Highway 71

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