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Public Hearing to Take Place for 183 North Project

WHAT: The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing for the 183 North Mobility Project Environmental Study. Information on the Express Lanes Alternative will be provided and attendees will have the opportunity to review materials, speak with project staff, provide feedback, and discuss the collaborative approach to transportation design and engineering known as Context Sensitive Solutions.

The proposed mobility improvements include the addition of two new tolled Express Lanes in each direction in the median of US 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac, in effort to improve transit reliability, manage congestion and facilitate reliable emergency response times. If environmentally approved, the Express Lanes would connect to 183A and RM 620 on the north end of the corridor, and at the south end of the project, direct connections would be provided to and from the MoPac North Express Lanes currently under construction.

For those unable to attend in-person, a virtual public hearing will be available on the project website at www.183North.com after the public hearing and will remain available until the close of the comment period on November 22, 2015 at midnight. All of the materials available at the Public Hearing will be available online. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, mailed to Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, c/o 183 North Environmental Study, 3300 North I-35, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78705, faxed to (512) 996-9784, or submitted online at the project website. Written comments must be received by Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015 in order to be included in the official public hearing record.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 from 5 to 8 p.m. The hearing will begin with an open house at 5 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 6 p.m. A public comment session will be held after the presentation.

WHERE: Westwood High School (cafeteria) 12400 Mellow Meadow Drive Austin, Texas 78750

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 Toll in Williamson County and 290 Toll (Manor Expressway) in east Austin and is constructing Express Lanes on MoPac Expressway. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit 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. TxDOT and its 12,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out more at www.TxDOT.gov.