

Media Alert

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Mobility Authority to Install Traffic Signal at 183A & Hero Way

(Austin, Texas) – Following the completion of a traffic signal warrant analysis, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority will soon install a fully-operational, four-way traffic signal at the intersection of the 183A frontage road and Hero Way in Leander. A warrant analysis had already been underway for several weeks when a traffic fatality occurred at the intersection on Jan. 10. The analysis is a step-by-step process outlined by the State of Texas to determine whether a traffic signal may be installed on Texas roads. It evaluates eight criteria such as physical conditions around the intersection, traffic volume and congestion, pedestrian and school activity, accident history, and other factors that determine whether an intersection warrants a signal. The criteria are used because a traffic signal can, under certain conditions, cause traffic delays or rear-end collisions.

The recently concluded analysis found that conditions at the intersection now allow for a traffic signal to be installed. Following installation and testing, the signal is expected to be activated in approximately four weeks.

"Safety is always our primary concern at the Mobility Authority," said Mobility Authority board member David Singleton of Williamson County. "We are pleased that we will now be able to proceed with the installation of a new traffic signal that will help prevent accidents in the future."

To improve safety at the intersection prior to the most recent analysis, the Mobility Authority installed signs with flashing LED lights warning motorists driving along Hero Way that cross traffic did not stop on the 183 frontage roads.

About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created to improve the regional transportation system. Our mission is to implement innovative solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. The Mobility Authority is the state's first regional mobility authority, created in January 2003 to serve Travis and Williamson counties. The Mobility Authority currently operates the 183A toll road in Williamson County and is currently working to construct phase two of the US 290 East (Manor Expressway) project and construct new express lanes on MoPac (Loop 1). Learn more at www.mobilityauthority.com.