

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## 500 Trees Being Given Away to Local Residents

(Austin, Texas) – On Saturday, March 7, 2015, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the non-profit group, TreeFolks, are distributing 500 1-gallon trees free of charge. The tree giveaway is being sponsored by the MoPac Improvement Project and is part of the Mobility Authority's commitment to improve the MoPac corridor and enhance the urban forest in nearby neighborhoods.

<u>What</u> :	TreeFolks will be giving away 500 one gallon trees
Where:	Texas Department of Motor Vehicles parking lot at 4000 Jackson Ave., Austin, TX 78731
When:	Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm
<u>Who</u> :	Steve Pustelnyk, Community Relations Director – MoPac Improvement Project Thaïs Perkins, Executive Director – TreeFolks
What Else:	Each household may take home up to two trees on a first come first served basis.

For more information about the MoPac Improvement Project, visit <u>www.MoPacExpress.com</u>.

## 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 the 183A Toll Road in Williamson County and the 290 Toll Road (Manor Expressway) in east Austin and is constructing Express Lanes on the MoPac Expressway. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com

## About TreeFolks

TreeFolks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to empower Central Texans to build stronger communities through planting and caring for trees. Established in 1989, TreeFolks volunteers and staff have planted 1 million trees in Central Texas at schools, parks, in medians, right of ways, community gardens, greenbelts and on private lands in fire ravaged Bastrop County. TreeFolks' impact preserves the Central Texas quality of life by cooling the air, cleaning precious water, sheltering us from the hot Texas sun, and by providing a shaded sense of place that fosters a healthy, connected community. For more information about TreeFolks, visit www.TreeFolks.org.