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MEDIA ALERT

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Manor Expressway to Open with Community-Wide Celebration

(Austin, Texas) – The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) will open the Manor Expressway 290 Toll Road on May 17 with a special “On the Road Again” community-wide celebration. The Manor Expressway is the first-ever toll road entirely within Travis County. Joining state and local officials will be acting United States Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Victor Mendez.

Traffic on 290 East between US 183 and SH 130 has increased by more than 78% since 1990, posing challenges for the quality of life and economic prosperity for area residents. The Manor Expressway will offer a controlled-access toll road to connect Manor and SH 130 to downtown, while maintaining toll free frontage roads. It is expected to bring new businesses and as many as 2,200 jobs to Eastern Travis County.

The event, which will take place on the toll road in front of Applied Materials

between Giles Lane and Harris Branch Parkway, will feature a 5K fun run, community festival, car show, ribbon-cutting ceremony and parade. The highway will be opened following the event.

WHAT: “On the Road Again” Manor Expressway Grand Opening Celebration

WHO: Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

5K family fun run begins at 8 a.m.

WHERE: On the toll road in front of Applied Materials between Giles Lane and Harris Branch Parkway

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES: Ceremonial Parade and ribbon-cutting including classic cars a transit bus and a confetti canon; speeches by acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor Mendez, Mobility Authority Chairman Ray Wilkerson and others; car show featuring Austin Lowriders and Austin Mini Cooper car club, Ballet Folclorico and other community booths and presentations.