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Manor Expressway Opened to Traffic

(Austin, Texas) – The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) opened the Manor Expressway 290 Toll Road today with a community-wide celebration. The new toll road connects Eastern Travis County and the SH 130 corridor with downtown Austin.

“The Manor Expressway is a big leap forward for mobility for Central Texas,” said Mike Heiligenstein, the Mobility Authority executive director, of the 6.2-mile project to add 12 lanes of capacity. “This is the biggest highway project in Travis County since the construction of MoPac in the 1970s.”

“This new road will not only improve options for commuters in Eastern Travis County, it is expected to bring new development and businesses and as many as 2,200 jobs to the area,” said Ray Wilkerson, chairman of the Mobility Authority Board of Directors. “That’s some serious economic potential.”

Heiligenstein also noted that the Manor Expressway is part of an interconnected network of toll projects, which along with existing highways, has the potential to transform Austin traffic.

“As one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the country, Austin’s only limitation is its aging infrastructure,” he said. “Working with many partners, we’re tackling that problem head on, looking for new and innovative solutions to help reconnect downtown with the suburbs and keep Austin’s economy moving.”

The grand opening on Saturday featured a 5K fun run, community festival, car show, ribbon-cutting ceremony, parade and speeches, including that of 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 non-tolled frontage roads.