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## PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR US 183/BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

**AUSTIN** — The Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, will conduct a <u>public hearing</u> to discuss the planned improvements for US 183 (Bergstrom Expressway) from US 290 to SH 71 on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Delco Activity Center, located at 4601 Pecan Brook Drive, Austin, TX 78724.

The hearing will begin with an open house at 6 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. A public comment session will be held after the presentation.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and mobility. There is a need to change travel movements on US 183 because of the increase in the surrounding population, traffic volumes, and the number of vehicle crashes.

The proposed <u>Bergstrom Expressway project</u> would entail construction of six tolled mainlanes (three in each direction) and four to six non-tolled general purpose lanes (two to three in each direction), depending on existing conditions. Approximately four acres of additional right-of-way and nine acres of easements would need to be acquired for the proposed improvements. No residential or business displacements would result from implementation.

The environmental document, maps, drawings and other Bergstrom Expressway project information will be on display at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, mailed to TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426, or by fax to (512) 832-7157. Written comments must be received by Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 in order to be included in the official public hearing record.

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## **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. "Like" us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/txdot; and follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/txdotaustin.

## **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 MoPac Expressway. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.