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## **Mobility Authority Board of Directors Meetings to be Live Streamed**

## New technology encourages greater citizen participation

(Austin, Texas) – The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is now live streaming its Board of Directors meetings on its web site to promote additional citizen engagement in its proceedings. Central Texans are now able to watch the meetings on their computers or mobile devices from the convenience of their home or office.

Board members voted unanimously at the April Board of Directors meeting to approve a contract with video production company Swagit Productions, LLC to provide the webcasting service. Citizens can watch meetings live or view archived footage from previous meetings with the ability to skip ahead to items of interest using hyperlinked meeting agendas. The live stream feed was successfully tested during the July 1 Board meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on July 29.

"Transparency in the governing process is vital to public engagement," said Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director for the Mobility Authority. "Live streaming is a new and innovative way to engage Central Texas residents in the discussions that affect their transportation choices." Heiligenstein said."

The Mobility Authority has a number of important transportation projects in various stages of development aimed at improving traffic congestion in Central Texas. The agency's robust public involvement process encourages community engagement as each project progresses, and the live streaming capability will allow even more citizens to get involved and stay informed.

The Mobility Authority Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Citizen input is welcome, and agendas are available online the Friday preceding the meeting. More information about the Board of Directors can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Archived footage from the July 1 meeting of the Board of Directors can be found <a href=here</a>.

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