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Mobility Authority to Pursue Greenroads® Certification *Agency Renews Commitment to Protect the Environment*

(Austin, Texas)—The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) is pursuing Greenroads® certifications on 183 South, SH 45SW, and all future applicable projects as part of the agency’s continued commitment to environmental stewardship. With more than 110 projects worldwide, Greenroads is an independent, third-party, point-based sustainability rating system, similar to LEED® certifications for buildings. On a project by project basis, Greenroads will evaluate project design and construction, and certify the agency’s performance.

“With 183 South, we have the largest highway project in the running for Greenroads certification in the United States. This is an exciting opportunity for Central Texas to show the world how seriously we take environmental responsibility,” said Mobility Authority Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein.

Greenroads certification can range from Bronze to Evergreen (the highest rating), and the certification may be awarded to the 183 South Project at the conclusion of construction in 2020.

“This effort builds on our existing sustainability practices during construction,” Heiligenstein said. This includes the use of warm-mix asphalt, off-peak hour hauling, and use of recycled materials on past and current projects.

Greenroads Executive Director Jeralee Anderson, Ph.D., P.E., LEED AP, said, “Our partnership with the Mobility Authority so far has shown a strong and lasting commitment to environmental sensitivity, social justice, and financial responsibility. We are excited to evaluate their applications for Greenroads Certification.”

She also noted that the Mobility Authority is in the running to become the first toll agency in the United States to have a Greenroads certified project and is the first Greenroads Gold Member agency. For more information on Greenroads, visit www.greenroads.org/.

183 South Project aims to promote multi-modal transit and enhanced construction practices to preserve the local landscape, river and creek crossings, and neighboring wildlife sanctuary. Along with 290 Toll, 183 South brings a sustainable focus to the east Austin area. The construction of SH 45SW includes features that will ultimately exceed all standards for water quality requirements.

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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 in Williamson County and 290 Toll in east Austin. The agency is also constructing Express Lanes on the MoPac Expressway and an 8-mile facility on US 183 in east Austin. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.