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## **Hundreds Put to Work as Next Phase of Manor Expressway Construction Begins**

(Austin, Texas) – The second phase of the \$426 million Manor Expressway Project is officially underway. Financing of the 6.2-mile project Expressway has been completed, and construction crews have been given official notice to begin work. The project, one of the largest in Central Texas, will employ dozens of businesses and hundreds of workers, providing a significant boost to the local economy.

“The timing for this project couldn’t be better,” says Ray Wilkerson, Chairman of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. “We are creating jobs now while investing in mobility improvements that will be critical to supporting economic growth in the future.” Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein added, “Given our experience on 183A in North Austin and Williamson County, I believe this may be the most important economic development infrastructure project east of I-35, other than the Bergstrom Airport.”

The Manor Expressway will extend from US 183 in east Austin to just east of Parmer Lane in the City of Manor. It is being constructed in the median of US 290, which will be expanded to three lanes in each direction in the form of non-tolled frontage roads. The project includes construction of a shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the entire corridor.

“The Mobility Authority was created to expedite projects that have languished due to funding limitations and other difficulties,” says Wilkerson. “By moving forward with our 183A project, the Manor Expressway and the MoPac Improvement Project, we are rapidly achieving our mission.”

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The Manor Expressway will be an all-electronic toll road meaning there will be no cash toll plazas. Tolls will be collected electronically with TxTag or through the Mobility Authority's Pay by Mail program, which uses license plate data.

The Manor Expressway is being designed and built by Central Texas Mobility Constructors LLC, led by Webber LLC and Texas Sterling Construction Company. The project is expected to open in phases beginning in 2012 and should be completed by 2014.

To learn more about the Manor Expressway project visit [www.ManorExpressway.com](http://www.ManorExpressway.com).

### **About the Mobility Authority**

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created to improve the regional transportation system. Our mission is to implement innovative solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. The Mobility Authority is the state's first Regional Mobility Authority, created in January 2003 to serve Travis and Williamson counties. The Mobility Authority currently operates the 183A toll road in Williamson County and is currently working to extend the 183A project and construct the US 290 East (Manor Expressway) project.

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