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Mobility Authority Hosts Inaugural Ride On 183A Shared Use Path

(Cedar Park, Texas) – Walkers, joggers and cyclists are getting their first look at a new shared-use path along the 183A toll road in Cedar Park. The first 2.2-mile section of the path is open to users following an inaugural ride featuring local leaders and cycling enthusiasts. The path was built by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, which runs the 183A toll road.

“The Mobility Authority is committed to the vision of creating a comprehensive regional transportation system,” says Ray Wilkerson, Chairman of the Mobility Authority. “Great communities are linked together by a wide range of reliable transportation facilities, and we’re doing our part to ensure Central Texas continues to be a great community where people want to live, work and play.”

The \$1.8 million shared-use path is part of a larger trail network that the Mobility Authority is constructing in the 183A corridor. Eventually, the trail will extend from the Brushy Creek Regional Trail north to the South San Gabriel River with a connection to the Capital Metro Leander Rail Station.

“During my time on the Williamson County Commissioner’s Court, we were dedicated to developing the first regional trail network here,” says Mobility Authority Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein. “Now working with our community partners, the Mobility Authority is expanding that trail network to serve even more people in Central Texas.”

A dedication ceremony held in conjunction with the inaugural ride was hosted by Mobility Authority Chairman Ray Wilkerson. Featured speakers at the event were Cedar Park Mayor Bob Lemon, Austin City Council Member Chris Riley and Bike Texas Executive Director Robin Stallings.

This first phase of 10-foot wide concrete shared-use path runs from South Brushy Creek to RM 1431. A second section from RM 1431 to Hero Way in Leander is expected to open in spring 2012. The Mobility Authority has partnered with Williamson County, Cedar Park and TxDOT to build a bridge across South Brushy Creek to link the 183A path with the Brushy Creek Regional Trail. That bridge should be completed in late 2012. The Mobility Authority is currently seeking funding to extend the trail north from Hero Way to the South San Gabriel River with a link to the Capital Metro Rail Station in Leander.

Following the dedication ceremony, local leaders and cycling enthusiasts from Bike Texas strapped on their helmets and rode the new trail.

For more information visit: www.MobilityAuthority.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 October 2002 to serve Travis and Williamson counties. The Mobility Authority 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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