



## **News Release**

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### **183A Toll Road Work Underway**

*Preliminary Work Paves the Way for 2007 Completion*

Austin, TX January 4, 2005. The development of the highly anticipated 183A toll road begins in early January 2005, announced Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA). The congestion-relieving project, which has been on the transportation improvement waiting list for a number of years, will be completed by the CTRMA in record time and with millions of dollars in savings to taxpayers.

“In the coming weeks people will begin to see site preparation activity in 183A, our first project,” added Heiligenstein. Pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence on the future 183A toll road on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Pre-construction site preparation will be limited to the project right-of-way from Lakeline Boulevard to FM 1431. No work is planned on private property. Heavy construction is scheduled to begin in March 2004.

During the next few weeks, workers with Hill Country Constructors (HCC) will begin site preparation. Site preparation work includes drilling to evaluate the characteristics at the project site. In addition, surveyors, utility workers and the environmental team will be on-site. Erosion control evaluation and site clearing are scheduled for later this month.

“Hill Country Constructors is committed to developing this much needed project as quickly as possible,” commented Ralph Gleffe, project manager for HCC. HCC is responsible for the design and construction of 183A. The local company brings decades of expertise to this project.

Public meetings will be held in the coming weeks to get citizens’ input on the project. HCC will also be introducing the project website in about a week. Specific dates and locations for the meetings will be announced on the website and in other publications.

For information regarding 183A or construction activities, citizens may visit [www.ctrma.org](http://www.ctrma.org) or call (512) 233-0101.

**183A Preliminary Project Construction Schedule:**

January – March 2005	Site evaluation preparation
March – July 2005	Roadway preparation & excavation
July – December 2005	Bridge foundation preparation & road base construction
December 2005 – December 2006	Roadway bridge & walls construction
March 2007	Finish work
Mid- March 2007	Opening day

**About 183A**

183A is the CTRMA's first project being built from the ground up. It will extend 11.6 miles from SH 45/RM 620 to north of Leander. 183A toll collection systems will include electronic toll collection and cash options for drivers. However, those drivers who use an electronic toll collection toll tag will receive discounts.

CTRMA finalized and signed a comprehensive development agreement with Hill Country Constructors (HCC) in December 2004. HCC will design and construct the 183A toll road.

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