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New Toll Rate Goes Into Effect on 183A Toll Road

(Austin, Texas) – The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority will be implementing a new toll rate schedule on the 183A toll road beginning January 1, 2010. Under the new schedule, the toll rate at the Park Street Mainline Plaza will increase from \$1.35 to \$1.55 for drivers paying with TxTag. The rate for Pay By Mail customers will increase from \$1.80 to \$2.07. Toll rates at the Lakeline Plaza and the Brushy Creek ramps will not change.

The increase has been planned since 2005 when bonds were sold to fund construction of 183A. The increase is needed to keep up with inflation, ensure the financial stability of the Mobility Authority and to help back additional bonds funding a five-mile northern extension of 183A that is slated to go to construction in spring 2010. The five-mile extension will run from FM 1431 in Cedar Park to just north of RM 2243 in Leander. The extension is expected to open in 2012.

Once the extension is opened, the TxTag toll rate at the Park Street Main Plaza will be reduced from \$1.55 to \$1.25, making the rate less than when 183A opened in 2007. The rate reduction will be made possible by the construction of a new tolling location on the northern extension project just south of Crystal Falls Parkway.

"Higher than projected traffic volumes on the 183A frontage roads led to our decision to construct the Northern Extension more than seven years ahead of schedule," says Mobility Authority Communications Director Steve Pustelnyk. "The extension will provide faster and safer travel for drivers who choose to use it, and it will also allow us to reduce the tolls for some drivers on the existing 183A."

183A Full Length Trip	2007	2010	2012
Crystal Falls Mainline Plaza (NEW)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.95
Park Street Mainline Plaza	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.25
Lakeline Mainline Plaza	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.50
Total	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.70

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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