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Mobility Authority Considers New Toll Schedule for 183A

(Austin, Texas) – The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is proposing to adjust toll rates on the 183A toll road as part of a 5-mile northern extension project that is scheduled to be under construction early next year. The toll schedule adjustment would include a previously scheduled 20-cent increase at the Park Street Main Plaza on January 1, 2010. When the Northern Extension project opens however, the Mobility Authority is also proposing a 30-cent toll rate reduction at the Park Street Main Plaza. That reduction would be made possible by the construction of a new mainline toll gantry just south of Crystal Falls Parkway on the Northern Extension project. Tolls at that location would be \$0.95.

"The \$120 million Northern Extension project is being constructed seven years earlier than originally planned," says Mobility Authority Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein. "The extension will lead to faster and safer travel for drivers who choose to use it and at the same time allow us to lower tolls for some drivers."

As part of the proposal, beginning in 2013 tolls would be increased annually based on either the Consumer Price Index or the Texas Gross State Product per Capita.

"Annual inflation based increases protect customers from large one time toll increases while ensuring the Mobility Authority can keep up with increasing costs for highway maintenance, operating and construction," says Heiligenstein.

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When the 183A Northern Extension is opened, a full-length trip will cost \$2.70 for a customer with TxTag. Meanwhile, a trip on the current tolled portion of 183A between New Hope Road and RM 620 will drop from its current \$1.80 to \$1.75.

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

The Northern Extension is expected to open by 2012.

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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DRAFT 2012 TOLL RATES

- Three main lanes in each direction from FM 620 (SH 45) to north of proposed CR 269*
- Two lane frontage roads in each direction from FM 1431 to US 183

**Number of main lanes may be increased in certain areas to allow for auxiliary lanes and ramps.*

LEGEND

- Frontage Roads
- Main Lanes and Ramps
- Main Toll Plaza
- Ramp Gantry
- Gantry

PRELIMINARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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