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Children's Day at 183A Construction Site

Event marks milestone in construction progress

(Cedar Park, Texas) – Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) held a children's day on the 183A construction site Friday, July 15th. The event marked the beginning stages of excavation work in the area around Park Street in Cedar Park.

Construction of the toll road has progressed rapidly since January. Hill Country Constructors has cleared the right-of-way, is constructing bridge foundations at Lakeline Boulevard and now has begun excavation work in the area around Park Street in Cedar Park.

"CTRMA is committed to being a customer and community focused agency. Tonight was an excellent opportunity for the neighborhood children to learn about construction site safety during a fun, family focused event," said Steve Pustelnyk, Director of Communications.

Construction equipment was showcased including the unique "road miners" that are being used for excavation work. The machines are about 15 feet tall, 50 feet long, and can cut a path 18 feet wide. Their carbide teeth can chew through 2,500 tons of rock a day. The excavation work will make room for the construction of the main toll plaza.

The 183A toll road is scheduled to open to traffic in March 2007.

About 183A

The 183A toll road is the first project to be financed and constructed by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. The 11.6 mile roadway which has been under discussion since the early 1980's extends from U.S. 183 at RM 620 to U. S. 183 north of Leander. The road will feature a state of the art electronic toll collection system that will allow customers to pay tolls at highway speed without the need to stop and wait at a toll plaza. The project is being designed and built by Hill Country Constructors (HCC) under a comprehensive development agreement with the CTRMA

For more information regarding the 183A project, visit <u>www.183A.com</u> or call the project hotline at (512) 485-183A.