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## **New Board Member Joins Mobility Authority**

(Austin, Texas) – Austin real estate consultant Charles H. Heimsath has officially been sworn in as the newest member of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. Heimsath was appointed to the seven-member Board by the Travis County Commissioners Court, filling a position left vacant following the sudden death in July 2009 of Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr. Heimsath was sworn in by Travis County Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt during a ceremony today at the Mobility Authority's monthly Board meeting.

Heimsath is President of Capitol Market Research, an Austin based company that provides professional services related to real estate research, land use economics and market analysis. He has lived in the Austin area for more than 25 years and has been actively engaged in numerous civic activities, serving as a member of the Capital Metro Citizens Advisory Council, the Waller Creek Redevelopment Task Force and the Austin Plan Transportation Committee. He has also been active with the regional planning group Envision Central Texas. In addition, Heimsath has served on the Downtown Alliance Board, the City of Austin Parks Board and the Austin Children's Museum Board.

He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the American Planning Association, the Real Estate Council of Austin and is licensed Real Estate Broker. Heimsath is a graduate of the University of Vermont with a BA in Economics and holds a Master of Community and Regional Planning degree from the University of Texas.

Mobility Authority Board members are volunteers who receive no compensation for their work. They serve two years terms and may be reappointed to additional terms. The Chairman of the Board is appointed by the Governor of Texas. The Williamson and Travis County Commissioners Courts each appoint three members on a rotating basis to serve on the seven-member board.

## **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.