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## CAMPO Approves Funding for 183A Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway

(Cedar Park, TX) – The CAMPO Policy Board has awarded \$1.2 million in Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to help fund Phase 1 of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway along the 183A toll road in Williamson County. The \$2.4 million dollar pathway will stretch from 183A at Brushy Creek to FM 1431 in Cedar Park. The balance of the funding will come from the Mobility Authority, which sold more than \$227 million in bonds to build the 183A project.

"Trails add to the richness of our community," says Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director of the Mobility Authority. "They enhance quality of life, improve mobility, attract new residents and boost property values."

The Mobility Authority has completed design work on the trail and is working quickly to finalize the necessary funding agreements. The trail will be 10 feet wide and will have a concrete surface. Construction of the trail is expected to begin in the fall of 2008 and should take less than a year to complete.

According to Heiligenstein, the 183A trail will eventually connect to the Brushy Creek Regional Trail which is planned to extend from Round Rock to Cedar Park.

"We plan to construct a trail head with parking where the two trails are expected to intersect at Brushy Creek," says Heiligenstein. We have also planted wildflowers in the area for people who want to stop in a safe place and enjoy the scenic beauty of the creek." Over the next few years the Mobility Authority also plans to extend the 183A Bicycle and Pedestrian Path all the way to the South San Gabriel River in Leander.

"The Mobility Authority is committed to providing multi-modal, pedestrian friendly facilities wherever we build toll roads," says Heiligenstein. "This is the continuation of the commitment I made as a County Commissioner to enhance the quality and diversity of our traveling infrastructure by incorporating trails into our planning and implementation of mobility projects. This is just the first of many Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities we plan to build in coming years."

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