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Toll Authority Announces Schedule for Austin Neighborhood Meetings

AUSTIN, May 3, 2004 – In an effort to educate the community about the proposed efforts to relieve traffic congestion in Central Texas, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) today released the most recent schedule of upcoming community and neighborhood meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to provide outreach and public education regarding the proposed toll plan. The Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will hold an initial public hearing on the toll proposal on May 10th, 2004 at the Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas Campus, Dean Keeton (26th) and Red River.

The following schedule is provided as an update on meetings that are currently scheduled. Updates will be sent out in the future. The public may also access the established hotline for more information and the most recent updates on scheduled meetings. The hotline number is:

#512.314.5711

CTRMA Community Meetings & Presentations

May 10, 2004 – CAMPO Public Hearing @ 6:45pm, **LBJ Auditorium in the LBJ Library, 2313 Red River Street** (Note: Mtg. starts at 6pm)*

May 11, 2004 – CTRMA Community Meeting – **East Austin** at 6:45 p.m. at the *Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street.*

May 13, 2004 – CTRMA Community Meeting – **East Austin** at 6:45 p.m. at the *Huston-Tillotson College, 900 Chicon Street*

May 18, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Northeast Austin** at 6:45 p.m. at *the YMCA, 5313 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Austin, TX 78723*

May 20, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Northeast Austin** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

May 25, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **South/Southeast Austin** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

May 27, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Southwest Austin** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

June 1, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **North Austin** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

June 3, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Central Austin** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

June 8, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Cedar Park/Leander** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

June 10, 2004 - CTRMA Community Meeting – **Round Rock** at 6:45 p.m., location TBA

June 14, 2004 – *Scheduled CAMPO MEETING **, Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas Campus, Dean Keeton (26th) and Red River*

* Public hearing by CAMPO

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About CTRMA

In 2001, the Texas Legislature authorized the creation of Regional Mobility Authorities (RMA's) through Senate Bill 342 for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining turnpike projects in the state. Travis and Williamson Counties joined together to create the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA), the first RMA created in Texas. In the face of sharp decreases in traditional funding sources, and the great number of critical mobility improvements needed, RMA's could step in and provide more flexibility by focusing local dollars in order to leverage revenue bonds for major projects and construct them sooner, rather than later. A 7-member Board of Directors governs the CTRMA, with three representatives each from Travis and Williamson Counties and the presiding member named by the Governor. For more information about the CTRMA visit our website at www.ctrma.org