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## Ray Wilkerson To Serve Second Term As Mobility Authority Chairman

(Austin, Texas) – Governor Rick Perry has announced the appointment of Ray A. Wilkerson to a second two-year term as Chairman of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. Wilkerson, a Travis County resident, was first appointed to the Mobility Authority Board in June 2009. During his first two years of service, Wilkerson and the Mobility Authority broke ground on the 183A Extension project, the Manor Expressway project and fast-tracked development of the MoPac Improvement Project.

"Chairman Wilkerson has devoted an incredible amount of time to supporting our efforts to bring greater mobility, economic vitality and an improved quality of life to the people of Central Texas," says Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director of the Mobility Authority. "We are privileged to work with Chairman Wilkerson, and we are thrilled he will be sharing his expertise with our organization for another two years."

Wilkerson is president of Ray Wilkerson Companies, Inc., a commercial real estate development company. He previously served as Chairman of the Lower Colorado River Authority and as Vice Chairman of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. Active in the community, Wilkerson is Vice Chancellor of Knights of the Symphony and is a life member of the Austin Travis County Livestock Show. Wilkerson is also a Board member for the HeartGift Foundation, an organization he founded. HeartGift brings disadvantaged children from other countries to the United States for free, lifesaving heart surgery. Wilkerson is a graduate of the University of Texas with a B.A. in Business Administration.

## **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 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. The agency is also a partner on the MoPac Improvement Project, a joint effort of the Mobility Authority, TxDOT, the City of Austin and Capital Metro to address traffic congestion in the MoPac corridor.