



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #17 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Report.

Department: Administrative

Associated Costs: None

Funding Source: None

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

The Executive Director's Report is attached for review and reference.

- A. Project Status Updates.
- B. Update on the 83rd Legislature.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 27, 2013

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PRIORITY ISSUES



MoPac Improvement Project
Design/Build Contract Award



Bergstrom Expressway Open
House - March 7, 2013

ADMINISTRATION

TEAMTX

At this year's TxDOT Transportation Forum, TeamTexas met to coordinate activities and discuss operational efficiency. Mario Espinoza was named Vice Chair of TeamTexas. Tim Reilly was named Chair of the Interoperability Committee.

OPERATIONS

REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

COORDINATION

In our effort to support fellow Mobility Authorities, staff has been providing operational and communications support to Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) and North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NETRMA) as they prepare to open new tolling locations along their respective facilities. We have also been assisting NETRMA with transaction processing and transitioning their Pay By Mail program from TxDOT to MSB.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

MANOR EXPRESSWAY

PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continues to progress construction eastward. Westbound traffic recently transitioned to newly constructed, temporary pavement on the south side of project to accommodate construction of the westbound frontage road between Giles Road and the MOKAN bridge. The construction required the closure of a temporary turn around

used by residents in the Rosemont Apartments and the Chimney Hills neighborhood.

MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The shortlisted, proposing Design/Build Teams (DW/Sundt, Abrams/Lane and CH2M HILL) submitted their Technical and Price Proposals last month. These proposals were reviewed by Technical and Price Committees made up of Mobility Authority staff and consultants. A Best Value recommendation is being presented to the Board this month.

The Technical Committee included experts in roadway, structures, tolling, drainage, scheduling, utilities, maintenance of traffic, construction and public outreach. Input from these experts was used by the Selection Committee to help score the technical proposals without any knowledge of the proposed prices. The Price and Technical Committees then combined their findings to identify a Best Value Proposer.

If approved by the Board, the Mobility Authority will move forward with the necessary steps to finalize the contract. FHWA and TxDOT must approve the award, and we are required by state law to publish contract information and hold a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for the March Board Meeting, and Notice to Proceed is anticipated to occur in April.

Last month, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the Project Development Agreement (PDA) between TxDOT and the Mobility Authority. The PDA clarifies the Mobility Authority's and TxDOT's roles for final design, construction, operations and maintenance. We anticipate execution of the Agreement in March.

BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Public involvement and environmental activities for the study continue. The next Open House is March 7th at East Austin College Prep (formerly Solid Rock Church), 5800 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Austin, TX 78721. This will be the first opportunity for the public to provide input on the Context Sensitive Solutions concepts.

The ideas being presented highlight enhancements that incorporate art, music, native landscaping and bike and pedestrian facilities. An online survey has also been developed and will be launched on BergstromExpressway.com after the Open House.

OAK HILL PARKWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Oak Hill Parkway Environmental Study continues to move forward. In addition to the open houses, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT are hosting a series of facilitated working group meetings with Oak Hill community members who expressed an interest in the project. These meetings will cover multiple topics including environmental issues, general design, bicycle and pedestrian elements and context sensitive solutions. The first of these working group meetings occurred on January 31st. Participants

were asked to share their areas of environmental concern. The second working group on February 19th covered roadway design and facility types with a focus on key intersections. Both workshops were well attended, and area elected officials are being kept informed.

Information collected from these meetings will be used to develop various, alternative ways to improve mobility, while protecting the character of the area and its sensitive environmental features. Additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the year. The next Open House is tentatively planned for this upcoming May.

183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The procurement process for the 183 North Environmental Study kicked off on January 28th with the issuance of the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Request for Qualifications. Seven responses were received, and evaluation and responses are underway. Interviews with short-listed teams are scheduled for March 18th, and a recommendation will be made to the Board at our March Board Meeting.

MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The procurement process for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the MoPac South project was initiated in September 2012. Jacobs Engineering was the selected consultant. Final negotiations regarding project scope and fee are currently underway, and a final, negotiated contract will be presented to the Board in March. With approval, we anticipate initiating the environmental study process in April.