



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #19 SUMMARY

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### 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. Office Move.

Attached documentation for reference:

Executive Director's Report

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# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 24, 2013

MIKE HEILIGENSTEIN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PRIORITY ISSUES



Manor Expressway Interchange  
Project Final Acceptance



US 183 Environmental Study  
Contract Negotiations

### ADMINISTRATION

#### AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC TOLLING

#### TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

On May 7th, IBTTA Executive Director Pat Jones and I will be speaking at an Automatic Electronic Tolling Transportation Conference hosted by the Center for Strategic Studies of the D'Amore McKim College of Business at NEU and the Rappaport Institute at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in Boston. Topics to be discussed at the conference include the challenges of transitioning to automatic electronic tolling and how technology is saving time, lives and money in providing surface transportation services.

#### OFFICE MOVE

Our new office at University Park (3300 North IH-35, Suite 300) is in the final stages of build out, and we expect to move in the weekend of April 26th. Our phone and email service will be down Friday afternoon, April 26th, and it should be operational again by that evening. Parking at the new location will be free. Our new office includes a dedicated Board Room. Installation of the Board Room audio-visual equipment may extend into May. Given this, we have reserved space in Cedar Park for the May Board meeting just in case the new Board Room is not ready in time.

#### CAMPO

Mario and Wes briefed the CAMPO Board at their April 8th meeting on the status of all our projects currently under development – Bergstrom Expressway, Oak Hill Parkway, MoPac South and 183 North. While there were questions about the 45 SW project, staff responded that our work is pending the outcome of the CAMPO committee

established to review and make recommendations to the CAMPO Board on that project. The information was well received. CAMPO Board members asked that we provide them with future project updates.

### OPERATIONS

#### INTEROPERABILITY SUMMIT

On April 3rd and 4th, the Mobility Authority hosted an Interoperability Summit to help lead a national and regional interoperability effort by 2016. Agency representatives from Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, IBTTA and the Alliance for Toll Interoperability were all in attendance. An implementation path was identified that took into account existing technologies.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### MANOR EXPRESSWAY

#### PHASE II PROJECT

Central Texas Mobility Constructors (CTMC) continue to focus their construction activities on completing the frontage roads along the entire project. The westbound frontage road between the eastern end of the project and SH 130 has been completed, and CTMC is preparing to shift traffic to the new segment. CTMC has also recently shifted traffic to the newly constructed westbound frontage road between Springdale Road and Cross Park Drive. Construction activities this month also included intersection construction at Tuscany Way and Springdale Road and setting beams at the Arterial "A" intersection and at the SH 130 interchange.

## MO PAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Design/Build Contract with CH2M HILL was executed, and notice to proceed (NTP) was issued this month. There will be several months of ramp up activities. Construction is expected to begin late this year. As construction approaches, the public involvement team will increase their efforts to inform the public on what to expect during final design and construction. A Communications Outreach Plan is currently being developed.

CH2M HILL has proposed design modifications that will require a re-evaluation of the environmental assessment. Additional outreach to neighbors and other interested stakeholders impacted by these changes will begin this summer.

## BERGSTROM EXPRESSWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Public involvement and environmental activities for the study continue. The team is currently summarizing and evaluating the community feedback from the second Open House, held on March 7th at East Austin College Prep (formerly Solid Rock Church). The community was asked to provide input on context sensitive solutions and other project enhancements such as architecture, landscaping and pedestrian facilities. The information received will be used to further define the design options presented at the third Open House, tentatively planned for late June.

The team continues to coordinate and support TxDOT with schematic development, a value engineering study and utility planning. The results of the value engineering study propose several design changes that would reduce the cost of the project. These changes are being reviewed and will be incorporated into both the design schematic and study document.

## OAK HILL PARKWAY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

A series of workgroup meetings developed to get environmental, design and bicycle and pedestrian input from the community for the Oak Hill Parkway Environmental Study are wrapping up on May 16th with a second design workgroup. At this meeting, the

project team will preview the initial design concepts developed from the information gathered at the workgroup meetings. These same concepts will be shown to the general public at the second project Open House on May 23rd at Clint Small Middle School. To ensure all members of the public have the opportunity to be actively engaged in project development, the project team is working with TTI to launch a Virtual Open House on the same day as the Open House. A link from our project website will provide online participants a similar experience to the live Open House. Team members will also be available on May 24th from 12 pm – 2 pm and on May 29th from 6 pm – 8 pm to answer questions in real time through an online chat.

## 183 NORTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Last month, the Mobility Authority Board approved CP&Y as the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Consultant. Contract negotiations are currently underway. The environmental approval process is anticipated to take two to three years.

## MO PAC SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The contract with Jacobs, our Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Consultant for this project, has been executed. Development of a public involvement plan with enhanced community outreach measures is underway. The first open house is anticipated to occur in early 2014.

The Mobility Authority, in coordination with TxDOT, will prepare a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for proposed improvements to the intersections of Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue. The environmental study is anticipated to start this fall and will last approximately one year. If the proposed improvements are environmentally cleared, TxDOT will design, construct and maintain the intersections. The MoPac South Environmental Study team, led by Jacobs, will prepare the CE as part of their scope of work in their overall contract.