

August 26, 2020 AGENDA ITEM #10

Executive Director Board Report

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility

Department: Executive

Contact: Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Action Requested: Briefing and Board Discussion Only

Executive Director Board Report:

A. Effect of COVID-19 on agency operations

B. 183 North Mobility Project

C. Results of Bond Refunding

D. Project Awards & Recognition

Backup Provided: Presentation

List of Awards



2020 Mobility Authority Awards & Recognitions

IBTTA Certificate of Merit (August 2020 announcement)

45SW was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association (IBTTA) for its social responsibility accomplishments related to environmental mitigation and community engagement.

 Engineering News-Record- Texas/Louisiana - Regional Green Project of the Year Award (July 2020 announcement)

The Engineering News-Record, a leading industry publication, hosted the Regional Best Projects Awards. The Green Project of the Year Award is given to world-class projects that demonstrated excellence in safety, innovation and teamwork while focusing on sustainable and environmentally conscious design and construction. 45SW was awarded this honor in the Texas/Louisiana region.

 ASCE Texas - Outstanding Civil Engineering Award - Award of Merit (July 2020 announcement; gala in September)

45SW was selected to win the American Society of Civil Engineers- Texas Section's 2020 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) Award of Merit. This award is given to a completed project that demonstrates a significant contribution to civil engineering progress and society. 45SW was awarded for its commitment to quality and innovation in design and construction of a project that prioritized delivering increased mobility to the region with a focus on environmental preservation and innovative public safety measures.

• WTS HOT Chapter – Innovative Transportation Solutions Award (June 2020 announcement; virtual gala in September)

The Innovative Transportation Solutions Award honors an innovative project led by a woman. Led by Tracie Brown, 45SW won this award for its wrong way driving detection pilot program and operational environmental protections that are connected to the Mobility Authority's Integrated Technology System (ITS), both of which transfer real-time data and can be managed by the Traffic & Incident Management (TIM) Center.

American Public Works Association – Technical Innovation Award (June 2020; gala cancelled)

45SW was awarded an American Public Works Association Technical Innovation Award for its successful implementation of a pilot project on Wrong-Way Driving technology with connected vehicle capabilities. This award recognized creative innovations with a positive benefit to an agency, the public and/or the community in the deliverance of public works services. 45SW is a world-class roadway where environmental and public safety is paramount.

 Institute of Transportation Engineers – Transportation Education Council Innovation in Education Award (June 2020 announcement; virtual gala in August)

The MoveFWD program was recognized by the Institute of Transportation Engineers as a recipient of the 2020 Transportation Education Council's Innovation in Education Award. This award recognizes individuals or organizations that incorporate innovative opportunities to attract, develop, retrain and inspire transportation professionals. MoveFWD is a workforce collaborative helping people in Central Texas gain employment through opportunities that have job stability and benefits.

WTS HOT Chapter - Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award (February 2020)

Honors an individual who contributes significantly to promoting diversity, inclusion and multicultural awareness within their organization, the transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports the goals and mission of WTS and exhibits extraordinary efforts or initiatives in facilitating professional opportunities for women and minorities. Tracie Brown was recognized for her leadership in operations and support of her team members.

 International Partnering Institute - Collaborative Project Award (May 2020 announcement; virtual gala in August 2020)

45SW was awarded an International Partnering Institute Collaborative Project Award for its exemplary partnership efforts among the Mobility Authority, contractors and project stakeholders to achieve unprecedented environmental sustainability, innovative design and construction and above-and-beyond safety measures for a first-of-its-kind roadway in Central Texas.