



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

October 30, 2019
AGENDA ITEM #12

Exercise the option of the Mobility Authority
under state law to develop, finance, construct,
and operate the 183A Phase III Project
as a toll project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Administration
Contact:	Robert Goode, Deputy Executive Director
Associated Costs:	No financial liability at this stage
Funding Source:	Funding will ultimately be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.
Action Requested:	Consider and act on the draft resolution

Project Description – The Mobility Authority is proposing to extend 183A north from Hero Way to north of SH 29 as Phase III of the 183A system to accommodate forecasted traffic volumes along the US 183 corridor. The 6.6-mile proposed tollway project will initially have two tolled lanes in each direction and will ultimately be widened to three lanes in the future. The proposed tollway is planned to be located mostly in the existing right-of-way within the median of the US 183 corridor. The extension will also feature a shared use path north from Hero Way to the proposed Seward Junction Loop project.

Previous Actions/Brief History of the Project/Program – On November 30, 2016, the Authority approved Work Authorization No. 5 with WSP USA Inc. for schematic design and environmental services on the 183A Phase III Tollway Project. In April 2017, the Authority negotiated and executed the design phase Project Development Agreement (PDA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In January 2019, the Authority approved a contract with Rodriguez Transportation Group for professional engineering design services. On June 13, 2019 a public hearing was held and on August 19, 2019 a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued for the project by TxDOT.

Action requested – State law provides that the Mobility Authority, as a “local tolling entity,” has the first option to develop, finance, construct, and operate any new toll

project located in Travis and Williamson Counties. This option is commonly referred to as “primacy”. The draft resolution exercises the Mobility Authority’s option to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183A Phase III Project as a toll project and directs the Executive Director to communicate the action to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Financing - No financial liability created by this action. Funding will ultimately be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.

Staff Recommendation - Staff recommends that the Board exercise the option of the Mobility Authority under state law to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183A Phase III Project as a toll project.

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY**

AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 19-0XX

**EXERCISING THE OPTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP, FINANCE, CONSTRUCT,
AND OPERATE THE 183A PHASE III PROJECT**

WHEREAS, under Section 373.052 of the Texas Transportation Code, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (“Mobility Authority”) has the first option to develop, finance, construct, and operate any new toll project located in the territory of the Mobility Authority, including Travis County and Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority intends to develop, finance, construct, and operate an approximately 6.6-mile extension of 183A north from Hero Way to north of SH 29 consisting of two initial tolled lanes in each direction that will ultimately be widened to three-tolled lanes in each direction in the future as depicted in Exhibit A (the “183A Phase III Project”); and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2019 the Texas Department of Transportation issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the 183A Phase III Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority supports the goal of improving mobility in the Central Texas region through development of the 183A Phase III Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends the Mobility Authority exercise its option under Texas Transportation Code Section 373.052 to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183A Phase III Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, as provided by the process and procedures of Chapter 373 of the Texas Transportation Code, hereby exercises its option as a local toll project entity to develop, finance, construct, and operate the 183A Phase III Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is directed to communicate in writing the Mobility Authority’s exercise of this option to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 30th day of October 2019.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

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PHASE III

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

LEGEND

-  TOLL GANTRY
-  GENERAL PURPOSE LANES
-  TOLLED LANES
-  DESIGNATED ACCESS POINTS



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