



**CENTRAL TEXAS
Regional Mobility Authority**

AGENDA ITEM #14 SUMMARY

Executive Director's Report.

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility

Department: Executive

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

Executive Director's Monthly report

- A. Project Updates
- B. Dr. Michael Barrett – Barton Springs Recharge Zone Water Quality Presentation

Reference: Executive Director's report

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PROJECT UPDATES

MoPac Improvement Project



- The contractor mobilized a second major subcontractor to assist in project delivery. A third subcontractor will be brought on for the construction of the undercrossing near downtown.
- Drilled shaft foundations for retaining walls and sound walls is approximately 50% complete.
- Construction activities related to the 42" City waterline relocation commenced on Camp Hubbard (TxDOT facility). Camp Mabry work is scheduled to begin later this month.
- The Lake Austin Blvd. ramp continues to be temporarily closed to facilitate construction near the downtown interchange. Minimal traffic impacts have been noted and/or reported. July 1 is the anticipated ramp re-open date.
- Paving operations have resumed, mostly on the northern half of the project.



Placing Deck Forms for Southbound MoPac Bridge over Capital Metro Red Line - June 15

- The installation of sound wall columns and panels continues on the south end of the project. Installation will progress northward.

183 North Mobility Project



- The design exception package was submitted to TxDOT on May 22, 2015 and is currently under TxDOT Review.
- Project Level Toll Analysis, Regional Toll Analysis (RTA), and MSAT revisions have been completed. The RTA is currently with CAMPO for review.
- 90% schematic design was submitted to the Mobility Authority and to TxDOT on June 2, 2015. It is currently under review.
- The draft environmental document was submitted to TxDOT ENV on June 5, 2015.
- Stakeholder outreach continues.

MoPac South Environmental Study



- More than 300 people participated in the online Context Sensitive Solutions survey, which was closed on May 12. The information is under review and will be used to influence project design, so that it reflects the community's cultural, environmental and historic values.

- The project team is looking at several concepts related to access to downtown and the number of Express Lanes, including concepts provided by the City of Austin and Travis County. These options are under evaluation in terms of geometry, environmental, and operational impacts. The options and information on the evaluation of the options will be presented at the additional public meeting late this summer.
- UT's Center for Traffic Research (CTR) was contracted to conduct a study of the downtown street system for 2020 - the proposed opening year for the MoPac South project. The CTR will model the *no build* scenario and compare it to operations of the one-lane and two-lane Express Lane concepts with and without direct connections to downtown.

- be submitted to TxDOT this summer.
- Remaining field work includes geotechnical borings for pavement and bridge design and a design survey at FM 1626 to capture recently completed construction.
- Planning for stakeholder meetings and Context Sensitive Solutions efforts are underway.
- The development of construction plans is anticipated to be complete by the end of the year. Letting for construction is expected early next year.

MoPac Intersections Environmental Study

- TxDOT's Environmental Division approved the draft Environmental Assessment for potential mobility improvements at MoPac's intersections with Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue as satisfactory for further processing. The document will be made available for public review on the project website.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for July 30 at Bowie High School.
- Once the project is environmentally cleared, TxDOT will assume responsibility for final design and construction.

SH 45SW Project



- The Mobility Authority's design team submitted 30% design plans. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT reviewed and provided comments. Plans were also provided to the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) for review.
- The design team is evaluating design refinements, which are proposed to reduced environmental impacts and improve safety. A re-evaluation will

Bergstrom Expressway Project



- On May 27, the Mobility Authority Board of Directors unanimously approved the Colorado River Constructors (Flour / Balfour Beatty) as the design/build contractor for the 183 South Project. They are anticipated to start work on design in August and construction should launch late 2015/early 2016.
- The remaining procurements for construction inspection, survey, and materials testing teams launched in late May. We received and are currently processing proposals for all items.
- Project programming activities continue as the team works to finalize project funding agreements with TxDOT and FHWA.
- The Texas Transportation Commission on June 25th provided preliminary approval for a \$203.4 million dollar grant and loan package to help fund construction for the project. Financing activities continue as we develop updates for the TIFIA Program and finalize the Investment Grade Traffic & Revenue Study.
- ROW Acquisition continues in efforts to meet the commitment to the D/B Contractor.

Maha Loop/Elroy Road, Phase I Project



Final Kellam Road open to traffic

- Placement of rock riprap, filtration material, and plantings are ongoing.
- Placement of matting and seeding complete for east ditch.
- The turn lanes on SH 71 are complete; the change order to add signals is negotiated and under review for approval; signal poles are ready for delivery (were pre-ordered).

290 Toll (Manor Expressway)



- CTMC is finalizing the non-conflict utility relocations required by the project to obtain Final Acceptance.
- CTMC is submitting final documentation to achieve Final Acceptance.

Oak Hill Parkway Project



- Efforts with TxDOT and the City of Austin continue for potential regional detention facilities.
- The design level schematics for both concepts moving forward into the alternatives analysis phase are continuing to be refined as the engineering aspects are reviewed.
- The team continues to contact and meet with stakeholders with concerns regarding regional water detention and right-of-way acquisition; this effort will continue for several months.
- Other outreach meetings continue in advance of the next open house, including project specific stakeholder meetings and a soon to be rescheduled Water Quality Workshop.

SH 71 Express



- Coordination meetings between McCarthy and the Toll Integrator continue.
- Atkins and Schneider Electric continue to review design submittals and attend comment resolution meetings.
- McCarthy continues to progress design activities from 60% to Final Design.



Community Impact Poll Results

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

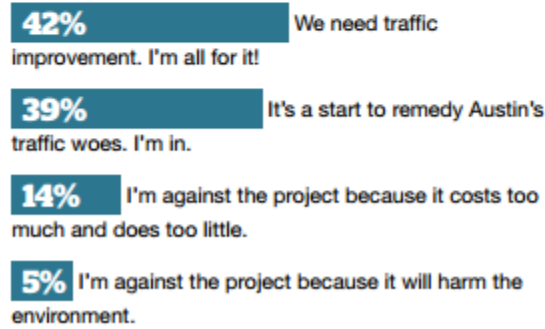
TAKE THE POLL

Do you think the Texas Chapter 41, or "Robin Hood" program, of school funding should continue?

✈ **Take the poll at communityimpact.com/ltw-poll.**

LAST MONTH'S POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about the South MoPac proposal?



Results from an unscientific Web survey collected 04/01/15-05/01/15