

MEDIA ALERT

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Tolling Begins on Southbound 183 Toll—Full Length

(Austin, Texas) — The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) is continuing the phased opening of the 183 Toll Road with the upcoming milestones planned: As early as Sat., Jan. 23* or soon thereafter, the remaining sections of the southbound 183 Toll Road will officially open with tolling in place. In February, the tolled flyover ramps between the 183 Toll Road and SH 71 are expected to open to tolling, marking completion of the final tolled elements of the 183 South project.

The upcoming southbound opening follows the recent Jan. 16 opening of the northbound toll road. The southbound 183 Toll Road will offer drivers faster access to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and other important destinations like downtown Austin. The 183 Toll Road allows drivers to bypass traffic signals at Loyola Lane, FM 969 (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) and Montopolis Drive.

Drivers who do not wish to use the toll road and pay a toll can still use the new and improved non-tolled general-purpose lanes of US 183 by following the "Last Free Exit" signs at either end of the 183 Toll Road, or by continuing on the general-purpose lanes and avoiding entrance ramps to the tolled lanes from any point along the corridor.

The toll rate for a full-length trip on the 8-mile 183 Toll Road is \$2.30 for drivers with an electronic tag like TxTag, TollTag or EZ-Tag. The cost to use the tolled flyover ramps between the 183 Toll Road and SH 71 will be an additional \$0.59 with a tag. TxTag customers should be aware that there could be a delay in billing for tolls on the 183 Toll Road due to ongoing system upgrades at TxTag. For any questions about your electronic tag, please contact your tag provider. For more information on toll rates, how customers can pay their toll bill, and how to save money with an electronic tag, visit <u>our website</u>.

Drivers should note that there will still be some roadway construction and other project elements to complete over the next several months. The contractor will be completing the bicycle and pedestrian facilities, travel lanes, flyovers, and installing landscaping and other improvements.

For more information, visit the <u>183 South Project website.</u>

*Dates are subject to change based on weather and other circumstances.

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About 183 South:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is building a new tolled expressway with three lanes in each direction on an 8-mile section of US 183 between US 290 and SH 71. In addition, the Mobility Authority is reconstructing and improving the non-tolled US 183 general purpose lanes and adding \$25 million worth of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities. Phase I/North End of the project opened in August of 2019, and Phase II/South End is opening in segments in early 2021.

About the Mobility Authority:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to improve the regional transportation system in Travis and Williamson Counties. The Mobility Authority implements innovative and sustainable transportation options to enhance quality of life and economic vitality in Central Texas. The Mobility Authority operates 183A Toll, 290 Toll, the 71 Toll Lane, the MoPac Express Lane, the 45SW Toll Road, and the 183 Toll Road. The agency is finishing construction of the 8-mile 183 South Project and the 290/130 Flyovers Project. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com