

# October 26, 2022 AGENDA ITEM #5

Discuss and consider amending the Mobility Authority Policy Code § 301.012 to clarify the purpose of Article 10 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code

Strategic Plan Relevance: Stewardship & Service

Department: Executive

Contact: James M. Bass, Executive Director

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Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

#### Summary:

Pursuant to Sec. 370.261 of the Transportation Code, the Mobility Authority updates its Strategic Plan on a biennial basis to reflect the agency's priorities for the five succeeding fiscal years. This plan considers the challenges, risks and opportunities facing the regional transportation system in Central Texas and outlines a set of goals and strategies the agency will employ to improve greater mobility in central Texas.

The Board adopted the 2022 Strategic Plan at the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting. Subsequently, the adoption of the 2022 Strategic Plan requires amending the Mobility Authority Policy Code (Policy Code) to remove the prior Mission statement. In addition, the amendment removes a cite to the specific statutory reference authorizing the Board to adopt such rules as this is not necessary and the cite could be changed over time which would then require another amendment to the Policy Code.

Staff requests Board approval of the draft resolution, which amends Policy Code § 301.012.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution

Draft Mobility Authority Policy Code § 301.012

# GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-0XX**

#### **AMENDING MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE SECTION 301.012**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12-016 dated February 29, 2012, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("Mobility Authority") Board of Directors ("Board") adopted the Mobility Authority Policy Code ("Policy Code"); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to its initial adoption, the Board has amended the Policy Code from time to time in order to modify existing policies and incorporate new policies beneficial to the operation of the Mobility Authority; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-042 dated September 28, 2022, the Board adopted the 2022 Strategic Plan, which includes a revised Mobility Authority mission statement; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board of Directors amend Policy Code Section 301.012 as shown in <u>Exhibit A</u> to remove the prior mission statement and make other clarifying edits regarding the purpose of Article 10 of the Policy Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby amends Mobility Authority Policy Code Section 301.012 as shown in Exhibit A hereto.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

Submitted and reviewed by:	Approved:
James M. Bass	Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Executive Director	Chairman, Board of Directors

# Exhibit A

### MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE

is any merit to such appeal and is not required to undertake any formal proceedings to make such determination.

## **Article 10. OPERATIONS**

#### 301.012 Statement of General Policy Purpose

The mission of the authority is to implement innovative multi-modal transportation solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. It is the policy of the authority that all actions shall be based on achieving the highest degree of regional mobility and transportation safety while encouraging economic development and enhancing the quality of life.

Pursuant to Section 370.033(a)(12), Transportation Code, this article adopts and establishes rules for the use of the authority's transportation projects. These provisions are in addition to and an enhancement of the provisions of Subtitle C, Title 7, Transportation Code (the "Statutory Rules of the Road"). The authority expressly adopts these provisions and those set forth in the Statutory Rules of the Road. To the extent any conflict arises between the provisions hereof and the Statutory Rules of the Road that cannot be overcome through any reasonable consideration of both, the Statutory Rules of the Road shall control.

#### 301.013 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in these policies, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Median: the area between traffic lanes for the purpose of separating traffic
- (2) Toll Plaza: The area where tolls are collected
- (3) Toll Gantry: A structural frame installed over tolled roadways and/or ramps supporting electronic toll collection systems.

## 301.014 Speed Limits

- (a) Subchapter H, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, "Speed Restrictions," governs speeds on highways in the State of Texas. The authority has the authority to alter prima facie speed limits on its toll roads, provided the Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones are followed.
- (b) Guidelines established by Texas Department of Transportation Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones, current edition, will be used in conducting Speed Zone Studies and establishing Speed Limits on authority operated toll roads. The data collected during the Speed Zone Studies are analyzed to determine the 85th Percentile Speed. The 85th Percentile Speed is the speed at which