

MEDIA ALERT



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New Roadway Opens in Southeast Travis County

Travis County and the Mobility Authority to cut the ribbon on the non-tolled Kellam Road (Maha Loop construction project) to ease congestion in the area

When: Friday, March 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

What: **[Editors please note: This is an invitation-only event. It is not open to the public.]** Ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of Kellam Road--a new two-mile, three-lane rural road with a continuous center turn lane that extends from Pearce Lane to SH 71 in southeastern Travis County. Ground was broken on the \$16.6 million project in July 2014. Travis County provided the funding for the Mobility Authority to construct the non-tolled roadway (The Maha Loop Project). A light BBQ snack will be provided following the ceremony by William Archer, who donated land for the project.

Who: Precinct Four Commissioner Margaret Gomez and the Mobility Authority will host the event. Mobility Authority Board Chairman Ray Wilkerson Member will provide remarks. Mobility Authority Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein will serve as emcee.

Why: Travis County requested the Mobility Authority to construct the roadway, which will enhance the quality of life in the region by providing alternate roadways during peak hours of congestion when special events take place nearby. The center turn lane will help alleviate congestion during busy times, providing better access for emergency vehicles as well as a viable travel option previously unavailable to residents. Travis County will maintain the facility.

Where: The ceremony will take place on Kellam Road at the intersection of Pearce Lane. Attendees must enter Kellam Road from SH 71, just east of Ross Road, as Pearce Lane will be closed to traffic the morning of the ceremony. *



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