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Additional Public Outreach Planned for MoPac South Environmental Study Project

(Austin, Texas) – In response to community feedback for additional public involvement on the MoPac South Environmental Study, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority will extend environmental study process to allow for additional community input and engineering analysis on the project.

Following a Feb. 26 Open House at which the Mobility Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation provided conceptual construction designs on the eight-mile project to improve mobility on MoPac between Cesar Chavez and Slaughter Lane, a number of elected officials, community groups and citizens indicated they would like more time to understand the impacts of the project, receive information and ask questions.

The Mobility Authority will hold an additional Open House in August and will extend the study's time frame beyond its final public hearing, originally scheduled to take place in the fall of 2015. The Mobility Authority will also withdraw an amendment to CAMPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan that increased the number of Express Lanes on the project.

“It is important to hear from the community on this project, particularly because of the environmental considerations in the corridor, and the importance of providing much-needed mobility improvements on MoPac south of downtown” said Mobility Authority Executive Director Mike Heiligenstein, “We have already done extensive community involvement and we will take that input back to the project team for additional technical analysis. We will take that information back to the community for additional feedback and comment later this summer.”

To learn more about the project, visit www.mopacsouth.com.

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 in Williamson County and 290 Toll (Manor Expressway) in east Austin and is constructing Express Lanes on MoPac Expressway. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com

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