



CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority

# KELLAM ROAD

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### Keeping Communities Connected

“At the Mobility Authority, we do more than build toll roads. We help keep communities connected by developing and implementing quality infrastructure that ensures commuters have access to convenient and reliable mobility options.”

– Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director

### Sustainable Mobility

The Mobility Authority is committed to developing sustainable mobility solutions. In order to minimize environmental impact, the Maha Loop project incorporated water retention ponds to absorb pollutants.

**Budget: \$16.6 million**  
**Timeline: July 2014-March 2015**  
**Project length: 2 miles, from Pearce Lane to SH 71**

### What is Kellam Road?

What originally began as the Maha Loop construction project, Kellam Road is a 2-mile, non-tolled rural road between Pearce Lane and SH 71 in southeastern Travis County. It features two lanes in each direction and a continuous center turn lane. The new roadway connects to the existing Kellam Road south of Pearce Lane and will be called Kellam Road. Renaming the north section of the road to match the south section will reduce confusion for drivers.

### Why is the road needed?

Congestion in the area around the Maha Loop Project has been growing for years. Del Valle High School and Del Valle Junior High, as well as several large subdivisions, sit on Ross Road, which runs parallel to the project. Currently, a number of large subdivisions to the south use Ross Road to cut through to SH 71. The new Kellam Road provides a bypass for traffic, diverting it from Ross Road. Shifting some traffic out of school zones improves safety for students and other drivers, and allows access for first responders in emergency situations. Additionally, during events at the Circuit of the Americas track, traffic on all area roads becomes very congested. The new Kellam Road will help absorb much of that traffic.

### Is the road going to be tolled?

The new Kellam Road will not be tolled now or at any time in the future.

### Why did the Mobility Authority build the project?

The Mobility Authority builds much more than toll roads. Created by Travis and Williamson counties in 2002, its mission is to reduce congestion in Central Texas. Sometimes a toll road is the way to go. Sometimes it isn't. In this case, Travis County recognized that the Mobility Authority has a process which lends itself to much faster construction. The Mobility Authority constructed the project, in partnership with Travis County, which funded construction and will maintain the road.

