

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
9:00 a.m.

This was an in-person meeting. Notice of the meeting was posted March 22, 2024, online on the website of the Mobility Authority and in the Mobility Authority's office lobby at 3300 N. Interstate 35, #300, Austin, Texas 78705-1849. Chairman Jenkins, Vice Chair Nikelle Meade, Board Members David Armbrust, Heather Gaddes, Ben Thompson, and David Singleton were present.

**An archived copy of the live-stream of this
meeting is available at:**

<https://mobilityauthority.new.swagit.com/videos/300998>

After noting that a quorum of the Board was present, Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and had each Board Member state their name for the record.

1. Welcome and opportunity for public comment.

Ursula Logan, President of the Blockhouse Municipal Utility District and resident of the City of Leander submitted written comments regarding concerns about the impact an ongoing City of Leander project to widen Raider Way is having on traffic at the intersection of 183A and Crystal Falls. A copy of her written comments is attached hereto.

Consent Agenda

2. Approve the minutes from the February 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and the March 18, 2024 Special Called Board Meeting.
3. Prohibit the operation of certain vehicles on Mobility Authority toll facilities pursuant to the Habitual Violator Program.

ADOPTED AS: RESOLUTION NO. 24-016

MOTION: Approve Item Nos. 3 and 3.
RESULT: Approved (Unanimous); 6-0
MOTION: Heather Gaddes
SECONDED BY: Ben Thompson

AYE: Armbrust, Gaddes, Jenkins, Meade, Singleton, Thompson
NAY: None.

Regular Items

4. Accept the financial statements for February 2024.

Presentation by James Bass, Executive Director.

ADOPTED AS: RESOLUTION NO. 24-017

MOTION: Accept the financial statements for February 2024
RESULT: Approved (Unanimous); 6-0
MOTION: David Singleton
SECONDED BY: Nikelle Meade
AYE: Armbrust, Gaddes, Jenkins, Meade, Singleton, Thompson
NAY: None.

5. Discuss and consider approving revisions to Amendment No. 3 to the First Amended and Restated Maintenance Services Contract for the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Toll Collection System to clarify that Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. will continue to provide intelligent transportation systems maintenance services for the Mopac Express Lane.

Presentation by Greg Mack, Director of Information Technology.

ADOPTED AS: RESOLUTION NO. 24-018

MOTION: Accept revisions to Amendment No. 3 to the First Amended and Restated Maintenance Services Contract for the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Toll Collection System to clarify that Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. will continue to provide intelligent transportation systems maintenance services for the Mopac Express Lane.
RESULT: Approved (Unanimous); 6-0
MOTION: Nikelle Meade
SECONDED BY: Heather Gaddes
AYE: Armbrust, Gaddes, Jenkins, Meade, Singleton, Thompson
NAY: None.

Briefings and Reports

6. 183A Phase III Project Update.

Presentation by James Bass, Executive Director and Mike Sexton, Director of Engineering.

7. Director Board Report

Presentation by James M. Bass, Executive Director.

- A. 183 Trail Interpretative Signage and Augmented Reality Experience
- B. Agency performance metrics.
 - i. Roadway performance
 - ii. Call-Center performance

Chairman Jenkins announced there would be no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn meeting.

After confirming that no member of the public wished to address the Board, Chairman Jenkins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Approved 04/24/2024

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This is to be read during Open Comment Period and be part of the public record.

I am a public official (President of Block House MUD), but I am addressing this mainly as an interested party (aka Mom)

Good morning, and thank you to the CTRMA Board for providing me with the opportunity to address (in writing) the citizens' communication during the Regular Board meeting on March 27, 2024.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your dedication and commitment to maintaining the safety of Texas roads for all our families.

Secondly, I'd like to discuss the situation at the intersection of 183A and Crystal Falls. You may or may not be aware, but the City of Leander has undertaken the widening of Raider Way, commencing on the first day of school in August 2023 (a strategic decision, indeed!). Last month, they converted Raider Way into a one-way street. Consequently, every bus, driver from the neighborhoods north of the school, employee, parent, or student driving to school now has to navigate through the same intersection. This has resulted in extensive backups stretching for miles.

What used to be an 8-minute journey to the school (from Block House) now ballooned to 40 to 60 minutes one way! Just yesterday, my neighbor to the north informed me that she spent over 20 minutes at your intersection, heading south on the 183-feeder road towards Crystal Falls, only to witness 4 cars passing through the intersection, in 20 minutes, 4 cars passed through your intersection. While the traffic congestion and increased travel time are problematic, both my neighbors and I are deeply concerned that a serious accident may occur.

The City of Leander has stated that this is a CTRMA issue, not theirs. I sincerely hope that all stakeholders and responsible entities involved in managing the roads and traffic signals in this area can come together to resolve this issue. You possess talented engineers who can devise optimal timing solutions. It may also be beneficial to involve the City of Leander or Leander PD to ensure the safety of this road, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times at Rouse High School and Wiley Middle School.

In full transparency, I serve as the President of the Block House MUD Board. While I'm communicating this issue primarily as a concerned mother of a high schooler who will soon obtain her license, I'm also addressing the concerns of my constituents regarding safety.

I've just heard from informal sources that CTRMA is indeed in discussions with the City to address this issue, and I sincerely hope this is accurate. Additionally, I had hoped to receive responses to the emails I sent to each of the board members, the executive director, and key staff last week. I understand the constraints regarding walking quorums and the necessity to convene to formulate a response or conduct research. However, a simple acknowledgment stating, "Thank you, we have received your email and are looking into it," would have been greatly appreciated.

Residents of Block House, along with numerous other parents, staff, and students, are considering involving local news outlets to draw attention to this matter, given the lackluster responses thus far from both the city and, honestly, CTRMA.

Lastly, Block House has a Safety Day on April 13th from 1 to 3 pm. We are covering a safety in our community and have speakers on home and car break-ins (Wilco Sheriff), bike safety, fentanyl overdose and other items. CTRMA is welcome to be a part of our event and have a booth to address resident if you would like. Please contact me for more information. I believe communication is key to addressing these issues and we have a venue for you all to communicate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm certain that many of you are parents yourselves and would empathize with and not tolerate what we're currently experiencing twice a day, every day. And without a doubt, none of you wish to hear about a serious accident while a bright young student is en route to school.

Ursula Logan
President, Block House MUD