



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

August 16, 2023
AGENDA ITEM #10

Discuss and consider authorizing the Executive Director to issue work authorizations to Atkins North America, Inc. For general engineering consulting and preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Service
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	Mike Sexton, P.E., Acting Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	Not to exceed previously approved amount (\$2,000,000)
Funding Source:	General Fund
Action Requested:	Consider and act on draft resolution

Project Description/Background: 183A Phases I and II constructed three tolled lanes northbound and southbound from SH 45 to Hero Way, opening to traffic in March 2007 and April 2012, respectively. Since opening, significant growth along the 183A corridor has prompted CTRMA's current extension of tolled lanes northward to SH 29, now under construction with the 183A Phase III project.

This subsequent growth has also resulted in increased traffic volumes on the existing tolled lanes with projections of congestion occurring along 183A Phases I and II in the near term. Traffic forecasts indicate that 183A Phases I and II are likely to see congestion and reduced levels of service to CTRMA customers as soon as 2026.

The 183A Additional Capacity Project is planned to begin preliminary engineering for schematic development and environmental documentation to widen the existing 183A Phases I and II tolled lanes, adding fourth lanes within the center median to the northbound and southbound lanes from SH 45 to Hero Way.

Previous Actions & Brief History of the Program/Project: Design funds for the 183A Additional Capacity Project were recently approved by the Board with the FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget. The FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget contemplates **\$2,000,000** of General Funds for the design of the project.

Financing: Operating Budget

Action requested/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute work authorizations with Atkins North America, Inc. in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to provide preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0XX

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE WORK
AUTHORIZATIONS WITH ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR PRELIMINARY
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 183A ADDED CAPACITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-067, dated December 13, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a Master Agreement with Atkins North America, Inc. (Atkins) for general engineering consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority is developing the 183A Added Capacity Project which consists of the widening of the existing 183A Phases I and II tolled lanes, and adding a fourth lane within the center median to the northbound and southbound lanes from SH 45 to Hero Way; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority requires preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has established a budget of \$2,000,000.00 in the FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget for preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of administrative efficiency, the Executive Director requests authorization to negotiate and execute work authorizations on behalf of the Mobility Authority with Atkins for preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project, the total of which does not exceed the amount budgeted for such services in the FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to act on behalf of the Mobility Authority to negotiate, execute, and issue work authorizations with Atkins for preliminary engineering services for the 183A Added Capacity Project, with the total amount of such work authorizations not to exceed \$2,000,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Executive Director will obtain approval from the Board of Directors prior to the execution and issuance of any work authorization for such preliminary engineering services which would result in the expenditure of a total amount exceeding the amount budgeted the FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget for such services.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 16th day of August 2023.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

James M. Bass
Executive Director

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors