



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Nov. 12, 2015, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct a Public Hearing to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment for US 183 from SH 45N to MoPac in Austin, Texas.

The Public Hearing will be held in the:  
Westwood High School (cafeteria)  
12400 Mellow Meadow Drive  
Austin, Texas 78750

Displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m.  
Formal hearing commencing at 6 p.m.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the planned improvements for US 183 from SH 45N to MoPac and receive public comment on the project. An open house from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. will be followed by a technical presentation at 6 p.m. and opportunity to give public comment.

The existing controlled access facility consists of six-to-eight general purpose mainlanes with 10-foot shoulders and parallel one-way frontage roads. The mainlanes are 12 feet wide. The frontage lanes are 11 to 14 feet wide. Grassy medians separate the north and southbound mainlanes and also separate the mainlanes from the frontage roads. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 330-350 feet in width.

The proposed project would construct two variable-priced (tolled) 11-foot Express Lanes in each direction from SH 45N/RM 620 to MoPac for approximately 8.5 miles in the center median of US 183. A four-foot buffer would separate the Express Lanes from general purpose lanes. A concrete median barrier and four-foot shoulders would separate the north and southbound lanes. Transitions between the Express Lanes and existing roadways would extend along RM 620 for 0.9 mile west of US 183 and along MoPac for three miles south of US 183. The length of the proposed project, including transitions, is approximately 13 miles.

Access to and from the Express and mainlanes would be provided via direct connectors (flyovers) at SH 45N/RM 620 and MoPac. Additional access would be provided along the mainlanes and at each end of the project. The project would also build an additional non-tolled main lane where only three currently exist. A 1,300-foot extended lane would be added at the southbound Oak Knoll general purpose lane entrance ramp. A shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians would be constructed from Jollyville Road to Pond Springs Road and from Pond Springs Road to Lake Creek Parkway. Gaps in existing sidewalks along the frontage roads would be filled throughout the project limits.

The Draft Environmental Assessment evaluated social, economic, and environmental impacts of the preferred alternative of Express Lanes, as well as the no build alternative. The project as proposed, with the preferred alternative of Express Lanes. Although approximately 8 acres of additional right-of-way is required, no residential or non-residential structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from TxDOT, Austin District, 7901 North I-35, Austin, Texas, 78753. Approximately 5.7 acres of the project would encroach on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain, therefore coordination with the local FEMA floodplain administrator would occur prior to construction. There are no jurisdictional wetland impacts related to this project as proposed. A potential impact to a water of the U.S. of less than 0.50 acre at Lake Creek would require coordination and a permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project also crosses a portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, therefore a Water Pollution

Abatement Plan will be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality prior to any construction on the project.

The Draft Environmental Assessment, maps and other drawings showing the proposed project's location and design will be displayed at the hearing. In addition, these items will be available for public review online at [www.183North.com](http://www.183North.com). The environmental document will be available for public review and inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for 30 days prior to and 10 days after the Public Hearing at:

- 1) Mobility Authority, 3300 North I-35, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78705,
- 2) TxDOT, Austin District, 7901 North I-35, Austin, Texas, 78753, and
- 3) Spicewood Springs Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78759.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal and written comments will be accepted at the Public Hearing. Written comments not submitted at the Public Hearing may be submitted through midnight Sunday, **Nov. 22, 2015** by mail to Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, c/o 183 North Mobility Project, 3300 North I-35, Suite 300, Austin, Texas or by fax to 512-996-9784. Written comments will also be accepted through the 183 North Mobility Project website at [www.183North.com](http://www.183North.com).

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons who plan to attend the public hearing and have communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to call Abby Tomlinson at 512-996-9778 at least two business days prior to the event to request assistance. The Mobility Authority and TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

