183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT

In August 2013, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation launched the 183 North Mobility Project. This new environmental study will thoroughly analyze an eight-mile segment of US 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac and determine the best options for managing congestion, as well as improving transit reliability and emergency response times.

WHY IMPROVE MOBILITY ALONG THIS SECTION OF US 183?

Traffic congestion along US 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac is a major issue, especially during peak rush hour periods. The corridor provides access to downtown Austin, as well as businesses, major employment centers, religious institutions, schools, parks and trails, recreational centers, and residential areas, all of which could benefit from a reduction in congestion and reliable travel times for transit and emergency responders. Traffic congestion also creates delays for emergency response vehicles carrying patients to and from Seton Northwest Hospital, Concentra Urgent Care and numerous other health care facilities located along the corridor. As population and economic growth continue along and north of this corridor, it is anticipated that congestion will worsen and travel times will increase.

183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT STUDY AREA

CONSIDER THESE FACTS

Average annual daily traffic on US 183 is approximately 187,000 vehicles near Braker Lane and 95,000 vehicles just south of the SH 45 North interchange
(TxDOT Statewide Planning Map, 2012)

Capital Metro operates three park and ride lots and makes 58 trips per day along the corridor

Populations in communities along this corridor grew between 70% in the city of Austin to 848% in the city of Cedar Park between 1990 and 2010
(US Census, 1990-2010)

Population in the communities of Cedar Park, Leander and Liberty Hill, north of the corridor, is estimated to increase 242% from 2010 to 2040
(Texas Water Development Board, 2013)

Population growth is expected to increase by 50% in Travis and Williamson counties by 2035
(Texas State Data Center, 2012)

THE PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE 183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT

PURPOSE

(WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO?)

- Manage congestion in the corridor
- Maximize use of the existing facility
- Provide a reliable route for transit
- Facilitate reliable emergency response

NEED

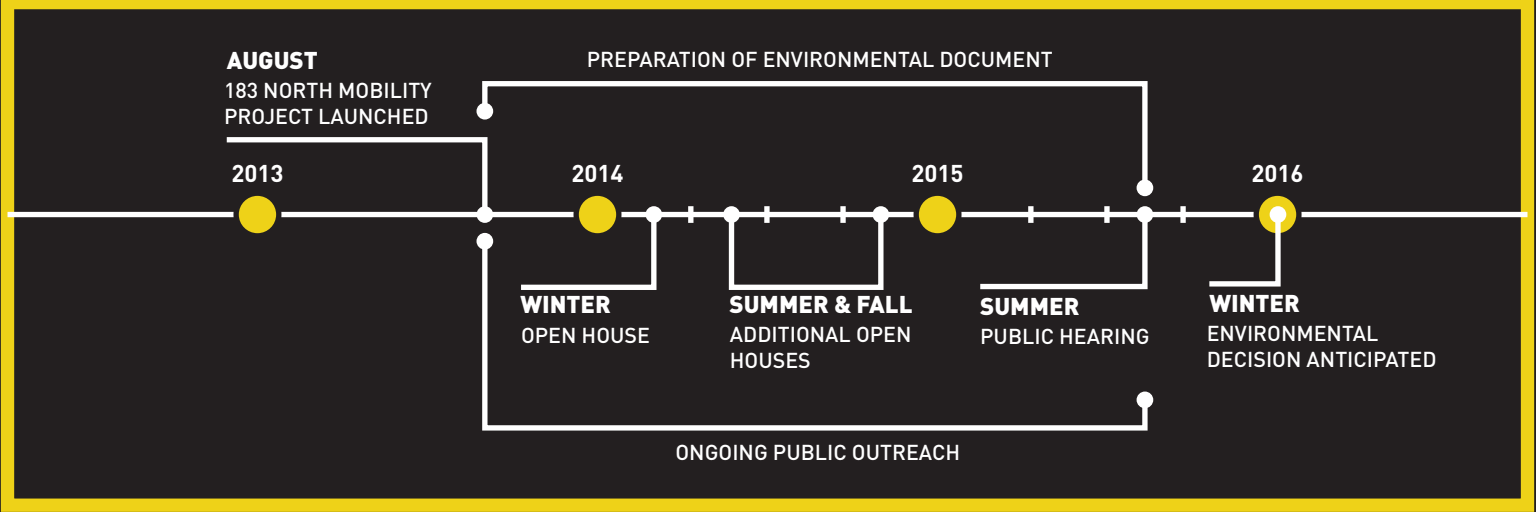
(WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE TRYING TO ADDRESS?)

- Traffic congestion

THE STUDY PROCESS

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is developing the 183 North Mobility Project cooperatively with the Texas Department of Transportation and local partners, with oversight by the Federal Highway Administration and other regulatory agencies. Over the course of the study, a full range of alternatives will be developed that will take into account the needs of drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians as well as surrounding businesses, neighborhoods and the environment. To arrive at a recommended solution, the study team will analyze the engineering feasibility, social, economic and environmental impacts of each alternative. Public outreach will be ongoing throughout the study, and input received will be strongly considered. An alternative will be recommended in summer 2015, and a decision on what solution will be implemented is expected in early 2016.

183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT: ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



LEARN MORE, PROVIDE INPUT AND GET INVOLVED

The 183 North Mobility Project team welcomes your feedback and questions. There are several options for learning more, providing input and getting involved in the process:

- Visit www.183North.com
- Sign up for email updates online
- Submit your comments and questions
- Attend meetings conducted throughout the study process
- Invite the project team to meet with your neighborhood or community group

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