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MEDIA ALERT

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More Weekend Lane and Ramp Closures Planned Push Continues to Open New Express Lanes

(Austin, Texas) – As part of an ongoing push to open the new MoPac Express Lanes on State Loop 1 before the summer paving season ends, a number of southbound lane and ramp closures are planned for the weekend of August 18th.

The lane and ramp closures will occur on southbound MoPac between 35th Street and Westover Road from 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening, August 18th to 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning, August 21st. To help keep traffic moving, only one lane will be closed during peak travel times. Still, drivers should be prepared for possible travel delays and consider alternate routes.

Specifically, the 35th Street and Westover Road ramps will be completely closed all weekend on southbound MoPac. Drivers will not be able to enter or exit southbound MoPac at those interchanges. Also, the right lane will be closed all weekend on southbound MoPac between 35th Street and Westover Road. The southbound closure will be expanded to include both the right lane and the center lane on Saturday evening (8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.) and Sunday evening (7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.)

In addition to these closures, there will be other lane and ramp closures during normal closure hours this weekend. Notifications for those closures will be available on the project website www.mopacexpress.com and via Twitter @improvemopac.

During the weekend long closures, workers will be removing old pavement and installing new pavement in the area around the Westover Road interchange. The goal is to open the remainder of the new Express Lanes before the summer paving season ends.

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Full details about the project can be found at www.mopacexpress.com. Drivers can sign up at the website to receive text and email alerts with detailed information about nightly lane and ramp closures. There is also a smartphone app that drivers can download for Apple and Google devices.

About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to improve the regional transportation system in Travis and Williamson Counties. The Mobility Authority implements innovative and sustainable transportation options to enhance quality of life and economic vitality in Central Texas. The Mobility Authority operates 183A Toll in Williamson County, 290 Toll in east Austin, the 71 Toll Lane in east Austin, and the northbound MoPac Express Lane segment between RM 2222 and Parmer Lane. The agency is also finishing construction of the 11-mile MoPac Express Lane project, building the eight-mile 183 South in east Austin, and constructing the four-mile SH 45SW toll road between FM 1626 and MoPac in southern Travis and northern Hays counties. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.

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