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## Design Work Underway on MoPac Improvement Project Lane Closures Planned

(Austin, Texas) – Intermittent night time lane closures will begin on MoPac (Loop 1) between Lady Bird Lake and Parmer Lane beginning Sunday, May 19, 2013 and continuing through the end of July. The lane closures are needed to allow roadway designers to survey the corridor and collect soil samples for construction of the MoPac Improvement Project. To minimize traffic impacts, the lane closures will only occur between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Lane closures will be brief, with surveyors spending approximately 15 minutes at each location. Significant noise or light impacts are not anticipated during these operations. The survey work will also involve low altitude helicopter flights over the corridor. Those flights are expected to take place the week of May 28<sup>th</sup> between the daytime hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Drilling rigs will be deployed the week of May 28<sup>th</sup> to collect the soil samples. Because the work will occur at night, the drilling rigs may disturb nearby neighbors. Nighttime noise will be an ongoing issue for the duration of the project, as much of the work will occur at night. There will be no lane closures during special events or on holidays, including the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend.

The MoPac Improvement Project involves the addition of one Express Lane in each direction on an 11-mile stretch of MoPac from Lady Bird Lake to Parmer Lane and includes the construction of more than 7-miles of sound walls, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and aesthetic enhancements. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2013 and be completed by late 2015. The project team will be implementing a comprehensive community outreach program to keep corridor residents and drivers informed about the project. For more information visit [www.MopacExpress.com](http://www.MopacExpress.com)

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### **About the Mobility Authority**

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created to improve the regional transportation system. Our mission is to implement innovative solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. The Mobility was created in October 2002 to serve Travis and Williamson counties. The Mobility Authority operates the 183A toll road in Williamson County, is constructing the Manor Expressway and is adding Express Lanes to Loop 1 as part of the MoPac Improvement Project.

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