



# 183A TOLL PHASE III FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ► What is the 183A Phase III Project?

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is extending the 183A Toll Road 6.6-miles northward from Hero Way to north of SH 29 in Liberty Hill as Phase III of the 183A system. The project will include two tolled lanes in each direction located primarily within the existing median of the US 183 corridor, with an adjacent shared use path from Hero Way to the proposed Seward Junction Loop project.

## ► What problem is the 183A Phase III Project addressing?

Williamson County, most notably in Cedar Park, Leander, and Liberty Hill, is experiencing a population boom. Between 2016 and 2040, Cedar Park's population is projected to grow by 31 percent, Liberty Hill by approximately 44 percent, and Leander by 271 percent. The corridor is expected to continue to attract residential and commercial development, further intensifying congestion and delays.

With this unprecedented growth, traffic volumes along US 183 are expected to increase by 183 percent by 2042, driving the need for proactive congestion relief. Increased congestion along the existing US 183 corridor negatively impacts the safety, with crashes more likely to occur at a greater frequency and severity level at cross street intersection locations. In addition, projections show that increased congestion would result in unreliable travel times negatively impacting the quality of life regionally.

The 183A Phase III project will:

- Provide a reliable, predictable and time-saving option for drivers and emergency vehicles
- Accommodate community growth and development along and to the north of the corridor
- Provide an alternative route without signalized intersections
- Minimize community impacts by working mostly within existing right-of-way

## ► Will the project include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations?

Existing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along 183A and US 183 within the project limits are currently limited to crosswalks and ramps at Hero Way, Bryson Ridge Trail, and SH 29, and paved outside shoulders along the general-purpose lanes.

The 183A Phase III project will include a 10-foot-wide, shared-use path for bicycle and pedestrian use from Hero Way to Seward Junction Loop. A connecting shared use path will provide trail access to the City of Leander's planned South San Gabriel River Park.

## ► What is the project cost?

\$277,300,000

## ► How is the project funded?

The Mobility Authority has issued bonds and has been granted a TIFIA loan to finance the project.

## ► When will construction begin and how long will it last?

Construction began in spring 2020 and is anticipated to be open to traffic in 2025.

## ► Are any major detours or road closures planned during construction?

Project construction will occur primarily within the existing 183A and US 183 ROW and easements and the proposed 19.3 acres of additional ROW north of SH 29.

Temporary lane closures will be minimal and primarily associated with the construction of entrance/exit ramps and grade separated intersections. Consequently, economic impacts to local businesses associated with roadway access during construction are not anticipated.



## ▶ **What are the hours of operation for construction?**

The majority of construction will take place during daytime hours, however, to minimize impacts to traffic and to ensure the safety of the traveling public, construction may occur 24 hours a day.

## ▶ **When and where will lane closures occur?**

Construction activity will occur on US 183/183A Toll from south of Hero Way to north of SH 29 in Liberty Hill.

**Overnight:** Overnight lane closures may occur between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The contractor will face financial penalties if a closure occurs or lingers outside of approved time frames. In order to minimize noise from construction activities, the project team will follow a set of guidelines designed to preserve quality of life for adjacent neighborhoods.

## ▶ **How do I find out about construction activity and lane closures during construction?**

Sign up for email notifications, or visit our page dedicated to lane closures and construction activity.

## ▶ **Will private property be acquired by the project?**

Most of the project will be constructed within the existing right-of-way (ROW) of 183A and US 183. We anticipate that approximately 19.3 acres of additional ROW may need to be acquired near the northern end of the project limits to construct the transition of US 183 for approximately 1.1 miles north of SH 29.

The new 183A lanes will be constructed within the existing 183A and US 183 alignment and no new-location roadways are proposed as part of the project. No displacements or relocations are anticipated and physical access to residences and community resources will remain. Changes to neighborhood cohesion, existing access to specific services, or recreation patterns at public facilities are not expected to occur as a result of the project.

## ▶ **Will there be a noise barrier?**

The Environmental Assessment evaluated noise impacts of the proposed project to determine if noise barriers were required. The noise analysis determined that traffic noise impacts would occur at 24 homes, the planned South San Gabriel River Park, and the New Life Church playground. The projected increase in noise levels is due to the increase in travel lanes and traffic volumes. Noise levels already approach or exceed noise abatement criteria at seven locations under existing conditions. Without the proposed project, traffic noise would increase over existing conditions because of increased traffic volumes.

The results of the noise analysis indicated that one combination of two noise barriers would be feasible and reasonable as a noise abatement measure adjacent to the future South San Gabriel River Park planned by the City of Leander. Other noise walls, where feasible, would not be reasonable for the impacted receivers since they would exceed TxDOT's cost-effectiveness criteria. No other noise barriers qualified for incorporation into the proposed project. The noise analysis is available on our website, 183A.com.

## ▶ **Which types of vehicles are exempt from paying tolls on roads operated by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority?**

On toll roads operated by the Mobility Authority, tolls are waived in accordance with state law and Mobility Authority policies for:

- ▶ Emergency vehicles
- ▶ State and federal military vehicles
- ▶ Public transit buses
- ▶ Capital Metro registered vanpools
- ▶ MetroAccess vehicles
- ▶ Qualified veterans accepted into the Qualified Veteran Discount Program

## ▶ **How can I get more information about the 183A Phase III Project?**

For more information, questions or concerns you may call the Project hotline at (512) 340-1111. You can also sign-up for the e-newsletter or schedule a presentation with the project team for your organization or group on our website, 183A.com.