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Future Toll Lanes to Open on Southbound US 183

Through Traffic to Temporarily Use New Lanes

(Austin, Texas) — Beginning as early as Sunday, October 25, 2020*, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority will implement a traffic switch that will temporarily direct southbound drivers on US 183 onto the future 183 Toll Road from south of Bolm Road to SH 71. Tolls will not be charged on the southbound toll lanes south of Bolm Road during this next phase of construction.

Drivers will be able to access the newly opened lanes without paying a toll if they enter just before Bolm Road, at the Colorado River, or just south of Vargas Road. Drivers will need to enter the new lanes if they wish to continue south on US 183 past SH 71 or if they want to exit to SH 71 and Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Southbound drivers wishing to access Montopolis Drive, any destinations located on the southbound US 183 general-purpose lanes between the Colorado River and Patton Avenue, or the south-to-north U-turn at Patton Avenue should stay on the US 183 general-purpose lanes and not enter the newly opened toll road lanes.

The southbound US 183 general-purpose lanes will be temporarily reduced to one lane just south of Vargas Road. In the coming weeks, businesses between the East Vue Apartments and 650 Bastrop Highway will be accessed via a temporary road located just south of Vargas Road.

In addition, the existing southbound US 183 general-purpose lanes south of Patton Avenue will be permanently closed in accordance with the final project design. Drivers exiting businesses south of East Vue Apartments will now use the south-to-north U-turn at Patton Avenue to access the northbound US 183 general-purpose lanes and can make a U-turn at Montopolis Drive if they wish to head south on US 183.

Several additional traffic shifts are expected on US 183 and the adjacent stretch of SH 71 over the next few months as the 183 South Project moves closer to a full opening in early 2021.

For more information, visit the [183 South Project website](#).

****Dates are subject to change based on weather and other circumstances.***

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About 183 South:

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is building a new tolled expressway with three lanes in each direction on an 8-mile section of US 183 between US 290 and SH 71. In addition, the Mobility Authority will be reconstructing and improving the non-tolled US 183 general purpose lanes and adding \$25 million worth of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities. Phase I/North End of the project opened in August of 2019 and full project completion is expected in early 2021, offering greater mobility for all users of the corridor.

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, 290 Toll, the 71 Toll Lane, the MoPac Express Lane, the 45SW Toll Road, and the 183 Toll Road. The agency is finishing construction of the 8-mile 183 South Project and the 290/130 Flyovers Project. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com

