



# MEDIA ALERT

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## Northbound US 183 Traffic Shift This Weekend

### *Montopolis Drive Bridge Over US 183 to Open*

**(Austin, Texas)** — Beginning as early as the evening of Saturday, November 14, 2020\*, the Mobility Authority will implement several traffic changes on northbound US 183 between SH 71 and Montopolis Drive. The following changes are anticipated to be in place as early as the morning of Sunday, November 15, 2020.

First, the exit ramp from westbound SH 71 to northbound US 183 will be shifted to its final alignment with northbound US 183. This will eliminate direct access to Jet Lane and Patton Avenue while removing a portion of traffic from the old northbound frontage road. It will also lead to the permanent removal of the dedicated acceleration and deceleration lane at Thompson Lane. A permanent stop sign will be installed for drivers entering northbound US 183 from Thompson Lane. Drivers on northbound US 183 wishing to access Thompson Lane will utilize the exit signed for Thompson Lane and northbound US 183, merge over to the right lane and turn right onto Thompson Lane. Drivers on the old northbound US 183 frontage road coming from Patton Avenue or Old Bastrop Highway should be prepared to stop and yield to traffic exiting to Thompson Lane.

Lastly, the Montopolis Drive bridge over the future 183 Toll Road connecting Montopolis Drive directly to northbound US 183 will open to traffic on Sunday morning, November 15. With the opening, northbound US 183 drivers will be able to access westbound Montopolis Drive and eastbound Montopolis Drive drivers will be able to access northbound US 183 and downtown Austin. The opening of the Montopolis Drive bridge over the future 183 Toll Road will require the traffic signal on northbound US 183 at Montopolis Drive to be fully activated. Drivers on northbound US 183 should be prepared to stop when the signal cycles to red.

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](http://www.MobilityAuthority.com)

