



## THE PROBLEM

MoPac Expressway south of Lady Bird Lake is a vital artery for Austin commuters and neighbors, as well as visitors to our region. Constructed between 1973 and 2013 as a four to six lane divided highway, it attracts up to 150,000 cars and trucks per day. The corridor provides access to neighborhoods, schools, businesses, parks and trails, and recreational centers, all of which would benefit from enhanced mobility and safety. Over time, residential, retail and commercial development in the corridor has led to increased traffic congestion, negatively impacting mobility and quality of life for the traveling public and adjacent neighborhoods.

## IDENTIFYING A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working with the City of Austin, Capital Metro and other local partners to improve mobility on approximately eight miles of the MoPac Expressway from Cesar Chavez Street to the Slaughter Lane area (project limits will be confirmed following traffic and environmental analysis).

An environmental study has been initiated to determine the best alternatives for improving mobility and safety. Over the course of the study, a full range of alternatives will be developed that will take into account the needs of drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as surrounding businesses, neighborhoods and the environment. Analysis of engineering feasibility as well as social, economic and environmental impacts of each alternative will be conducted. With this information and public input, the study team will identify a recommended alternative. Throughout the process, the community will be consulted on a wide range of topics, including:

- ▶ Purpose for and need of improvements to MoPac
- ▶ Alternatives and roadway design
- ▶ Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- ▶ Corridor aesthetics
- ▶ Neighborhood access and connectivity
- ▶ Environmental considerations



## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The study will assess the potential impacts of proposed transportation improvements on the environment. The following resources will be studied: threatened and endangered species and other wildlife, water quality, trees and other vegetation, cultural resources, traffic noise, air quality, socio-economic resources, geology and soils, visual and aesthetic resources, parkland and other recreational facilities.

## CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

The study team is also initiating a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process, so that any mobility improvements not only meet the needs of the community they serve, but fit into the physical setting while reflecting the unique features and characteristics of the project area.

## PUBLIC INPUT

The study team is committed to maintaining open communication with residents, local leaders and businesses in the area, as well as the traveling public, to ensure that the study reflects the needs and input of the community and its various stakeholders. Throughout this process, the study team will:

- ▶ Conduct open houses
- ▶ Publish newsletters
- ▶ Visit with neighborhood groups and other stakeholders
- ▶ Share information online and via social media

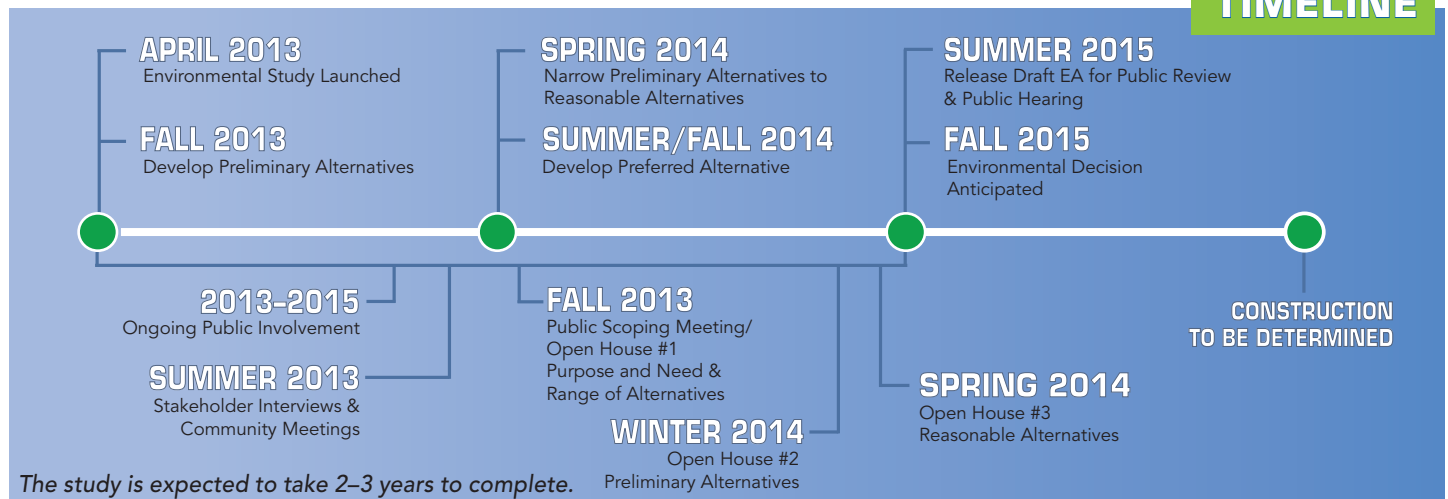
## HOW TO GET AND STAY INVOLVED

We welcome your feedback and questions about the **MoPac South Environmental Study**. To learn more or to request a presentation for your group:

Contact: **Melissa Hurst**, *Community Outreach Manager*, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority  
Email: [mhurst@ctrma.org](mailto:mhurst@ctrma.org) | Phone: (512) 996-9778

Please visit the Website at: [www.MoPacSouth.com](http://www.MoPacSouth.com) for information and to sign up for updates.

## TIMELINE



## IS THIS PROJECT RELATED TO THE MOPAC INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY?

At the same time the Mopac South Environmental Study is underway, a separate study is being conducted to assess possible mobility and safety improvements at the intersections of MoPac Expressway with Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue. For more information about this study, contact **Melissa Hurst** at [mhurst@ctrma.org](mailto:mhurst@ctrma.org) or (512) 996-9778.



# MoPac South

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

## MoPac South from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane Public Scoping Meeting and Open House – November 7, 2013

### COMMENT FORM

**DEADLINE for Comments: Monday, November 18, 2013**

Written comments will also be accepted through the website at [www.MoPacSouth.com](http://www.MoPacSouth.com), by fax to 512-996-9784 or mail to: Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, C/O MoPac South Environmental Study, 3300 North IH-35, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78705.

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This form may be used to provide written comments on this project. Any questions placed on this form will not be considered an open records request and will not be treated as such. If you have an open records request, it must be submitted under a separate letter.

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): Check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

- I am employed by TxDOT
- I do business with TxDOT
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting



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## MoPac South from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane Public Scoping Meeting and Open House – November 7, 2013 **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Your feedback is critical to the success of the MoPac South Environmental Study. Please share your thoughts with the study team.

1. What are the biggest issues facing the MoPac South Corridor?

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2. What are your biggest concerns with mobility in the MoPac South Corridor?

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3. Please let us know how much you agree or disagree with the following statements (check one)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Traffic congestion in the MoPac South Corridor is a serious problem.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. There is a need to better manage traffic in the MoPac South Corridor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. There is a need to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in the MoPac South Corridor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. There is a need to improve access to public transit service in the MoPac South Corridor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*PLEASE NOTE: If you would like for the feedback you provide on this community survey to be considered as an official comment, you must fill out and submit a comment form. Please ask a study team member for a form. Official comments can also be submitted online at [www.MoPacSouth.com](http://www.MoPacSouth.com).*

Strongly Agree      Agree      Undecided      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
e. A goal of any proposed improvement should be to manage congestion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. A goal of any proposed improvement should be to improve response times for emergency vehicles.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. A goal of any proposed improvement should be to protect water quality.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. A goal of any proposed improvement should be to protect the environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. A goal of any proposed improvement should be about moving more people, not just more vehicles.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Do you sometimes avoid the MoPac South Corridor because of traffic?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No
5. Do you use current pedestrian/bicycle facilities?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No
6. Are there specific environmental constraints or community constraints (e.g. cemeteries, parks, historic sites/ structures, endangered species, water resources) you are aware of that should be considered in the MoPac South Corridor?

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7. What groups, organizations or individuals should the study team talk with to get additional information for the MoPac South Environmental Study?

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**WE NEED YOUR INPUT**



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**YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE  
AT OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

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FROM NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH 18, 2013

**Download and review tonight's meeting materials**



**Fill out the community survey**



**Leave us your comments or questions**



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