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The CAMPO Connection

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CENTRAL TEXAS LIVABILITY SUMMIT

CAMPO, the Texas Transportation Institute and the Federal Highway Administration are co-hosting the Central Texas Livability Summit on July 14th, 2011, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at the Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street. This year's theme is "Creating Sustainable Communities - How Can



Transportation Linkages Help?". Spend an inspiring and informative day discussing best practices for transformative projects in Austin and Central Texas. Join with peers from other agencies, to discuss how transportation systems can best support livability, for the Austin metro area and region. Participants at this free workshop will hear the latest information on major plans and projects that are advancing livability in Central Texas. Bring questions or issues about projects you're involved in, to get help and insights from other regional entities. Join in problem-solving sessions to discuss how agencies, local governments and the private sector can work together to advance key livability goals.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP the following form by July 8th to Kirk Fauver at FHWA. [Download program and free RSVP form here.](#)

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT CALL

The CAMPO region is receiving transportation funding through state and federal sources for the years 2012-2014. On May 9th, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) approved a set of criteria with which to score projects and prioritize the use of these funds for roadways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects, programs, and studies. Applications are due June 30th. The public hearing for the project call will be at the TPB meeting on September 12th. The approval of projects for funding is scheduled to be considered at the October 10th TPB meeting.

For more information, visit <http://www.campotexas.org/stpmm.php>

REGIONAL TRANSIT INVOLVEMENT

Capital Area Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC) Is Seeking Input on Public Transportation Needs and Solutions

The Capital Area Regional Transit Coordination Committee is working to develop a new Coordinated Plan for Public Transit and Health and Human Services Transportation. The plan will replace a Coordination Plan developed by the region in 2006. The updated plan will:

- identify ways that the region's existing family of public transportation services (ranging from transit buses to agency vans to volunteer drivers) can be better coordinated to meet more needs,
- identify cost-effective strategies for meeting unmet needs in the region, and
- guide the prioritization of new services for funding through the Federal Transit Administration.

How to get involved:

- Visit the Coordinated Plan website: www.capitalareartcc.org/plan.html
- Request a speaker to present on the planning effort to your community group.

Contact Stevie Greathouse, 512-974-9715, stevie.greathouse@campotexas.org for more information or to schedule a speaker.

About the Capital Area RTCC:

The RTCC represents more than 25 organizations that are responsible for providing transportation services or health and human services, or are interested in the coordination of public transit and client transportation services in the 10-county Capital Area region that includes Llano, Burnet, Blanco, Williamson, Travis, Hays, Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, and Lee counties. The goal of the RTCC is to develop and implement a plan for a seamless system that achieves efficiencies, eliminates duplication, increases coordination, and addresses service gaps. CAMPO serves as the administrative lead agency for this effort.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS

Airfreight: New Report Finds Land-side Solutions

The Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) just issued a new report that highlights significant changes in the air freight industry, and projected needs for delivery of goods



for delivery of goods from the airport to their destinations. TTI published the report last month, called "Landside Freight access to Airports: Findings and Case Studies".



Air cargo is most often used for high-value, low-weight goods such as electronics, for which our region

ABIA separates freight and passenger traffic. (image Texas Transportation Institute)

depends for much of its economy. Demand for goods taken by air is sensitive to global market demand, trade relationships and stability. Increasing fuel prices and air cargo demands are expected to increase need for wide-body cargo aircraft, which will create new challenges for some airports in maneuvering space and intermodal deliveries.

Our 5-county region is fortunate to have a diversity of airports, including one primary commercial (ABIA), 2 reliever airports (Georgetown and San Marcos), and 5 more for general aviation. Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is Texas' fifth largest, moving 113,026.56 tons annually as of 2007. ABIA was cited as an example of providing dedicated freight access, separating potential conflicts with passenger vehicles.

Although not specific to issues at ABIA, the report found Texas airports struggling with access for large trucks, recommending turn radii to accommodate trucks with 48-foot trailers, and use of concrete instead of asphalt surfaces.

The study also included other solutions for roadway design, adjacent land uses along connector roads, business decisions, performance management and other issues. The complete report is available from <http://tti.tamu.edu/documents/0-6265-1.pdf>.

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