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CAMPO 2035 Plan Wins Austin Chamber of Commerce "Take on Traffic" Award

The region's efforts to collaboratively reach regional transportation solutions were recognized by the Austin Chamber of Commerce September 1, 2010 for the "Take on Traffic" award in the non-profit category. Other winners in the category were car2go (small business); Industrial Asphalt's KBDJ Quarry (medium business), and Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (large business). The Chamber congratulated all of the nearly 300 companies that were nominated.



Contact [Stevie Greathouse](#) at (512) 974-9715 for more information.

CAMPO 101 Workshops Update Transportation Partners

In September, CAMPO staff hosted five CAMPO 101 training sessions throughout the five county region to assist our regional partners in better understanding the metropolitan transportation planning process and what can be done to ensure that needed transportation projects move forward smoothly with federal, state and local funding in our region. The training sessions covered many CAMPO related topics including: Federal and State planning requirements, the CAMPO 2035 Plan and the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the process for amending the CAMPO 2035 Plan and FY 2011 - 2014 TIP, and requirements related air quality non-attainment.

The CAMPO 101 training sessions were attended by over 70 individuals, including elected officials, jurisdictional and agency staff, and members of the public. More information, including a copy of the PowerPoint presentation given at the training sessions, can be found on the CAMPO 101 page on our website, <http://www.campotexas.org/campo101.php>.

Contact [Dan Dargevics](#) at (512) 974-2748 for more information.

Partnership Brings Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Counting to the Region

Initial Findings Shared at Austin Cycling Association / City of Austin / TxDOT Public Meeting October 4th

The Texas Transportation Institute has just completed a study to help our region evaluate the effectiveness of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure through modern counting and forecasting methods. Sponsored by CAMPO and the City of Austin, the study included acquisition of bicycle and pedestrian monitoring equipment that can be used with jurisdictions around the region.

A brief overview of the study will be presented at a public meeting with CAMPO, TxDOT and other transportation agencies at Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop:

- Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30 pm at Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop, 400 Nueces, Austin, 78701

More details on the meeting, which will also invite public input on bicycle infrastructure is available on the [Austin Cycling Association website](#).

For more information, contact [Greg Griffin, AICP](#) at (512) 974-2084.

Open Houses Hosted by TxDOT & Mobility Authority for Mopac Improvement Project

Public Input Needed for Mopac Corridor

On October 6th and 7th, 2010, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility



Authority (Mobility Authority), will host two public Open Houses for the Mopac Improvement Project. The purpose of the Open Houses is to present information on previous studies, discuss the need and purpose of the proposed project, explain the environmental study process, present the project schedule, and gather feedback from the public on transportation solutions to be considered for the MoPac Corridor.

- October 6, 2010 - Murchison Middle School Cafeteria, 3700 North Hills Drive, Austin, Texas
- October 7, 2010 - O'Henry Middle School Cafeteria, 2610 West 10th Street, Austin, Texas

The same information will be presented at both open houses and they will utilize a comment-and-go format that will allow members of the public to review the materials at their convenience and speak individually to TxDOT, Mobility Authority and consultant staff. A presentation will be made starting at 7:00 PM. CAMPO will also have an information table available at these two open house events. Information is available at www.MoPacExpress.com.

Round Rock Mayor Proclaims Oct. 6 as Walk to School Day

Mayor Alan McGraw proclaimed Oct. 6 as Walk to School Day in Round Rock at the Sept. 23 City Council meeting.

In an effort to promote physical activity and safe routes to school, the City of Round Rock and Round Rock Independent School District have

teamed up to encourage students to walk or bike to school on Oct. 6, 2010. Parents are welcome to escort their children. Children are encouraged to come in groups with friends and family from their neighborhood area.

Mayor Alan McGraw and Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees President Glen Colby will greet students and parents at Old Town Elementary, 2200 Chaparral Drive.



"The weather has been beautiful and I hope to see hundreds of kids heading up to campus," Mayor McGraw said. "Walk to School Day reminds all of us - school officials, the city, parents and community leaders - how important it is for our children to keep moving and develop active routines, and for us to provide safe paths for our children to get to school."

Colby added, "Walk to School Day is also an opportunity for us to thank our crossing guards for helping to provide our students with a safe passage to and from school."

Voigt Elementary students will be greeted by Mayor Pro-Tem Carlos Salinas, Councilmember Kris Whitfield and Round Rock ISD Superintendent Dr. Jesús H. Chávez. Voigt is located at 1201 Cushing Dr. In addition, Councilmember George White and Round Rock ISD Deputy Superintendent Toni Garcia will be visiting Deep Wood Elementary, 705 St. Williams Drive, for the start of school.

"It is always beneficial for our students to have regular exercise, and biking or walking to school provides an excellent form of exercise," Chávez said. "We appreciate this partnership with the city to welcome students to their campus and promote this healthy lifestyle."

Elementary-school-aged children should accumulate at least 30 to 60 minutes of ageappropriate and developmentally appropriate physical activity from a variety of activities on all, or most, days of the week, according to www.walktoschool.org.

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Transportation Trends:

Freight & Gateway Logistics

Our regional growth trends in the freight and logistics industry have mirrored much of the nation, including need for larger warehousing space close to high-speed transportation networks(1), but vary in the relative locations of growth.

Transportation researcher Julie Cidell found the Austin region's growth in the number of warehousing and distribution firms increased more in Travis County than the surrounding counties between 1986 and 2005. This runs counter to the trend in most of the nation, with most regions' suburban counties growing more logistics businesses than the central county.



Nationally, freight traffic has increased and become more international in scope, and is concentrating in relatively few ports and inland gateways across the nation. Though major intermodal ports such as Houston continue to play a critical role, an increase in global goods inland has created new markets for inland gateways such as [Alliance Texas](#) near Dallas. Increased freight demand and roadway connectivity in the CAMPO region, along with establishment of new businesses could steer the region more toward suburban logistics sector growth in the near future.

The CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan anticipates growth in freight and logistics needs in both Austin and surrounding areas. Maintenance of the existing system of roads, railways, and airports are crucial, and improvements in intelligent highway systems and connectivity are needed. Completion of the southern end of SH 130 connecting to IH-10 will open up new opportunities for efficient motor freight. Clusters of warehousing and shipping industries near major transportation intersections could lessen the distances travelled between intermodal changes, and therefore the truck demand on the roadway system. Some businesses may be able to shift inter-regional freight to rail, with a positive impact on air quality.

For more information, contact [Greg Griffin, AICP](#) at (512) 974-2084.

1. Cidell, Julie. 2010. "Concentration and decentralization: the new geography of freight distribution in US metropolitan areas." *Journal of Transport Geography* 18:363-371.

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