

Summary Minutes of the  
 Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, January 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
 Joe C Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas Campus  
 Dean Keeton (26<sup>th</sup> Street) and Red River Streets, Austin, TX

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Attending/Alternate</b>
1	Kirk Watson, Chair	Senator, District 14	X/Eddie Rodriguez
2	Cynthia Long, Vice-Chair	Williamson County Commissioner	X
3	Jeff Mills	Mayor, City of Sunset Valley	X
4	Miguel Gonzalez	Mayor, City of Kyle	
5	Diana Maldonado	Representative, District 52	Cynthia Long
6	Eddie Rodriguez	Representative, District 51	X
7	Sam Biscoe	Travis County Judge	X
8	Sarah Eckhardt	Travis County Commissioner	X
9	Karen Huber	Travis County Commissioner	X
10	Liz Sumter	Hays County Judge	X
11	George Garver	Mayor, City of Georgetown	X
12	Lee Leffingwell	Mayor, City of Austin	Mike Martinez
13	Chris Riley	Council Member, City of Austin	X
14	Bill Spelman	Council Member, City of Austin	X
15	Sheryl Cole	Council Member, City of Austin	X
16	Joe Clifford	Mayor Pro Tem, City of Round Rock	X
17	Bob Lemon	Mayor, City of Cedar Park	X
18	Susan Narvaiz	Mayor, City of San Marcos	X
19	Frank Fernandez	Capital Metro Board Member	X
20	Carlos Lopez	TxDOT- Austin District	X
21	*Clara Beckett	Bastrop County Commissioner Pct. 2	X
22	*H.T. Wright	Caldwell County Judge	

\* Ex-Officio

Senator Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Morris Priest: The State of Texas allows use of development impact fees that should be used to manage transportation issues. Whisper Valley is an example of a shift toward local funding, though many staff of local jurisdictions do not know how to access the breadth of funding opportunities. The [CAMPO] Board should take a stand on transportation funding to use more funding opportunities, and avoid tolling roads, which wastes money by requiring additional operational expenses.

Scott Johnson: Visiting the United Nations Climate Summit in Copenhagen underscored the obligation to integrate land use and transportation planning better. They emphasized saving money with land use measures. Global climate changes are causing perceptible changes in some places, while flooding entire islands as well. Managing commuter pollutants provides less air quality impact than commercial vehicles. TERP is an important funding source for local governments, and smaller cities such as Tyler are getting more funding than Austin for emissions management.

**2. Consider electing a Chair**

Senator Watson opened the floor to nominations for Chair of the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board.

Commissioner Long made a motion to nominate Judge Biscoe. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Senator Watson made a friendly amendment to make the nomination by acclamation. Judge Biscoe was elected as the Chair unanimously.

**Voting Yes:** Senator Watson, Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

### 3. Consider electing a Vice Chair

Judge Biscoe opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair of the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board.

Senator Watson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Long. Mayor Lemon seconded the motion. Commissioner Huber made a motion to nominate Judge Sumter. Mayor Mills seconded the motion. Commissioner Long was elected as the Vice Chair by a vote of 12 – 6.

**Voting Yes for Commissioner Long:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Narvaiz, Representative Rodriguez, Senator Watson

**Voting Yes for Judge Sumter:** Commissioner Eckhardt, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Mills, Council Member Riley, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

### 4. Appointment of Executive Committee members for 2010

Judge Biscoe recommended tabling the item until the next meeting, and Mr. Cantalupo reminded him that the Bylaws require appointment at the first meeting of the year.

Judge Biscoe appointed himself as Chair, Commissioner Long as Vice-Chair, Mayor Leffingwell, Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Lopez, and Judge Sumter to the Executive Committee for 2010. He mentioned that he might make subsequent appointments at a future meeting.

### 5. Consider summary minutes from the November 9, 2009 Transportation Policy Board meeting

Judge Biscoe opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Commissioner Eckhardt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Voting Yes:** Senator Watson, Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Abstaining:** Mr. Fernandez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

6. **Consider the recommendation from the CAMPO Policy Board Composition Committee on a modification to the CAMPO Bylaws to accommodate the rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair positions**

Judge Biscoe opened the floor for a motion on rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

*Senator Watson made a motion to approve a modification to the CAMPO Bylaws to accommodate the rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair positions following their 2-year term, with the preference that the Vice Chair becomes the Chair at the end of the 2-year term. The Executive Committee shall reserve the right to vote to not allow the Vice Chair to succeed to the Chair's position at the end of the 2-year term. Judge Sumter seconded the motion. Senator Watson offered a friendly amendment to hold elections every even year. The modification to the CAMPO Bylaws was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter, Senator Watson

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

7. **Consider the recommendation from the CAMPO Policy Board Composition Committee to authorize the Chair to sign a resolution recommending that the Texas Transportation Commission vote to expand the CAMPO boundary to include Bastrop and Caldwell Counties**

Judge Biscoe opened the floor for a motion regarding expansion of the CAMPO boundary.

*Judge Sumter made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign a resolution recommending that the Texas Transportation Commission vote to expand the CAMPO boundary to include Bastrop and Caldwell Counties. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter, Senator Watson

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

8. **Consider the recommendation from the CAMPO Policy Board Composition Committee to the Transportation Policy Board on the future membership of the Transportation Policy Board**

Judge Biscoe opened the floor for a motion regarding membership of the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board.

*Senator Watson made a motion to refer this item back to the Composition Committee. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. Judge Biscoe proposed a friendly amendment that the Composition Committee returns with at least two alternatives. Judge Sumter proposed a friendly amendment that the signatories of the Joint Powers Agreement conference with each other to work toward an agreement over Board membership. The friendly amendments to the motion were accepted and the motion to refer this item back to the Composition Committee was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter, Senator Watson

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

Senator Watson left the meeting.

**9. Consider approving the following Interlocal Agreements**

Judge Biscoe asked Mr. Cantalupo to explain the agreements under consideration.

**a. With CAPCOG for Commute Solutions**

Mr. Cantalupo explained this agreement would allow CAMPO to receive \$2,400 from CAPCOG for a portion of the \$12,000 local match needed for the FY 2010 Commute Solutions program.

*Commissioner Long made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with CAPCOG for Commute Solutions. Mayor Lemon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Council Member Martinez (for Mayor Leffingwell), Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter,

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**b. With CAPCOG for Regional Transit Coordination activities**

Mr. Cantalupo explained this agreement would allow CAMPO to provide up to \$8,800 from a Federal Transit Administration grant to CAPCOG to support development of a comprehensive geographic database of transportation providers in the Capital Area.

*Mayor Narvaiz made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with CAPCOG for Regional Transit Coordination activities. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present, not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**c. With Capital Metro for On-Board Survey**

Mr. Cantalupo explained this agreement would provide an option to purchase additional transit on-board surveys to support a more detailed and robust transit model in the CAMPO area.

*Mayor Garver made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro for On-Board Survey. Mayor Lemon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**d. With Capital Metro for Regional Transit Coordination activities**

Mr. Cantalupo explained this agreement would provide up to \$20,975 from a Federal Transit Administration grant for Capital Metro to support planning services related to transit coordination.

*Commissioner Huber made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro for Regional Transit Coordination activities. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**10. Consider a resolution prioritizing STP MM funded projects for FY 2010**

Mr. Cantalupo explained the need to prioritize approved STP MM funded projects subject to TxDOT's \$4,274,822 letting cap for FY 2010. The staff-recommended option included the I-35 ramps at River Ridge, City of Manor sidewalks, TxDOT sidewalks on Parmer Lane, Hays County/City of Wimberly's Blue Hole Loop Bike/Ped Way, and the City of Austin's bike crossing at Loop 360. The Board-directed option adds Brushy Creek Road improvements in Cedar Park, and removes the Parmer Lane sidewalks and Loop 360 bike crossing.

Council Member Riley asked if the direction to focus 50% of STP MM funding toward Activity Center-supportive projects would allow evaluation of the projects though support of Activity Centers. Commissioner Long stated that the current policy is to set aside 15%, and the projects were approved before the 50% Centers direction.

Mr. Cantalupo mentioned that the letting capacity could change over time, which may allow funding of the remaining projects at a later date. Commissioner Long clarified that annual variation in population could affect scoring of the projects, if they were reviewed at a later date.

Commissioner Eckhardt asked if the project prioritization could be delayed for evaluation through support for Activity Centers or the Decision Tree. Mr. Cantalupo replied that the current prioritization of the projects is to ensure the projects that are "most ready" can move within TxDOT's letting schedule, and additional delay could endanger their funding.

Judge Biscoe recognized speakers who signed up on this item.

Russell Bundy (Leander Independent School District): Delaying Brushy Creek Road funding would have serious impacts on several schools, particularly because Brushy Creek Road does not currently have sidewalks.

Mr. Cantalupo mentioned he received letters of support from business and school district representatives.

Cobby Caputo (Cedar Park City Council): The project was ready to build in 2005 - 2006, and was successfully awarded STP funding. The project will be built with bike lanes and sidewalks, which are needed to serve a growing community of businesses and schools.

Council Member Spelman asked for clarification from Council Member Caputo that bike lanes and sidewalks would be built with the project. Council Member Caputo confirmed construction of bike lanes and sidewalks as part of the project.

Council Member Spelman asked whether Cedar Park's development code included use of development impact fees. Council Member Caputo confirmed that they require a traffic impact analysis on major development projects, and impose impact fees to applicable projects.

Tommy Eden (League of Bicycling Voters): Recommended following the staff recommendation to include the Loop 360 bicycle crossing because bicycle access is needed to connect communities north of Austin with the existing bicycle network.

Lane Wimberley (League of Bicycling Voters): The Loop 360 intersection is dangerous for bicycling, and the TxDOT construction staging area on the south side of the intersection creates a hazard. Bicyclists currently attempt to cross this area to avoid high-speed traffic on US 183.

Council Member Riley asked Mr. Wimberley about his role in the Street Smarts Task Force and its evaluation of the area. Mr. Wimberley confirmed this intersection as one of the top 5 bicycling barriers identified.

Commissioner Will Conley (Hays County): Referenced several years of presentations and effort to achieve Blue Hole Loop project and it is nearing completion. Environmental studies are almost complete, and the project is scheduled to go to construction this year. The project is supported by Hays County and Senator Wentworth.

Judge Biscoe closed the citizen comments and asked for clarification on the staff recommendation of STP MM prioritization. Mr. Cantalupo described the staff recommendation as including the bicycle and pedestrian projects, but that the Board asked staff to include Brushy Creek Road improvements, with the promise of an additional approximately \$9,000 local match to make up a shortfall.

Commissioner Long said the Brushy Creek Road project has significant traffic forecasts, and asked whether the bicycle and pedestrian project serve a comparable number of anticipated users. Mr. Cantalupo replied that bicycle and pedestrian traffic projections were not available, but our current study with TTI will allow estimates in the future.

Council Member Cole asked whether safety data were available to evaluate the projects. Mr. Cantalupo replied that it is likely that all of the projects have a strong safety argument, and added that the letting capacity may not increase until 2012. However, if Congress passes another stimulus bill, the funding could possibly be used to get additional STP MM projects funded.

Mayor Mills asked what criteria were used for prioritizing projects. Mr. Cantalupo replied that project readiness was used, and that the Blue Hole project was deemed closest to construction.

Council Member Riley passed out copies of the City of Austin Bicycle Map to the Board members, and noted that once a bicyclist coming from the north is able to get past Loop 360 and US 183, several 'green' routes to central Austin exist. Steck Avenue was recently

improved. Council Member Riley noted that Mr. Wimberley is a brave cyclist to use 183, and that it is important that we fix this closed door for bicycle access to the city's bicycle network. He continued by saying that concerning moving toward a Centers vision, the Board's current direction of prioritizing would allocate 79% of the funding to roadway projects, whereas the staff recommendation would allocate 64% to bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Judge Sumter asked what was the likelihood of ARRA funding that would be allocated to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Cantalupo replied that if ARRA 2 is passed, MPOs may have an opportunity to fund these types of projects. Judge Sumter noted that the staff recommendation spreads the funds over more projects serving more communities, by including the I-35 River Ridge ramps and five bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Mayor Garver acknowledged Council Member Riley's efforts to improve bicycle transportation, but voiced trouble with the process. If Blue Hole has been in line for funding earlier than other projects, why delay it? Mr. Cantalupo confirmed that as the end of 2009, Blue Hole was the most ready project.

Mayor Lemon recommended that the proposal should not leave any money on the table, and to consider how many people the projects serve. He said that Brushy Creek's bike lanes and 10-foot sidewalks provide a lot of good.

Commissioner Eckhardt voiced that her inclination is toward bicycling, but the road projects do serve Activity Centers, and the Brushy Creek project serves schools. Leaving money on the table could leave a perception that we do not spend down our available STP MM funding.

Judge Biscoe offered to choose the Board Directed option, while prioritizing the other projects for later funding.

Commissioner Long mentioned that 2011 funding would offer readiness to prioritize them.

Mr. Fernandez asked what the ballpark figures of road versus bicycle and pedestrian funding percentages were. Mr. Cantalupo replied that \$14 million of Category 7 is primarily roadway funding, and 15% of Category 7 is devoted to bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Judge Sumter asked how much money was left on the table under the staff recommendation. Mr. Cantalupo replied just over \$1 million was left, which is not enough to add another project under that scenario.

Mayor Garver cautioned the Board to spend money that served the most people, and asked how one bike/ped project could be prioritized over another. Mr. Cantalupo replied that Blue Hole was the most ready.

Commissioner Long offered that the Board prioritize the top 2 roadway projects, then vote on the others.

*Mayor Mills made a motion to place the projects as identified in the Board Directed Option on Attachment A as the Transportation Policy Board's priorities for FY 2010 STP MM funding and prioritize the City of Austin's Loop 360 Bicycle Trail and TxDOT's Parmer Lane West sidewalks as the first and second priorities for FY 2011 STP MM funding. Judge Sumter seconded the motion. The motion passed 16 – 1.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Voting No:** Council Member Riley

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**11. Discussion and possible action on resolution approving amendments to the FYs 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program for:**

**a. The construction of northbound and southbound exit ramps and toll integration equipment at SH 130 and Cameron Road**

Following Judge Biscoe's request, Mr. Cantalupo explained the item as adding \$3.82 million of ARRA funding for the project.

Commissioner Eckhardt asked whether TxDOT was considering using toll revenue for funding the project. Mr. Lopez replied that the first priority for using toll revenue was to pay debt on the project, then maintenance and operation, which the state is currently subsidizing.

*Mayor Lemon made a motion to adopt the requested amendment to the FYs 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion passed 10 – 7.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Narvaiz, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Judge Sumter

**Voting No:** Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Mills, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Council Member Spelman,

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**b. A change in the funding source for FM 2769 from state STP MM to federal ARRA funds**

Following Judge Biscoe's request, Mr. Cantalupo explained the item as changing the project's funding source to use ARRA instead of STP MM.

*Mayor Lemon made a motion to adopt the requested amendment to the FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

**12. Discussion and possible action on item(s) related to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects awarded by the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board on June 8, 2009**

**a. Consider reallocation of ARRA funds to the HERO program and other projects**

Following Judge Biscoe's request, Mr. Cantalupo explained that he was working with TxDOT to obtain current cost estimates, which resulted in opportunities to provide funding to additional projects through cost under-runs. An additional \$591,795 would fully fund CTRMA's HERO program, and an additional \$1,000,000 is available to fund City of Austin's variable message signs. He continued by saying that staff was working with

project sponsors on accurate cost estimates may result in more projects getting funded in the months ahead.

Judge Biscoe asked if the Board could fund bicycle and pedestrian projects with additional ARRA funds. Mr. Cantalupo replied that the ARRA funding has already been allocated by the Board, so the Board would have to re-allocate the funding. If the second stimulus bill was enacted, it could contain an additional opportunity for funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clifford asked if there was a possibility of leaving any money. Mr. Cantalupo replied that we were committed to allocating all the funding available, and the region is on track for spending the money available.

**13. Consider directing staff to incorporate the preferred transportation network into the draft CAMPO 2035 long-range transportation plan**

Judge Biscoe requested staff to describe the item.

Ms. Greathouse described the item requesting guidance on a transportation network scenario to include in the draft 2035 transportation plan, needed to provide a draft plan in March.

Commissioner Long asked about feedback from the Technical Advisory Committee regarding the draft scenarios. Ms. Greathouse replied that the TAC gave staff direction regarding Options 1 and 2, but that staff had generated Options 3 and 4 after reviewing performance indicator information from the travel demand model.

Commissioner Eckhardt asked if the Board could delay choosing a network scenario to February 8. Mr. Cantalupo replied that we would fall behind in developing the travel demand model and performance characteristics to fit with the public involvement schedule to meet federal requirements for adoption of the plan.

Commissioner Eckhardt asked what the current Activity Centers demographics are, and recommended using the Centers demographics for the long range plan. Ms. Greathouse replied that currently 16% of regional population is located in Centers with 32% of regional jobs.

Commissioner Long asked how a hybrid approach has been incorporated into the current scenarios. Mr. Cantalupo clarified that all of the scenarios are a hybrid approach by assuming implementation of the current TIP, while working toward Centers demographics.

Judge Biscoe recommended working with the Finance Committee to establish criteria to approve a project mix with fair criteria. If access to federal funding is directed by local contributions, we can go back and re-do our estimates with fair criteria. Ms. Greathouse responded to clarify the possibility of looking at a new innovative funding option. Mr. Cantalupo offered that Options 2 or 3 follow the Board direction of TIP commitments and moving towards Centers demographics.

Council Member Spelman asked about the consequences for not meeting a plan deadline. Mr. Cantalupo responded that it would endanger access to federal funding for transportation projects.

Council Member Spelman asked what could happen if Scenario 3 were chosen, and whether adequate funding were available for the projects in 25 years. Mr. Cantalupo responded that the plan could be amended later if needed, and that project sponsors have worked with CAMPO staff to ensure that adequate funding is available for the projects they have submitted.

Mr. Fernandez underscored Judge Biscoe's concern that different sponsors' fiscal forecasts may not be fair.

Commissioner Long asked if Option 3 best reflects what staff has heard from the Board? Mr. Cantalupo responded that it did, and follows the original direction.

Commissioner Huber asked if we approve a draft scenario, are we tacitly approving the projects with in the scenario? Ms. Greathouse replied that the Board would not, but that the projects in the scenario would be included in the modeling and used to develop the draft plan. It was emphasized that final approval of the 2035 Plan and TIP would be needed to authorize specific projects.

Commissioner Huber described the TAC as having 6 representatives from Williamson County, 3 from Travis, 3 from Hays and others; overall leaning towards Williamson County. Mr. Cantalupo replied that the TAC has been an active group, but not necessarily representing geographical bas.

*Council Member Cole made a motion to use Option 3 as the preferred transportation network in the draft CAMPO 2035 Plan and for the Finance Committee to report its findings back to the Board. Mayor Narvaiz seconded the motion. Commissioner Eckhardt proposed a friendly amendment to require the staff to report how all local funding is determined. The motion was approved 14-3.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Voting No:** Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Mills

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe

## **Presentations and Reports**

### **14. Executive Director's Report**

#### **a. Compliance with the CAMPO Donation and Gift Policy**

Mr. Cantalupo noted that, in compliance with the Gift Policy, he wanted to disclose that CAMPO staff received a modest gift of candy for Christmas from an engineering firm, and that the candy was distributed to CAMPO staff.

#### **b. Environmental Protection Agency's recent announcement regarding air quality**

Mr. Cantalupo described the new ozone standards will likely place our region in non-attainment. The state will have a year to protest the standard, if they choose. Designations are expected to be received this August. Commissioner Eckhardt noted that the likely designation stresses need to move towards promoting Activity Centers.

### **15. Adjourn**

*Council Member Cole made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford, Council Member Cole, Commissioner Eckhardt, Mr. Fernandez, Mayor Garver, Commissioner Huber, Mayor Lemon, Commissioner Long (for Representative Maldonado), Mr. Lopez, Mayor Mills, Mayor Narvaiz, Council Member Riley, Representative Rodriguez, Representative Rodriguez (for Senator Watson), Council Member Spelman, Judge Sumter

**Present and not voting:** Judge Biscoe