



MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Powers Agreement Committee
FROM: Maureen McCoy, Interim Director
DATE: April 11, 2008
SUBJECT: CAMPO Boundary Expansion and Board Representation

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Committee is currently discussing what should be treated as two distinct and separate issues:

1. CAMPO's potential boundary expansion to include Bastrop and/or Caldwell counties and
2. The composition of the CAMPO Board

Boundary Expansion - Several issues surround the decision to expand CAMPO's planning boundary and vary depending on the timing of the expansion. In the attached **Table 1** the issues affecting the decision to expand are separated into four options:

1. Keep the CAMPO boundary at three counties
2. Expand the CAMPO boundary now to include Bastrop and/or Caldwell counties
3. Expand the CAMPO boundary during the development of the 2035 Plan
4. Expand the boundary after the adoption of the 2035 Plan

The issues affecting each option are indicated with a number 1 and are from the standpoint of how they may affect the Board's decision to expand.

CAMPO's Board Composition – Any change to the composition of the voting members of the CAMPO Board requires an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement. Any modification to the Joint Powers Agreement requires the approval of all six signatories.

Recommendation

The JPA Committee recommends the Policy Board

1. Adopt **Option 3** (the expansion of the CAMPO boundary to include Bastrop and Caldwell counties as part of the development of the 2035 Plan)
2. Add Bastrop and/or Caldwell county representation in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement section covering **Affiliate Non-Voting Membership** beginning with line 7 on page 4 of 8 (see attached).

Table 1 - Boundary Expansion Options

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Pros and Cons		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
		No Expansion	Expand Now	Expand During 2035 Plan Development	Expand After 2035 Plan Adoption
Pros	No increase demand on CAMPO resources	1			
	No impact on available funding distribution decisions	1			
	Engages Bastrop and Caldwell counties in 2035 Plan development prior to plan adoption		1	1	
	Enables greater regional coordination		1	1	1
	CAMPO Board coordinates all available CMAQ funds sent to the presumptive 5-county non-attainment area		1	1	1
	CAMPO currently modeling the 5 county area		1	1	1
	Streamlines the presumptive air quality conformity process		1	1	1
Total Pros		2	5	5	4
Cons	Requires coordination between CAMPO and TxDOT of CMAQ funds sent to the presumptive 5-county non-attainment area	1			
	Requires coordination between CAMPO and TxDOT of the air quality conformity process	1			
	Requires 2030 Plan and TIP amendments triggering Year of Expenditure Cost provision of SAFETEA-LU		1		
	Increases demand on CAMPO resources		1	1	1
	May impact distribution of federal and state funds		1	1	1
	Requires 2035 Plan and TIP amendments				1
	May require additional air quality analysis				1
May impact TxDOT's project letting schedule				1	
Total Cons		2	3	2	5

1 Each entity that appoints a member shall designate its representatives and alternates to
2 the Transportation Policy Board and when necessary fill vacancies among its members on
3 the Board. Entities selecting elected members of the Transportation Policy Board shall
4 assure racial and ethnic minority representation on the Board that reflects the minority
5 population of each county, to the maximum extent possible.

6 **AFFILIATE NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

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9 In addition to the voting members, there will be affiliate non-voting membership,
10 including, but not limited to the list below. The Transportation Policy Board may add or
11 make changes to the affiliate non-voting membership:

- 12 • Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, General Manager
- 13 • Federal Highway Administration
- 14 • Federal Transit Administration
- 15 • Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning and
16 Programming Division, Austin
- 17 • University of Texas at Austin

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19 The function of the Transportation Policy Board shall be as follows:

- 20 1. Provide policy guidance for the transportation planning process.
- 21 2. Carry out in cooperation with the State and local governments and annually
22 certify a transportation planning process that is in full compliance with Federal
23 requirements outlined in 23 USC 134, Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act, as
24 amended (49 USC 7504, 7506, (c) and (d)) as well as other applicable
25 requirements as specified in 23 CFR 450.114.
- 26 3. Set goals and cooperatively determine the responsibilities of the participating
27 agencies for planning tasks in the annual Unified Planning Work Program.
- 28 4. Adopt and review a transportation plan which provides for both the near-term and
29 long-term needs of persons and goods in the study area at least every five years
30 and recommend its adoption and implementation by local governments and state
31 agencies.
- 32 5. Develop in cooperation with the State and local governments and endorse a staged
33 multiyear transportation improvement program at least every two years which