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The next Transportation Policy Board meeting will start at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at University of Texas, Thompson Center, Room 2.102.

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Amendments to Mobility 2030 Plan and Transportation Improvement Program Approved October 8

In a crowded auditorium at Anderson High School, the CAMPO Board approved 34 amendments to CAMPO's long-range plan, and 31 requested amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program October 8. The major highway projects included tolled mainlanes, with non-tolled access:

- US 290 (E) East of US 183 to east of Parmer Ln.
- SH 45 (SW) Loop 1 - FM 1626
- US 290 (W) West of Scenic Brook - east of Williamson Creek
- US 183 (S) Springdale Rd. - Patton Avenue
- SH 71(W) US 290 (W) - Silvermine
- SH 71 (E) West of Riverside - East of Presidential Blvd

The Board also approved 5 new toll road policies pertaining to the operation and use of funding.

A few of the long-range plan amendments included:

- additional environmental analysis
- phasing of several projects allowing construction as 4-lane arterial

TIP amendments also included:

- City of Austin's bicycle bridge along Loop 1 (Mopac) over Barton Creek
- Capital Metro's Southern Transfer Center, Rail and Trail (Phase 1), and additional buses
- CAMPO public outreach program enhancements

Details of the approved Plan and TIP amendments are available on CAMPO's website: [Adopted Amendments Summary package](#)



September was Commute Solutions Month

During September the [Commute Solutions](#) Coalition held several events to provide residents of Williamson, Travis and Hays counties with information on the benefits of alternatives to drive-alone commuting.

A Commuter Challenge was held from September 9 to September 22. The Challenge was kicked off with a rally at Republic Square. The Commuter Challenge drew a total of 774 participants. The participants logged 4,702 alternative commute trips and 114,000 drive-alone miles were avoided. By logging in their daily commutes during the two-week Challenge, contestants had a chance to win great prizes, with 1st prize being a \$500 gift certificate to the Tanger Outlet Mall. Additionally, employers had the opportunity to rally their employees to win a trophy in these categories: Government Employer, Business Employer, and Employer with the highest percentage of participants.

Commute Solutions Month ended with an Awards Ceremony and Weirdest Commute Contest held at Austin's Wooldridge Park. Olga Campos, KVUE News Anchor, presented the employer awards to the University of Texas, Spansion, and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG). Austin Councilmember Lee Leffingwell presented awards to the winners of the City of Austin's Walk, Bike and Roll Contest. Festivities included live music, food, free bicycle tune-ups, and availability of electric cars and scooters to view.

Commute Solutions Coalition members congratulated all of the winners. Members also encouraged participants to continue their alternative commuting efforts and enter the contest again next year.

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