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A **public hearing** on the requested plan and TIP amendments will be held at the Transportation Policy Board meeting **Monday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the [Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004](#).**

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## Requested Amendments to the CAMPO long range plan and Transportation Improvement Program

CAMPO hosted 4 community meetings throughout the region to hear the public's thoughts on requested amendments to CAMPO's long range plan, and Transportation Improvement Program.

In addition to other requested amendments, TxDOT and CAMPO staff have requested TIP amendments and coordinating Plan amendments for five major highway projects (non-toll/toll) with a preliminary cost estimate of \$2.479 billion: US 183(S), SH 71(E), US 290(E), US 290(W)/SH 71(W), and SH 45(SW). **Please refer to [Table 2A on the CAMPO website](#) for the requested initial phase of these projects costing \$1.449 billion.** TxDOT will work with the CAMPO Board to determine the best project implementation package for these roadways within funding limitations.

A questionnaire Comments on amendments to the **long-range plan** can be directed to **Stevie Greathouse** (512) 974-9715 [stevie.greathouse@campotexas.org](mailto:stevie.greathouse@campotexas.org). Comments on requested amendments to the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** can be directed to **Art Zamorano** (512) 974-2748 [art.zamorano@campotexas.org](mailto:art.zamorano@campotexas.org).

## Commuting in Central Texas Just Got Easier!

Thanks to River Cities Rideshare ([www.rcride.com](http://www.rcride.com)), Central Texans have an online trip planner at their fingertips. The site provides one-stop commuter information services and instant rideshare matching for the 22 counties in the Austin/San Antonio corridor. It is sponsored by [CAMPO](#), the [Alamo Area Council of Governments](#), and regional partners.



River Cities Rideshare combines geographic information systems (GIS) and a user-friendly website to provide state-of-the-art commute information. River Cities Rideshare will:

- Allow users to develop a confidential personal profile of rideshare options and preferences;
- Match potential carpool partners with others of similar commuting preferences;
- Notify potential matches by email (addresses and phone numbers are kept private);
- Check for rideshare matches along the commuter's entire route;
- Be accessible in English and Spanish;
- Find bus and bicycle routes;
- Calculate money saved and pollution avoided;
- Calculate the number of calories burned by bicycle and pedestrian commuters;
- Offer incentives to registered users.

### **Commute Solutions Month**

September is Commute Solutions Month in Central Texas. With gas prices high and ozone season in full swing, drivers have plenty of reasons to rethink their commutes. During September they'll have even more incentive to avoid the solo drive to work as Commute Solutions Month kicks-off. Try riding the bus, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, biking or teleworking; you'll save money, help keep our air clean, and have a chance to win great prizes.

The annual Commuter Challenge runs from Sunday, September 9 until Saturday, September 22. It's easy to enter:

- Visit [www.commuterolutions.com](http://www.commuterolutions.com)
- Set up an on-line commute diary

Log your daily trip to work (this is important, otherwise you cannot be eligible for the drawings!!)

### **Staff Workshops on Transportation Grants**

CAMPO staff held three workshops within the CAMPO boundary to help staff of local jurisdictions and regional organizations apply for upcoming regional transportation funds. Federal funding will be available through Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility,

Job Access-Reverse Commute, and New Freedom.

All applications and written guidance are available for download from <http://www.campotexas.org>

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For general application questions, please call or e-mail Art Zamorano, (512) 974-2748  
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**Applications are due October 31, 2007 by 5 p.m.**

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