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The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (**CAMPO**) serves the three-county region of Williamson, Travis and Hays Counties in Central Texas.

CAMPO provides transportation planning and air quality services and coordinates with state and local jurisdictions to determine the priorities for spending federal transportation dollars in the region.

CAMPO is governed by a 23-member Transportation Policy Board composed of elected officials representing cities, counties and state legislative districts within CAMPO's boundaries, as well as representatives from transportation agencies.

CAMPO is responsible for promoting an efficient, affordable transportation system that meets the mobility needs of area residents while enhancing regional livability, the economy and the environment.

CAMPO is committed to involving the citizens of the region in building a quality multi-modal and balanced transportation system.

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CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan

The *CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan* will be used to guide federal, state and regional transportation investments over the next 25 years. The second public review draft of the Plan will be available for review beginning February 8. To download a copy, visit <http://www.campotexas.org>. Or you may contact us to request a copy.

Highlights of the draft *CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan* include:

Implementation of a commuter rail line connecting Georgetown to San Antonio;

Implementation of a Capital Metro commuter rail line connecting Leander to the convention center;

Addition of managed lanes to IH 35, Loop 1 and US 183 N;

Completion of the Central Texas Turnpike Project as well as "Phase 2" toll lanes recently adopted by the Transportation Policy Board;

Construction of new arterials and arterial upgrades throughout the region;

Funding of bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the region; and

Initiation of corridor studies to assess the options for improving mobility in 10 high priority corridors.

CAMPO staff will present the 2nd draft of the *CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan* to the Transportation Policy Board on February 14, 2005. There will be several **opportunities to review and comment on the Plan** before the Transportation Policy

Board adopts the final version:

A comment form will be available on the CAMPO website, and comments will be accepted until March 18, 2005.

CAMPO will hold 3 public forums in February (see page 3.)

The Transportation Policy Board will hold a formal public hearing on the plan (likely to take place March 14, 2005).

Background

CAMPO published the first draft of the plan in May 2004. Since publication of the first draft, CAMPO has:

presented the draft plan to organizations around the region for review and comment;

solicited input from the public;

worked with regional partners to identify refinements that should be made;

performed technical analysis of the impacts of alternative roadway and transit projects;

modified the plan to be consistent with recent decisions regarding new toll express lanes and Capital Metro's All Systems Go Transit Plan; and

refined the plan to be affordable within the funding reasonably expected to be available over the life of the plan.

If you would like more information or to request a copy of the draft Plan, contact Ms. Stevie Greathouse at 974-9715.

CAMPO's Offices in New Location

In November, CAMPO's offices moved to our new location at 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin. We are now situated in Suite 700 of the One Texas Center Building. CAMPO's email,

phone and fax numbers remain as they were prior to our move.

Please drop by and visit our new offices.

10 Top Congested Roadways

One of the main responsibilities of CAMPO's Congestion Management System (CMS) program is to monitor roadway congestion levels throughout the region.

CAMPO recently completed two years of data collection in Williamson, Travis and Hays Counties. The top 10 most congested segments of roadway for 2003 and 2004 are listed in the table to the right. Additional information, such as data on congested intersections and congestion duration, is available on CAMPO's website http://www.campotexas.org/programs_cms_pubs.php

2003/2004 Top 10 Congested Roadway Segments

Road	Direction	Segments	Average Delay (in minutes per mile)
Airport Boulevard	Northbound	Shady – Bolm	17
Cameron Road	Northbound	McKie/Coronado – US 183	15
Cameron Road	Southbound	Rutherford – US 183	12
William Cannon Drive	Eastbound	Century South – IH 35	11
N. Lamar Blvd.	Southbound	10 th – 9 th Street	10
N. Congress Avenue	Northbound	6 th – 7 th Street	10
SH 29	Eastbound	IH 35B – Main Street	9
N. Lamar Blvd.	Southbound	9 th – 6 th Street	9
RM 620	Westbound	IH 35 – Chisholm	8
Parmer Lane	Westbound	HEB – Loop 1	7

STP MM Call for Projects

CAMPO is preparing to award more than \$38 million dollars in Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STP MM) funds. While this represents a large sum of money, it will undoubtedly not fund all of the projects that are expected to be submitted.

will be submitted by applicants in Williamson, Travis and Hays Counties. The entire process will take approximately one year and begins with the development of the project selection criteria, and ends with the CAMPO Board selecting projects that best incorporate the criteria.

oping criteria that will be used to guide the Transportation Policy Board in selecting transportation projects for the region. While still under development the criteria may address issues such as congestion mitigation, safety, and the environment.

CAMPO has begun the process of selecting transportation projects that

In January CAMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will begin devel-

Commute Solutions Month was a Success

During October, CAMPO's Commute Solutions Partners hosted a month-long campaign to inform area residents about commute alternatives. This 6th annual Commute Solutions Month encouraged drivers to consider the options to driving solo in a car. Partners stressed the financial and environmental benefits of carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycling, walking and telework.

The two-week contest saw a record-breaking 11,815 eligible entries and 96,353 vehicle miles saved.

The activities began on Saturday, October 2, when the announcers at the UT v. Baylor game reminded the 50,000+ audience to try a commute solution during the month and the partners handed out thousands of Commute Solutions fans to the crowd.

The closing Celebration Ceremony, on October 29, was a uniquely Austin event. Held at Republic Square, it featured a Weirdest Way to Work contest. Contestants arrived by decorated bicycle, unicycle (while playing accordion), and motorized bar stool,

to name a few.

Throughout the month partners hosted media events, public awareness fairs, and the annual Commuter Challenge Contest. This web-based contest asked participants to keep a commute diary; contestants got an entry in the prize drawing for each time they used a commute solution.

www.commutesolutions.com

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1. Austin

Tuesday, February 22, 2005
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
100 Stadium Drive

2. Georgetown

Monday, February 28, 2005
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
San Marcos Public Library
625 E. Hopkins Street

1. Austin

Wednesday, February 16, 2005
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Carver Branch Library
1161 Angelina

Early Action Compact Clean Air Action Plan and SIP

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted the region's locally developed Clean Air Plan on November 17, 2004, making the plan enforceable by the state and federal governments. TCEQ has submitted the plan to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval by September 2005. The plan applies to the Austin - Round Rock MSA (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties) and will be implemented by December 2005.

The clean air plan includes state regulations and many measures implemented by local governments and other participating agencies. The state regulations are:

- Vehicle emission inspection and maintenance in Travis and Williamson Counties

- Heavy vehicle idling restrictions (enforced locally)
- Vapor controls for filling gasoline station storage tanks
- Requirements related to industrial degreasing processes
- Restrictions on types of asphalt used for paving roads
- Requirements related to the design and sale of low emission gas cans
- Replacement or retrofit of diesel vehicles and equipment through the Texas Emission Reduction Program
- Emission reductions at power plants in the Austin—Round Rock MSA.

Local governments and participating agencies are implementing many emission reduction measures as part of the region's clean air plan. Some of these measures are: transportation pro-

jects and programs that reduce emissions by relieving congestion or providing alternatives to single occupant vehicle transportation, using cleaner fuels and developing cleaner fleets, energy efficiency measures, public education and outreach programs, and ozone action day response programs.

The region's clean air plan is expected to reduce enough ozone forming emissions to keep the area in attainment of the 8-hour ozone standard, ensuring healthy air for Central Texans and contributing to a healthy Central Texas economy. The plan's success depends on cooperative implementation; business, industry, government and the region's citizens must do their part to keep our air clean. For more information on air quality, the clean air plan and how you can do your part, check out www.cleanairforce.org