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Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEMORANDUM

TO: CAMPO Transit Working Group Members

FROM: Senator Kirk Watson, CAMPO Chairman

DATE: November 20, 2008

SUBJECT: Capital Metro Proposal for Green Line

Central Texas planning has taken an enormous step forward through the labor of the Transit Working Group. For the first time, the Decision Tree provides our community with a detailed and realistic tool to evaluate the merits of a major transportation project based on the facts, rather than emotion or politics. Thank you for the time and effort you have put into this process and the development of the Decision Tree.

You now have the opportunity to test this tool by evaluating Capital Metro's proposed Green Line project and the City of Austin's Urban Rail Corridors Project for Modern Streetcar/LRT Service on the schedule laid out by Mayor Wynn as Chair. CAMPO staff have done a good job reviewing and summarizing the Green Line proposal and Decision Tree answers.

The City of Austin proposal is currently under review by CAMPO staff and likely to move forward in the next few weeks. I believe the Decision Tree has resulted in more thoroughly developed proposals than we have seen at this point in the process previously. I commend the Green Line proposal and staff memo for your review.

Additionally, a key component of the planning process is early engagement of the public. For this reason, I recommend the full report and the CAMPO staff summary be posted in advance of the TWG meeting and the public be encouraged to share their thoughts with the TWG, either directly or through CAMPO staff.

Please let me know how I can help.