

Summary Notes
CAMPO Transit Working Group
Monday March 3, 2008
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers

Member	Representing	Present	Absent	Contact #
Will Wynn Chair	City of Austin Mayor	X		(512) 974-2250
Brewster McCracken Vice Chair	City of Austin Council Member	X		(512) 974-2256
Mike Martinez	City of Austin Council Member and Capital Metro	X		(512) 974-2264
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Sarah Eckhardt	Travis County Commissioner	X		(512) 854-9222
Gerald Daugherty	Travis County Commissioner	X		(512) 854-9333
Mike Krusee	State Representative, Williamson County		X	(512) 463-0670
Frank Fernandez	Alliance for Public Transportation	X		
Jeff Coffee	Elgin City Manager	X		(512) 281-5724
Jeff Barton	Austin/San Antonio Corridor Council and Hays County	X		(512) 262-2091
Brandon Janes	Take on Traffic, Chair	X		(512) 236-2095
Wade Cooper	Downtown Austin Alliance	X		(512) 236-2220
Terry Bray	Capitol Area Transportation Coalition	X		(512) 480-5635
Fritz Steiner	University of Texas at Austin	X		(512) 471-1922
Ashton Cumberbatch Jr.	Seton Family of Hospitals	X		(512) 324-7760

Mayor Wynn welcomed the group and introduced **Dr. Pat Clubb** and **Dr. Bob Harkins** from the University of Texas.

Dr. Clubb and **Dr. Harkins** provided a detailed presentation on regional transportation from the perspective of the University of Texas, in particular as it related to UT's existing and future transportation needs.

Committee members asked several clarifying questions, particularly relating to the extent to which UT coordinated with major transportation providers and other entities, and opportunities for future funding collaboration.

Commissioner Martinez asked Capital Metro staff to clarify the background on the decision to locate a commuter rail stop at MLK rather than Manor, and Capital Metro staff and others emphasized the strong community support of the location and the presence of developable land.

Commissioner Daugherty asked the UT presenters to provide additional information on the number of folks commuting to UT by bus who have cars, and on the current level of demand for travel between the UT campus and the Pickle Research Center campus. The UT presenters emphasized that they were more concerned with the potential for future connectivity between the two campuses if the PRC campus developed over time.

Mayor Wynn thanked the presenters and invited **Senator Watson** to continue facilitating the brainstorming work that had begun at the February 25 meeting.

Senator Watson asked the group to brainstorm around three core questions:

1. How do you pay for it, what are the options for paying for it?
2. What does the use of that funding prevent us from doing?
3. How do we evaluate funding scenarios?

Based on those questions, the group brainstormed around the following:

- Value capture
 - Along the lines of a Tax Increment Finance District
 - Example: Mueller Redevelopment
- Airport funds
- Parking enterprise
- PID along rail lines
- Synching public improvement and jobs at the same time
- GO Bonds
- Public/Private partnership
- Redevelopment of west side of capitol complex (redevelop parking garages=added value)
- Need to think in terms of who should participate-city, county, state?
- Account for cost savings from private development not having to put in parking, etc.
- How would spending money on infrastructure impact other priorities? Need to establish a scoring system to evaluate priorities.

Senator Watson wrapped up the brainstorming.

The meeting was adjourned.