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<b>Technical Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Agenda Item 8</b>
Presentation and discussion of the draft update to the CAMPO Public Participation Plan	

Current federal regulations require metropolitan planning organizations to develop public participation plans. The current [CAMPO Public Participation Program](#) was approved in 2007 by the Transportation Policy Board. It provides general guidance on the process identifies staff actions and includes a flowchart identifying a three-meeting process for consideration of key documents and associated amendments.

Over the years, considerable conversations have taken place about the length of time it takes to process amendments to the CAMPO plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff has developed the accompanying [draft PPP](#) proposing a tiered approach to public involvement methods appropriate for a range of initiatives:

- **Administrative** changes address planning procedures that do not require action by the Transportation Policy Board, and are approved by the Director.  
**Examples:** An example of a recent administrative amendment to the CAMPO 2035 *Regional Transportation Plan* was a typographical correction and project phasing of the SH 71 Bastrop West Freeway Extension. An example of an administrative amendment to the TIP is the Mitchell Elementary School Safe Routes to School amendment that corrected a data entry error in funding source.
- **Tier 1** changes are small in scope. **Examples:** An example of a Tier 1 amendment is the CAMPO 2035 *Regional Transportation Plan* amendment to change the Intermodal Transit Facility at Round Rock project to include a park and ride in the project scope, to modify let and open dates, and to increase total project cost less than 40%. An example of a Tier 1 amendment to the TIP is the recent SH 195 amendment that combined three projects on SH 195 into a single project, but did not change the schedule or scope, and the year of expenditure costs did not increase above the percentage allowed for administrative amendments.
- **Tier 2** changes increase opportunities for involvement and would include major amendments to the Plan or TIP, or adoption of a new TIP or Public Participation Plan. **Examples:** The TIP amendment that added an underpass, frontage roads and main lanes on SH 71 near Riverside Drive and the amendment to the CAMPO 2035 *Regional Transportation Plan* that added a project to construct frontage roads and ramps along IH 35 from Lakeway Dr. to RM 2338 are recent examples of where the Tier 2 process would be used.

- **Tier 3** applies to development of the regional transportation plan. As proposed, the only Tier 3 process would be development of the MPO's long-range transportation plan.

Staff has been aided in this process by a consultant and a stakeholder's advisory group. Also included for the TAC's information is a consultant-developed report on the [Best Practices Participation Method Peer Review](#).

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