

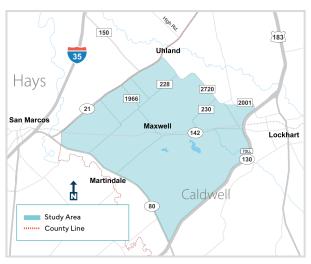


CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

# Western Caldwell County Transportation Study

#### Overview

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Caldwell County are working together to explore potential options for additional east-west connections between major highways in western Caldwell County. Based on the needs identified in the 2013 Caldwell County Transportation Plan, the Western Caldwell County Transportation Study will evaluate transportation solutions including potential new road corridors or extending/modifying existing roads to help with east-west travel.



Western Caldwell County Transportation Study Area

#### Why the Study is Needed

Caldwell County and the surrounding areas are experiencing rapid growth and increased traffic congestion on area roads. With more people moving to the area, it's important to begin planning today for future transportation needs. With increased population and employment in the region, more residents are traveling between counties, so this study will focus on travel within western Caldwell County while also considering travel into and out of the county.



Caldwell County Growth

### What the Study Will Accomplish

The Western Caldwell County Transportation Study will look at current and projected traffic, anticipated development, and other growth-related data to see if additional east-west connections are needed in the future. This study may include preliminary configurations for new and existing roads and other transportation solutions that Caldwell County could potentially use in the future to improve east-west connections. An environmental study, detailed design schematics, and additional funding are needed to move beyond this initial study.

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# Establish Purpose and Need

# **Process & Timeline\***

- >>> Examine the study area's current roads, connections, travel patterns, and traffic numbers
- Mentify environmental and other planning features using information from previous plans and studies, local governments, businesses, property owners, and the public
- Sather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on the area's transportation needs, environmental and planned features, and the draft purpose and need

Identify
Potential
Routes and
Options

- >>> Use input from step one to identify potential routes and options that meet the purpose and need
- >>> Establish evaluation criteria for potential routes and options
- Same Assess potential routes and options against planned development, adjacent roads, and environmental features
- Sather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on potential routes and options

Evaluate and Refine Potential Routes and Options

- >>> Use input from step two to evaluate and refine potential routes and options
- >>> Quantify impacts and cost estimate/benefit of potential routes, options, and no-build
- Sather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on preferred potential routes and options, including the no-build option

Recommend and Develop Potential Routes and Options

- >>> Use input from step three to recommend potential route(s) and option(s) or the no-build option
- >>> Develop draft design schematics of recommended potential route(s) and option(s) if something other than no-build is recommended
- >>> Present recommendations to Caldwell County, regional transportation agencies, elected officials, local government representative, property owners, and the public

NOTE: Caldwell County will be responsible for moving forward with recommendations beyond step four including performing a detailed environmental study, gathering additional public input, constructing any recommendations, and securing funding for all additional steps.

\*Timeline is subject to change

## Ways to Stay Involved

- Presentation or questions, contact Ryan Collins at Ryan.Collins@campotexas.org or 512-215-2541
- Sign-up for email updates and visit campotexas.org/get-involved/
- Attend future public open houses