

What is CAMPO?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is **the Austin region's transportation decision-making body**, **coordinating** regional transportation planning **between counties, local governments and transportation agencies**. The organization is made up of a **21-member Transportation Policy Board (TPB)** that makes decisions on CAMPO policy and allocates federal transportation funds for the region, a **24-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** that provides technical expertise and recommendations to inform the Transportation Policy Board, and the **Executive Director**, who reports to the TPB and oversees the CAMPO staff.



What is an MPO?

MPO stands for metropolitan planning organization, which is **regional transportation planning entity** designated by the federal government. MPOs were introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which requires the **formation of an MPO** for any urbanized area with a **population greater than 50,000**. CAMPO is one of 25 MPOs in Texas, and one of 408 in the United States.

Where is CAMPO?

CAMPO conducts regional transportation planning work within six counties: **Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson**.

What does CAMPO do?

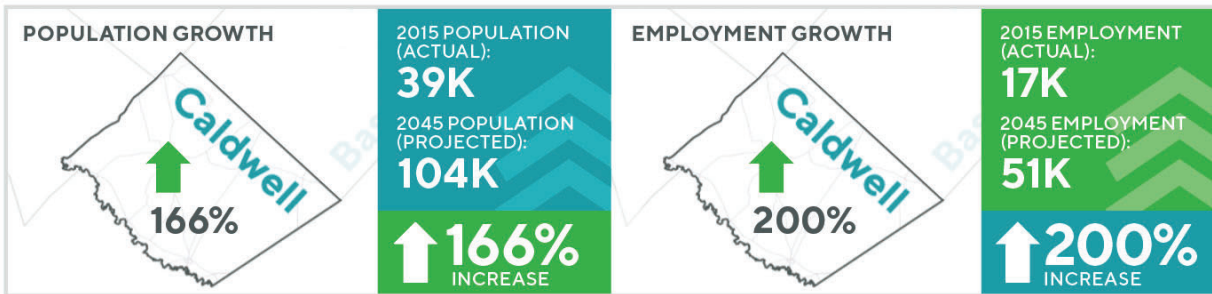
CAMPO **closely coordinates with local governments and transportation agencies**, such as TxDOT, Capital Metro and CARTS, in planning for regional transportation improvements. This includes working directly with local governments on technical studies related to transportation and economic development. However, **CAMPO does not construct projects** – that responsibility lies with project sponsors, such as cities, counties, and transportation agencies.

CAMPO is responsible for creating two primary regional planning documents– one **long-range** and one **short-range**:

- > the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** is a 20+ year plan, which is adopted every five years, and;
- > the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which is adopted every two years but covers a four-year window.

STUDY INTRODUCTION

STUDY NEED



Caldwell County Growth

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.

STUDY GOALS & PURPOSE

1

Assess current and projected traffic

2

Outline anticipated development and area growth

3

Recommend preliminary configurations for future transportation solutions



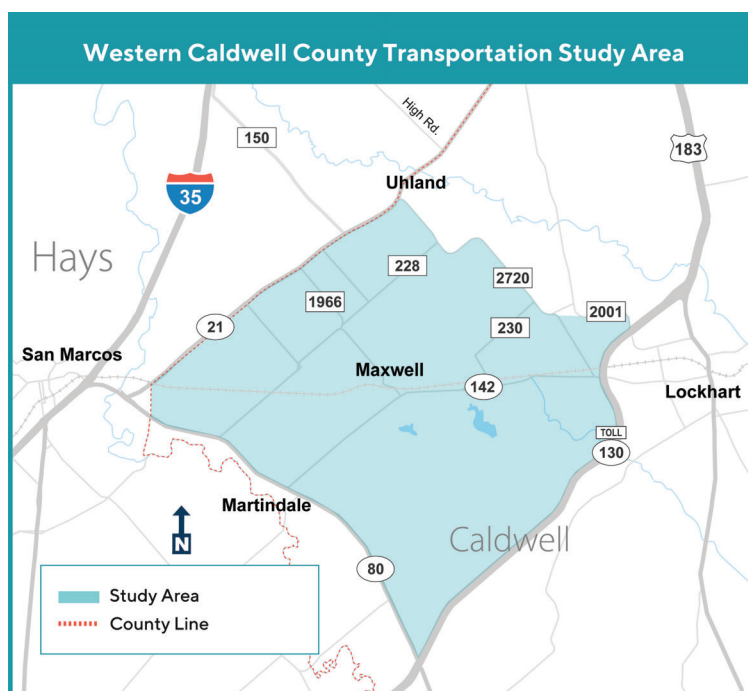
Caldwell County will be responsible for moving forward with any recommendations from this study, including further studies, additional public input, construction of any recommendations, and securing funding for all additional steps.



LEARN ABOUT THE STUDY

Western Caldwell County Transportation Study

This study explores potential options for additional east-west connections between major highways in western Caldwell County.



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



Complete a **survey**



Review **potential options**
and leave comments on an
interactive map



Email comments to
comments@campotexas.org



Mail comments to
Attn: WCCTS
PO Box 5459
Austin, TX 78763

ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

STUDY TIMELINE



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.

WESTERN CALDWELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Public Involvement: Round 1

WHAT WE HEARD:

Hays

Support for a connection between I-35 and SH 130

Support for finding routes that utilize the existing SH 142

Wider lane widths

Traffic safety and lower speeds

Environmental concerns

Minimize impacts to property owners

Caldwell

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:



Steering Committee Meetings



Property owner meetings



Local government coordination



Online Open House 1

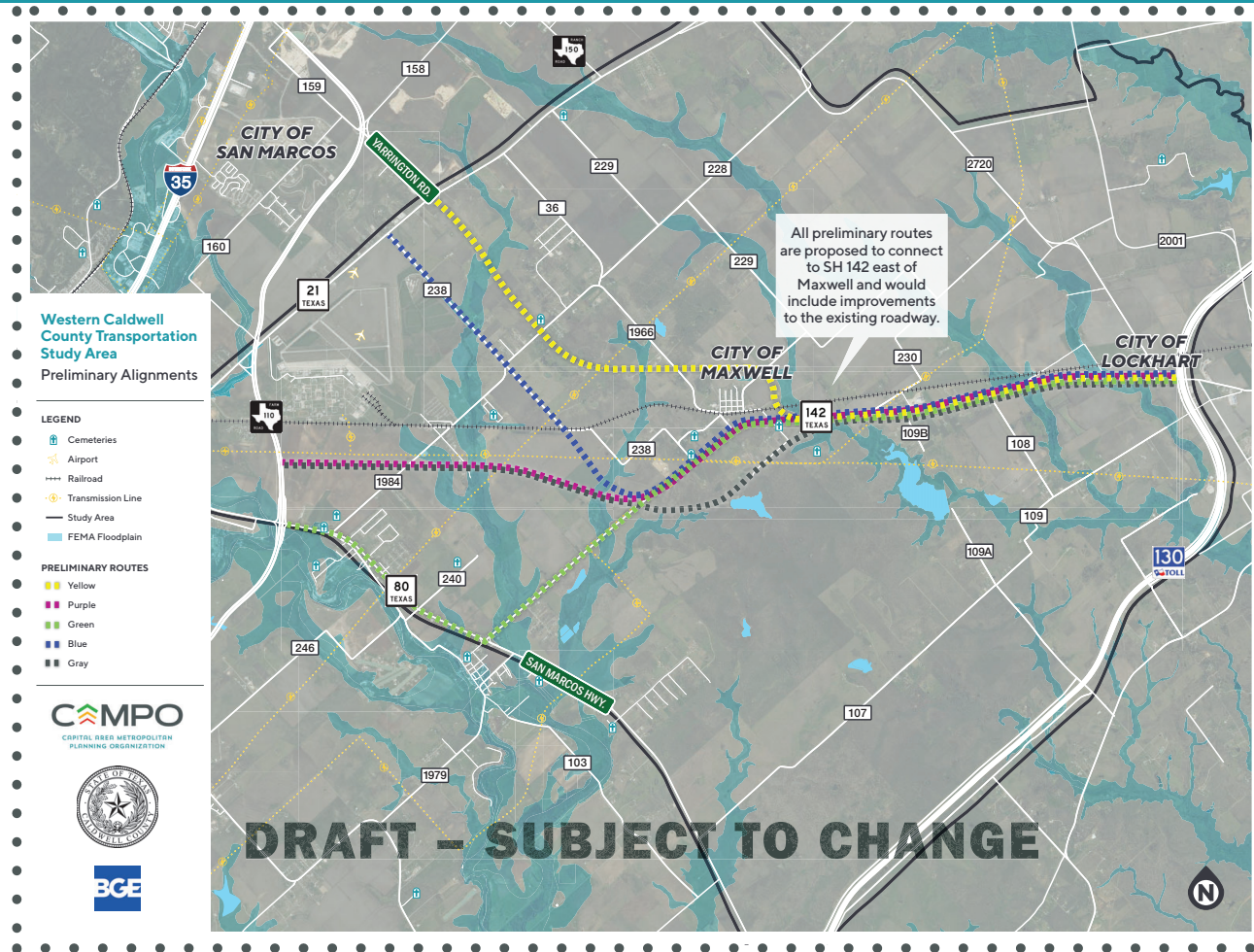
WESTERN CALDWELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The routes on the following maps are preliminary ideas and subject to change.

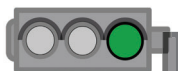
The routes do not represent exact alignments. Detailed alignments will be determined in future phases and include public input.

Please complete the survey and use the interactive map to leave your thoughts and feedback on these preliminary route ideas.

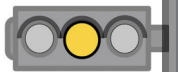


ALL ROUTES

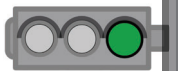
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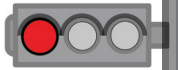
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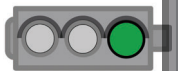
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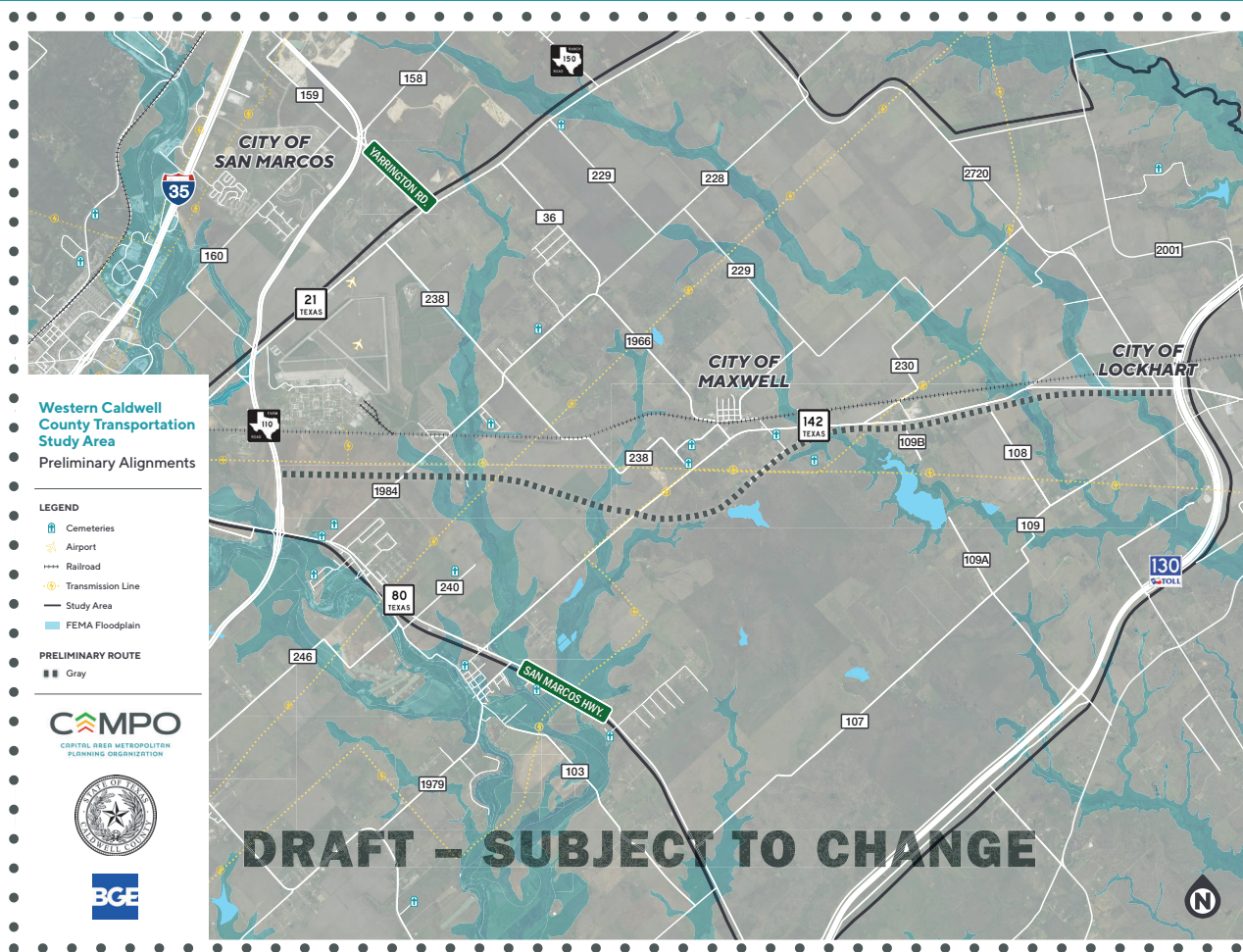
New Right of Way Needed



Environmental Considerations



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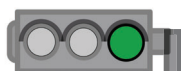


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GREEN ROUTE

GREEN route evaluation

**Mobility/
Engineering**



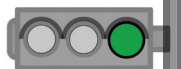
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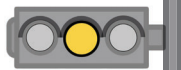
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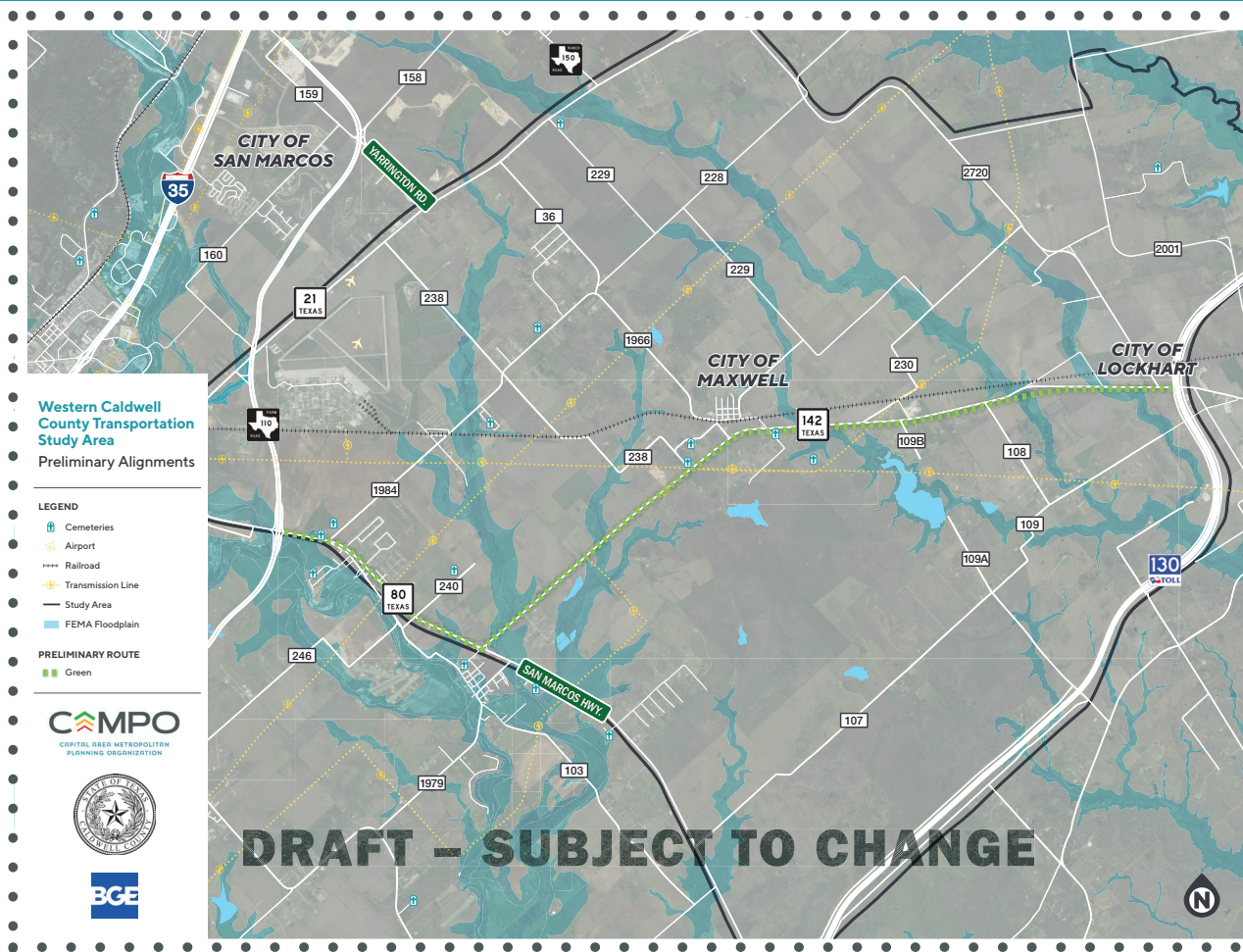
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**Environmental
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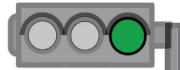


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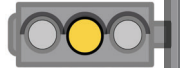


BLUE
route evaluation

**Mobility/
Engineering**



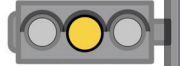
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**Residential
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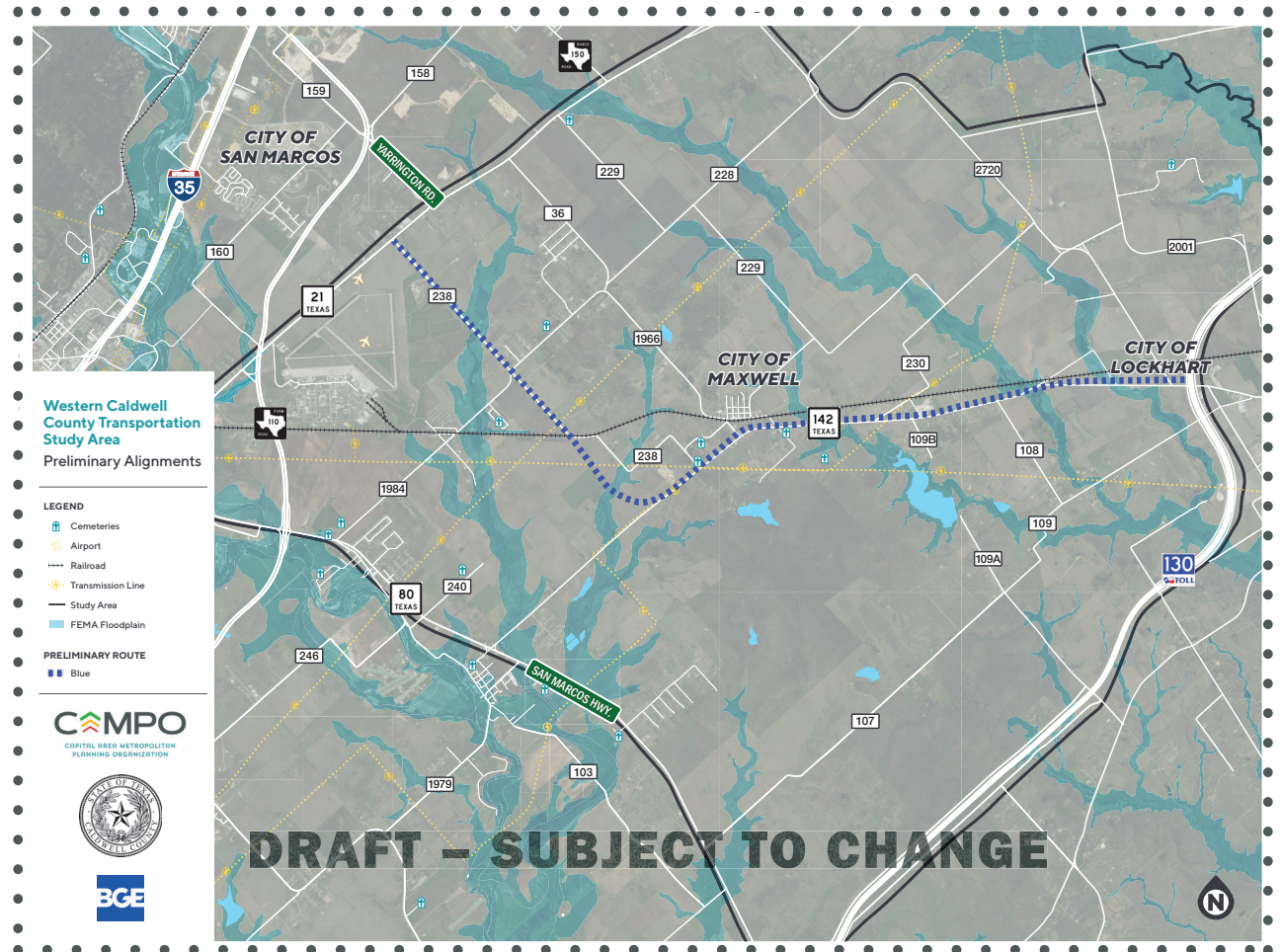
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PURPLE ROUTE

PURPLE route evaluation

**Mobility/
Engineering**



Land Use



**Residential
Impacts**



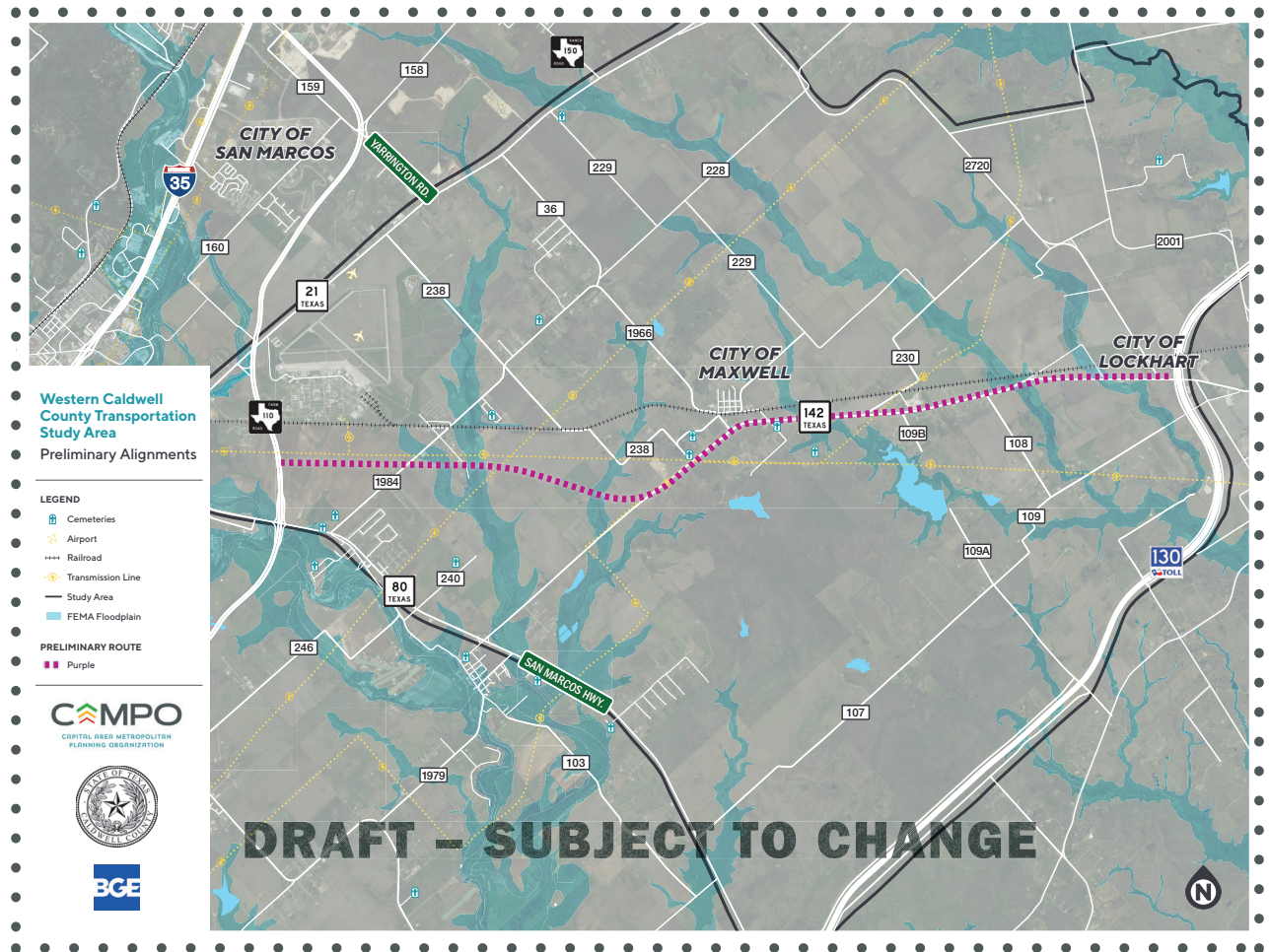
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**Environmental
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YELLOW ROUTE

YELLOW route evaluation

Mobility/
Engineering



Land Use



Residential
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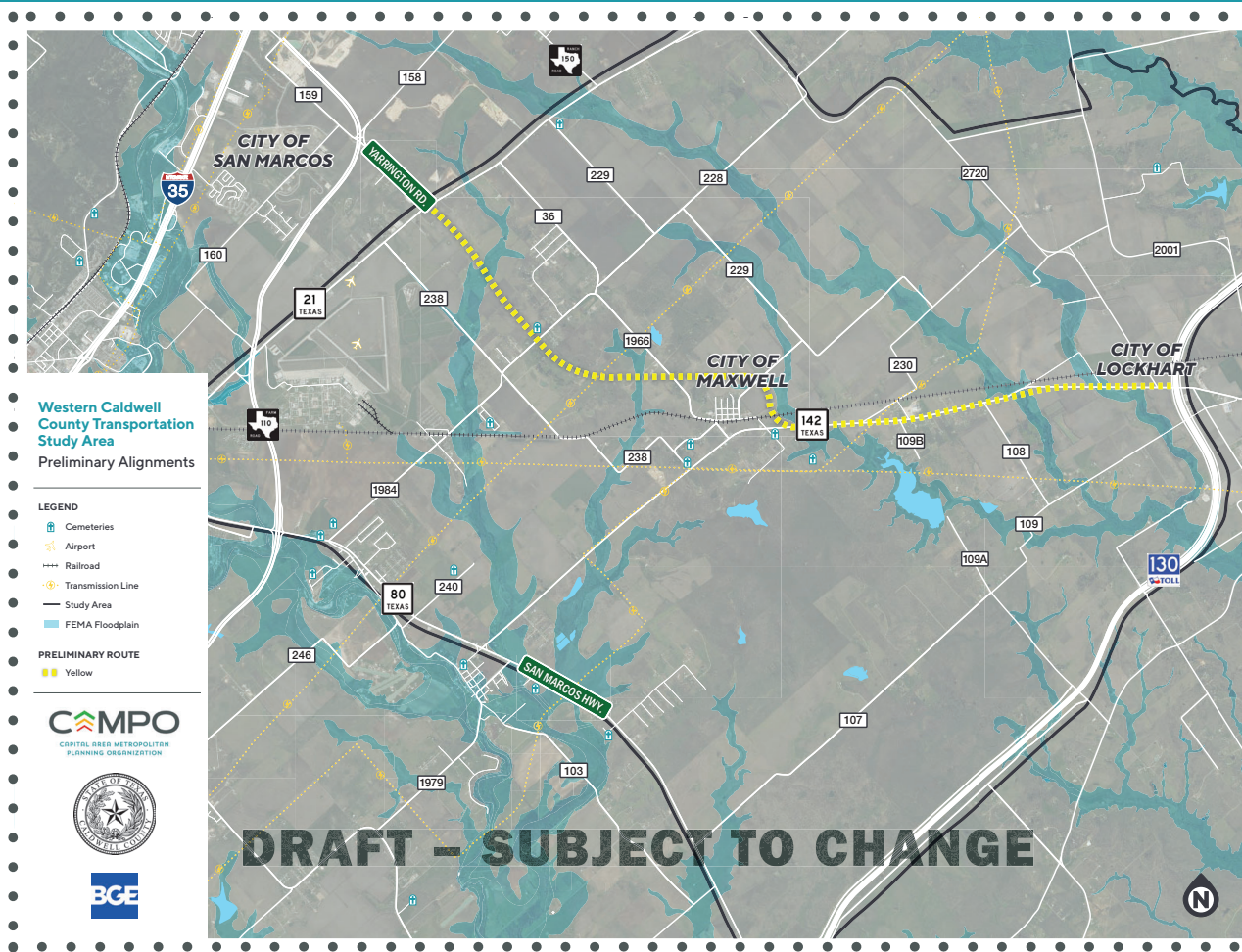
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EVALUATION OF ALL STUDY ALTERNATIVES

	GRAY route	GREEN route	BLUE route	PURPLE route	YELLOW route	"NO BUILD"
Mobility/ Engineering <i>Benefits east-west travel and is feasible to build.</i>						The "no build" option includes any planned improvements to existing roads and is used to compare potential new alignments with what exists today to show how traffic, travel patterns, and current road designs will stand up to future transportation needs. No build is evaluated and considered throughout the entire process like any other potential new alignment.
Land Use Considerations <i>Uses shortest possible route and minimizes impacts to farm land, commercial sites, railroads, and utilities.</i>						
Residential Impacts <i>Minimizes impacts to homes and private property.</i>						
New Right of Way Needed <i>Uses existing right of way and minimizes new right of way that may be needed from commercial and private properties.</i>						
Environmental Considerations <i>Minimizes impacts to environmental features such as historic sites, wetlands, floodplains, streams and ponds, and petroleum storage.</i>						

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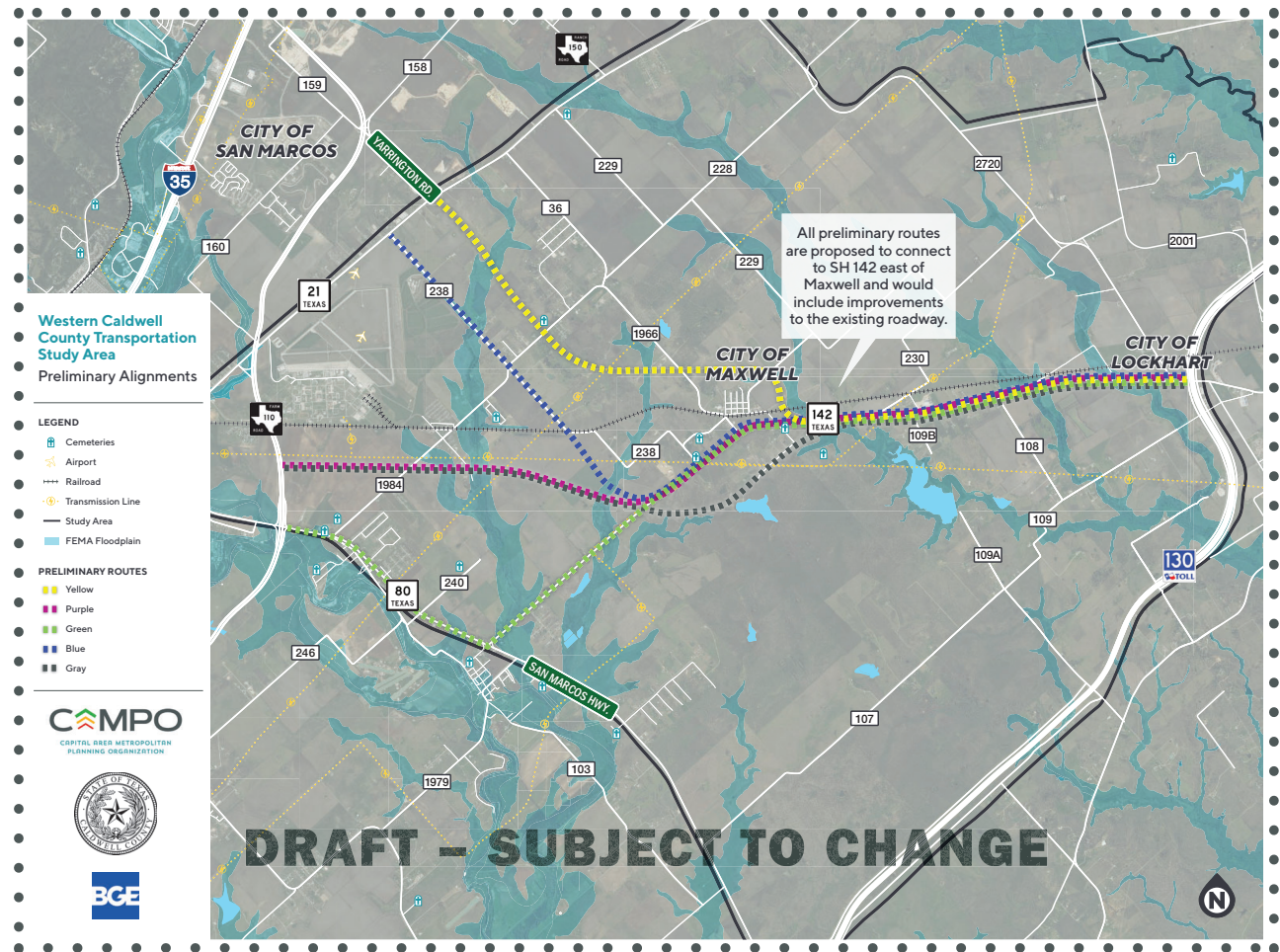
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ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAP

Click on the map and
follow the prompts
to provide comments
on specific locations
within the study area.

Interactive map not supported in
Internet Explorer.





HOW TO COMMENT

REVIEW MATERIALS

ASK QUESTIONS

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



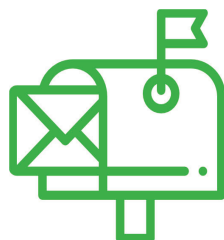
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