

Doise Miers

From: Anat Schechtman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expression my opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

To members of CAMPO,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the expansion of I-35 in central Austin, and to ask that you remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I further ask that you do not fund I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin, and my two children go to Maplewood Elementary on 38 1/2 st., not far from I-35. Expanding I-35 will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live, and will elevate the risks of noise and air pollution for my children and other children living in the neighborhood. Instead of expanding the highway, I support re-designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and investing in public transportation, cycling lanes, and sidewalks for local trips in town.

Best wishes,

Anat Schechtman
[REDACTED]

Anat Schechtman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Tom <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:01 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 2023 - 2026 TIP comments

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I am very disappointed to see no projects associated with improving RM 620 near Anderson Mill Road. That intersection backs up daily for more than a mile, and there are now two large (300+ unit) apartment buildings being built within a quarter mile of the intersection. Improvements here are well overdue and delaying will only make things worse for years to come.

Tom Pratt

Simone Serhan

From: Doise Miers
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Simone Serhan
Subject: FW: I35 Expansion

-----Original Message-----

From: Clare Leddy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:16 PM
To: Campo <[REDACTED]>
Subject: I35 Expansion

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I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for re-designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

The years (10??) it would take to do the expansion would mean a horrible quality of life for anyone who lives in central Austin. Too many businesses will be displaced along with some homes. And It's not going to help traffic congestion!

Get those trucks off I35! Please designate SH-130 as an interstate and move the trucks over there.

Thank you,

Clare

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Clare Leddy
[REDACTED]

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Doise Miers

From: Jason Hoffman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why?

Ms Doise Miers,

The I-35 expansion and regional development pattern in general has nothing to do with transportation or moving people. The spaghetti of subsidy, bureaucracy and misaligned incentives is resulting in a sprawling mess that's neither fiscally responsible or efficient. I don't know how to describe it, but box stores, highways and parking are like the American version of eastern bloc architecture. Just stop! Instead, legalize different housing types, start focusing on moving people instead of cars, and get local traffic off of I-35 to open it up to the transient traffic that you want to serve.

Jason Hoffman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Peter Blum <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:51 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: please stop for the love of the world

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Peter Blum

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Lorre Weidlich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:50 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Fund I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion. The people at TxDOT seem to be completely ignorant of the concept of induced demand; a few years after the expansion, I-35 will be as crowded as it is now. Restore I-35 to a boulevard and run traffic through Austin on I-30.

Lorre Weidlich

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Grace Gilker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Grace Gilker

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Alejandra Porter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a resident of the Cherrywood Neighborhood in central Austin. I am writing to you today to ask you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to please NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

I am begging you to please move past the current TXDOT proposal and look for an alternative solution.

Alejandra Porter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Mari Russ-Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No higher No Wider

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad option presented by TXDOT.

Mari Russ-Wolf
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Drew Griffith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

Drew Griffith

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Denton, Texas 76201

Doise Miers

From: Brandy Savarese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:58 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin, living one block off the canyon of I-35 . Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion and pollution in our entire region, including where I live. It is not the right solution for Texas nor Austin.

Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. What an incredible opportunity for the state of Texas, City of Austin, CAMPO, and TxDOT to be on the leading edge of highway reconsideration.

Brandy Savarese

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Iris Baughman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:49 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not expand i-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of 78703 - Clarksville. Like so many cities, Austin has a history of displacing residents and businesses for the sake of roads and highways. As you well know these changes disproportionately impact those with the least resources to oppose these changes.

Please do not perpetuate this!

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I am FOR re-designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and putting our tax dollars towards a public transit-first project!

Iris Baughman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Olivia Prior <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:46 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't tell TXDOT to expand I-35!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding highways only causes more congestion in the future. The reduction in traffic is short term and will incentivize people to move farther from the city and increase urban sprawl. We should consider Rethink 35s proposal and create more public transportation instead.

Olivia Prior

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704-6489

Doise Miers

From: Camille Sabino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:42 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose 35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Windsor Park, Austin, Texas.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion and air pollution in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. We have a plethora of frontage roads making it easy to get around town.

I am FOR Project connect and Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Keep Austin safe, clean, and healthy.

Camille Sabino

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Dela Richter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:42 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Rethink I35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident for ten years and I live right by I35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use a large interstate to travel local. The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.]

Dela Richter

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Timothy Barker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:30 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central austin, and I live less than half a mile away from I-35. This highway does not serve me or my community, as absolutely nobody I know uses this highway regularly. Even though I rarely drive on it, I have to deal with congestion around it and the constant noise and air pollution it creates. Expanding this highway would not improve any of these problems, and as past highway expansions have shown, it would only increase the number of people driving on it every day, making these issues even worse. If you fund this expansion, you are throwing billions of dollars at a solution that historically does not work.

Instead, I support Rethink35's plan to transform I-35 into an urban boulevard, diverting most of the traffic out of central Austin. The highway infrastructure already exists for this to some degree, and it would improve traffic across Austin massively. This highway is not a benefit to me or my community, it only serves those traveling through it, and forces people outside of central Austin who are making local trips to take a busy, difficult interstate. Seeing this highway moved outside the city and the valuable land beneath it actually going to serving the community (by creating mixed use, transit oriented areas with housing and businesses along it) would be an immense improvement to the quality of life in the area. Widening a highway which is already too wide, on the other hand, would not.

Timothy Barker
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Leah <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:28 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Leah, I live near and commute on I-35 daily. I'm emailing to request that you REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live, expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I support the Rethink35 proposal, an investment in bike infrastructure, and changing I-35 into a boulevard.

Please do not expand I-35!!

Leah

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Danielle Gay <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do not fund I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of Austin. I live at the intersection of I-35 and HWY 290. I am deeply concerned about the massive amount of construction that will take place in Austin and near to where I live.

TXDOT's proposed expansion is not the solution Austin and Travis County needs to fix their traffic problem. TXDOT's expansion will only make the problem worse!

Think about the congestion this extensive construction will cause. Not to mention, the homes and businesses that will be lost to the expansion. These homeowners and business owners should be able to keep their property.

Our innovative and vibrant community of Austinites deserve better than TXDOT's plan. Please consider the alternatives proposed by the Rethink35 group.

Thank you for your time and please oppose this I-35 expansion.

Danielle Gay
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Rebecca Sanchez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do NOT fund I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I-35 has been in disarray for as long as I can remember. Do not create a congested expansion of i-35 but look to other routes (there is SO MUCH LAND around austin!) to ease the traffic flow. Find other solutions instead of stacking us on top of each other, this will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

Rebecca Sanchez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Amanda Pouncy-Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:10 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of south Austin in 78748 and I OPPOSE expanding I-35. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I moved to Austin from Houston because I didn't want to spend all of my time commuting in bumper to bumper traffic. An expansion does nothing but encourage more cars on the highway. It also will displace and harm numerous businesses and people who've been in this city for a very long time and should not have their lives disrupted. Instead, I am FOR a public transit first project and think there should be investment in the long term expansion of the light rail, bus, city bikes, and any new innovative ways to get to and from important places. This city supports public transit and we deserve proper investment in a future that is environmentally friendly for future generations. Do the right thing and oppose I-35 expansion.

Amanda Pouncy-Ross

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, 78748

Doise Miers

From: Marie Camino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I live in Riverside very close to Oltorf and 35. I strongly oppose an I-35 expansion. Highway expansions have never lessened traffic, and we can ask our neighbors in Houston how their expansions have impacted them. Expanding 35 would compromise the few green spaces we already have in Austin, hurt local businesses and residents, and overall go against what most people would want for a growing city with an alternative plan that WOULD create more green space. As it stands, I have to take 2 highways to get to my nearest Target. I'm sick of taking highways on local trips and prioritizing people over cars would help everyone in our community. I support Rethink 35's proposed plan and urge you to remove the I-35 expansion from the CAMPO. Please do not fund this expansion.

Thank you,
Marie Camino

Marie Camino
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Daniel Wehrle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi,

I'm a resident of East Austin, and I'm writing you to oppose the I-35 expansion. I walk and bike often between my home and downtown, passing underneath I-35. Even with the current layout, I do not feel safe doing this. There is a lack of signs and signals helping pedestrians avoid getting hit by cars. I strongly feel that expanding I-35 will make pedestrian travel even more dangerous and further isolate East Austin from downtown. I would strongly recommend considering alternatives to expanding I-35, such as rerouting major interstate and freight traffic outside of the downtown area. I would also love to see the existing area taken up by I-35 repurposed to make downtown a more pedestrian-focused area.

- Daniel Wehrle

Daniel Wehrle
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Keegan Black <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Travis County

Please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion. It is well known that this will in fact not reduce congestion. Why don't we instead focus on public transportation and safe bike lanes. I own bikes and would bike everywhere if it was safe to do so - that is what will really ease congestion. For example a cyclist I know was recently injured seriously crossing North Capital of Texas Highway. This is a route I use to bike to work, but recently I have driven instead due to safety concerns.

Keegan Black

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Timothy McCool <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please OPPOSE the I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed I-35 expansion plans and sincerely hope that you all will become one of the thousands of other Texans who realize that expansion is a dead end.

It is essential that you please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

The reasons for opposing the expansion are many. To begin with, it would be irresponsible to spend billions of dollars on expanding a highway when it has been proven that highway expansions do nothing to ease congestion and in many cases worsen it. You might think that the only important metric is throughput, and that as long as the highway is moving more vehicles per day then it is worthwhile to expand even if the amount of congestion remains the same or worsens.

However, consider the plans put forth by urban advocacy groups: there are plenty of more efficient ways to move the Texans that commute into Austin, and also those who need to move north-south on the highway. Consider the proposals by groups like Reconnect Austin and Rethink35, who propose rerouting I-35 around Austin rather than having it slice through our urban core. And consider how much the money spent on the highway could be used to expand our public transportation network.

I would also please ask you to consider how responsible it sounds to spend \$8 billion on a project that will not only be obsolete by the time it is completed, but will tear down homes and businesses along the ROW, will obstruct traffic and cause untold amounts of congestion and idling during the 10 years of its construction, and will inevitably cost far more than the initial tally. New data from the The Federal Highway Administration says that the cost of building and maintaining highways has risen 50% since 2020. So if the project is slated to cost \$8

billion, do the math. We're now going to spend \$11.25 billion on this project that will cause real harm to average Austinites in the form of air pollution, high speed crashes, and displacement?

This is a shamefully wasteful project that will do immense damage to our lives, our environment, and our futures. If you vote to endorse this expansion, how will you explain this decision to your children and grandchildren? Please know that there are other options and that we are not forced to repeat the same transportation mistakes of the past several decades.

I once again ask you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion for the above reasons.

Sincerely
Timothy McCool
Austin TX 78703

Timothy McCool
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Dillon Olsen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:51 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please OPPOSE expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I grew up and still live in Austin

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Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Austin and regional communities deserve a larger variety of transit options, not solely car infrastructure, to continue improving quality of life and safety.

Austin needs to move toward being a world class city instead of an environment of cars and congestion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It also requires greater land use for roadways that weakens our ecosystems and takes land away from housing and other vital use.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Public transit, and multi-modal transportation options, are necessary as the region adds to its commercial and residential housing supply.

Dillon Olsen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Savannah Martinez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:48 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am strongly opposed to the expansion of I35. We have seen repeatedly in studies that highway expansion does NOT result in less traffic and can even make it worse. Cars take up too much space, they're terrible for the environment and inconvenient to maintain. We need to focus on public transit and reduce our dependence on cars. Please do NOT expand I35 and consider solutions that are proven to help.

Savannah Martinez

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78752

Doise Miers

From: Rachel Vallejo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:26 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expansion of 35 is the WRONG direction

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a resident of South Austin and I am writing today to ask CAMPO to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I oppose expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am would MUCH prefer the Rethink35 or Reconnect Austin proposal, designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and/or a boulevard going through town with a public transit-first project instead of the is ludicrous design TXDOT has put forward. It is clear they are incapable of viewing transportation as anything but expanding highways and we must show them a better way. Please do not fund more lanes through the middle of our city!

Rachel Vallejo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Brant Powell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:13 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No thanks: I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

As a local to Austin I do not support the expansion of I-35 through town. Expanding highway width has notable evidence of not aiding in roadway congestion. We need to expand other corridors adjacent to the city to relieve the local roads and highways of through traffic. Not to mention all of the pains of construction while the project is ongoing. This will increase people's commutes substantially while the project occurs.

Brant Powell

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78754

Doise Miers

From: garret nick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: against i35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

i am a regular user of 35 in austin and i am against expanding it as is being proposed by txdot. tearing down 100+ properties is not acceptable! the focus should be on how to reroute more traffic to sh130 while minimizing the impact of 35 through austin. toll traffic through austin and make 130 free. if any changes are to be made to 35 through austin then sink that thing and cap it from stassney to 51st so our community can reclaim all that wasted and lost space. stop expanding 35.

garret nick

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Ian Tennant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:58 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO representatives:

I am writing as a resident of the City of Austin urging you not to include I-35 expansion in the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program, and to not provide any funding to the I-35 expansion project.

Countless reputable studies have demonstrated that highway expansion does nothing to reduce congestion; furthermore, residents of the City of Austin broadly oppose the plan for expansion, and favor reducing I-35's current footprint to create a more connected, equitable city. I urge you as a concerned citizen not to fund another environmentally harmful and fiscally wasteful highway expansion project. Instead, please encourage those funds to be directed towards multi-modal transit development such as the City of Austin's Project Connect. City of Austin residents want to use other forms of transportation to navigate the city for local trips, we just need the infrastructure that enables us to do so.

Ian Tennant

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Rebekah Chacon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:35 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am a resident of Austin (Mueller area). I am writing to ask that you please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and do not fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. I have lived in Katy west of Houston, and have seen firsthand that no matter how many lanes a freeway has, congestion will only continue to get worse if only car-based transportation is subsidized. We have to fund other modes of transport as well if we truly want to address the problem. In addition to this, I do not want to rely on an interstate highway for local trips, and construction is projected to take eight years (IF the project runs on time).

If we want to fund an I-35 makeover, I am for repurposing the stretch of I-35 that runs through Austin as a boulevard for locals, and redirecting thru traffic around Austin on SH 130. I also support more projects focused on improving local transit, including additional light rail and more reliable buses. I currently work near a rail station, but don't live near one - additionally, the train only runs once per hour in the afternoon. I would love to take the train to work (and consequently reduce traffic by one car), but currently it is just not feasible.

Thank you for your work, and I hope you take these things into consideration.

Rebekah Chacon
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Celene Leiva <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:29 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't approve I35 Expansion funding with proposed plan

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX. I am worried that the expansion of I35 is just a bandaid. I want to make sure I can have a walking and biking friendly city, but having a highway in the center doesn't help in that goal. Please consider Rethink I35s alternative idea with rerouting traffic away from the main city.

Celene Leiva

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Avery Lindsey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:26 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: It's time to stop making the automobile mistake

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Ms Doise Miers,

The Dallas Mixmaster, The Katy Freeway, North Central Expressway, Interstate 35 in Central Texas; all of these highways have been widened in recent memory with astoundingly similar direct results. The road gets bigger, neighborhoods become more divided, and hundreds of thousands of new cars descend upon the wider road making it more congested and dangerous than ever before.

For decades, Americans wishing to travel without the use of a car have been completely left in the dark. Cities have developed with a pattern of strict car dependency, prioritizing highways, parking lots, and sprawl, over the human scale. At some point, we have to look around at the vast expanse of parking infrastructure and realize: this is extremely unhealthy. Not just unhealthy due to poor air quality, climate concerns, or social isolation; but unhealthy for our finances as well.

The extreme cost of car dependent infrastructure is borne by everyone in our society (though often disproportionately) and is a contributing factor to higher costs in the United States. The city must maintain a labyrinthine network of roads, sewers, water lines, and storm drains, all to serve low density residents with tax values that don't support the infrastructure. Renters, both residential and commercial must support the cost of their landlord's excessive parking lot. Tax payers, must subsidize the maintenance of extraordinarily large roads. And of course, everyone must own a car.

It's no wonder that many people who are poised to face homelessness choose their car over a true home. To lose the ability to transport in this country is truly devastating. It's impossible to walk to a grocery store from the vast majority of locations and public transit lacks the reliability

and dispersion to be a true replacement for driving. For many, owning a car is more akin to a ball and chain than the bastion of freedom its made out to be.

Beyond financial reasons, many people in our society can't drive for health reasons. There are a litany of sensory, motor, and emotional dysfunctions that prevent people from being able to drive and strip away their independence. Beyond those with diagnosed conditions, we've all seen people on the road who are clearly unfit for the responsibility of driving. With rising cases of road rage violence, and the general danger inherit to driving, its pure madness that we continue to perpetuate such a dangerous form of transportation.

So please, I ask that you reconsider this plan to expand I-35. It will not end in the shining new low traffic scenario that you or traffic design consultants imagine. It will end in more traffic, deaths due to crashes and road violence, enormous air and noise pollution, a further separation between East and West Austin, and most of all: the perpetuation of the illusion that we are more free by being mortally attached our motor vehicles.

Austin is known for blazing a new trail in the state of Texas and saying no to the status quo. It's time we leverage this unique political will to set an example for the rest of the state and stop enshrining the blight of car dependency upon this city.

Avery Lindsey

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Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Chris Gannon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:19 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please remove funding for the I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am an architect living and working in Central Austin and I am dramatically opposed to the expansion of I-35. All studies show increased highway capacity leads to induced demand and does not lessen the impacts of traffic. This expansion is the wrong tactic. We should instead reroute the highway outside of our city along the SH-130 corridor.

I am spending this life that I have trying to improve Austin's built environment. An expanded I-35 is not the direction we need to go.

Chris Gannon

Chris Gannon
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Erin Hazel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:16 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand IH35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of District 1.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project.

Thank you.

Erin Hazel

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Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Maggie Phillips <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:11 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi there,

I'm writing y'all as a resident of austin to please ask that you don't expand 35 and remove it from the CAMPO Transportstion improvement Program. As an east side resident I have to already cross over 35 and I would hate to have to use the interstate for more local trips. In addition this will not help the congestion and will push out other local businesses along the interstate.

I would support other initiatives including a public transit first initiative or reworking a highway that doesn't go directly through the heart of the city. There's already so much change within Austin I would hate to see an eyesore of a highway ruin everyone's commute and further divide the sides of town.

Maggie Phillips

[REDACTED]

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Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Dean Hawn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Dean, and I am an Austin native living in Travis County in the Barton Hills area of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. We know that highway expansion does NOT address congestion, and it has a negative impact on our communities. As someone who works with older adults and adults with disabilities, we can create more people centered transportation options, and I encourage CAMPO to partner with neighboring communities on how we can center people instead of cars in our transportation plans.

I support multi-modal transportation options for all types of people at all stages of their lives. I also support transportation plans that connect communities and address the impact highways have had on our communities experiencing poverty and our communities of color.

Furthermore, I support CAMPO action and transportation plans that address climate changes and am prioritize people over cars and the emissions they create. I'd like you to consider the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, and other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dean Hawn
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Natalie Weston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:36 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 10 Year Austin Resident and Civil Engineer OPPOSES I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Natalie Weston and I have been an Austin resident since 2013. I also graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Civil Engineering. I am writing today to urge you to not allow for TXDOTs proposed I35 expansion. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. The proposed expansion will not improve traffic congestion, have enormous negative financial and environmental impact (that TXDOT is trying to hide by breaking up their long term plan into three parts), will displace many families and businesses, and will only make Austin less accessible. One of the first lessons you learn in introductory transportation class for a Civil Engineering degree is how adding lanes does not improve drive times. It induces MORE traffic, creates MORE dangerous driving conditions, and leads to MORE harmful environmental impact. That doesn't even include the traffic, dangerous driving conditions, and harmful environmental impact that will be caused by the construction process itself. In addition to the increased car emissions, we would also be decreasing the amount of permeable land in central Austin. This will worsen flooding, and just push us one step closer to becoming a concrete landscape like Houston.

In addition to these harms, the proposed expansion will worsen accessibility to key parts of the city. The highway has always served as a dividing scar in the city and will only make it more difficult for people to access the resources they need most. All of the hospitals downtown are West of the highway. It is already difficult and dangerous to reach them if you are traveling by any means, but especially so if you do not have access to a car. Those who primarily travel by walking, biking, mobility aid (i.e. wheelchair) or public transportation will see their daily routines become significantly disrupted and more burdensome.

Finally, I was appalled to learn the financial conflicts of interest of the Texas Transportation Commission who approved this expansion. When the commission is composed of a Bank CEO, former Toyota group CEO, and two separate Petroleum company heads, it is obvious that it is acting only in the interest of profits instead of people.

Natalie Weston

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Kendall Grice <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT EXPAND I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Instead please use the millions of dollars to improve public transportation, bikeability and walk ability within the city

Kendall Grice

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Alex Kipple <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Stop the I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello!

I am a resident of the riverside neighborhood, which is very close to I-35, and I am writing this letter today to voice my deep concerns about the I-35 expansion project through Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Highway expansion through cities has been tried time and time again to reduce traffic, take the giant 26 lane Katy freeway, and it never works past the first couple of years. Why? Because increased space increases demand. That giant 26 lane highway now has some of the most congested stretches in the country. I don't want this for Austin, which has already been historically divided economically by I-35.

There are a number of other responses to traffic that could be made without spending billions of dollars on something that will make traffic WORSE in a few years. For example, allowing truckers to use the 130 toll for free to bypass downtown all together, or even making it into a interstate so anyone going through Austin can just go around instead. And that's just one suggestion that could see immediate results. Also by improving Austin's bike lanes and public transportation options we could take even more drivers off I-35.

Once again I am asking you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Thank you for your time.

Alex Kipple

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: David Tomlinson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Good morning

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Ms Doise Miers,

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project.

David Tomlinson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Sherley Gionfriddo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:41 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO to i35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am a resident of Austin and I do not believe the expansion of i35 will resolve traffic issues in Austin. This will worsen congestion in Austin and make it harder for locals to get around. It will also diminish the character and beauty of our city. I would much prefer to see interstate traffic routed around our city and allow for a safer and more pedestrian friendly downtown. Because of this, I am for the Rethink35 proposal.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Thank you,
Sherley

Sherley Gionfriddo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Anna Gingrich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:00 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Rethink I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Travis county, and have for the last two years. I am asking that you PLEASE remove I-35 from CAMPO TIPS, and do NOT fund expansion for this interstate!

It has been documented in so many other large cities that expanding the highway does not improve traffic, and our highway goes right through the heart of the city. It will make the process of getting from one end of town to another that much more time consuming. I do not want to use the interstate highway for local trips! I do not want air quality in the heart of the city to get worse than it already is.

I propose that you consider Rethink I-35's plan for redesigning another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

Anna Gingrich

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Rebecca Feronti <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in North Austin. Please do not fund the expansion of I-35. It is necessary to withdraw support from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Plan for I-35. This will cause more congestion as witnessed by the Katy highway expansion. It would be a much better, safer, more equitable, and greener solution to invest in public transit to reduce congestion. Please reallocate funding towards public transit.

Rebecca Feronti
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Emma Dyson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:23 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Do Not Expand I-35!!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Hyde Park neighborhood, and I attend the University of Texas and work in the Downtown Area. I STRONGLY OPPOSE expanding I-35.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as seen from the Katy Freeway expansion. I grew up in Katy, Texas. I have lived near an expanded interstate highway. I can attest from first hand experience that this system is NOT what will improve Austin and increase well-being in our city.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips, and I don't want to fight more traffic and face busy highway noise when going about my business downtown.

The Rethink35 proposal and a public transit-first project would support our cities transportation needs and while create a more beautiful and quieter downtown. As the capital of Texas, we also need to set an example for the state for how we might move forward with more sustainable city planning in the next decade. Imagine living in a city where transit is quiet, efficient, electric, public and accessible to all. I (and many fellow Austinites) want this reality. We have the opportunity to create it. As our representatives, I urge you to please take it.

Emma Dyson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Tracey Wallace <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:27 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion in central Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I've been an Austin resident for 13 years, and have avoided I-35 as often as possible, opting for other routes north and south including Guadalupe and Lamar. Re-routing highway traffic and turning the existing I-35 in central austin back into a boulevard creates another main local artery in the city, removes decades old racial barriers, adds more park, commercial and residential space and creates a central austin that is welcoming to its residents and tourists—not to mention how we could incorporate non-car modes of transit.

Please do not fund this project. Please encourage TXDOT to respect the values of locals, the people who have to live with whatever decision is made for the rest of their and their children's lives. Please ask them to re-route highway traffic around Austin, not through, and let Austin heal it's central scar, create sustainable travel alternatives in the inner core, and build a city of the future—not one focused so poorly on the past.

Tracey Wallace
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Ya Ma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:35 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

If our region is to grow sustainably into the future with prosperity for its residents, we need to have transportation solutions that will scale with our population. Expanding I35 is not one of those solutions and will spur a growth pattern that can only realistically be served by only cars. We need alternatives that will leave future generations with thr region setup to meet safety, climate, and sustainability goals. Please oppose I35.

Ya Ma

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Logan Daum <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:29 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Funding for I35 expansion is killing our future

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi CAMPO,

I am an Austin resident extremely concerned about where our city is headed if we continue to support highway expansions. The region will double in population in 20-25 years and if we only build car infrastructure for regional transportation everyone will be forced to drive cars due to the sprawl. I don't want to be part of a generation responsible for building Austin into an unsustainable situation where we have no transportation alternatives. Most other major cities have already realized this and we can learn from them without making the same mistakes. Our growth pattern cannot feasibly continue to be car dependent and this highway is only putting us further into a hole.

Logan

Logan Daum
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Kavi Laud <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: The proposed I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Austin, and one living near enough to I-35 that most of my driving involves using I-35, I'm strongly opposed to any expansion of I-35 in the city.

What Austin needs is a good bypass system and more local transit, not more interstate lanes encouraging more driving, pollution, and noise.

It's no wonder that traffic on I-35 is bad, with a mixture of local traffic, trucks, and travelers passing through. A bypass system would encourage truckers and travelers to go around the city rather than contend with traffic. Most major cities in the US have such a system, and it's well established that they work.

What does not work is making the interstate even bigger in the middle of the city. We've seen how this fails, with the Katy Freeway expansion being a prominent Texas example of this.

Even without an immediate alternative, I implore you to remove I-35 expansion from TIPS so that other options may be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kavi Laud

Kavi Laud
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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Siddhartha Jain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please exclude the expansion of I-35 from TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a concerned resident of District 9 and an urbanist, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of Interstate 35 (I-35) in Austin. I urge you to reconsider this project and remove it from the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Instead, I propose the development of a boulevard and the rerouting of traffic outside the city limits of Austin.

The proposed expansion of I-35 not only disrupts the existing community fabric but also exacerbates the congestion, pollution, and noise problems that currently plague our city. Expanding the highway will encourage further car dependence, thereby counteracting our city's efforts to promote sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, biking, and public transit.

Rather than expanding I-35, I urge CAMPO to invest in a boulevard that can accommodate multiple modes of transportation, including cycling and pedestrian facilities. Such a design would create a more human-scaled environment, reconnecting our neighborhoods and promoting local businesses. By integrating green spaces, trees, and other landscaping elements, a boulevard could also help reduce heat island effects and contribute to better air quality.

To relieve traffic congestion in the long term, I suggest rerouting through traffic outside of the city of Austin. Creating bypasses or developing alternative transportation routes can effectively reduce the traffic load on I-35 and mitigate congestion within the city limits. This approach would prioritize the needs of Austin residents and local businesses over those of transient traffic.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to remove the I-35 expansion from the TIP and consider the more sustainable and community-friendly alternatives I have outlined above. Let us invest in a transportation infrastructure that enhances the livability and vibrancy of Austin, rather than undermining it.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to seeing the city of Austin prioritize the well-being of its residents and the environment.

Siddhartha Jain

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Michael Tsapos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:46 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to the expansion of I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I do not support the expansion of I-35.

I am a landscape architect residing in Austin, Texas and I support the rethink 35 proposal & designating another highway (SH-130) as an interstate. As Austin grows, expanding the highway will only further invite congestion and pollution into the core of the city. An alternative that prioritizes public transportation and pedestrian/ bike infrastructure will push the city forwards, and will reflect the will of the voters that recently overwhelmingly approved a massive expansion to public transportation in the city (project connect).

Expanding a highway in the core of a city will drastically impact the day to day lives of so many Austinites in a negative manner. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Tsapos
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Christopher Kreusel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:29 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not support Interstate expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm located in San Antonio and have family in Austin. As a lifelong resident, I know the corridor will suffer from any approved highway expansion. Conditions on the streets before will worsen in noise pollution, exhaust fumes, and deaths caused by motor vehicles. Texas seeks an end to its streak of traffic violence yet continues to build out infrastructure exclusively to speed up private vehicles rather than provide meaningful and widespread public transportation. San Antonio, for example, is one of the largest cities in the United States with no metropolitan passenger rail. Ironically, experienced traffic planners have long realized that speeding up private vehicles is a losing game that can not keep a region moving and growing at speed and in good financial health. Texas government can not continue chasing car centric design without consequence, and I'm writing to ask for a serious reevaluation of regional needs. How long will Texas cater to the needs of the automobile and fail everyone? The capital city of Austin is working --struggling-- to achieve an equitable transportation of people by considering and designing for many modes of travel. State powers are undermining sensible proposals given by Rethink35 and other organizations. To avoid negatively impacting such local quality-of-life goals and to realistically reduce the need for automobile travel, please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Look to other cities that are taking steps to reroute interstate traffic passing through built up areas and please find alternatives. Especially for local travel, provide viable safe alternatives for those who can not or choose not to regularly use a car. It is an imperative to the health of the region's ability to be mobile. More lanes, more traffic: it happens that way every single time. Don't build the Austin edition of the Katy freeway.

Christopher Kreusel
[REDACTED]



San Antonio, Texas 78213

Doise Miers

From: Lauren Hood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:03 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support the expansion of I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi, I am a resident of east Austin and ask that you REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I35 continues divide our city and expanding it will only make problems worse. Expanding to more lanes will only make traffic much much worse (have you been to Houston lately??)

Thank and please represent the people of Austin, not TXDOT.

Ps I would love more trains in Austin

Lauren Hood
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Torry Kesl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:43 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not fund the expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed expansion of I-35. While I understand that this project may have been intended to improve transportation in the area, I strongly believe that it would have negative consequences for both the environment and the community.

Expanding the highway would likely lead to increased traffic and air pollution, which could harm the health of those who live and work in the area. Additionally, the construction itself could damage local ecosystems and disrupt wildlife habitats. Furthermore, the expansion could displace families and businesses along the route of the highway, causing economic and social upheaval.

Therefore, I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the health and well-being of the community and the environment. For example, investing in public transportation or bicycle infrastructure could reduce the need for automobile travel and promote sustainable transportation options.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Torry Kesl
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Amanda Braziel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:31 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I've lived in Cherrywood Neighborhood since 1997. For years, my growing family and I have lamented the fact that we can't easily, safely cross the highway to ride our bikes to the grocery store or to the barbershop, etc.

I disagree with expanding I-35 for MANY reasons and would like to see caps and stitches or parks or buried highways as opposed to more lanes. Highways are ugly & dangerous, and this one is a relic of racism. Please rethink I-35 and do not approve an expansion. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you.

Amanda Braziel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Austin TX 78722

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Sally Mercer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:29 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Rethink I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi. My name is Sally and I reside in Tarrytown. I frequently travel downtown and to the east side and have to deal with I-35. It is not pleasant and only interferes negatively when I am traveling around town. I actively avoid using I-35 and never have positive experiences when I do have to use it. I do not believe it would be improved with expansion and I do not support more expansion to the interstate and do not want funding to the I-35 expansion. I oppose expanding I-35 but would support a public project. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Thank you.

Sally Mercer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Avery Dyson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:22 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing 1-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a student of UT and resident of Austin, Texas. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I grew up in Houston and know this first hand. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Avery Dyson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Will Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:17 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Will Walker and I live adjacent to I35. It is loud, dangerous to walk near, and inconvenient for my driving needs as an Austinite. Expanding it is a terrible idea. We know that induced demand means more lanes will not ease traffic, and we have the notorious Katy freeway as an example in Texas. I support designating SH 130 as an Interstate instead and routing long distance traffic around the city rather than through downtown.

Thank you for your time,

Will Walker

Will Walker

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Peggy Cope <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of northwest Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Don't let the congestion continue to build.

Peggy Cope

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Peter Modica <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: End I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi CAMPO Team,

I have been a resident of Austin since 2018 and have lived through the growing pains of the last few years. As a professional civil engineer in Texas, I have taken transportation classes that easily prove expanding I35 will not help with traffic congestion. There are many other options that would cause less turmoil on the city as it currently is, and build towards a less congested and more environmentally conscientious city. From better public transit to more widely accessible bike lanes, there are far better options to help the residents of this city instead of creating more chaos at the heart of the city.

Thank you,

Peter

Peter Modica

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Paul Gier <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi,

I've been a resident of North Austin and regular driver of I-35 for the past 15 years. Adding more lanes to I-35 will not improve traffic congestion. Please do not fund or support any expansion to I-35. We need an alternative which reduces the size of I-35 and redirects through traffic around the city of Austin.

Thanks

Paul Gier

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78717

Doise Miers

From: Victoria Freeman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please stop the I-35 expansion project

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi there, I am a 7 year resident in Austin and I would like to share my thoughts on the I-35 expansion project. Please don't do it, Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Studies have shown that adding more lanes does not reduce traffic, it incentivizes more people to drive! There are other ways to move people around a city and believe it or not cars are not the only way. Can we please reallocate the money that has been set aside for this project and redirect it to the crumbling infrastructure that we have today? The current roads in Austin are horrendous and very unsafe for pedestrians. I ride my bike everyday to work and I'm constantly on the look out for cars and never feel safe. The lack of bike infrastructure in this city is so sad and desperately needs attention. Adding lanes while it may be a short term solution, is delaying solving the larger problem that is Austin is a growing city and needs a more sustainable and sophisticated solution to the transportation CRISIS! Thank you for your consideration.

Victoria Freeman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Felicity Maxwell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:58 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Improve the CAMPO TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO Board Members -

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and do NOT fund I-35 expansion. As an impacted resident, I strongly oppose the current TXDOT I-35 plan and believe it needs significant changes to provide real solutions to our community.

The current TxDOT expansion plan will worsen congestion across the Central Texas region and we know that highway expansion projects are expensive and only worsen traffic congestion.

Please reconsider your funding for the I-35 project and reallocate & restore those funds to much need region transit and transportation projects which will ultimately have a much bigger and better impact than a 20 lane freeway expansion.

Sincerely,
Felicity Maxwell

Felicity Maxwell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Anna Wilmes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:43 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of south-central Austin writing in opposition to the CAMPO transportation plan and funding an expansion of I-35 through our neighborhood.

We know through the experience of other Texas cities, such as Houston's Katy Freeway that highway expansions do not work to relieve congestion but rather increase pollution (air, light, and sound), create less safe roadways for car drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, and entrench & incentivize traveling by car or truck into the city due to induced demand.

A better option would be to route vehicle traffic around the city on existing infrastructure such as 130, and to increase transit investment to connect Austin with neighboring towns and cities—such as dedicated transit for buses and trains only.

Kindly,

Anna

Anna Wilmes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Brian Poteet <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:27 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Vote NO on I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please vote no on the I-35 expansion. We need more alternative transportation methods, not a larger highway that will further divide the city.

Sincerely,

Brian Poteet

North Loop Resident

Brian Poteet

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jeff Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:24 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Do Not Fund I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Austin I oppose the expansion of I-35. More lanes just brings more traffic. We need to find smarter ways to bring people into Downtown. We need transit. We need land use reform. We need active transportation. We don't need 20 lanes that will lead to more Ozone Action days where biking and walking become more dangerous.

Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program. Please do not fund expansion.

Jeff Thompson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Jenya Green <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:04 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Agree to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO representatives:

I am writing as a resident of the City of Austin urging you not to include I-35 expansion in the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program, and to not provide any funding to the I-35 expansion project.

Countless reputable studies have demonstrated that highway expansion does nothing to reduce congestion; furthermore, residents of the City of Austin broadly oppose the plan for expansion, and favor reducing I-35's current footprint to create a more connected, equitable city. I urge you as a concerned citizen not to fund another environmentally harmful and fiscally wasteful highway expansion project. Instead, please encourage those funds to be directed towards multi-modal transit development such as the City of Austin's Project Connect. City of Austin residents want to use other forms of transportation to navigate the city for local trips, we just need the infrastructure that enables us to do so.

Thank you,

Jenya Green
[REDACTED]

Jenya Green
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Richard Wedeen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:37 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Letter opposing I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi,

I am a resident of North University and I drive, bike, and run downtown and south of the river on a daily basis. My commute is much less stressful when I stay as far away from a busy interstate highway as possible. The high speed non-local traffic on I-35 in particular spews air and noise pollution in the heart of our otherwise peaceful city and pose safety hazards for the residents and local commuters. For these reasons, I oppose I-35 expansion and support the Rethink I-35 plan. Thank you for taking this letter into consideration.

Richard

Richard Wedeen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Kira McCool <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose and remove funding for I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I can't think of anything good about the I-35 expansion plan, can you?

- Enormous money sink
- Will increase traffic
- Will increase health hazards associated with roadways: pedestrian and vehicular deaths, pollution, noise
- Will tear up the most valuable vibrant part of Austin for a decade of construction
- If we are following precedent, will go over budget and over timeline
- Increases the Austin area's reliance on cars in the face of the generational ending threat of climate disaster

There is an opportunity to show real leadership here and REMOVE SUPPORT for the project. You are all loyal public servants...work your magic and get us a big win. Please. Do it for your kids and your grandkids.

Thank you.

Kira McCool

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Kayte Weeks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:28 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO should oppose the I-35 Expansion Proposal

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Ms Doise Miers,

Good afternoon,

As a City of Austin resident, nothing makes me happier than being able to walk and bike around and enjoy our beautiful city. With the TXDOT proposed Interstate 35 expansion project, this freedom and ability will be deliberately attacked.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the expansion project. This sentiment is reflected by many city residents, urban planners, and climate scientists. What we, the younger City of Austin residents, want, is the ability to move around our city via walk, bike, bus, or train. I STRONGLY AGREE with the Rethink35 plan to improve city green spaces, and allow for greater city mobility that doesn't curtail its accommodations to more cars. As we have seen with the Katy Freeway (Interstate 10 through west Houston), adding more lanes does NOT in fact lessen traffic congestion.

I have grown up along I-35 in Temple, Texas. As a person who grew up and began driving during the I-35 expansion project through Temple to Bruceville-Eddy, I have personally witnessed MULTIPLE FATALITY CAR ACCIDENTS in my small, rural community. It was devastating when many of my personally known, teen-aged peers were killed by I-35 construction and expansion projects. Highway expansion projects kill people, and it doesn't even stop traffic congestion.

Individualized transportation simply does not work. The scientific community has shown this time and time again. Please, REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) ,and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Instead, take meaningful steps to propel Austin ahead of other American cities in adding bike lanes,

walk-able areas that aren't just downtown, multi-zoned housing-commercial developments, and adding collective transportation infrastructure.

Thank you,

Kayte Weeks, A City of Austin Resident

Kayte Weeks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Parker Blackiston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:02 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

From everything I've read expanding I-35 is simply not going to fix the issue of moving people safely and efficiently across our city. I don't want a bigger highway running through the middle of a city I love that I need to use for local trips. Please do fund bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, public transit, etc. anything except a big highway! This is the worst part about Austin and expanding I-35 will just make our city worse. Please remove I-35 expansion from your plans and focus more on good public transit, safe bike lanes, and pedestrian friendly areas.

Parker Blackiston

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Dianne Folkerth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 expansion from TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis.

I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

I am a 24-year resident of central and central east Austin. I can't imagine losing chunks of our central Austin neighborhoods to asphalt. When Houston's Katy Freeway was widened to 23 lanes, evening commutes got 19 minutes longer. Please don't turn us into Houston. That's not why any of us live here. Right?

Best,

Dianne Folkerth

Dianne Folkerth
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: GM Ornopia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:48 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I live near I-35 and 51st Street and I am writing to implore you NOT to expand it. Not only would it ruin the neighborhood, but our tax dollars would be better spent improving public transit.

Upgrades to bus service and stations would be a better, long term investment in a growing city. These high volume transportation options are more sustainable and would improve traffic congestion more than single occupancy cars. Please invest in bus only lanes and prioritizing public transit. We do not need a larger I-35 parking lot.

We need visionary leadership that sees the value in large, public transit options.

Thanks,
GM

GM Ornopia
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Mike Mount <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:45 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove I-35 from the transportation improvement plan and do not fund the expansion of I-35. I am a resident of northwest Austin and I regularly use I-35 to travel downtown. Downtown is an inappropriate place for a freeway as it brings noise and air pollution as well as significant congestion. The freeway primarily benefits thru traffic as they compete with downtown traffic for a narrow strip of asphalt. Valuable transportation funds would be better used to expand perimeter freeways at a lower cost. From my personal perspective, I-35 creates a loud, polluted and dangerous barrier for residents of the city. By expanding perimeter freeways and turning I-35 into a boulevard, thru traffic could have an affordable, reliable route and downtown traffic would not have to compete for road space. Please please do not repeat the mistakes of the past, everyone can live with this option, which has been used in countless cities throughout Texas.

Mike Mount

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78754

Doise Miers

From: Michael Halliburton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:43 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop interstate 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Build a highway tunnel instead of expanding Interstate 35 above ground. Interstate 35 above ground should become a green belted area for walking and a bike trail. This way the trail would improve the aesthetics of the neighborhoods. It will raise property values along the way and make AUSTIN a better community to live in.

Michael Halliburton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Cristal Martinez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:39 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose 135

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Travis county got 20 years.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35. I spend 1 hour everyday getting to and from work

Cristal Martinez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Jackie Hernandez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:19 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the City of Austin, living in Southeast Austin. Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund the I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35 as it will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. We need better alternatives to be proposed and funded.

I worked up north by Tech Ridge, about 20 miles away, and my commute was 1.5 hours one way before the pandemic, which then went down to 1 hour after the pandemic. Expanding I-35 wouldn't solve the problem, there needs to be other streets that can bypass the highway from south to north. Additionally, public transit needs to be updated and should have major investment allocated to it.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, and/or a public transit-first project. Rather than expanding I-35.

Jackie Hernandez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78747

Doise Miers

From: Steve Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:18 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Steve Wilson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78722-2238

Doise Miers

From: Amy Todd <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO to I-35 expansion project!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Amy Todd

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Newton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:00 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin and I appose expanding I-35.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I am for The Rethink35 proposal, pushing for a study of alternatives, including rerouting non-local traffic and replacing the highway with a boulevard.

Sarah Newton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Alan Lighthouses <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:48 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: transportation improvement plan

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There seems to be too little emphasis on the growth areas along Parmer between RR620 and McNeil Rd. In addition to the Apple plant, there are a number of other supporting companies relocating in the immediate vicinity. We can also expect to see the RR620/Parmer area to be developed even further, esp. on the now vacant SE corner where there are rumors of a "Domain-like" development and even a UT branch campus.

Doise Miers

From: Adam Hite <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO TIP!

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Colony Park in northeast Austin, I am urging you to take immediate action to REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I strongly believe that funding this expansion would be a grave mistake that will only exacerbate the already horrendous traffic congestion in our region, including in my neighborhood.

I implore you to reconsider this project as expanding highways has been proven to worsen congestion, as evidenced by the Katy Freeway expansion in Houston. I refuse to accept that the only solution to our transportation woes is to build more highways, particularly when it will only lead to more traffic and air pollution.

It is my earnest request that you give due consideration to not only my concerns but also those of other residents who stand against the I-35 expansion project. It is imperative that we take immediate action to secure a future that is not only sustainable but also conducive to a high quality of life for all members of our community.

Adam Hite
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78724

Doise Miers

From: Christianna Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of San Marcos, TX. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, or a public transit-first project. Public transit will help with the homeless population which is what is keeping Austin from being a first rate city. Think further down the road and that will help everyone involved, thank you.

Christianna Johnson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Marcos, Texas 78666

Doise Miers

From: Hunter Holder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:14 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove and reallocate TXDOT-related funding

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm Hunter, a resident of Georgetown, TX, and I urge you to remove funding for the I-35 expansion and other highway projects and reallocate them towards better transportation options for Texans.

I own and drive a car. I'm sick of being forced to commute 40 minutes to over an hour via car each way to work every day. I'm sick of highways that get wider and wider and just bring more crazy people who try to kill me on the roads. I'm sick of seeing biweekly reports that another person was killed in a car accident and TXDOT blaming people for "driving unsafely" on a road with a 65MPH speed limit right outside of my neighborhood and then emptily telling us that they're committed to making roads "safer" while increasing the speed limit and adding more lanes.

I want more options to get around. I want to be able to ride my bike to the store or downtown without worrying about being turned into human pavement and enjoy the outdoors without the smell of gas in the air. I want to be able to walk outside without being stuck in the confines of my neighborhood. I want to be able to take a train to work and text on my phone all I want because I don't have to worry about running someone's kid over while doing so.

We need Texas, our cities, and our suburbs to be more beautiful and more liveable, and the only way to do that is to put the billions of dollars TXDOT receives to build and widen highways towards better walkable infrastructure, transportation networks, and housing that's close to amenities. Those trips you take to Europe or Disney World and love so much? Imagine if the place we lived looked like that.

Thank you,

Hunter

Hunter Holder

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Georgetown, Texas 78628

Doise Miers

From: Jeri Spence <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Let's rethink I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose the expansion of I35 in its current form. The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association has sent multiple letters outlining our concerns and proposing solutions, which o support. I am also open to alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Thank you,

Jeri

Jeri Spence
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Eric Kaufman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:49 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I-35 Expansion Project

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I live in Austin and am writing to express my opposition to the I-35 expansion plan through downtown Austin. This is not the forward-thinking mixed-modal regional planning we need - this is more of the same from TXDOT which we have seen does not fix transit problems (exhibit A, Katy highway expansion in Houston). I don't want to have to get on an interstate highway to make local trips around town. I encourage you to consider alternatives such as routing truck and other through traffic around downtown Austin on SH-130.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Thank you for your time,
Eric

Eric Kaufman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Caroline Touma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:48 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Fund I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of the Cherrywood neighborhood, which will be affected by the I-35 expansion project. I am writing to ask you to please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, or another public transit-first project. We have options, and we need to start learning from our mistakes.

Caroline Touma

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Puzycki <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:44 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I Oppose I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Central East Austin and live within earshot of the highway. I am writing to ask you to REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Stopping the expansion of I-35 represents a generational opportunity to correct a historical injustice, to repair the fabric of downtown Austin, and to invest in the future growth and safety of our capital. Instead, TxDOT appears hell-bent on doing the exact opposite.

The expansion of I-35 doubles down on the historical injustices. I-35 is literally a highway to segregation and economic oppression. It was built on land seized from homeowners and commercial property owners, an act that destroyed businesses and generational wealth, with funds confiscated from taxpayers. Its expansion will be made possible by further destruction of wealth-generating businesses and homes, and it will permanently destroy valuable property in one of the nation's fastest growing cities, while only further expropriating taxpayer money.

Instead of making our capital a more livable city and an attractive destination for visitors and businesses, it will instead deprive downtown of valuable real estate to build much-needed housing, it will widen and deepen the scar that severs and segregates downtown from East Austin, and it will further tear apart an urban fabric that was slowly starting to heal. This is not merely shortsightedness. It is willful blindness on the part of TxDOT to the destruction it is choosing to inflict upon the capital and the people who live, work, and visit here.

The expansion of I-35 is senseless. TxDOT knows from its previous highway expansion projects—notably the so-called Katy “Expressway”—that adding more lanes will only induce further demand. Expanding I-35 will inevitably make traffic worse. The simplest solution to

congestion on Texas's highways is not to spend untold billions on more asphalt but to make the most congested sections of the highways toll roads—and to price them properly. The only thing standing in the way of this simple, low-cost solution is pigheadedness at the statehouse.

The expansion of I-35 represents a road to the past. While there is a low-cost, less destructive alternative to TxDOT's plans, the billions of dollars that have been allocated toward this project could be repurposed for a generational investment in Austin's future. We should instead invest these funds in burying I-35 through downtown, capping the depressed lanes, removing the surface roads, building an urban boulevard (East Avenue), adding tolls to the submerged road, and designating SH-130 as the interstate.

This plan would restore the links between downtown and East Austin that I-35 destroyed, it would create a huge amount of developable, taxable land in the city's core, and it would represent an investment in safety, walkability, and bikeability in the capital of the state that leads the nation in traffic fatalities. And instead of being a deadly cost center, a new underground tolled I-35 would generate income and reduce congestion through the beauty of market pricing.

We have a generational opportunity to invest in the future and to do some real good for the people of Texas. Please don't squander it by building a road to the past.

Thank you,
Ryan Puzycki

Ryan Puzycki

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Alex Schuessler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:41 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition of I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to state my opposition to I35 expansion and its inclusion in CAMPO's transportation improvement program. I've lived in Austin near I35 for almost my entire life and I want any I35 expansion projects removed from CAMPO's TIP. For my entire life I've watched I35 expand and expand while traffic gets worse and worse. This is a clear example of the Downs-Thompson Paradox at work. This expansion will do exactly what every other expansion has done, increase the volume of traffic until we're at best right back where we started. This expansion is at best a waste of 5 BILLION dollars, which is simply unacceptable. I would like to see this money be put to good use in actually reducing commute times and expenses by investing in public transportation. Programs like project connect are infinitely more deserving of funding and helpful in solving our issues. If we must spend this money on a highway I would be more in favor of using this money to route through traffic elsewhere like onto 130. So much of I35's problem is that local traffic conflicts with through traffic and routing through traffic around the city would help a great deal in this regard. This would also allow I35 to be strongly geared towards local traffic like in rethink 35's boulevard plan.

Alex Schuessler
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78727

Doise Miers

From: ashley deutser <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:27 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I-35 is a stain on our city. Think about the economic development if we could make that entire area MORE fruitful, less full of crime and pollution. PLEASE consider RETHINK 135

ashley deutser

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Sharon Lynch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:23 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Sharon Lynch

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Guillermo Zenizo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:17 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I opose to IH-35 expansion project

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident from South Austin and I ask your attention.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

Guillermo Zenizo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Vicente Kauffhold <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Reconsidering I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Good afternoon, as a longtime austin resident, I'd like to remind everyone of our past highway expansions and how lackluster they've been. Back in the 2010's, Mopac was expanded to add an additional toll lane. Prior to this expansion, it took me roughly 30-45 minutes to get from Circle C (Austin's southwest corner) to LASA highschool on the North east side of town via Mopac (I35 was already slower). During the Mopac expansion, traffic ground to a halt in many places as it was funneled to a single lane. My commute times went up to an hour or more. On days when there were accidents at the bottleneck, I couldn't even take Mopac because it was an actual parking lot. The expansion ran into dozens of delays due to our unique geology and weather which I'm sure are present on the other side of the city under I-35. For years Mopac's throughput was crippled because of these delays. Finally, upon opening the new toll lane, it became immediately apparent what a waste it was. During that whole build time so many folks moved here and started using Mopac that any benefits were immediately negated within months. Nowadays, I make the same drive and consider myself lucky if I can make it in 45 minutes with traffic. Adding more lanes doesn't help in the long run. And with how difficult it is to dig in austin and how slow our construction is, adding lanes can't keep up with population growth.

Let's not make that mistake again. Please consider alternatives to adding more lanes to I-35. Route thru traffic along 130. Add dedicated bus lanes so public transit is faster (and therefore more desirable) than driving a car. If we wanted to get really futuristic (or just catch up to the europeans), we could even consider adding an elevated rail line to shuttle the local traffic through, freeing up I-35 for passing semi's. Re-think 35 has even come up with a cute boulevard design that would be great for locals. Whatever the solution ends up being, I

promise you this: Adding more lanes will not help us long term and you don't have to go far back in our history to see why.

Vicente Kaufhold

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Rebekah Holder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:04 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Reconsider Texas roadways

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Rebekah and I was born and raised in Austin TX, and I OPPOSE the I-35 expansion, and ask that plans to expand it be removed from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

Expansion will not ease traffic congestion, and will instead only worsen it. Highways expansion have failed to alleviate any traffic problems in cities like Houston or Los Angeles, and have, in fact, worsened them.

I ask instead that alternative ideas are put forth instead, to rethink our roadways and public transportation. I hope that Austin can become a more walkable, pedestrian centric place. I'm tired of watching the city I was born in and the city I love be weighed down and polluted more and more by roadways construction and congestion. I believe we can build something better for our city and all who live here and ask that you share that vision and goal with me and everyone reaching out in concern for this proposed project.

Rebekah Holder
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Round Rock, Texas 78665

Doise Miers

From: Anne Harrison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. For 31 years I commuted daily on I-35 and still use it to get around Austin. While I-35 traffic is immensely frustrating, I still cannot recommend the expansion of I-35 through our city. The short-term improvements in commute times do not justify the expense or the ugly (e.g., Katy Freeway) and may worsen congestion over the longer term.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Please offer us better options, such as re-routing non-local traffic around Austin and rethinking I-35 as a vibrant urban boulevard.

The proposed expansion reflects last-century thinking. Please look to the future and not to the past.

Anne Harrison
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Miriam Schoenfield <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:59 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why You Shouldn't Support the I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

The I-35 expansion through Austin will not serve the mobility needs of this region. We've seen time and time and time again that expanding highways does not solve and often worsens congestion! The people who you currently represent will suffer if this project goes through as is.

Every single user of I-35 on the basis of the current plan will:

- (1) Experience 8-10 years of HORRIBLE construction delays - this will not be popular!
- (2) Experience congestion levels that are the same as they are currently or, more likely, worse once the dust has settled.

Some expansion projects result in a few years of relief before congestion levels return to prior levels. This in principle could happen with I-35 too, but even TxDOT's own models predict the road will be full again by 2045. So AT BEST we get approximately a decade of construction hell, followed by approximately a decade of relief before we're back at square one or, more likely, worse! What is the point??

Furthermore, civil engineer Kara Kockelman at UT has predicted that in the case of I-35, congestion levels will return almost immediately! <https://www.kut.org/transportation/2021-09-24/expanded-i-35-could-induce-demand-and-make-pollution-worse-transportation-experts-say>.

Adding road capacity is not the answer. I-35 should NOT be widened b/c widening it will induce more driving and make the transportation issues for the whole area worse. TxDOT needs to go back to the drawing board and come up with a new plan that respects what we were promised initially: no wider and no higher.

Miriam Schoenfield

Miriam Schoenfield

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Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Mikey Goralnik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:59 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't tell TxDOT to expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I live in Windsor Park in Austin and am strongly opposed to expanding I-35. I would like you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and ask that you do not fund I-35 expansion. Lets learn from our mistakes--there are no credible examples of similar highway expansion projects improving congestion, and indeed many instances, like the Katy Freeway expansion, of these projects worsening it. There are, however, several compelling and locally supported alternative proposals to this one, any of which would be a better, more equitable solution to our mobility issues.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mikey Goralnik

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas

Doise Miers

From: Erin Tassoulas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not fund I-35 Expansion, please remove the project from the CA<

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Erin Tassoulas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Helen Cordes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I drive through Austin frequently and do NOT support the expansion of I-35. The short-term improvements in commute times do not justify the expense and may worsen congestion over the longer term.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

The proposed expansion will not result in better transportation policy--look at other examples where expansion has not made meaningful change. Please offer us better options, such as re-routing non-local traffic around Austin and rethinking I-35 as a vibrant urban boulevard.

Helen Cordes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Georgetown, Texas 78626

Doise Miers

From: Claire Mancuso <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Claire Mancuso and I am an Austin city resident, and Houston native. I have seen what endless highway expansion does to a growing city. Austin does not want the increased pollution, decrease in housing, harm to local businesses, and induced demand that comes with major highway expansion. I-35 in and of itself is a monument to the racial segregation of Austin, and our leaders should be healing these wounds by connecting our city--not increasing car dependence in one of the least walkable large cities in America and subjecting another generation to needless loss of life associated with having an interstate highway running through the middle of downtown. Please put the needs and civic interest of actual residents above the profits of private contractors and the automobile industry. Please, for the future of our unique city, tell TxDOT not to expand this road. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Do not waste this opportunity to correct the injustices of the past by creating infrastructure that allows people to move freely about our city without fear of being hit by an SUV. Invest in transportation justice by rejecting highway expansion and moving forward on bold solutions to our transit challenges, such as the Rethink35 plan to build a public transit-first model and thriving public space where 35 once divided our city. Please listen to the people who live and work here--stop this project before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Claire Mancuso

Claire Mancuso

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Russell Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:42 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Support TxDOT's Plans for IH35

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Ms Doise Miers,

As an organization focused on the act of planning, the future must be your primary focus. The future of transportation must not be the same as the past century that has left us with climate change and suppurating wounds carved maliciously through our cities and our society. TxDOT is focused on the backward-looking policy of expanding IH35, doubling down on the outright odious harm it has done to Austin directly and the cancerous spread of sprawl it has enabled in the outlying counties. Do not provide aid to their malign mission - remove IH35 from the TIP and deny them funding, endorsements, and any symbolic or material aid whatsoever. Your vote is a moral choice, and as a member at this pivotal time, your name will forever be associated with the actions that CAMPO takes now. You can be a force for climate and social justice - opening the way for a new era of more progressive and restorative transportation choices - or ladle on more asphalt and more particulates into the gash stabb ed in heart of the region by our foolish and hateful forebearers. Choose wisely.

Russell Taylor

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Adam Campbell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:37 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: STOP I-35 EXPANSION

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to ask y'all to do everything you can to explore another option than expansion. Building a wider highway is just building ourselves into problems and on going expensive maintenance, and car dependency. Especially in Austin's central neighborhoods it doesn't make any sense. I am a geography student at UT and have lived here since 2017. I have been a bus and bike commuter the whole time. I have lived in Brentwood, Hyde Park, West Campus, and North Loop.

I am most in support of the redirection of traffic from I-35 to roads like 183 and 130 and turn I-35 back into the historical East Blvd. I-35 literally runs right through the middle of our city and should never have been built. It is a huge waste of time and money and expanding it is just going to mean more expensive maintenance. Austin is a growing city, are car ownership in its central neighborhoods is falling fast. A real connection between east and central austin would go far to protect our city and set it up for the future and in general just be better and also healthier and better air. Least we forget even if we get electric cars and emmissions aren't being spewed on the highway, electric cars are literally tons heavier the ICE's and damage roads much faster and burns tire rubber faster.

The city and the county needs to create an independent study about what directing traffic to 130! I understand this is technically a state project but everything needs to be done to make the feasibility of an alternative possible.

Adam Campbell
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Jared Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:30 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion from a local

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Ms Doise Miers,

To whom it may concern:

I live here in East Austin and I am for city improvement but against expanding highways. I've been in other cities where instead of expanding highways they routed traffic around cities and saw significant improvement. For that reason I'm against the I-35 expansion proposal. Austin is growing rapidly and we should instead invest in connecting our city from east to west.

Any solution should not involve expansion of the current highway. I would be in support of routing all highway traffic around Austin, turning what is now I-35 into a boulevard supporting local business first, walkability, transportation, and economic growth over cars.

I believe in a better Austin and highways will not make it better. I would also support a tunnel underneath the city, but it'd have to be fully covered and funded. Open highways are scars on the cityscape and make the city un-navigable, increase homeless and dangerous areas of the city with unpleasant areas (due to lower foot traffic from lack of walkability - just look at what it is now), and in general are not pleasant. There are other ways to get cars where they need to be and it's not THROUGH downtown. Interstate highways shouldn't be used for local trips. That traffic should go around a downtown. Especially trucks. They don't want the traffic through downtowns either. Separate it and people will find ways to get around that aren't cars.

I support funding homelessness issues in the right areas with proper housing, and I would support moving away from a highway through downtown and instead towards a boulevard solution that supports local business. Thanks again.

Warmly,

Jared

Jared Thomas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Carol Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I-35 Expansion in CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

I reside in central Austin, about a mile south of downtown and the same distance from I-35. I am strongly opposed to I-35 expansion and urge the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program. Please DO NOT fund any expansion of I-35.

The Katy Freeway expansion in Houston and similar projects in other cities have proven that widening highways just leads to an increased number of cars, not to less traffic congestion. This, in turn, means more carbon emissions and air pollution in highly residential areas. Given the climate crisis, we must learn from the mistakes of other urban areas and take creative approaches to minimizing carbon emissions. The Rethink 35 plan does just that, and I fully support its adoption as an alternative to I-35 expansion. I urge you not to be short-sighted, and to protect our environment for our children and future generations.

Thank you.

Carol Goodwin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Allison Donohue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I'm an Austin resident living on Maplewood Ave in east Austin, just a few blocks away from I-35. I oppose expanding I-35 for several reasons. The large highway is loud and creates a ton of pollution in our neighborhood. The highway divides the city, leaving east Austin divided from west Austin. The highway is also extremely dangerous with high speeds and accidents regularly occurring. Expanding it will not be beneficial to pedestrians and cyclists, of which there are many in our neighborhood.

Please Remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion. I oppose expanding I-35 as it will worsen congestion in our entire region. Instead, I support a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly alternative, involving safe crossings for those on foot (and pedal), much slower speeds, and more foliage, including trees (rather than a concrete slab). This redesign will invigorate the city on the street-level and reunite the east and west sides.

Thank you,
Allison Donohue

Allison Donohue
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Kim De La Cruz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT fund I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Kim De La Cruz and I am an Austin resident (78751).

I oppose expanding I-35 and ask that you remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and not fund I-35 expansion.

I live near I-35 and need to use it to navigate to other parts of the city. It is congested with interstate traffic which should never be directed through the center of a city, especially when existing alternative routes exist like 130. We need to redirect interstate traffic outside of our city centers so it is useful, enjoyable, and navigable for not only locals, but also visitors.

Please help us preserve our city center while also redirecting traffic and sales tax dollars to neighboring communities. Please oppose I-35 expansion.

Thanks,

Kim De La Cruz

Kim De La Cruz
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jacqueline Moody-Fuller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:08 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Concerned About I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO member,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I am resident of Austin. Transportation studies have shown that widening congested freeways like I-35 only cause more traffic congestion. We must invest in better public transportation options instead of adding more personal cars to the road.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Moody-Fuller

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Joseph Rojas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:04 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO*

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the North Loop area of Austin, and I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. It is already really difficult to live in Austin without a car, and expanding I-35 will entrench our reliance on a car, congestion, long-commute, pollution, and traffic heavy system. I am FOR public transit-first projects. The amount of resources being put into the I-35 expansion could instead be used to speed up the introduction of bus rapid transit lines and the eventual metro so that they are functioning before Austin grows so fast as to make them barely helpful when they finally come online. We need more sidewalks, wider sidewalks, sidewalks lined with trees for shade, more time at crosswalks, bike lanes, coverings at bus stops to create more shade and shield people from rain, more b uses and bus routes, bus rapid transit lines, and a metro. I would also be FOR Rethink35's proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, creating a boulevard going through town, and exploring other options.

Joseph Luis Rojas, Jr.

Joseph Rojas
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Samuel Baker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:49 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expanding I-35 Will Hurt Every Capital Area City

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a current resident of the endlessly sprawling Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, I can assure you that expanding I-35 will only serve to encourage the sprawl and soul-killing traffic that has come to define my daily existence.

Representatives from Round Rock, Georgetown, Leander, Cedar Park, Buda, Kyle, and elsewhere need to think of what their future holds if I-35's expansion is funded. Your future is constant traffic expanding further and further into your pristine countrysides. I can attest to this phenomena as someone who has repeatedly been stuck in traffic in northern Frisco, a full 40 minutes from Downtown Dallas! This is not for a lack of infrastructure! This traffic is precisely what you are encouraging by funding I-35's expansion.

As for representatives of Austin, I fully expect you to know the endless harms which I-35's expansion will befall the city: a project which will increase local particulate and sound pollution, a project which will increase carbon emissions in a time of carbon-induced climate change, a project which further divides a city with a legacy of division, a project which will flood Austin's streets with evermore traffic, a project which will waste billions of dollars to further entrench a failed status-quo.

I implore you all, from Buda to Round Rock and back, to reject this I-35 expansion in favor of healthier alternatives. Please consider re-routing Interstate-35 through SH-130, a route better suited for "INTER"-state travel.

I-35's current route could remain an excellent commuter route for Capital Region cities. Based on TxDOT's own studies, this could re-route 10-20% of traffic away from this local commuter highway. If SH-130 did require some expansion, it's local negative effects (like pollution) would be further away from the major population centers of the Capital Region cities.

I-35's current designation should remain free for residents of the entire Capital Region, but non-local traffic should be tolled. This will ensure that vehicles that simply pass through the

region will not clog up a major commuter route with traffic and pollution. This is a win-win for local and non-local traffic, because interstate travelers will no longer sit in traffic with commuters and commuters will no longer be slowed down by interstate travelers!

Samuel Baker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tyler, Texas 75703-8647

Doise Miers

From: Kyle Folkers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:45 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T SUPPORT I35 EXPANSION

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Kyle, and I've been a resident of Austin for my whole life. Going up and down I35 is hands-down one of the worst parts of living here, so much so that my parents taught me to avoid it if at all possible. The expansion plan would make it MORE difficult and hazardous to drive on for the many years that it would take to build. And at the end of it all, traffic flow wouldn't be improved one damn bit. We know that more lanes don't help highways to move faster. We've seen that same tragedy play out in cities all over America. Now more than ever is the time to transition away from relying entirely on cars to get around our town. Fund public transit, fund walkable urban design, but for the love of god don't fund the expansion plan. I ask you all to take the I35 expansion out of your plan and do NOT give it funding. Y'all have the power to stop this disaster and move us towards an actual solution. Do the right thing for the people of Austin.

Thank you,

Kyle

Kyle Folkers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78739

Doise Miers

From: James Daly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not support the expansion of I-35. I am a pedestrian and biker who does not own a car. I have a place in this city, too. Many people my own age are avoiding owning cars because they are pollutant, inefficient, and deadly. I-35 in particular literally divides Austin, a shameful reminder of a racist era. I support Rethink35's plan of rerouting I-35 around our city and expanding public transportation options instead, including Project Connect. Thanks for your time.

James Daly

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Anne Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I Oppose expanding I-35. I am a resident of one of the oldest neighborhoods in Austin, TX, Cherrywood, and the only thing between I-35 and our neighborhood are the businesses that serve our community. What I believe would serve our city and communities best is to have the I-35 highway traffic rerouted around the city, not through it. The noise level in our city has increased significantly over our 50+ years of living in this neighborhood, and expanding I-35 would only increase the noise level and impact the livelihood of our neighborhood and the businesses that serve our community in a negative way. Expanding I-35 is sure to displace longtime neighbors and businesses. That would truly be a great loss and one I believe is unnecessary. We have come to depend on these neighbors and the businesses that surround our neighborhood, and we believe we are doing everything WE can to reduce traffic in Austin by maintaining a community in proximity like this that serves our needs without having to drive all over Austin. I ask you to please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Highway expansions have been found to only worsen congestion, not relieve it, i.e., the Katy Freeway expansion.

Anne Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Anne Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

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Anne Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Duncan Meisel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No funding for I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

To the CAMPO board:

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35. I am a lifelong Austinite who has seen countless highway expansions and widenings worsen quality of life and traffic in our city for decades. More lanes always means more traffic, more pollution, and more crashes.

CAMPO's priorities should be focused on serious transportation solutions, not highway construction. We need to facilitate mass transit, walking, and biking, not car traffic that pollutes our air and injures people at vastly higher rates than other forms of transit.

All interstate traffic served by I-35 is better routed to the under-utilized SH-130, and I-35's central corridor should be shrunk and its impact on Austin mitigated with more crossings, and lower speeds.

Duncan Meisel

Duncan Meisel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jordan King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't fund I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Lane expansion hasn't been shown to reduce traffic, don't fund an expansion to I-35 that won't work!

Jordan King

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78748

Doise Miers

From: Amy Concilio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the expansion of I-35 through downtown Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am an East Austin resident living just 4 blocks from the highway and the noise and pollution already negatively affect my quality of life. Expanding the highway will make things worse. We know from years of empirical evidence that expanding highways induces demand, leading to more traffic, more pollution, and more greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to being an East Austin resident, I am a climate change scientist and one of the many experts who volunteered time to help the City of Austin develop the recent Climate Equity Plan. Expanding I-35 will negate a lot of the progress that we are making on reducing our carbon emissions, contributing to increased challenges and impacts on future generations of Texans.

In addition to all this, the plan to widen the highway is not even popular- especially with the younger generation of Texans who will be living and working here when the project is completed. I have talked to 100s of neighbors and colleagues about this issue - some of whom live close to downtown Austin and some who live in the suburbs - and not one person is supportive of TxDOT's current plan to expand the highway. TxDOT's models assume that people (including those who are moving here) want to get around by car, but if you look at the public polls it's pretty clear that Austinites are ready for change and this is true for urban populations and young people in America in general. With massive public support for the expansion of our light rail, bus system, and bike and pedestrian paths, we have an incredible opportunity to re-imagine how we get around and reshape our metro area to make sustainable transportation a reality and to meet our climate goals. For suburban residents who commute to Austin, we can set up park and ride stations like they have in Denver. The one train line we

have- the red line- is incredibly popular for commuters. Many people- even in Texas!- will choose to ride trains over driving, despite the myths about how much we like our cars and trucks here.

In sum, TxDOT's plan to widen the highway is outdated thinking that does not serve future generations, it will make our environmental pollution problems worse, and it is unpopular. Please think about the future, listen to the community, and support sustainable transportation alternatives. I am personally in favor of the boulevard model proposed by Rethink35. I urge you to look into this alternative and consider supporting it.

Amy Concilio

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Audrea Straub <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:13 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No IH35 expansion please!!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! As a born and raised Austinite, it's easy to say and see this city has undergone an amazing yet large expansion. As someone who drives the city everyday, I know traffic has gotten so bad and we are all trying to find ways to make it better. I don't think expanding one of our main highways is the best course of action though. Public transportation should be at the top of the list - the metro rail was a hot topic and passed with majority of our citizens wanting our funds going into that project. I also believe we need to utilize the 183 toll for big rig trucks to get a comped toll to go around austin to keep them on their way and help decrease traffic and fatalities.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. There has got to be a better option than tearing up our main artery and cause much more traffic and confusion for current drivers. This project sounds like a nightmare for our citizens and only being pushed through by the greedy toll corporations. Please consider the residents first - people over profits!!

Audrea Straub

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Reed Nelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello there,

My name is Reed Nelle, I am a resident of Round Rock, TX. I would like to state that an expansion of IH35 would be a terrible decision, one that the taxpayers do not want, and one that future generations would not prosper from. We have through ballot initiatives stated that we would like to grow our city through a more robust public transit system that does not include additional or expanded roadways. Expanding IH35 would not reduce congestion and exacerbate the already growing need for housing.

Please do the right thing in not going through with expansion initiatives.

Sincerely,

Reed

Reed Nelle
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Round Rock, Texas 78681

Doise Miers

From: Paul Groepler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:57 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: TxDOT and the IH-35 Expansion Project

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Ms Doise Miers,

Yet again, I find myself writing to a group that hopes to quash the ill-fated IH-35 expansion project. I remain steadfast in my position that this so called "expansion" is just another attempt at managing (poorly) Austin's phenomenal and badly managed growth. I have been a resident since Austin was a sleepy little town of 200,000 in 1982 and have seen time and time again how "smart growth" is just a(nother) recipe for disaster. Re-task Hwy 130 and 45 as the "business routes" around the city, forbid more than two axles through town and use common sense please.

Paul Groepler

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Monroe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No expansion of I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion. Across the country, cities have attempted to use highway expansion to resolve traffic congestion, and across the country, we have proved over and over again that this is a futile effort. Expanding highways does NOT alleviate any traffic for two reasons: 1) most traffic is caused by back ups from lane changes, and adding lanes means more people just have to get over across even more lanes before they are able to exit 2) adding more lanes encourages more people to drive. The Katy freeway expansion is a prime example of how miserably highway expansion projects tend to fail. Instead of expanding the highway which will only cause us to sit longer and more frequently on I-35, please create more biking and pedestrian infrastructure that would encourage people to avoid the road for local trips. Additionally, offer more bus lines or public transit to the areas up north that people have to stay on the interstate for the longest. These are solutions that would actually take cars off of the road instead of just making the road bigger for all of us to stay stuck on.

Sarah Monroe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Jeffrey Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:47 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion Opposition

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Ms Doise Miers,

I Oppose expanding I-35. I am a resident of Cherrywood, which is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Austin, TX and the only thing between I-35 and our neighborhood are businesses that serve our community. What would serve our community best is to have this highway traffic rerouted around the city, not through it. We have heard the noise level in our city increase significantly over our 50+ years of living in this neighborhood. Expanding I-35 would only increase the noise level and negatively impact the livelihood of our neighborhood and the businesses that serve our community, who's service we have come to depend on. We believe we are doing our part to reduce traffic in Austin by maintaining a community in proximity that can serve one another without driving all over Austin to meet our daily needs. I ask you to please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Highways only worsen congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

Jeffrey Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Micah Stroup <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:45 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't Fund I-35 Expansion!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Micah Stroup

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Max Heimlich-McQuarters <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:30 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please remove the I-35 expansion from the CAMPO transportation plan

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Ms Doise Miers,

We do not want the highway expanded! I am for ReThink35's proposal.

Max Heimlich-McQuarters

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Andrea Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Andrea Scott

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Jose Ducos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:17 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 expansion project! Stop inducing more car trips through our city.

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the I-35 highway expansion plan in Austin, TX. As a resident of Austin, I strongly urge you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and refrain from funding this project.

As a resident of Austin, I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35, as it will only worsen congestion in our entire region. Expanding highways has been proven to be ineffective in reducing traffic congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. Instead of expanding highways, we need to focus on alternative transportation solutions that can alleviate traffic congestion and provide more efficient mobility.

Furthermore, I do not want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I believe that we need to redesignate another highway, such as SH-130, as an interstate or consider a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, or any other alternative solutions that prioritize public transportation and reduce reliance on personal cars.

As your constituent, I urge you to listen to the voices of the people who will be impacted by this project and consider alternative solutions that prioritize the needs of the community. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Jose Ducos

Jose Ducos
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Laurel Power <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose TxDOT's plans for I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I have been a resident of East Austin a few blocks from I-35 and I am begging y'all please do not expand the highway. The downtown-Eastside area of Austin desperately needs better walking and biking infrastructure, better east-west public transportation, and gentler traffic.

A road project like this would displace people from homes and businesses along the corridor and create more barriers during construction for people traveling to work downtown no matter what sort of transportation they use. However, restoring the corridor to a boulevard with local traffic would encourage more green space, improve air quality, and allow us to become a world-class walk-able city with easy access to libraries, museums, hospitals, and grocery stores, with locals and tourists having a greater ability to get where they want to go pleasantly and quickly.

Using an interstate highway for local trips is already very frustrating, and expanding will only increase congestion (as happened with the Katy Freeway in Houston). Transforming it to a boulevard again would bring multiple functionalities to the corridor rather than limiting its use to vehicles speeding through. Divert the thru-traffic outside of town and let those of us who live, work, and study here breathe cleaner air and enjoy our city. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Laurel Power
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Peter Beck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't fund I35 expansion through downtown Austin.

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please don't fund I35 expansion through downtown Austin. There is no way that there should be a 20 (including frontage roads) highway going right through the center of a major city. Downtown Austin is among the most valuable real estate in the state, which is just being thrown away. This road benefits travelers from outside the city, while Austin residents suffer the costs, including over 100 existing buildings planned to be demolished. There is already Hwy. 130 going around Austin which is currently underused and should be the main route North to South, rather than driving right through the middle of the city. This is a plan nobody wants. It's amazing, that most everyone who knows about this plan, hates it, including almost every Austin City Councilperson. Please do the right thing and withdraw funding.

Peter Beck

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Angel Narvaez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: do not expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a former resident of Austin Texas. I lived in the Greystone area and am heavily opposed to the expansion of I-35. I-35 is a source of massive traffic congestion and dangerous driving. Expanding or adding more lanes will do nothing to fix that but instead disrupt city traffic flow with construction. I propose to instead improve the public transit system. More bus routes as well as bus exclusive lanes so that the residents of Austin are not forced to become car dependent.

Angel Narvaez

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Edinburg , Texas 78541

Doise Miers

From: S Cornett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

REROUTE non-local traffic around Austin instead of through it:

We do not need an interstate highway going through our city's heart. Non-local traffic should be incentivized to instead use existing highways such as SH-130 - like I-35 does in at least 14 other Texas cities. Instead, RETHINK I-35 through Austin as a boulevard: Removing non-local traffic will free up space for a vibrant urban boulevard through Austin with affordable housing, local businesses, dedicated bus lanes, wide sidewalks, and protected bicycle lanes.

S Cornett

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705-2326

Doise Miers

From: Nyssa Sherazee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of cherrywood. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. No wider, no higher!

Nyssa Sherazee

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Bianca Nunez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:57 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion Opposition

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Ms Doise Miers,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter for the opposition of I-35 expansion. I have lived in Austin for nearly 4 years, and while I am a relatively new resident, my family and I have frequently traveled to and from Austin since I was a child. I-35 has always had the worst traffic, and my family has made it an active effort to avoid driving through I-35 when visiting. My family and I all oppose the expansion for I-35. My sister whom works in the area intersecting I-35 and 183 is frequently affected by the traffic and poor planning of the interstate highway, with congestion being at all time high, when she is simply trying to get home. Expanding I-35 when it runs straight through the city is a disaster waiting to happen. I believe that non-local traffic should not even run through the cities center, and the space that I-35 takes up should be reclaimed by the locals who need to use it the most. Getting to and from my sisters job proves to be a near impossible feat without the use of a car, and without the use of I-35, the expansion would make things worse and harder.

Once again, I would like to conclude this letter by stating my opposition to the I-35 expansion.

Many Thanks.

Bianca Nunez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78731

Doise Miers

From: Grace Xu <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of West Campus in Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am for a public-transit first project. Please give further consideration to alternative forms of transportation that are not so car-dependent.

Grace Xu

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Rachel Cummins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Rachel Cummins

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Libby Farris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:47 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Travis County and grew up in San Antonio. In my 73 years there has never been an improvement to 35 that made any difference. It's way passed time to build rail. The absurdity of plowing through Austin's most desirable real estate?!? DO BETTER.

Libby Farris

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Priscilla Ebersole <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:47 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I Oppose I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Priscilla Ebersole

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Lindsay Olinde <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:42 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: support climate change mitigation and I-130 alternative

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live a block from I-35. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Lindsay

Lindsay Olinde

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: leslie currens <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:42 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my opposition to expanding I-35.

The smartest solution would be to swap I-35 with SM-130, so that big trucks and vehicles that do not plan to stop in Austin can bypass the central city, thereby not contributing to our inner city I-35 traffic congestion and avoiding the danger of the big trucks and the high speed traffic that is just passing through Austin. This is the most logical solution. A swap can be arranged, if there's a will there's a way to find a way to divert interstate traffic over to 130.

Another good option is the Rethink35 proposal, which would make the improvement of I-35 an enhancement and not a detriment to Austin.

Until a better solution is on the table, please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Sincerely,
Leslie Currens
Austin, TX

leslie currens
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78731

Doise Miers

From: Anna Holme <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:41 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT FUND I-35 EXPANSION!!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I have been a resident of Austin my entire life. As this city expands, traffic congestion has increased. HOWEVER, expanding I-35 would only make this congestion worse, and force non-local traffic right through our city!! Adding more lanes to a highway has been proven time and time again to worsen traffic instead of reducing it (see <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0967070X96000303>).

In order to best take care of our city, the expansion of I-35 must NOT be funded. Instead, non-local traffic should be rerouted outside the city, as outlined in the Rethink35 plan (<https://rethink35.com/the-rethink35-plan>). This will not only clear up traffic within the city, but will greatly increase Austin's aesthetic and community value by creating a central, urban boulevard for its residents.

If you care about this city at all, you will remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO TIP. This will only make the quality of life in Austin more stuffy, polluted, and heartless.

Anna Holme
[REDACTED]
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Lakeway, Texas 78738

Doise Miers

From: Jules Elkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Project

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Ms Doise Miers,

As an Austin resident and Professor of Environmental Health and Urban Planning, I wish to submit the following comments on the planned expansion of I35.

1. Health Assessment.

Expanding I35 will significantly increase the levels of pollution to which residents of Austin will be exposed. There is a robust body of scientific evidence that shows that traffic-related air pollution (TRAP) is one of the major sources of exposure in urban areas and has been associated with a wide range of adverse human health effects. These include higher rates of asthma onset and aggravation, cardiovascular disease, impaired lung development in children, preterm and low-birthweight infants, childhood leukemia, and premature death. Emerging evidence links TRAP with neurotoxicity and the alteration of neurobehavioral function.

The human health effects of the expansion of I35 have not been adequately assessed nor have they been communicated in any substantive or meaningful way to the public. Asking for public comment, and then basing decisions upon those comments, is misleading when the basic scientific information has not been presented.

2. Analyze real alternatives to expansion

I encourage the analysis of a range of alternatives that make better use of existing pavement and take into account changing traffic patterns. Specifically, analyze an alternative that divert traffic from traveling through the heart of Austin.

3. "Cap" is an excellent idea; "Stitch" is not

Capping the existing highway is an excellent idea. Sinking and capping I35 in its entirety through downtown Austin will allow the important reconnection of east and west Austin. It has the potential to remove a source of pollution that exposes Texas students, downtown residents, and downtown employees to high levels of dangerous chemicals. It can create important green spaces that will alleviate the ever-increasing density of Austin's downtown, making it a healthy, livable city for the future

4. Include the climate implications as a primary concern in the I35 plans.

The transportation sector is the greatest contributor to US carbon emissions—and just as important as vehicles are the roads and highways they travel on. The State Highway Induced Frequency of Travel (SHIFT) calculator, developed by the Rocky Mountain Institute, shows that the impact of 8 additional lanes for 10 miles will induce up to 1,456 million vehicle miles travelled per year, which is about 15 million metric tons of CO2 emissions by 2050.

5. Engage the public in a robust and meaningful conversation about what kind of Austin we as a community want for the future.

The average citizen's understanding of the impacts of infrastructure is more nuanced than it was fifty years ago. There is a broad coalition of people in Austin — neighbors concerned with continued negative impacts from a highway or people who are interested in different forms of mobility — that are pushing innovative options for transit that do not include cars and expanded roadways. We need to continue and expand this community conversation and ask again and again: Who is the greater good that benefits from a “utilitarian infrastructure project”? If the answer doesn't prioritize the planet, public health and safety for everyone — including people who cannot or do not drive — or the vitality of our precious public spaces, then we must fight for an alternative that does.

Moving transit away from highways and cars is happening all over America. If we look in our backyard to Houston and the proposed expansion of I-45, there is tremendous public outcry over this proposed project because the impacts on the community are intense and the benefits questionable. In a 2019 Houston Chronicle editorial, urban planner and academic, Jeff Speck, wrote that the NHHIP “can be described as having significant costs and significant benefits. The costs are best understood as tremendous, and the benefits are best understood as false.”

We live on a rapidly warming planet. We know what kind of infrastructure projects are going to help, and which are going to hurt our chances of survival. These are not just roads, but

questions of collective action. Most people want access to safe places to walk and bike where they live. Most people say they would like to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, the infrastructure that will allow us to do this requires tradeoffs, such as losing a traffic lane to put in a bike lane or muscling through a few months of construction near neighborhoods in order to build a new transit stop.

In Conclusion

Breaking free of the status quo will require creativity and a commitment on the part of transportation officials. It will require a clear mandate from voting citizens that they want to see funding go towards green spaces, bus service, and fixing inadequate sidewalk facilities, with less towards asphalt and road widening. It will require elected officials to show political courage and boldness and implement the will of a representative democracy — not just the squeakiest wheels with the largest campaign donations.

Let's slow down and have this vitally important community conversation about our future as Austinites and the future of Austin.

Sincerely,

Jules R. Elkins

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Westlake Hills, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Rosana Galan Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:38 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose IH 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Rosana Galan Carroll

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Yeji Kang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:35 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I Oppose expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Yeji Kang

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Austin, Texas 78749

Doise Miers

From: Deborah Matzner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please please don't find the I-35 expansion!!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a mother of two and live in Ridgetop near I-35. Even if it weren't in my back yard, I'd vehemently oppose the I-35 expansion. What an extremely terrible idea! We don't need any highway there, let alone a bigger one! It's a residential neighborhood that's been split apart by a highway. Austin is incredibly narrow between MOPAC and I-35. It makes no sense to run a major interstate down what is now the center of Austin!! Loop it around! Invest in public transit and walkable alternatives. For goodness sake. It is the year of our lord 2023. Copious studies have shown that increasing the size of highways increases traffic. Highway traffic does not belong right in the middle of the otherwise walkable parts of our city.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. For goodness sake!!! Please!!!

Deborah Matzner

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Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Ben Keiderling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:18 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: STOP I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a local living in Austin, neighborhood of East Cesar Chavez, I am disgusted with the proposed plan of TXDOT to expand I-35 downtown. This work will disrupt our daily lives for years only to create induced demand. The pollution we experience here is already awful and air quality around the highway is far worse than other places. There are elementary schools, such as Sanchez and many more schools near the highway, families, living near the highway and businesses, operating nearby, all which are already adversely affected by this Cancerous interstate. I understand the need for roads, but our city has expanded and we truly need to find a way to mitigate and minimize the amount of traffic flowing through downtown. Our future, and the lives of our children will be greatly affected by your decision.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, to get this right, and be an example to the rest of the country and world, showing what happens when money is not the driving incentive, rather humanity and its betterment is the founding principle behind upon which actions are decided. It is clear that this highway does not belong through the heart of the city. We need less noise and pollution and more connectivity and community. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns which I know many others share.

Ben Keiderling

Ben Keiderling
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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: David Wenger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:18 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a user of Texas roads as a pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist. I think the current proposed expansion of I35 isn't big enough to keep the next generation of my family safe when crossing the highway east/west. It's not safe now, and the new proposed intersections are on high speed roads. What would be better is to find suggestions to slow down traffic to keep a steady flow for all of us, especially when I'm a motorist.

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

David Wenger
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AUSTIN, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: J Emil Hunziker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Remove I-35 Expansion from the CAMPO TIP.

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the North Loop neighborhood near Highway I-35 in central Austin. I am adamantly against the "expansion" of I-35 in Austin. I request you remove the current I-35 expansion project and funding from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

The funding designated for TxDOT to expand I-35 would serve to make the I-35 Capital Express Central Project a major contributor to enhance Austin's quality of life.

I-35 in its current location and configuration is a net major loss for the City of Austin and citizens who live in or near it. This judgement holds for all significant ways of measuring its impact. In addition to being the largest point of congestion in Texas, it concentrates health-threatening pollution in the city center, decreases public safety, hinders mobility, deters equitable economic development for both residents and transients, and inhibits meaningful urban planning as it cleaves Austin in twain.

None of these situations are improved by TxDOT' designs for expanding I-35. Adding ever more lanes in a Sisyphean attempt to move vehicles quicker would invite even more vehicles to clog the corridor and overflow into the city center. It would not improve, but rather worsen the quality of life in the state's capitol.

My preferred approach to healing the I-35 scar in central Texas would divert transiting, long-haul traffic around the city's periphery and convert the current pathway to a street-level, highly walkable urban boulevard with commercial and park land that would knit together west and east Austin.

Failing the will and vision to divert through traffic and build out the city center, future investment in I-35 must at least try to improve the quality of life along its path. With the funds

projected for TxDOT's current plans to widen I-35, one could bury almost all of the I-35 run within Austin north of the Colorado River and open large swaths of surface for planting and development

One must consider the full scope of issues and goals when considering alternatives for the I-35 Capital Express Central Project. We must include health and safety impacts (to include air and water quality, flooding, climate change impacts, noise, and vehicle-related deaths and injuries) and future equity impacts (for which the goals should include closing socioeconomic gaps between communities and building opportunities for local wealth especially with housing and transit-oriented development along and near the current I-35).

Future development along the current I-35 in Austin must meet the daily needs of both transiting and local users while reducing vehicle miles, enhancing walkability, and enabling rational mass transit rather than trying just to increase vehicle speeds. With the City of Austin and Travis County we must enable transit destinations closer to home through better zoning; rationalizing feeder streets; equally facilitating east-west/north-south travel; mitigating traffic spillover onto nearby streets; and reducing the highway's footprint in order to maximize land use that is socially, economically, and environmentally beneficial and equitable use.

The I-35 conversation must deliberately advance and inform the attainment of the goals stated in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, City of Austin Vision Zero goals, Austin Street Design Guide, Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, City of Austin Great Streets Master Plan, Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, the Austin Climate Equity Plan and Austin climate goals as set forth in Austin City Council Resolution 20140410-024, and adopted Austin neighborhood plans.

Recognize that a large number of the people working on this project and overlapping plans and projects live near, use, and are impacted by this specific piece of the I-35 corridor. It is critical that we at state, county, city and citizen levels work together to achieve a desirable, healthy, safe, and affordable Austin.

We are building this for us!

Thank you for considering my thoughts. I look forward to receiving your response to my letter at the appropriate time.

J Emil Hunziker

[REDACTED]



Austin , Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Eric Kylberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Don't Endorse I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I-35 is an unconscionable waste of money. Expansion of I-35 is a boondoggle that doesn't even help the people it claims to. Downtown Austin streets are already fully congested. Adding more lanes to I-35 will not only exacerbate this problem, but make it less safe for pedestrians and cyclists - and possibly cause them to revert back to using cars. We need to spend money on a solution that helps all Capital Area residents. Spending billions of dollars on a proven failed infrastructure model that would only serve the interests of a tiny minority of residents is not a fair way to spend our tax dollars.

I fully support more comprehensive transportation solutions like Project Connect, which would improve I-35 capacity issues by allowing Austin-area residents to choose not to drive, if they so wish. Our region cannot build both Project Connect and expand I-35 at the same time - especially not on time or under budget. Each project will compete for labor and resources from the other, and each will create years-long traffic disruptions due to construction that will compound if they happen at the same, making already difficult regional traffic impossible. Further, it's been proven that building a compromise transportation solution that halfway commits to mass transit and halfway to highways is unworkable and wasteful. One need only look to Dallas and see that this half-measure only creates bad highways AND bad mass transit, at extremely high cost. Simply look at the long travel times on both SH-75 and DART Rail between Dallas and Plano to see what the future holds for Austin and Round Rock if I-35 expansion is pushed forward.

I am aware that interstate and international traffic is bottlenecked in Austin. But we already have a highway (SH-130) built exactly for this purpose. It is more economically and socially responsible to expand a highway in a rural and sparsely populated area, instead of expanding a highway in the middle of a downtown urban area, on literally the most expensive real estate

in the entire state of Texas. Pedestrians will not be put in additional danger by rerouting traffic to SH-130, and traffic will not be safer, faster, and less congested when it's redirected to a more functional highway with much fewer on- and off-ramps.

Eric Kylberg

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Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Corbin Brooke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident who has lived in both north and south Austin and I oppose I-35 expansion. The city of Austin has to be smarter than this and smarter than it has been for the last 30-40 years. While we have to play catch-up for failing to account for growth in central Texas expanding I-35 is an invitation for nothing but more induced demand by cars.

I am writing to support REMOVING the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and I oppose funding I-35 expansion in general. There are genuinely 1000s of cases where roadway expansion ultimately does not work to reduce congestion.

As I understand how things MUST change so I support considering the Rethink35 proposal, or redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, or any measures that increase public transit accessibility.

(Obviously housing is a huge issue with our transit system but I understand that's not your purview and reducing congestion & improving austin requires many strategies)

All the best,
Corbin

Corbin Brooke
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[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78753

Doise Miers

From: john handley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please rethink the funding of this expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin in the Mueller area. I oppose the expansion of i35 and as it has gotten this far along I now ask you to consider alternatives. If we can simply reroute to SH-130 and use the existing space for the true purpose that land should go to: Improving the lives of the Austin citizen. A boulevard, a park, an enormity of possibilities is ahead of us if we simply do the right thing. I ask you to consider this protest to the expansion and hope that things improve for us all.

john handley

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Jordan Hillman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please remove I-35 expansion from transportation plans

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi- I have expressed this already but I want to make sure my comments are registered. I live in south Austin and I think expanding a freeway through the middle of the city is a terrible idea. I commute frequently on I-35 and I would be negatively impacted by the construction. I know the traffic is bad at times but adding lanes doesn't necessarily improve traffic due to the phenomenon of induced demand. The construction would have an enormous economic impact and cause years of worse traffic everywhere else in the hopes that it might get a little better in that one spot. It would be an air and water quality hazard for Austin to have even more cars driving through every day. Let's not turn Austin into Los Angeles. They have lanes everywhere and it's impossible to move and there is smog everywhere! I would be in favor of sending interstate traffic around the city entirely. We can reduce traffic by promoting and funding alternatives to cars. The plans put forward by rethink35 and other groups look much better than what TXDOT is planning.

Thanks for your time,
Jordan Hillman

Jordan Hillman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Garrett Mesecher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

To start, I am originally from Houston, a city with some of the most dreadful traffic in the entire country. If anyone knows what highway expansion does to a city, it's me and the other 3 million people that live/lived there. There is no such thing as a good highway expansion, it will not solve any of Austin's traffic problems. In fact you don't even have to look far to see that it's a problem. I-35 near Parmer to Round Rock has some of the most abysmal traffic in the entire city and it's easily the widest, most "accessible" part of the highway. This city has always been the poster child of standing out, of being different from the rest. We have without question the best opportunity out of any city in America to embrace a PROPER public transit system. And I don't mean an extra lane for buses or enhanced bike lanes. And I definitely don't mean an HOV lane (referring to the \$600m LA 101 project that didn't prevent traffic of any kind). I'm talking about a fully functioning train/trolley system. One that can transport hundreds of people, not dozens. We have the funding, we have the growth, we have the ingenuity and most importantly we have the need and the support. Please consider a different approach. Please break the never ending cycle we experience here in Texas and do something different.

Garrett Mesecher

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Rene McCracken <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: AGAINST i35 Expansion - Net Loss for Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

To the decision-makers at Campo,

"Throughout the rich world, the young are falling out of love with cars," according to a Feb 16th article by the Economist. There are fewer and fewer drivers with every generation - and Austin is surrounded by non-walkable communities filled with young minds who would support public transit.

I've lived in Austin my whole life - and nothing is more infuriating than being stuck in traffic, and seeing that I'm surrounded by 10 cars with 1 person in each. We each take up about a 10 x 5 ft chunk of space - and for what? To sit on the highway during rush hour? I've ridden the high-speed rail trains through Europe and it changed my view forever - if we can fit another 2 lanes in the median of 183, we could have laid train tracks to mitigate the intense waves of traffic into our city. Expanding 35 isn't going to reduce traffic as much as it will sustain the status quo.

We are privileged to have the University of Austin in our city- and it's filled with engineers and environmentalists who are versed in cutting-edge design that will heed results. It shouldn't be lost on us that TexDOT's methods of solving problems are dated. What is so wrong with facing the facts and ensuring that we fund well-researched solutions to our traffic problems? We have data going back as far as the 1960s proving that adding more lanes encourages vehicle participation at peak traffic hours - and traffic levels increase proportionately with the expansion. The east side is expanding every year - and our plans for i35 could hinder or contribute to it. 35 was built to be inconvenient- and we have to deal with it - but the TexDOT

plan is NOT a compromise. if we wait a few more years, we can build a plan that has a greater cost-benefit trade-off.

If I ever have children in this city, I want them to be proud of it. I'm gauging whether Austin's problems are worth dealing with - and I cant help but wonder how we're supposed to attract the world's brightest minds to our industry if we continue to invest in dated engineering/design, and urban planning strategies. Is my city capable of speaking truth to power and doing what's right, or will it bend to the will of industry leaders who won't ever call the city home? I need this city to be better than that.

PLEASE consider other options - Please hold out for a brighter future.

PLEASE hold off on funding TexDot's plan- hold off until we generate an i35 plan that will have a positive lasting impact.

If Texans eventually amend the Texas constitution to allow TxDOT to invest in rail systems- we will go further. The adjustments the city is making to the development code will only increase the number of pedestrians in the city and churn the economy - we know that real estate along the highway is less desirable and construction would discourage engagement with the few businesses left on the feeder road- we can minimize this damage - please consider the negative repercussions of expanding i35 at this moment in time.

Best,

Rene McCracken

Rene McCracken

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Drew Schaffer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:02 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am Drew Schaffer, a resident of Austin. I am writing to tell you that I think the I-35 expansion is a costly, regressive mistake and I encourage CAMPO to withdraw its support. I-35 is a loud, dangerous, heavily-polluting freeway that cuts our city in half, and expanding it will require the destruction of numerous homes and businesses. It's 2023, and we have countless examples of other cities to show what happens when we prioritize freeway expansion. For example, Houston and Los Angeles have engaged in car-centered development patterns that have left them with some of the worst traffic in the nation, despite the countless billions they have spent expanding freeways. Houston expanded the Katy Freeway to 26 lanes and it is still congested. Congestion is an inevitable consequence of car-centered cities, and unless we want to keep making the same mistakes as other cities we can chose something else.

I personally support Rethink I-35's vision of replacing the interstate with a human-scale urban boulevard, and rerouting interstate traffic around the city via highway 130. This will keep dangerous semi-truck traffic out of downtown and allow more land to be developed and taxed.

Please remove I-35 from CAMPO's transportation plan. How sad would it be to spend billions of dollars replicating the mistakes of the past?

Thank you for listening,
Drew

Drew Schaffer
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Oliver Freiberger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:00 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in the Cherrywood Neighborhood next to I-35 in central Austin. I ask you to remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to reject funding the I-35 expansion. I oppose expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am for an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Oliver Freiberger
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[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Kathryn Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:59 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why I am against the expansion of IH 35 through downtown Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live about 6 blocks from the crossroads of IH 35 and East 38 1/2 Street. I can hear the traffic on IH-35. When there is temperature inversion the sound level increases many times. During the beginning of Covid when the traffic slowed greatly because people wèe not going out, the sound diminished greatly. I believe the sound and the air pollution have a negative effect on my health. I cannot afford to move and the closeness to services is good for me because I am 76.

I would like to see the upper deck removed. I would like to see all non local traffic rerouted around Austin.

Those favoring expansion say only 12% of traffic is non local. How is that accurate? Even if that were the case that is still a lot of traffic due to the high volume. All research indicates that that expanding a highway causes traffic to increase and fill up the reduction. Other cities have closed downtown highways and rerouted them with success.

I attended TX Dots open house and looked at their statistics regarding sound current sound decibel levels and what they would be after expansion. They were in most cases the same or worse with sound levels being in the high 60s and 70s. 80 decibels is the legal limits according to dept of Labor.

I urge you to vote against expansion of IH-35 through downtown and support solutions that would remove the upper deck, reroute through traffic around Austin, and improve the light timing of local traffic to support drivers not using IH-35 for short trips. I almost never drive on IH 35 and make excellent time taking surface roads. I have heard that TXDOTS expansion plan has been around for 30 years. We need a modern solution for a sustainable future. Kathryn Goodwin 1707 Giles st 78722

Kathryn Goodwin

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Austin, Texas 78722-1203

Doise Miers

From: Abriel Louise Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:57 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: don't ruin my neighborhood please

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR... The Rethink35 proposal.

Abriel Louise Young

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[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Clover Chen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a college student at UT Austin, and I oppose the I-35 expansion. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I wish to explore Austin, but the traffic here discourages me from driving. Expanding I-35 would not reduce that but instead invite more through traffic going through the middle of the city, worsening the traffic condition. I do not want to explore the city using I-35, I much rather use local roads. As it stands right now, it is an ugly mark on the city. I much rather the city's funds go toward public transit and improving the pedestrian experience, as I know many of my friends wish to explore this city yet are discouraged due to the inaccessibility.

Clover Chen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Ben Ovard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi, I'm writing to oppose the expansion of I35 that you have included in your transportation plan. I ask that you remove it from your plan. As a resident of Austin, I do not want a bigger highway dividing our city. I want better public transportation and for I35 to be rerouted to highway 130. Widening the highway will not fix traffic and will destroy hundreds of homes and businesses for nothing. Remove this from your plan.

Ben Ovard

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Cyrus Tashakkori <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please oppose I-35 expansion project through central Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin and operate a small business near downtown. I urge you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding I-35 through the center of Austin would permanently harm our lovely city. This is a huge, once in a lifetime opportunity to make a positive impact on Austin, and the I-35 expansion project moves Austin in the wrong direction.

Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

thanks for your consideration!

Cyrus Tashkkori

Cyrus Tashakkori
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Robert Lim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:49 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: opposed to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Do not go ahead with I-35 expansion in the CAMPO TIP plan and instead use the Rethink35. If you do go ahead, the plan will only bring the same level of chaos and the Katy freeway expansion did. It also will push out businesses and hurt tourists as people will not want to drive through Austin.

Robert Lim

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78732

Doise Miers

From: William Mederski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:44 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop adding lanes... Fund alternative transport and public space!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Cherrywood and will DIRECTLY bear the consequences of any I35 expansion. We have got to start imagining a better way to manage Austin's growing population and traffic congestion.

I'm writing to encourage the removal of any I35 expansion plans from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

Stop adding lanes and expanding asphalt into our neighborhoods!

William Mederski

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Lindsay Buhman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:42 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: For the Future

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Ms Doise Miers,

REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program now.

Do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of District 1 in Austin. I am so so tired of old ideas continuing to be the "solution" to problems we all are already living with in duress. More cars is NOT a viable solution that will last. Please consider any of type of mass transit or green transit and what you could be doing if we spent that money in a more sustainable way. It is time for a more ecological approach!

Thank you,
Lindsay Buhman

Lindsay Buhman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Simpson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:35 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not support the I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of San Marcos and I am writing to urge you to remove any support for the I-35 expansion along any portion of it as it runs through CAMPOs jurisdiction. The more taxpayer dollars that are wasted on highway expansion projects that only perpetuate our car dependency and make traffic worse the less freedom of transportation choice we all have as citizens of this area. Invest in regional rail not dead end pavement for cars. Please remove expansion of I-35 through all counties, including Hays, Travis, and Williamson.

Thank you,
Sarah Simpson
San Marcos, TX

Sarah Simpson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Joshua Carter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a member of the community and as someone who takes a huge interest in trying to make communities great widening i35 will only further exasperate the issues we have at hand. Instead we should look to making the city closer, more dense, and have more character than to make it harder for people to get around. More lanes will not alleviate traffic but encourage more traffic. We should be looking into alternative modes of transportation so that we can lessen traffic congestion.

Joshua Carter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Kathryn Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why I am opposed to the expansion of IH-35 through downtown Sustin

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live near where IH 35 crosses over and under East 38 2
1/2 Street Approximately blocks away. The sound is audible from my yard and when

Kathryn Goodwin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722-1203

Doise Miers

From: Andrew Useche <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:14 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENTS – SPRING 2023

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CAMPO,

My name is Andrew Useche and I'm a resident of San Marcos. Like thousands of others, I moved to the region just this year. The people here are very kind and the weather is great. I like downtown Austin and all its bike infrastructure, street trees, and mix of old and new architecture. In terms of transport, I bike nearly 10 miles a day, I drive on the weekends, and I ride CARTs to work from San Marcos to Austin.

I have learned quickly that the worst aspect of life in this region is traveling on I-35. Everyday, I cross I-35 in San Marcos on my bike and it's dangerous and degrading. My bus gets stuck in traffic on I-35 because TxDOT hasn't painted bus lanes. Even when I get home, I can hear I-35 from my bedroom window. I've lived in 3 other states, and have never had a single highway define life so much. And still, TxDOT wants to make it bigger! They're planners are stuck in the 20th century. Expanding highways does not work; TxDOT knows this, CAMPO knows this. A wider I-35 will relieve congestion in the short term, but it will return in the long term, and the noise, the pollution, and the car crash deaths will be here for both.

CAMPO's TIP should include commuter rail, bus lanes on I-35, and, if necessary, park and rides. Thru-traffic should be routed around Austin with a bypass highway. Cities are for people, not cars.

I-35 is the worst part of life here. Please do not make it any worse. The rest of the country has learned from the mistakes of the 20th century, and is committed to multimodal and active transport. CAMPO needs to do the same.

Sincerely,
Andrew Useche
[REDACTED]
San Marcos, TX 78666
[REDACTED]

Doise Miers

From: Kelsey Huse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:14 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 expansion MUST BE REMOVED

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

The city of Austin does not want an I-35 expansion. The young people of Austin do not want an I-35 expansion. We are begging for an economically smart project that actually moves people in the way they want. We MUST use SH-130 for interstate traffic and explore different mobility options such as high speed trains, walking and biking infrastructure. These inner city interstates are killing us and ruining our quality of life. REMOVE I-35 expansion funding from the plan, NOW!!!

Kelsey Huse

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Donna Byerlotzer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand -I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Just returned from a weekend trip to the Dallas area and was struck by the vast swaths of pavement that rendered so much of the area unappealing, inconvenient for local access, destructive to the air quality, and unsafe for drivers unfamiliar with the confusing interchanges, lane changes, inconsistent lengths of access ramps. What sacrifices were made in the way of communities and natural beauty so that more drivers are encouraged to move from place to place without thought to developing functional, reliable, safe public transportation.

We now have the proposed expansion of I-35 through Austin that will destroy neighborhoods , increase noise and air pollution, expand the heat island caused by more pavement, and further diminish the unique character of our community.

Please reconsider this project. Work instead to enhance public transportation for local citizens to get about town safely and efficiently and reduce the need for commuters to rely on individual vehicles, Reroute through truck traffic that would lighten the load on the current roadway. Maintain the homes and businesses that have been a part of the fabric of Austin for decades. Keep Austin weird rather than paving more and more of it.

Joni Mitchell's lyrics come to mind. "They paved Paradise and put in a parking lot"

Donna Byerlotzer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Connor Witt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:09 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Public Comment – TIP

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After reviewing the TIP, I strongly encourage CAMPO to reevaluate options for transportation in central Austin that prioritize safety/ease of mobility for local traffic (vehicular and otherwise) and **do not include expansion of I-35.**

The prosperous cities of the future will be those that encourage affordable housing, urban mobility, and inviting public spaces. While highway expansion COULD alleviate congestion I-35 in the short-term, cleaving a wider gash through the middle of the city is incompatible with future prosperity. Our opportunity to envision transportation infrastructure that will last another 60 years or more is now, and I urge CAMPO to heed the warnings of those who wish to build a more forward-looking city, rather than hastily allowing TxDOT to move forward with its I-35 expansion. Thank you.

Doise Miers

From: John Mays <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:09 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing today to contribute to the state and local dialog regarding TXDOT's proposed plan to greatly expand I-35 within Austin by seizing property through eminent domain and adding more lanes. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I want to make clear that as a local austin resident I oppose TXDOT's plan. There has to be a another way that will provide a better long term solution. I lived in Houston and the Katy freeway expansion is a perfect example of how traffic congestion will remain after lane expansion. If we had a significant lane expansion outside of town, that might be a different story, but we are talking about I-35 as it runs directly through town and right over town lake. Diverting East to make 130 a major thoroughfare interstate would allow us to beautify and enhance what makes our city so loved. I don't want to be forced to take local trips on a monstrosity of an interstate through the middle of town. Highway expansions often fail to provide the long term benefit they seek. Several years from now congestion will be just as bad, but the footprint of gray concrete in the middle of Austin will be loud, ugly, and polluting near the river. We need more green space in our most precious areas near downtown. With this project it'll be another Dallas. More gray everywhere. Not Austin's style and definitely not the vibe we want to keep for the capital city of our great state. Reimagining by diverting the interstate around town and taking the opportunity to remake I-35 as a local, green, sustainable thoroughfare is exactly the kind of big brain activity that could be a once in a generation transformational project that becomes an admired template for other highly urbanized places that want to recapture the beauty of nature within the city. I expect CAMPO, TxDOT, Austin City Council, and other representatives to stand up for me. Please don't let this fall on deaf ears. Thank you.

John Mays

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78750

Doise Miers

From: Judi Rockman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:58 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 work

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Ms Doise Miers,

I35 has always been a mess, better avoided. Too many trips on it are too short. Too many drivers need to get ahead a few seconds. I don't see current TXDOT options improving it. Maybe make it controlled somehow with vehicles in order and short trips on the access road.

Judi Rockman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Simon Waxman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:55 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am an Austin resident writing to ask that CAMPO oppose TxDOT's I-35 expansion project and remove the project from the Transportation Improvement Plan.

I-35 is a blight on the city of Austin. Expanding it will only add to the problems the interstate already causes. I-35 cuts through the heart of the city, displacing prime real estate, spewing pollution into the city, and disrupting east-west travel across the city. I realize that residents of the region are concerned about traffic congestion, but expansion is not a solution. Decades of data confirm that induced demand is real: expansion will provide perhaps a couple years of congestion relief, but that is all. Soon, the congestion will equal and exceed what is experienced today. This is already clear from the Katy highway expansion, which has accomplished nothing as far as traffic congestion. And of course, Robert Caro wrote about this phenomenon in "The Power Broker" decades ago. Building more, bigger highways accomplishes only one thing: putting more cars on roadways. It doesn't reduce time spent in traffic in the long term.

The solution for congestion is to remove cars from the roadways and encourage the use of public transit and micro-mobility (walking, cycling, e-bikes, scooters, etc). The money that would be invested in the expansion (and perpetual maintenance) of I-35 should instead be directed at these goals. Mass transit is the best way to bring people from Austin's suburbs and outlying regions into downtown, and micro-mobility is a fine option for people living closer to the urban core.

In terms of urban planning, I-35 is itself a major problem, and expansion would be a step in the wrong direction. This land, through the heart of one of the country's major growing cities, should be available for development and urban parks. Expansion will eliminate housing and

the potential for development. Furthermore, bringing more cars into downtown Austin will necessitate the construction of yet more parking, undermining other opportunities for useful development. The urban heat-island is a serious problem, which will be exacerbated by additional highway area. We also cannot anticipate that electric cars will eliminate the harms of driving. The harms of driving extend well beyond tailpipe emissions. Collisions are way up. Injuries and deaths on the roadways are way up. This was all happening well before the pandemic, too; the problem is not going to get better now. It is going to get worse with more cars on the road and more distracting media in cars. The environmental burden of electric cars also is considerable and merely displaced into new areas, such as lithium mining and refining. Adding more drivers will worsen all of these problems. In particular, if the goal is to funnel more cars into downtown, where they are cheek-by-jowl with cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians, we can anticipate more injuries and deaths. Indeed, EVs are especially dangerous in this regard because they are heavier than internal-combustion vehicles (<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/as-heavy-evs-proliferate-their-weight-may-be-a-drag-on-safety>). We need fewer cars of every kind in and around Austin, not more.

The existing I-35 expansion plan also does nothing to mitigate the damage it will cause. The proposed decks over the highway will become dead zones in the city. No one wants to spend their time above a 20-lane highway, deafened by cars and trucks and choking on fumes and dust. In their barrenness, these decks will merely symbolize TxDOT's contempt for the people it is supposed to serve.

I support mass transit for the Austin region, rerouting the interstate onto SH130, and replacing the existing I-35 corridor through Austin with a walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly boulevard. Downtown Austin, like the city generally, should be a place where people want to spend time, whether they live in the city, in the suburbs, or in far-flung locales from which they have come to visit. I-35 is an obstacle to quality of life in and around Austin; expanding it will only worsen the problem. The best choice CAMPO could make would be to support its gradual removal. The median choice would be to leave things as they are. (I note that, while traffic congestion has obviously gotten worse over the years, it is nowhere as bad as in other US cities.) The worst choice is the expansion plan TxDOT wants us all to accept as a *fait accompli*.

It is my sincere hope and expectation that the CAMPO membership will do its duty to represent the best interests of the population of the capital region. That duty could not be clearer: reject the I-35 expansion and get to work on real solutions—mass transit, micro-

mobility, density, and recreational space. These, not endless expanses of pavement, are what make great cities.

Thank you.

Simon Waxman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Marsha Fatino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I 35: Rethink it!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a longtime resident of Austin and I support the rethink I 35 proposal.

I DO NOT support the current TX DOT expansion plan- did you read the recent national report that lists I 35 in the top 10 worst plans in the country? The current plan continues the racism and segregation of the past- it kills homes and small businesses and the carbon footprint is atrocious. Please remove it from your agenda and do not give any money to the current plan. Countries across the world have created much more sophisticated, greener systems that connect people and put freeways completely underground. There are new ways of thinking and the current expansion is dangerous at so many levels. Please research and look at the rethink I 35 plan. Get out of the office and go talk to citizens. Thanks.

Marsha Fatino

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Shannon Turner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:53 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No Oppose the I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I have been a resident of Austin for 28 years and am writing to express my opposition to the expansion of I-35. It has been clearly shown that highway expansions do not reduce congestion, they only induce more drivers to take the highway. Increased drivers on a highway through Austin cuts even more of a scar through the city. It will take away homes and businesses, including affordable housing, something Austin is in dire need of. Pollution will increase with more cars through town. Highways are extremely expensive not only to build, but to maintain, which saddles taxpayers with more and more debt now and far into the future. Land in Austin is very valuable both to the city and its residents. When that land is converted to highways, it becomes a liability and is no longer an available asset. A highway expansion would continue to gut Austin for the convenience of those who don't live here.

What we need in Austin is viable options. We have plenty of driving options, but public transit, biking, and walking infrastructure are sorely lacking. We have enough costly and dangerous car infrastructure. It is time to invest in alternatives.

Austin has plenty of highways including MoPac, 183 and 130. The signs that were put up on I-35 to encourage cars and trucks to take 130 rather than I-35 by comparing travel times through Austin on both routes actually make it look like congestion on I-35 is not that bad. Each time I see them, travel times on both roads are close to the same, if not less on I-35. Who would bother taking 130 when the travel time is no different and on 130 they would have to pay a toll? If nothing else, those signs encourage more traffic through the city. Shouldn't we be encouraging people take 130?

Since cars have alternative routes available and land in Austin is such a precious resource, I support removing I-35 through Austin entirely and offering multiple transit options along a boulevard in its place.

Sincerely,
Shannon Turner

Shannon Turner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78754-5701

Doise Miers

From: Billy Tetrud <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:53 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35!

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Hi CAMPO,

Please DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35. Its a huge waste of money that eats up an enormous amount of valuable city land. It would be far more cost effective to route traffic around the city, not through it. Making going around austin faster than going through it would also alleviate traffic for locals on I-35, which would be a far more effective way to reduce traffic on that freeway.

Thanks,
Billy Tetrud 78704

Doise Miers

From: sarah Arvey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:52 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposed to 6 lane highway in Austin / Manor

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Ms Doise Miers,

To CAMPO:

I am a resident of Austin East Cesar Chavez 78702. I am terribly concerned and opposed to widening of I-35 corridor in Austin. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion and many expansions across the U.S. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I want my children to be able to access the wealth of resources available in Central Austin. I want them to be safe biking or walking across town.

Please consider the following:

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, and many more innovative and forward-thinking ideas.

We need to make Austin a city of the future, not drag it into the past.

Sarah ARvey
78702

sarah Arvey
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Brent Price <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:49 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Brent, and I am a nearly 30 year resident of Austin living in Travis County in the Millwood area of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. We know that highway expansion does NOT address congestion, and it has a negative impact on our communities. As someone who works with older adults and adults with disabilities, we can create more people centered transportation options, and I encourage CAMPO to partner with neighboring communities on how we can center people instead of cars in our transportation plans.

I support multi-modal transportation options for all types of people at all stages of their lives. I also support transportation plans that connect communities and address the impact highways have had on our communities experiencing poverty and our communities of color. Furthermore, I support CAMPO action and transportation plans that address climate changes and am prioritize people over cars and the emissions they create. I'd like you to consider the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, and other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brent Price
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78727

Doise Miers

From: Alice Newberry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:38 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO:

I am a graduate student at UT Austin living in zip code 78705. My main mode of transportation is my bike. I'm writing to REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

DO NOT fund I-35 expansion!

I know that expanding I-35 will worsen congestion, just like Houston's Katy Freeway expansion did. Removing non-local traffic will free up space for a vibrant urban boulevard through Austin with affordable housing, local businesses, dedicated bus lanes, wide sidewalks, and protected bicycle lanes.

Please put forward a public-transit project first and think of the future we want to create that is both just and sustainable.

Alice Newberry

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Joshua Albert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:37 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35 and DON'T provide funding for expansion.

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35. Expanding highways instead of investing in long term mass public transit has major implications for the generations that come after us. The people of Austin voted and approved mass transit infrastructure improvements and expansion. Ask yourself, what kind of governments ignore the will of the people? Ask yourself, what kind of governments ignore science?

Joshua Albert

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Luis Osta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:37 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Reaching out in opposition to the i-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

This i-35 expansion is a doomed-to-fail project that will bring significant harm (on top of displacement) to our communities will not doing anything to actually improve car traffic. What we need to do is create meaningful alternatives to driving which has been proven time and time again to actually have long-lasting impact on transportation and traffic

TXDOT is doing this against all reason or support of the communities that would be supposedly "benefitting" from this. We should not support or fund this boondoggle of a project, its an absolute waste of taxpayer money

Luis Osta

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Spencer Neth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:37 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund the I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Good day,

I hope this letter finds all concerned parties well. My name is Spencer Neth and I am a citizen voicing my opposition to the proposed expansion of I-35. We only need to look to Houston and the wasteland that is Southern California to learn that highway expansions only cause more traffic and a less friendly look and feel to any city.

Serious attention and consideration should be given to alternative plans for the area like making I-35 into a beautiful urban boulevard.

As a taxpaying homeowner in Bastrop county, I do not think my tax money should fund this proposed expansion of I35.

Thank you for your time,
Spencer Neth

Spencer Neth
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78739

Doise Miers

From: Brad Love <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:36 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 planning

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I'm an Austin resident, and I am writing to ask you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program. Funding I-35 expansion is the wrong idea for our futures. A wider, bigger highway will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. The data are clear that highway expansion does not work over time. We know this from so many places across the US, and you are certainly familiar with the Katy Freeway expansion that has accomplished nothing.

Instead, please focus on a transit-first project, employing another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, or re-connecting east and west Austin.

Brad Love

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Molly Powers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:35 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Let us learn from the past and do better re I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Travis County. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

If I-35 is expanded with the current plan then my daughter's daycare will have to relocate and we will have to find different jobs and housing. We can do better as a community and I do not think we should continue to expand I-35 as a division between East and West Austin.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Molly Powers

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Tyler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No Go For I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I grew up along I-35. I've been familiar with it for over twenty years, there has always been traffic. There's been plenty of construction done on I-35 over these twenty something years. No additional lane(s) has helped so far, so I really do not see how another one could. I now live in Schertz, TX. So I frequently interact with the busiest corridor of I-35 to date.

The only improvement I-35 could ever need is to be completely redone and paved in concrete. Much like Houston TX. Though they have some awful traffic, at least it's not impart caused by failing road infrastructure.

I would rather invest in better modes of public transportation and safer routes for biking and walking.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Tyler

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Schertz, Texas 78154

Doise Miers

From: Brittany Baize <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:33 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 expansion from CAMPO TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Brittany, and I am an Austin native living in Travis County in the Barton Hills area of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. We know that highway expansion does NOT address congestion, and it has a negative impact on our communities. As someone who works with older adults and adults with disabilities, we can create more people centered transportation options, and I encourage CAMPO to partner with neighboring communities on how we can center people instead of cars in our transportation plans.

I support multi-modal transportation options for all types of people at all stages of their lives. I also support transportation plans that connect communities and address the impact highways have had on our communities experiencing poverty and our communities of color.

Furthermore, I support CAMPO action and transportation plans that address climate changes and am prioritize people over cars and the emissions they create. I'd like you to consider the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, and other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brittany Baize
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78727

Doise Miers

From: Max Gardner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:31 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't fund the expansion of I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

As someone who moved to Austin seven years ago from Houston, I have plenty of experience with bad traffic and big freeways. I can without a doubt say the expansion of the Katy Freeway did not feel better afterward, and data shows it didn't actually solve the problem it was meant to. The congestion was just as bad, maybe worse, and the experience of driving down that freeway became more stressful. Drivers got more aggressive because they now had to contend with more lanes of traffic, and we Houstonians had to put up with all of the pain of those years of construction just to end up with something that essentially functioned the same way it did before. What a waste of money and time.

This is why I'm opposed to I35 expansion. I live in South Central Austin, but I have friends up north and on the east side, and I already hate having to take 35 to get there. I purposefully try to ignore it, instead opting for one of the few roads that everyone else also takes to get over there because we all hate taking 35. Expanding 35 is not going to solve this. It might help people passing through Austin, but why are we making decisions for people who aren't even using these roads regularly? Why are we not looking for a solution with Austinites in mind? One that will make the experience of navigating between central and east Austin pleasant and less dangerous. Why do we want to destroy businesses and further drive a wedge between the central and east communities? How is any of this going to serve the people of Austin?! It's truly mind-boggling that this idea got approved, but also extremely depressing because it seems nobody cares about the actual quality of life. If we're going to invest in solutions and put in hard work, money, and time that will undoubtedly create probably years of discomfort because of construction, we sure as hell better end up with something better at the end of it. And I'll tell you right now, expanding 35 is not going to be something better.

Please don't fund this expansion. Look at alternative options - routing thru traffic to SH 130, utilizing the existing stretch of 35 that goes through that area to improve public transport for Austinites that live north and south, revitalizing the area to promote a sense of community and reconnect the central and east sides. Make a decision that will actually benefit us Austinites.

Thank you

Max Gardner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Ari Sobelman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:30 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not Fund the I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to look at input from locals. Expanding I-35 by removing businesses - historically businesses owned by non-white peoples - would be a terrible move. This WILL NOT fix transportation issues, and will likely make matters worse for the next decade and more. The expansion will never be worth the loss of local businesses, or the time and effort. It will make other roads more congested because more people will avoid I-35. This money would be MUCH better spent on public transportation, which has been proven over and over again to be the best method of improving transportation. If that is the goal, please act accordingly and do not fund the I-35 expansion.

Ari Sobelman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78729

Doise Miers

From: Camden Schreeder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:29 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Dear Mr.Metayer

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin TX and I implore you to please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Expanding I35 will have the same effect of congestion on the region as Houston's expansions. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. Please consider an informed study of how much traffic originates from Austin rather than passing through creating traffic and degrading the city's value. If we are open to recommendations consider providing a toll free bypass so all interstate traffic does not have to pass through downtown Austin over a single bridge. Maybe re-designating SH-130 as an interstate bypass could reduce the traffic load through the city.

Thank you for your time,
Camden Schreeder

Camden Schreeder
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Jason Ronnel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:28 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: PUT AUSTIN FIRST: do not approve IH-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Austin has a chance to become the model city for modern American urbanism. Widening an interstate highway through our city's core would make a gigantic missed opportunity and a regrettable misallocation of tax dollars, inviting more nonlocal traffic into Austin.

Interstate highways exist for a good reason: to promote regional commerce and connectivity. There is no need, though, for these to occupy valuable space in cities' cores. This exact concept is why SH-130 exists. Please put Austin first instead of 18-wheelers and cars which just pass through.

Induced demand is another glaring flaw in highway expansion. The Katy Freeway is a perfect example of how more lanes are never enough to solve congestion. We must learn from past mistakes and quit setting billions of tax dollars on fire for ineffective solutions.

Lastly, widening the barrier between East and Central Austin would move our city backward. It took decades for this historically-black & Latino neighborhood to begin overcoming the wall built along its western border. A wider IH-35 would kill the positive momentum East Austin has gained. And, as hard as TxDOT may try, there is no way to properly accommodate pedestrians alongside a loud, busy, and dangerous highway.

Please do not worsen a bad situation by expanding space for nonlocal traffic. PUT AUSTIN FIRST and use this opportunity to be a leader in modern American infrastructure!!

Jason Ronnel
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Cristopher Richiez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:26 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Resident, Home Owner - Opposed to i35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX and a home owner in the city.

I very much oppose expanding I-35.

Please stop, and prevent from moving forward the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and do NOT fund any other sort of I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including the area where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from every highway and freeway expansion ever done.

I don't ever want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Cristopher Richiez

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Nikki Scheinost <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:22 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I live in the Cherrywood neighborhood of Austin and I oppose of the TxDOT plan to expand I35, especially into our residential neighborhood. The additional lanes will remove long time businesses and homes and negatively impact the remaining neighborhood with the encroachment. I am in favor of removing the upper decks and redesigning I35 to make it more safe, pedestrian friendly and accommodate more mass transit options. I strongly oppose the expansion of lanes though and feel this is not a good idea through central Austin and traffic's should be routed yo other highways such as 130. Please don't accept TxDOTs plan to expand I35. Thank you for your time.

Nikki

Nikki Scheinost

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Madison Nosia Nosia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:20 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the cherrywood neighborhood and I DO NOT support the I-35 expansion. If we expand I-35, the quiet and family-oriented neighborhood that I live in which includes Cherrywood Coffeehouse and Maplewood Elementary is going to become loud and overtrafficked as people attempt to avoid the I-35 construction and eventually the increased amount of traffic that I-35 is will create. The pollution that will come from this expansion will directly impact the children who are playing and residing in this neighborhood. I SUPPORT the Rethink I-35 plan. The I-35 expansion will further perpetuate the segregation that I-35 has caused further separating East Austin from the rest of the city. The I-35 expansion is just an evolution of the original construction of I-35 that was inherently RACIST and created so many problems for Austin. Rethink I-35 NOW. Do not expand! I support the Rethink I-35 plan and other initiatives that work towards a public-transportation first model in conjunct ion with Project Connect and demoting our car centric model. We should be working towards policy that demotes cars in order to decrease gas emissions and support efforts to combat climate change. DO NOT EXPAND I-35. DO NOT DO IT.

Madison Nosia Nosia
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Darja Tomanovic <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:19 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the East Side. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Darja Tomanovic

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Nicola Sicchieri <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO Board of Directors,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed I-35 expansion project. I am a resident of 3707 Menchaca Rd, 78704 Austin and I am concerned about the negative impacts that this project will have on our community.

I understand that the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is designed to improve transportation in our region, but I believe that expanding I-35 is not the best way to do this. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we have seen in other cities across the country. In fact, a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute found that expanding highways can actually increase congestion by up to 30%.

This is because expanding lanes simply encourages more people to drive, which leads to more traffic. It is a classic example of induced demand. In addition, expanding highways takes up valuable land and resources that could be used for other purposes, such as public transit or green space.

I believe that there are better ways to improve transportation in our region. I am for the Rethink35 proposal, which would invest in public transit and other alternative forms of transportation. I believe that these investments would be more effective at reducing congestion and improving air quality.

I urge you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO TIP and to do not fund this project. I believe that there are better ways to improve transportation in our region, and I urge you to invest in those solutions instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicola Sicchieri

Nicola Sicchieri

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Gregory Bertrand <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not support the I-35 expansion.

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear Campo,

I am a resident of Austin, Texas living only two miles away from I-35. My life, as will the life of many others, will be negatively affected by the proposed I-35 expansion. I implore you to remove project from your transportation improvement program. An expanded I-35 will be terrible for Austin and it's citizens. As an alternative, I would support a plan that puts more attention toward non-car-based infrastructure.

Gregory Bertrand

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Julio Rojas-Aguilar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Too much to trade in for a bean that wont sprout

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX. Please remove and do not fund the expansion of I-35. Austin does have traffic but expanding a highway has never solved the traffic problem. (See Houston and LA as the biggest example of this approach failing to solve the issue). Too much needs to be traded in for this bean that will never sprout. Immense amounts of money and the alternative projects it could have funded, the community that will be displaced and paved over, the increase in air pollution as more cars sit idle during rush hour, and further division of our east and west community.

There are alternatives out there to get more people where they need to go without giving away the farm to live chained up in highways. Don't let yourself be told highway expansion is the onky way.

Julio Rojas-Aguilar

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78748

Doise Miers

From: Jessica Chong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:12 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, don't expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding I-35 will worsen congestion and pollute the air. As an Austinite, I dislike relying on highways to get around the city and would much prefer TxDOT/CAMPO to focus on public transit or downtown boulevards. Please, DON'T let TxDOT expand I-35, and please DON'T provide funding for expansion.

Thank you,
Jessica C.

Jessica Chong

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78739

Doise Miers

From: Joshua Freiman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:12 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35. I have lived near I-35 for all the years I have been in Austin--at UT, in North Campus, Cherrywood, Hancock, Mueller, and Hyde Park. As a bike commuter and pedestrian who wants to move between east and central Austin, I-35 has always been an offensive rash through the center of a vibrant city. TXDOT's plan to expand I-35 only makes things worse. It is a wasteful and harmful project--unlikely to improve congestion, certain to increase noise, water, and air pollution, and a criminal misuse of public resources. It takes away the most valuable land for the lowest use and it misuses those funds when we need to devote all our resources and effort to fighting the already-evident effects of climate change. "Capping" is not a part of the plan for my neighborhood even if the city scraps together the money to cap sections near downtown. That leaves us with fewer, longer, and more dangerous crossings by bike and by foot.

TXDOT is also not a good-faith partner. They underestimate costs and time, downplay the worst effects of their projects, and hide civic atrocities in appendices. Just in their proposed I-35 Central draft EIS, look at the disruption of the Hike and Bike Trail recently unearthed by KUT or the still-underdiscussed outfall of untreated stormwater into the lower Colorado River. Or look at how TXDOT is planning to upset our Travis County plan for a trail system on MoKan and now has to backtrack because their bad plan was accidentally aired too early.

So why fund a disastrous plan from an untrustworthy agency? CAMPO should not instruct TXDOT to expand I-35 or participate any further in the destruction of our central city neighborhoods. Instead, CAMPO should instruct TXDOT to start from scratch and consider the Rethink 35 community proposal to turn I-35 into a boulevard and reroute the interstate around the city. This may seem like a headache now. It may seem better to let TXDOT get on with it--let them fire up their big machines with their big money for their big road dreams. But

Austin will be worse for it. 10 years of construction later, we'll have nothing great to show for all the the dollars and political capital and land we've sacrificed. On the other hand, rethinking 35 would benefit all of Travis County by fostering the truly progressive vision of a transit-oriented, zero-carbon, equitable future for our city and county. Please stop supporting TXDOT's plan to expand.

Josh Freiman

Joshua Freiman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Natalie Turner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:11 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't Support I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am currently a resident of Austin, Texas. I ask that you please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, and do not fund any expansion of I-35. Expanding this highway will lead to increased congestion, which includes the area that I live in. We saw the consequences of what happened in Houston with the Katy Freeway expansion and the environmental impacts it continues to have in that region, so let's not make this a problem that Austin deals with too. What I currently support is Rethink35's proposal, with emphasis on improving public transit options in all areas of the city, including the region of Austin where I live. There is increased road construction where I currently live, and bus schedules are not consistent compared to other cities with better public transit. If improving the frequency of buses cannot be implemented, then I would love taking a passenger train to commute just like my friends who live in Leander can.

Natalie Turner

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Ali Bagheri <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:10 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose expansion of I-35 in Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a long time resident of Austin in Windsor Park.

Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Ali Bagheri

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Chris Gray <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:07 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please re-think I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a 40-year resident of the Windsor Park neighborhood in Northeast Austin. I have children and grandchildren in this same neighborhood. The I-35 expansion as it is now would negatively affect us for years to come. I agree that I-35 presents some daunting problems, but the expansion solution will only make things worse.

Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

We should be thinking public transit first. Please step back, do not fund the CAMPO I-35 expansion project, and re-think.

Sincerely,

Chris Gray

Chris Gray
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Chris Riley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:05 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please don't give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35. We need better transit and walkable streets -- not an expanded highway ripping through the heart of our city.

I am a native Austinite, and I've lived downtown since 1990. I-35 is a blight on our region, and TxDOT's planned expansion will only make it worse.

Please support the Rethink I-35 approach: Redesignate SH 130 as I-35 and convert the old East Avenue into a walkable urban boulevard lined with a healthy mix of uses. This is the kind of approach we desperately need to meet the challenges presented by climate change, congestion, and affordability.

Chris Riley

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701-1642

Doise Miers

From: Travis Von Buettner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:03 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT EXPAND I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Every time I travel to, through, or within Austin I am met with the hard truth that I will have to use i35. I live outside of Austin right now while attending college, but every time I go home I have to use the state of Texas' 4th busiest section of freeway. I have upended my life and changed plans just to avoid the car to car traffic. In response to this, on a weekend I will not start the drive home until around 11 pm to midnight.

Now you must be thinking to yourself, we support expanding i35 and easing congestion along it, but I respectfully disagree. In another decade you will be saying, "one more lane, I swear one more lane will fix it". The truth is that traffic levels will rise to meet the lanes available and the truth is that each lane added has less marginal value than the previous and often comes at increasing cost to me, you and every tax paying citizen. And this is not good for business as TXDOT doctrine would like us to believe.

To pledge funds to such a project is to be pro car and anti human. To pledge funds to this is to be anti every small business that will be wiped off the map as i35 expands. To pledge funds to this is to continue i35's legacy of displacement, segregation, and division. To pledge funds to this is to be pro smog in our cities and to be for all the health problems that accompany air pollution.

Let's design our cities for humans and not cars! We should be easing the amount of space we allocate to cars. If more cars are flowing into downtown that is not a good thing! This means we will have to spend more money on parking infrastructure and have less space to use on high tax earning buildings such as high and mid rise apartments and office buildings.

Respectfully, supporting an i35 expansion is throwing money at a dumpster fire. It is a fast way to make \$500 million in funds that could be used positively disappear. Austinites will not benefit from an i35 expansion. Traffic will increase during construction and it will rise again soon after construction is complete. Please don't support this. Don't let TXDOT loom it's

shadow any farther. It's time we stop letting "big auto" controls our lives. Support pedestrians and public transportation. With proper investment, Austin can be a safe and fun place to travel without a car.

Thank you for your time and for reading this.

Travis Von Buettner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

College Station, Texas 77840

Doise Miers

From: Thomas Logan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:00 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Request to Remove I-35 Expansion from CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear lovely city officials of beautiful Austin, Texas,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Thomas Logan and I am a resident of East Austin just a few blocks from I-35. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed I-35 expansion project that is currently included in the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Expanding highways, as we have seen from previous examples such as the Katy Freeway expansion, often leads to worsened congestion. Instead of alleviating traffic, it can actually result in more cars on the road and increased congestion in our region, including where I live.

Many local trips can be accomplished without a car, if only there were safe options for those modes. Making cycling safer and more comfortable will encourage residents to ditch their cars, reducing traffic, improving air quality, and allowing more land for shops and community gathering. I personally ditched my car, and it has improved my quality of life, except for the fact that the bike infrastructure is incomplete and the streets are full of air and noise pollution caused by motorized vehicles (especially around I-35).

Sincerely,

Thomas Logan

Thomas Logan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Blake Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:00 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Blake. I have been a resident of Austin for over 20 years, beginning with attending UT Austin and staying in the city after graduation. I oppose the expansion of I-35 because more lanes = more cars. Expanding I-35 is a reactionary response - "the traffic is too high so we need more lanes." When people hear there are more lanes, they are encouraged to drive on I-35 more. Once that train of thought is established, we will always be chasing the dragon. We will always "need" more lanes! I oppose the expansion of I-35. Instead of being reactionary, I am in favor of incentivizing other behavior and being proactive. I support the expansion of the rail, mandatory bike lanes, more frequent and longer hours for the bus system, more (and better/safer) pedestrian routes. I am for the Rethink35 proposal. I am for a boulevard going through town.

Blake Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: susana carranza <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do no fund I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Austin, in a high rise on I-35 in the Rainey Street District.

I urge you to REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I see first hand how I-35 already divides the city in two. The expansion will further divide the city, and it will also cause extended disruption throughout the construction phases.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I want to have access to public transportation and other means to be around.

I support ideas such as the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, creating a boulevard going through town, and focusing on solutions that prioritize public transit.

Please stop this expansion!

susana carranza
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Lizzy Ajayi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:59 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not support tx-DOT I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Adding more lanes to the highway is not going to fix traffic, it will actually make it worse. More lanes more cars more traffic. This also is not good for the city of austin, it's bad enough that the high way was built right through the city in the first place but placing more lanes, which increase the amount of cars, will only lead to a more unsafe city. Less accessible buildings and less walkability and austin is meant to be a walkable city. Stop this plan now!

Lizzy Ajayi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Kelly McMahan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:57 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a longtime resident of Austin, raising my 6 year old daughter in 78721. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. It will also destroy cherished businesses and neighborhoods along the corridor. One in particular is Escuelita del Alma, a Spanish immersion daycare & preschool that my daughter attended up until she started dual language Kindergarten at a nearby elementary school where she is flourishing due to her years at Escuelita del Alma. This is a gem of a school at a convenient location for many families. I am FOR redesignating SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard through town, and for improved public transportation.

Kelly McMahan

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Chris Vincent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:55 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Strongly oppose I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Rosewood neighborhood. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This plan of highway expansion through the heart of our downtown goes completely against our city's goals for Vision Zero. We do not want to encourage cars to have more power to hurt and kill citizens. We do not want cars to have a larger presence in areas where people are walking, biking, and rolling. This plan prioritizes complaints for commute times of private vehicle drivers over the physical safety of people not in vehicles. It pollutes the air where we have a high concentration of people living, working, and socializing. You should (but don't seem to) understand that historical precedent and induced demand tells us definitively that highway expansion does not reduce traffic in the long term; in fact, it increases traffic over time because more people drive on it, and it encourages people to live even father out in the suburbs. You are prioritizing suburban commute times over the health and well-being of the people who have lived in the city for decades. The City of Austin says it wants city that has better connectivity for public transportation and services, for people of all transportation modes, not just cars. Cramming more interstate highway traffic through the heart of a growing city - where only local traffic should be prioritized - is short-sighted and does not serve the people who live and work here. Please have some more sense and go back to researching how highway expansion has affected other cities negatively. You slap up more highway lanes in a place where citizens overwhelmingly oppose it, just so you can point and say "look I did something!" and get a pat on the head, ignoring the fact that your plans are frankly embarrassing and demonstrate a serious lack of foresight and knowledge on highway and urban planning.

The SH-130 alternative plan clearly serves this city better. I have yet to see TXDOT come up with any compelling proof that the SH-130 project will cost significantly more than the I35 expansion when all is said and done.

Chris Vincent

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Jae Lin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:55 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35.

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello there,

I am a resident of District 4 in Austin, TX

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR a public-transit-first project instead.

Jae Lin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78753

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE Including I-35 in CAMPO Transportation Plan

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Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose including funding for any expansion of I-35 in CAMPO's transportation plan.

As a resident of Austin, I have to deal with the negative impacts of I-35 crossing through the center of the city on a daily basis. Whether biking, driving, or using public transit (I do all three on a regular basis), I-35 negatively impacts my travel throughout town, with increased pollution, incredible amounts of noise, and the inherent inefficiency of forcing local drivers to compete with long-distance travelers on a major north-south route.

As a professional planner, I know that decades of planning and engineering best practices tell us that expanding a highway through the middle of a city (even with so-called "managed" lanes) will do WAY more harm than good. The only beneficiaries will be developers of suburban sprawl who will have access to more land further out on which to build inefficient, unhealthy patterns of development. TxDOT's plan for I-35 will increase commute times for drivers, actually reduces the ability for pedestrians, bicyclists, and local car traffic to cross the highway, and will allow more cars to dump onto city streets, worsening traffic and safety in Austin.

Please do the right thing and remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO transportation plan. We know - beyond a shadow of a doubt, we know - that expanding a highway through the core of a city is the wrong thing to do for all (including drivers), and yet TxDOT pushes on. We must stop them, and reclaim those billions of dollars of funds for other transit and road improvement projects that will increase the value of our cities and suburbs and improve peoples lives.

Thank you,
Ryan

Ryan Johnson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Sinan Dogramaci <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:53 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't Expand 35! ReThink IT.

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not expand the highways, do not exacerbate the climate crisis, do not continue to contribute to Austin's decline into car-dystopia.

Sinan Dogramaci

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Charlotte Davis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:46 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Say No to I-35 Expansion: Invest in Sustainable Transportation Instead

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the I-35 expansion project that is currently part of the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I respectfully request that you remove this project from the TIP and remove funding for I-35 expansion.

As a resident of Central Austin, I get around mostly by bike and bus. Improving bike and bus infrastructure, including frequency and reliability of bus services, will reduce the reliance on cars and congestion on I-35 and make the city we all love a more livable place.

Widening highways, as this project proposes to do, has been shown to exacerbate congestion, displace people and businesses, and contribute to increased pollution and emissions. As a result, it will make Austin a less livable city. Instead, I urge you to prioritize alternative transportation methods that promote sustainability, equity, and the overall well-being of the city.

One alternative worth considering is the Rethink 35 plan, which offers a fresh perspective on how to address Austin's transportation challenges. Additionally, I suggest exploring public transit-first options that prioritize the efficient movement of people over cars. This approach has been successful in other cities, such as Portland, Oregon, where public transit ridership has increased over the years while car usage has declined.

Another option to consider is buying out the toll on SH 130, which could serve as an alternative route for travelers. By doing so, we could encourage drivers to take advantage of this underutilized infrastructure and reduce the number of cars on I-35.

It is essential that we learn from the experiences of other cities and make long-term investments in sustainable transportation infrastructure. We cannot continue to rely on

outdated methods that harm our environment and jeopardize the well-being of our residents, especially in the face of the urgent need to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you prioritize the health of our city by reconsidering the I-35 expansion project and exploring alternative options that will make Austin a more livable, sustainable, and equitable city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Davis

Charlotte Davis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Edward Henderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:44 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding freeways doesn't reduce traffic; it creates traffic via induced demand.

There is a concept in urban planning called the Downs-Thompson Paradox, which essentially states that, it doesn't matter how many roads you build, traffic will get worse and worse and worse until it's faster to take the bus. If buses get stuck in traffic, what happens to car traffic? It gets worse indefinitely.

Instead of expanding I-35, consider making it faster to take the bus by, e.g. installing transit signal priority at traffic signals, adding bus-only lanes, and closing some major thoroughfares to car traffic. Closing roads to cars would paradoxically ease car traffic. Adding roads or lanes would increase car traffic.

Edward Henderson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78747

Doise Miers

From: Kyle Shannon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:44 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion is a terrible plan

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am an Austin resident who wants to loudly acknowledge I OPPOSE I-35 expansion. Time and time again, highway expansion projects have proven to only provide TEMPORARY relief to congestion due to induced demand and that cons and costs of such massive projects far outweigh any intended benefits. Texas and Austin overall are far too car dependent as is, and expanding the already monstrous, disruptive, dirty, loud, and congested highway that goes through the middle of our great city will only exasperate the problems it causes further! I've spent a ton of time downtown, in and around the I-35 area. Cities flourish when people have OPTIONS for transportation or commuting - pedestrian infrastructure that enables walking without having cars whiz by you at 40-60mph only a few feet from you (yes that is exactly how it is all near I-35), dedicated and protected cycling lanes or paths (there's really not any near I-35, unless you want to risk your life), or, dare I say it, robust lightrail, b us, or public infrastructure are far more worth the time and money to develop. Walking or cycling anywhere near I-35 you are risking serious injury or your life - THIS IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO A HEALTHY OR SAFE CITY. Expanding such a terrible highway will only further exasperate these problems, will absolutely worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live - just look at the Katy Freeway expansion, or LA highways - why must we repeat these same mistakes? It solves nothing and robs people living near it everything that is considered a desireable place to live - quiet, pedestrian friendly, safe to live. I do not want to use interstate highway for local trips. I don't want to live in a city where you have to own a car to do anything - it's dystopian, it inherently affects poor people more drastically, is LOUD as hell, and causes continuous damage to our environment.

I-35 expansion that will shut down the walking paths near the lake are unconscionable and unacceptable. This cannot be permitted.

I urge and plead that CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program to REMOVE the I-35 expansion project - I-35 expansion shall not be funded or supported

I am FOR Rethink35 proposal, changing the extremely valuable land where I-35 exists into a boulevard that fosters pedestrian walking and bicycling, and a PUBLIC TRANSIT-FIRST PROJECT.

Kyle Shannon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78728

Doise Miers

From: Alex Cogan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:43 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: remove I35 expansion from CAMPO

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin D9.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR a boulevard going through town and strong public transit-first project.

Alex Cogan

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:41 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Creastview in Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Expanding i35 will induce more traffic, more pollution, more deaths, and more societal divisions. Major cities are removing their freeways to help the city flourish, and are succeeding! This project will just become a handout of government money to Greg Abbott and TXDOT's buddies, and will cost more in the long run for maintenance than value it provides.

I support the Rethink i35 Plan instead, and would like to see funds going to projects that would help every citizen instead of those who own and drive cars.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: camille sico <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:41 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose the expansion of I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! I am a resident of Austin, TX 78701. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

The expansion of I-35 will be a project that spurs more traffic during construction for a long time! This will make it even harder to travel. There is no evidence showing that expanding I-35 will reduce traffic issues. We know that more and more people come and more and more cars will be on it. I feel like by the time construction is done the traffic will have caught up to the size of the expansion.

Instead please support Rethink I35's plan! Creating a parkway that allows for safer and more accessible pedestrian and bike access would be so appreciated! We do not need highways running through the middle of our city - they are ineffective, cause pollution, are dangerous, and make other forms of transportation more inaccessible.

Please support improving public transit especially through improved and more frequent bus routes and expanding protected bike lanes, sidewalk, and cross-walk access!

camille sico
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Aleksandra Sivolob <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:39 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't allow TxDOT to expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin and Travis county. I love one block from the north portion of I-35 that will be expanded and I'm worried about the pollution during the construction phase and the worsening of climate change that will result in adding more cars to the roads.

I believe CAMPO should allow TxDOT to work on other transportation projects such as rail and safer streets for pedestrians and bicycle commuters. We should not only be funding new cement and roads. Cars are not the only form of transportation and we should try to get more cars off the roads, so we don't need expansion.

Please consider telling TxDOT not to expand i35. The future health of the next generation depends on it.

Thank you,
Aleksandra Sivolob

Aleksandra Sivolob
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78753

Doise Miers

From: Michelle Manning-Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:37 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: STOP I-35 EXPANSION

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a concerned resident of District 7 in Austin. I respectfully ask that you not consider anymore plans to expand I-35 from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) nor fund any plans to expand I-35 at all from any other authority. Expanding major highways like I-35 through major city corridors does NOT and has NEVER improved congestion (look to Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Boston and others for examples). The city of Austin needs to invest transportation dollars in funding public transportation infrastructure to FINALLY bring about a modern, environmentally conscious and equitable solution for all citizens to our transportation problems. Congestion problems will never be solved by reliance on individual forms of transportation - they must be addressed through forward thinking solutions that provide transportation resources for all people who live in, work in and visit this rapidly expanding city. Austin is already way behind in addressing this issue - please don't continue to dig the hole we are already in deeper.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this deeply important issue for Austin.

Michelle Manning-Scott
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Emily Klenotic <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:37 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: As a local resident, I'm imploring you to consider removing I35 Expansion from CAMPO TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Austin, I want my city to be vibrant, beautiful and supportive of the diverse population that lives here. The I35 expansion will create the opposite of all those things. Highway expansions have repeatedly shown to worsen traffic, make local transportation less safe and decrease diversity. There are other options that service both the need for interstate highways and protecting vibrant local communities.

I35 is already a difficult highway to drive due to the large amounts of semis clogging the road on long hauls while local residents just want to get work or a friend's house or out to dinner. It is less safe due to the pass through traffic that provides no benefit to Austin. I have personally had narrow misses driving on I35 to my friend's house where semis have changed lanes without looking and almost rear ended me due to constant stop and go traffic.

Using a highway such as SH130 as an interstate would still allow through traffic to flow freely while preserving Austin as a city that people want to support and live in.

I35 has done so much damage to the community in the past, now is our chance to correct past mistakes and reunite the city. Reimagining I35 as a local road such as a boulevard would start the healing process, increase safety and provide security to a community that desperately needs our support.

Steamrolling a project through a community that doesn't support it and would cause direct harm to so many residents should be avoided at all costs. Now is the chance to have a dialog for a better future. That dialog starts with removing the I35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

Emily Klenotic
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Susan Pantell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:35 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Comments on the TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose TxDOT's I-35 Capital Express Central project and would like to see it removed from the TIP. I especially object to increasing the number of lanes through central Austin. I support the Rethink35 proposal to remove the highway through downtown Austin.

Highway expansion projects result in induced demand over time, which causes more congestion and will result in more air pollution and vehicle crashes. CAMPO should instead focus on improving multi-modal options. CAMPO should move funding from the I-35 expansion project to rail and transit, which would have far greater benefits to air quality and climate change emissions and contribute toward congestion reduction.

Susan Pantell

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78752

Doise Miers

From: katy huff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a 10 year Austin resident, I am firmly against expanding I-35. Expanding highways has never made traffic better, it just induces demand. Instead we need to invest in our public transportation so people aren't so reliant on their cars.

I whole heartedly support the Rethink35 proposal, which includes redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate and turning I-35 into a boulevard. Thank you for your time.

katy huff

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78752

Doise Miers

From: Lauren Guild <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:32 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion from CAMPO program!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, and other avenues like redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

Lauren Guild
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Chloé Ramirez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:31 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop TxDOT I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Chloé Ramirez and I am a resident of District 9 in Austin.

Please do not provide funding for the I-35 expansion and remove the I-35 expansion from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

This will decrease the quality of life living in Austin, particularly Central Austin where I live. Highway expansions do not alleviate traffic congestion, rather it encourages more single-operator automotive transportation (more traffic!). I do not like having to use the highway to get from one side of the city to the other. Parking, gas, and other transportation-related expenses make car-centric planning unsustainable. Furthermore, an expansion of I-35 will eliminate the Austin charm I and many other Austinites love.

Additionally, an expansion of I-35 does not align with Austin's Climate Equity Plan. It will perpetuate existing social discrimination and gentrification. Communities living near the highway will experience an increase in adverse health affects. Greenhouse gas emissions, construction waste, and the heat-capturing nature of concrete will increase the environmental harms of climate change.

I urge allocating these funds to programs like the Rethink35 plan or Project Connect.

Chloé Ramirez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Joel Raposo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:28 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Expanding highways through the middle of a city just makes congestion worse, and will cause displacement and disruption of commerce in key areas during this crucial times in Austin's growth. Traffic going through the city should be routed around a beltway

Joel Raposo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Elijah Yap <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:24 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am an Austin resident and I live within a mile and a half of I-35. I think expanding the highway is the absolute worst way to try and improve transportation for Austinites and people passing through. I have seen the I-35 expansion plan, and I think it is terrible whether it be the adding of hov lanes through downtown, the bypass lanes that are just glorified frontage roads, and the behemoth masses of asphalt in all directions that are the solution to entering and exiting the highway. I think just about any alternative would be better than this plan, but I think removing I-35 from downtown altogether would be the best option.

Thanks, Elijah Yap

Elijah Yap

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Christian Leman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:23 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi,

I have been a resident of Austin for 15 years and I live close to I-35. I do my best to limit my impact on the environment at my own level to create a more sustainable world for our future generations, and I hope you are willing to do the same.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35:

- This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.
- I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR a more planet friendly alternative focusing on quality of life for Austin, such as a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc...

Your decision will impact the region and the planet for the decades to come. Please help create a more beautiful and sustainable world for your children and grand-children, with less cars and trucks, not more.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Christian Leman

Christian Leman
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Morgan Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:22 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: STOP Funding TxDOT and I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX and live in District 3.

I'm writing to urge you to please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I vehemently OPPOSE expanding I-35. An expansion will fundamentally worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. We'll see more injuries and death on the highway, and the city will miss an incredible opportunity to put pedestrian safety first. There's NO REASON a dynamic, agile city like Austin should predominantly rely on interstate highways for local trips.

We need to more seriously explore alternate ideas like Rethink35. We need to allow the city to finish the Project Connect initiative and see how traffic and transportation change once those improvements have been finalized. There is absolutely NO NEED to rush an expansion when the city is undergoing mobility changes already.

Morgan Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Richard Heyman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:22 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Richard Heyman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Valarie Gold <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:21 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Invest in Public Transportation, not I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO representatives,

I am a born and raised Austinite living in 78745. I am contacting you today to urge you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Expanding I-35 with TxDOT's current plan does not address Austin's dire need for efficient public transportation. I am in favor of allocating funds towards Austin Cap Metro's major projects such as Project Connect, MetroRapid, and MetroRail or any other public transit-first project for the City of Austin. As Austin continues to grow, traffic congestion will not be solved via highway expansion- we need accessible public transportation to be prioritized.

Thank you for your time,
Valarie Gold

Valarie Gold
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Jeffrey Handel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:20 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of east Austin, I am outraged to hear that you are calling for the expansion of I35. This is a choice of death and misery over a city built for human habitation. I35 is already FAR too large and kills many people every year. With the extensive data we have in the year 2023 showing that larger highways have zero benefits and massive downsides in terms of carbon emissions and human death, it would be genuinely evil to consider expanding I35 further.

Jeffrey Handel

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Mary Rice <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:19 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am an Austin resident living in 78723. I live about half a mile from IH 35. I drive on it, over it, and under it daily. Please remove the IH 35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund IH 35 expansion.

I support modernizing IH 35 and making it more accessible to Austin residents. It runs through the heart of our city. However TxDOT continues to focus on car and truck traffic only. If Austin is to become a modern city, we must focus on mass public transit. Public transit brings equity and efficiency. Building public transit infrastructure along IH 35 would be a huge benefit to Austin residents of all income-levels.

Please re-consider your support of the current IH 35 expansion project.

Mary Rice

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Kade Kearney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why don't you read or care or listen

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Ms Doise Miers,

Every single study ever conducted shows that investing money into road infrastructure only increases traffic. Every single one. Please show me how you think putting all this money into I35 is going to do anything but make things worse. The plan should be to ban all cars from the city center, build roads around it, force people to find new ways of transport, provide more modes of transport. Do not keep making the same mistakes that will only make things infinitely worse for everyone when you are literally the only people with the power to make things better. It is embarrassing how you all kneel to car culture. STOP! PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!! NOBODY WANTS THIS!

Kade Kearney

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Dale Dombrowski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop this I35 widening nonsense

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of South Austin who enjoys traveling to downtown for the culture and experiences. I35 is already so dividing for the town. We don't need to widen it and split the east side and downtown even more making the city less and less accessible. Widening highways doesn't lessen congestion. I35 needs to be an express tunnel, period.

Dale Dombrowski

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Pat Jasper <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund or support the expansion of IH35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO members,

I live within 3 blocks of I35. In the 25 years I have lived here I have developed asthma and I am certain it is due to the particulate matter that emanates from 35. This is not something that happens fast but 15 or so years into it, one (someone like me) is often too old to afford to move away. I believe that it is important that we take the responsible civic action of directing traffic around the middle of Austin and avoid exacerbating the ecological, economic, social peril that 35 already creates. It makes no sense to expand an area of the highway that will always be clogged as a result of the kink that occurs just south of Lady Bird Lake and that forces traffic to back up. By expanding you will cause increased access but traffic will still be slowed. I have lived in Austin for almost a half century and hope that my voice will be heard. STOP ALL SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED I35.

Pat Jasper

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Devia Joshi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE Expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. Expanding will worsen congestion in the whole area including where I live. I already don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal to create a boulevard going through town with active transportation and public transportation, while redesigning another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate for external traffic. PLEASE!

Devia Joshi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Ann Mills <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T direct and fund TxDOT to expand I-35!

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Ann Mills and I live in the West Campus area. I am also an Urban Studies major at UT Austin. There are tons of examples that show how expanding highways makes congestion worse, ruins camaraderie in citizens, and ruins both aesthetic and functionality.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

There are other options to the I35 issues that can be addressed with MODERN solutions like transit and re routing (without toll costs)- This can be found in plans similar to Rethink35. I believe that Austin is a contemporary and growing city that does not need to fit into the outdated infrastructure that TXDOT continues to do.

I traveled all over Europe last summer, and their environment of walking and public transportation make them happier and healthier people. We can do that too.

I completely OPPOSE the expansion. We are future thinkers, so let's show it and actually solve the issue in our city instead of immensely making it worse.

Thank you for your time, but please use your position for good in Austin.

Ann

Ann Mills
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Brian Nelligan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:16 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Support mass transit, not I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a second generation native Austinite asking you not to support the expansion of I-35. I have done a lot of international travel for my work and have seen first hand how adding lanes and building mega highways only leads to more traffic and congestion. The best transportation cities have an extensive mass transit system of buses, trains, and subways, and also support the adoption of bikes and mopeds. Please also incentivize traffic passing through Austin to take SH-130 instead. I also think the toll lane on Mopac should never have been approved and we should have HOV lanes instead, is there a way to legislate that all toll roads should accept HOVs at a reduced rate or for free?

Thanks for your time,

Brian Nelligan

Brian Nelligan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78753

Doise Miers

From: Katie Howard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: IH 35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I oppose the IH 35 expansion project. It will make congestion worse, close local businesses. I would much rather see an expansion of 130 or perhaps a boulevard going through town.

Please do not fund the IH 35 expansion!

Katie Howard

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78728

Doise Miers

From: Jonathan Zelazo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please DO NOT endorse the expansion of I-35 project in its current form. TxDOT is using outdated thinking to continue to cover our landscape in concrete and asphalt. Our city needs to be more walkable to make it more affordable. I shouldn't feel like I'm taking my life into my own hands every time I ride a bicycle.

The adage of "more is better" does not equate to roadways. Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta, etc all have massive highways and they're still always congested.

An extensive driver education campaign (for both new and existing drivers) about being courteous at merge points could also solve our congestion woes

Jonathan Zelazo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78744

Doise Miers

From: Samantha Meyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Hyde Park and a longtime resident of the Austin area.

Please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion.

This proposed expansion will worsen congestion in our city and area. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. Additionally, this plan does nothing to support accessible pedestrian, public transit, and bicycling options.

NO to I-35 expansion!

Samantha Meyer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Mari Russ <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Cherrywood and am very concerned for the possible I35 expansion. Adding more lanes will not solve traffic problems but induce more demand, subsidizing people to live further and further away from the city center instead of prioritizing housing CENTRALLY. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This is not the answer and there are countless cases to show expanding lanes does not alleviate traffic/congestion. We need OTHER transit options. I35 should be a boulevard with businesses that can add to the tax base of our city.

Mari Russ

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Laura Perez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding highways doesn't necessarily help with traffic because of a phenomenon called "induced demand." This means that when highways are expanded or new ones are built, people tend to drive more, thus filling up the extra capacity and leading to the same amount of congestion as before. Additionally, expanding highways can encourage more people to move further away from the city center, which can exacerbate traffic problems.

Moreover, highways have a history of promoting segregation in several ways. First, the construction of highways often required the demolition of predominantly Black and low-income neighborhoods, displacing people and disrupting community networks. Second, highways can physically separate neighborhoods and limit access to amenities, job opportunities, and public transportation, which can perpetuate economic and racial segregation. Lastly, highways have often been used as a tool for urban renewal, which has resulted in the displacement of Black and low-income communities in the name of redevelopment.

Overall, while highways can provide important transportation links, their expansion should be carefully considered in light of the negative impacts on traffic and communities, particularly those already facing social and economic inequalities. Alternative approaches such as public transportation, bike lanes, and walkable neighborhoods should be prioritized to promote sustainability, equity, and livability in cities. The rethink -35 plan incorporates these alternative approaches in a way that promotes sustainable growth to the city.

Laura Perez
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78748

Doise Miers

From: Jack Spence <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please make decisions based on evidence

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Austin 5 minutes from I35. If your goal is to reduce traffic, please look for evidence that widening a highway has reduced traffic. Anywhere. I'll save you some time: widening a highway has never reduced traffic anywhere in the world at any time in history. In most cases, it makes traffic worse. Which then leads to more pollution (which causes death), more accidents (which cause death), more global warming (which causes death), and more lazy people sitting in their cars becoming fat (which causes death). In summary, widening highways increases death. So if you want to increase death, then please widen I35. If not, please consider real solutions like incentivizing through traffic to go around the city (on highway 130), and creating a train line along I35 for people traveling within the city, as well as safe bike lanes along and across I35, which coincidentally would actually reduce car traffic. Thank you.

Jack Spence

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Jill Standish <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:13 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to IH-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear fellow residents and decision-makers,

I am writing to strongly voice my opposition to the proposed expansion of I-35 and urge you to remove it from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and refrain from funding this project.

As a native Austinite, I have experienced firsthand the negative impact of traffic congestion on our daily lives. However, expanding the highway will only exacerbate the problem, as studies have shown that adding lanes to highways actually increases traffic in the long run. We only need to look at the Katy Freeway expansion to see the disastrous consequences of this approach.

Moreover, I believe that the expansion of I-35 will only lead to more traffic passing through our communities, further clogging our local roads and making it difficult for us to move around in our own neighborhoods. I don't want to be forced to use an interstate highway for my local trips.

Instead, I support alternative solutions such as the Rethink35 proposal, which aims to improve mobility and access by using innovative approaches that don't involve expanding highways. I also believe that redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate or creating a boulevard going through town could be viable options. Most importantly, I think we should focus on a public transit-first project that prioritizes sustainable transportation options and reduces reliance on single-occupancy vehicles.

This issue is personal for me. I have experienced the frustration of being stuck in traffic for hours on end, missing important appointments and wasting valuable time that could have

been spent with my family. I have also witnessed the negative impact of air pollution on our health and environment, which will only worsen if we continue to prioritize cars over people.

In conclusion, I urge you to listen to the concerns of your constituents and take action to prioritize sustainable transportation options that benefit our communities and our planet. Let's work together to find solutions that improve mobility, reduce congestion, and create a better future for all of us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jill Standish

Jill Standish

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78754

Doise Miers

From: Eileen McGinnis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:13 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: don't direct and fund CAMPO to expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am resident of Austin and the mom of an 8-year-old Austinite who is deeply concerned about the kids' public health, air quality, and climate impacts of an expanded I-35 through our city.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 for many reasons: it will not solve traffic problems due to induced demand; the highway is a legacy of racist urban planning to divide our city; and we should not be doubling down on fossil-fuel-based infrastructure like a highway when our kids' climate and their health are at stake.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal and other community alternatives that give our kids a sustainable transportation system and the livable climate that they deserve to inherit.

Eileen McGinnis
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Zoe Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:12 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Stop Dividing Our Community

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a long-time resident of Austin, Texas, a licensed Professional Civil Engineer, and currently live in 78704. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I-35 has divided communities in Austin for as long as I can remember, and an expansion of this highway will only further divide the diverse and thriving town I love so dearly. In addition to disconnecting a growing community, this expansion will only worsen our already horrible traffic congestion, including where I live and work. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. Since most people who live in Austin are using I-35 for local trips such as commuting, I would love to see I-35 reimagined as a transportation corridor that connects our community. If we were to designate SH-130 as an interstate and route through-traffic around the city, we would decrease congestion. I would love to see an investment in public transit first to move Austin away from a car-centric city to a people-centric city. There are many other options besides expanding I-35 and I am begging you to consider them before funding this expansion project.

Zoe Scott
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Yorgos Economos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:11 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 2023 Transportation Plan

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Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO Board,

I am a resident of Austin imploring you to please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion in the future. As seen from evidence from other cities including Houston and Dallas, interstate highways do not belong in city centers and will only worsen traffic and congestion.

We are at an inflection point where we can either continue making the same mistakes of the past or we can build something truly transformative for the entire region. The current plan by TxDot is not a sustainable approach to transportation and we need to change business as usual. Two more lanes with shared general purpose traffic will do nothing to rid us of congestion.

Before taking any action on highways, we must first invest in regional people movers like trains. If txdot is unable to do this due to funding restrictions, perhaps we can turn to a private model like Florida has with its Brightline Service, or the federal government to supplement our transit investments. Returning space for development would provide massive returns on any investment in commerce, sales tax, property values, and improved health.

We cannot continue to build to only one mode of transportation and must diversify into rail to move people not just cars.

Interstate traffic should route around the city on 130, just like 35 already does in countless other cities. We should have a boulevard, a buried parkway, and dedicated space for trains in place of where 35 is today in Austin. This is doable and this is what your constituents demand!

Yorgos Economos

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Courtney Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:10 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1-35 Expansion opposition

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Ms Doise Miers,

I OPPOSE I-35 expansion.

Please do not fund TxDOT to expand I-35.

I support the rethink i-35 plan.

I-35 brings traffic through the city that should be directed around it, disrupting short trips.

Highway expansion doesn't relieve traffic - it increases it.

Courtney Thomas
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Yader Gomez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:10 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the 78754 area code in Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. This will only induce further traffic onto the highway and lead to more congestion, pollution, and removal of homes and businesses. Instead, I am in favor of highways routed around the city and not through it. Travel within the city should be supported with public transit. The I-35 corridor through the city should be repurposed as a boulevard with increased housing, walkable areas, and dedicated public transit lanes.

Yader Gomez

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78754

Doise Miers

From: Caroline Farrior <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support expanding i35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I'm writing as a resident of the Hancock neighborhood in central austin. I am against expanding i35 as it cuts our city in half, bringing in pollution, and making it difficult to connect with neighbors. I want to live in a livable city, and not one dominated by a car-dependent way of life.

Austin is a city that is big enough for a ring road and it should have one! We can certainly update i35 and make it more livable, but expanding it will not help Austin be a livable, safe, welcoming, and integrative city.

Best,

Caroline Farrior

[REDACTED]

Caroline Farrior

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Adam Greenfield <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please remove I-35 expansion projects from 2023 TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

I write to ask that CAMPO remove I-35 expansion projects from the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including withdrawing direction to TxDOT and CAMPO funding to widen I-35. Instead, I ask CAMPO to support a study into alternatives to expansion, including the Rethink35 plan.

I join thousands of others in strongly opposing I-35 expansion. I live four blocks from I-35 and it's a truly miserable experience: 24/7 noise, few and unpleasant east-west crossings and a sense of being walled-off from the rest of Austin, my neighbors and I breathe in and wipe toxic soot off our houses, and we suffer daily exposure to an unpleasant, unsightly, and ghastly highway.

Expanding highways is an increasingly discredited practice and many countries have stopped doing it. Texas should join them. We know from decades of evidence, including devastating projects like the 2011 Katy Freeway expansion, that widening highways worsens congestion by encouraging more driving. That's in addition to the countless lives lost in crashes, the children given lifelong health problems, the forced car dependency when Texans are calling out for transportation choice, and the air and water pollution. I-35 is an divisive, open wound through our communities when people want and deserve unity.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips and I don't want a world of more cars and more highways. I want public transportation and a solution that removes the interstate highway through the capital of Texas. I call on CAMPO to push for a study into Rethink35's proposal to use existing highways such as SH-130 for non-local traffic and rethink35 I-35 between SH-45SE and SH-45N as a boulevard.

Please tell TxDOT NOT to widen I-35 and please withdraw all CAMPO funding for the project. Please stand up for me and all your constituents, including the young people who will inherit this planet, and withdraw I-35 expansion from the 2023 TIP.

Adam Greenfield

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Drew Solyt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35!!

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Ms Doise Miers,

I ride my bike around Austin every day wishing that we had more alternative transportation options. Expanding 35 is not the way forward. Expanding a highway brings even more cars and will exacerbate our traffic problem, not alleviate it. I implore you to not give TxDOT direction or funding to expand 35.

Drew Solyt

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Megan Raby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:07 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Windsor Park neighborhood, Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live—and where I have to hear I-35 all day and night long. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I support alternatives like the Rethink35 proposal and those supported by my council member Chito Vela, and/or options like redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. We need a world-class public transit system, transit solutions that connect rather than divide our city, and solutions that don't add fuel to the climate crisis.

Megan Raby

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Isabella Vick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi there,

My name is Isabella and I'm an Austin resident in 78702. I live next to I-35 and it impacts my every day life. Please oppose TXDOT's expansion of this highway. It will not improve traffic or the quality of life for Austinites. It's just years of construction work for an uninspired return to the status quo. Please support Rethink 35's plan instead, and get the freeway out of downtown.

Thank you.

Isabella Vick

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Kimberly Hansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: no 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I have been a resident of Austin for 23 years.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, and a public transit-first project.

Kimberly Hansen

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: James Seppi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi folks,

I'm a resident of Austin, Texas ([REDACTED], 78751), and I am in opposition of the proposed I-35 expansion. This expansion will not meet any of its stated goals, but it would be very successful in upending lives and businesses throughout Austin. It will worsen congestion due to induced demand as we've seen all over the country, including in Texas with the Katy Freeway expansion. A highway should not be necessary for local trips -- I want to use local roads and non-car transportation for my local business.

I urge CAMPO to remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and not fund I-35 expansion. Instead, I am in favor of the Rethink I35 proposal, and redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Thank you,
James Seppi

James Seppi
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Greg Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:05 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35.

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please don't do this, it's going to ruin austin & make traffic worse

Greg Kelly

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Eric Guenther <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:05 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose Expanding I-35 - Invest in real solutions

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident in south west Austin and I am writing to voice my opposition to funds going toward expanding I-35. Before I lived in Houston and saw first hand how every time a road was expanded, traffic eventually just got worse.

I support rerouting I-35 to SH-130, and use the funds saved on expansion to invest in safer and more efficient modes of transportation such as regional rail, rapid bus systems, and places people can get around on bike or on foot.

When all we invest in is roads for cars, all we end up with is more cars and more traffic. Please, if we want to move more people, safer, and more cost effectively, it is time that we rethink TxDOTs current outdated proposal for transportation in our region.

Eric Guenther
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78735

Doise Miers

From: Mark Anthony Rivera <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:03 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove Interstate 35 expansion from the TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

Greetings,

I'd like to express my opposition to the Interstate 35 expansion in Central Austin, and believe it should be removed from the TIP.

The expansion of interstate 35 will have negative consequences for Austinites in the form of worse air pollution, traffic congestion, and make it more difficult and unpleasant for pedestrians and cyclists to travel on. Statewide, the project will amplify climate change which all Texans will experience the impacts of.

I am in favor of redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. I also believe that CAMPO should plan for more protected bike infrastructure and public transit.

Mark Anthony Rivera

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Antonio, Texas 78249

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Sonnenberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:57 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Funding

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hi there, my name is Ryan Sonnenberg and I am a 10-year homeowner and business owner in Austin, TX.

I'm writing to ask that you please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I oppose expanding I-35 through Austin. Studies all across the United States show that expansion like this will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I support re-imagining I-35, increasing funding for public transportation and moving traffic from I-35 to other freeways around Austin.

Ryan Sonnenberg

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78744

Doise Miers

From: Sylvia Rzepniewski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:55 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support the I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dearest Austinite representative,

I am a resident of Travis County living three blocks off of buzzing South Congress on Academy Drive, two blocks south of Riverside, and six blocks west of I-35. I'm writing to implore you and your peers to not support the TxDOT's plans for I-35 until there are better alternatives to the expansion.

Instead of prioritizing a highway expansion, which other cities can attest - doesn't work and only encourages more driving and worsens congestion, as well as causes significant air, water, and noise pollution - we should be responding to the rise in volume of cyclists and pedestrians and the healthy evolution of Austin. In 2022, pedestrian fatalities accounted for 42 percent of traffic fatalities, up from 31.7 percent in 2021 (Austin Monitor). I've personally been witness to one too many cyclist accidents and one too many pedestrian fatalities within a few blocks of my home on both Riverside and SoCo.

The proximity of I-35 to our vibrant, population dense communities influences drivers' behaviors for the worse and I fail to see how increasing the highway's presence will make our communities safer.

Including more pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly crossings at major arterials in the I35 and rest of city designs will reduce accidents and promote healthier travel alternatives. Investing in more pedestrian and cyclist friendly modifications and additions will reduce traffic, pollution, and road rage and increase safety, GDP, and a sense of community.

You read that right - GDP; increased foot- and cycling-traffic increases the exposure of new businesses to new customers and bike share rentals, which financially contribute directly to the city.

Please tell TxDOT that this project MUST be transit-first and world class for transit. High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes are NOT good enough for public transit.

I support the Rethink35 organization and it's plan. It is in Austin's best interest that I-35 planners work with Rethink35 to create transit plans. Please :,)

With great sincerity and concern,

Sylvia

Sylvia Rzepniewski

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Dave Coie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I-35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a 32-year Austin resident, ten years in 78703, twenty years in 78704, and now in 78701.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR reconnecting Austin, by minimizing the size and speed of I-35 and making it easier and safer for everyone to move east-west within the city. Let's reconnect our grid!

Dave Coie

Dave Coie
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Heather Kalamarides <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expansion of I35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of north Austin that is writing in opposition to the I35 expansion. My husband and I both commute to central Austin and our youngest child attends a central Austin school. We drive from north Austin to central Austin daily and on every weekend.

We have grown children that have attended University of Texas at Austin and are very familiar with the traffic patterns in our city as well as the challenges that exist.

I personally avoid use of both Mopac and I35 due to congestion and an expansion will only worsen our problem.

I am asking that alternatives to expansion of I35 be considered, including use of 130 for through traffic, an alternative boulevard going through town or a public transit first project. I believe that ideas like these would better serve the citizens of our awesome city.

Thanks for your consideration,

Heather Kalamarides

Heather Kalamarides
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78727

Doise Miers

From: Jennifer Kryska <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:04 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a resident of Travis County.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live which is a few blocks from I-35 in Austin. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Or a boulevard going through town. Or developing a public transit-first project further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Kryska

Austin, Tx

Jennifer Kryska

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Michelle Jansen w <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

To whom it may concern,

I write to express my opposition to I-35 expansion as envisioned by TXDOT and urge your members to tell TXDOT not to expand I-35.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips and there are alternatives for intercity/regional travel.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, and/or a public transit-first project.

Michelle Jansen w

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Karl Schafer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of Cherrywood, and I am writing to express my opposition to current plans to expand I-35.

I understand that some highway expansion is needed as Austin grows, but I feel that such plans should do much more than this does to reroute traffic around the central city (especially the heavy truck traffic that is simply traveling up I-35 to locations far removed from Austin. Any sensible plan for expanding I-35 should do more to reroute such traffic anyway from the central (and heavily populated) areas of Austin – e.g. through redesignation of SH-130 as an interstate.

To my mind, that's simply good planning common sense, and I feel that CAMPO should oppose any plan for I-35 that does not further those goals.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karl Schafer

Karl Schafer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Tim Bauer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Against I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! I am a resident of central Austin, and I'm writing to ask that you please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live -- as we learned from the Katy Freeway expansion. There should be less traffic in the main part of the city, so I am FOR an alternative such as making SH-130 into an interstate to route traffic around the heart of central Austin instead of right through it. Thank you!

Tim Bauer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: miles payton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, do not approve I-35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi CAMPO,

I am writing to express my opposition to the I-35 expansion plan. It's 2023 and y'all are acting like Robert Moses dumping billions into re-making our city into an even more car-dependent

1. It is completely incompatible with climate action and environmental equity, both stated priorities of the city. We are heading into an uncertain future, pushed along in no small part by our widespread and unchecked use of automobiles. Neighborhoods next to 35 already have the worst health outcomes in the city due to particulate pollution and noise. Building more infrastructure for personal vehicles, enabling commuting from greater and greater distances, will only exacerbate this. Not to mention increased pollution, noise, and urban heat island effects. Electric vehicles are slow to roll out and will mitigate only the emissions part of this. As an ostensibly progressive city that recognizes the threat of climate change, expanding I-35 is not justifiable.

2. This project robs sustainable transportation of funds, committing billions (probably double the original estimate) to personal vehicle subsidies while ignoring the increased efficiency of busses and trails. Not to mention the fact that widening 35 would make crossing it even more difficult, and some meandering pedestrian bridges designed by TXDOT don't help that.

3. This project sacrifices homes, businesses, and the livable environment of downtown, the eastside, north campus, and Cherrywood in favor of marginally quicker commutes for suburbanites.

4. THIS PROJECT WILL NOT HELP TRAFFIC FLOW. Study after study shows that expanding freeways result in minor and temporary traffic relief. Traffic counts have not

increased in this corridor over a decade, despite TXDOT's predictions. If we want to make commutes smoother and shorter, widening the freeway is not the way to do it.

5. Throughput should be on 130. I thought that's why 130 was built.

6. The cap parks are completely theoretical, with no funding mechanism to pay for what will likely cost hundreds of millions of dollars. If they are built, what does it say about the equity of our green spaces to have a second nine-figure park downtown while my neighborhood park on the eastside can't even keep toilets and drinking fountains working.

7. We never voted on this project. Light rail took three elections to approve! Why do we have no say over a project that will cost more and cause more damage and disruption to our city?

In conclusion, this is a project that will make central Austin worse for those who live here, commit billions of dollars to a project that won't fix any of our traffic issues, and exacerbate climate change and environmental degradation. Nothing short of removing I-35 will meet this city's stated goals of Vision Zero, climate action, and equity across the I-35 divide.

WHAT ARE WE EVEN DOING HERE, MAN?

Best,

Miles

miles payton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Woodall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:44 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the North Campus neighborhood in Austin. I am writing to suggest that CAMPO remove the I-35 expansion project from TIP and to not fund the I-35 expansion. I strongly OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion and worsens traffic violence. I have lived in many states in the US and Texas is the worst state when it comes to highway dependence when trying to travel locally. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate and converting the current I-35 into a boulevard going through town as well as public transit-first projects.

Ryan Woodall

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Jacobi Alvarez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to 35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I'm an Austin Native born alongside I-35 at St. David's in 1992. I don't support 35 expansion. I support Rethink 35s plan to make the street safe for pedestrians and have more nature.

Jacobi Alvarez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Kevin Stacy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Against I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion from the TIP. It will destroy homes and businesses while bringing more pollution to communities near the highway, all without reducing traffic in the long term. Austinites do not want this.

I am FOR burying I-35 within its current footprint or, preferably, removing the highway altogether while routing interstate traffic around the city center.

I do NOT want billions of our tax dollars poured into tearing up our city in service of mid-twentieth century city planning ideals.

We NEED a comprehensive public transportation system. We NEED bike lanes, shaded sidewalks, buses and rail to make getting around the city easier, cleaner and more affordable.

Running a highway through downtown was a generational mistake. Don't double down on that mistake by expanding it to 20+ lanes. There could not be a worse use of inner city real estate.

Kevin Stacy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Jim Holster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: What a mess

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Doise Miers

From: Ian Bogue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:13 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Approve I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Central Texas, I frequently find myself doing business in Austin. We all know that the traffic is bad now, but studies and real world evidence have shown that adding more lanes does not improve traffic either. The Katy freeway is a glaring example of this. The more lanes that are added, the more people who will drive on I-35 instead of taking alternate routes, causing even more congestion than there was in the first place.

This isn't even to mention the businesses and residents that will be harmed by the expansion of I-35. Getting to some of these businesses is already difficult, and no one should have to use an interstate for local travel. That's not what they're supposed to be used for.

I am urging CAMPO to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as not funding the current planned expansion of I-35.

Projects I support include the Rethink35 proposal, which would route the interstate traffic around the heart of Austin, via an alternate route like SH-130. More importantly, I believe funds that are currently going towards fruitlessly expanding highways should be used for transit-first projects, so Texans and especially Austinites have viable, quality alternatives to driving a car.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ian Bogue
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Killeen, Texas 76542

Doise Miers

From: Alison Wenzel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 is WIDE ENOUGH!

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello all,

My name is Alison Wenzel and I am writing to request you please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and do not fund the I-35 expansion. I live in north Austin, very close to I-35 and see how dangerous the highway is for pedestrians and motorists alike. This is why I voted (along with the majority of Austinites) to expand our public transportation system, to reduce our reliance on cars and improve safety and air quality for future generations. The I-35 expansion project is a complete rejection of the desires of our community, and it won't even solve congestion issues on the roadway (as we've seen in similar projects, like the Katy freeway). It is clear this project is not in the interest of the people.

You have a unique position to halt this project and improve the lives of current and future Austinites. I urge you to do so.

Thank you.

Alison Wenzel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Ronit Shaham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:28 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT fund the I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Ronit Shaham

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Jake Grosek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:33 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: don't expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

As a 10-year resident of Austin, most of which time has been spent in East Austin, I'd like you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am for the City considering other options such as redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. I'm sure there are other fine options, but the City needs a more thorough inquiry and engage citizens more to determine the best path forward.

Jake Grosek

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78725

Doise Miers

From: Paul Ward <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:36 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Let's Remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO TIP!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please consider what Austin citizens want here and the long-term future of our city! This expansion will take so much space and further divide our community and only induce more driving demand. I think we should heavily consider SH 130 as an alternative routing for interstate traffic instead of this expansion. Our community does not need and is not asking for this expansion.

Paul Ward

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Anat Schechtman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expression my opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

To members of CAMPO,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the expansion of I-35 in central Austin, and to ask that you remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I further ask that you do not fund I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin, and my two children go to Maplewood Elementary on 38 1/2 st., not far from I-35. Expanding I-35 will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live, and will elevate the risks of noise and air pollution for my children and other children living in the neighborhood. Instead of expanding the highway, I support re-designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and investing in public transportation, cycling lanes, and sidewalks for local trips in town.

Best wishes,

Anat Schechtman
[REDACTED]

Anat Schechtman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Taylor Coppock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin Texas and have lived here 20 years.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35!

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I am FOR reconnecting Austin and finding ways to reunite the west/east Austin community, and not promote massive highways through the heart of the city.

Taylor Coppock
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Adrian Snead <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund the current I-35 expansion proposal

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

We are privileged to live in a time of enormous expansion in Austin and Texas. Expansion comes with growing pains. While the city and state must deal with increased traffic flow, doing so by creating a massive highway system through the heart of our city is inefficient and is more likely to cause damage to the city and do good.

An alternative to the current plan would be to put as much of I-35 underground as possible, particularly through the downtown area. This would create new land to expand downtown and other areas, reconnecting the East and West sides of Austin and bringing in new tax revenue. It would also beautify much of the city and help reduce harmful air pollution particularly during the hottest months of the year. Boston put its downtown highways underground and it was a major boon to the city.

I also strongly encourage CAMPO to analyze mixed options, such as rerouting some traffic around Austin via highway 130, putting in additional commuter rail lines and planning for a future Austin that is denser and more urban.

Whatever CAMPO does, building a massive highway system should not be the end goal. It will simply create induced demand, become an eyesore and environmental hazard.

Sincerely,

Adrian F. Snead

Adrian Snead
[REDACTED]



West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Matt Solberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose 35 Expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose the expansion because it will make traffic worse in the short term (from all the construction) and the long term (more lanes doesn't help long term!).

Matt Solberg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Grace Weissman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSING I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to plead with CAMPO to ELIMINATE funding for the I-35 expansion project and to reallocate those funds to transportation improvements that will make Austin a more accessible, beautiful, and equitable place to live. This city is vibrant, lively, and rapidly growing. The things that I like the LEAST about living here is my reliance on transportation by car. Rather than expanding the highway, I ask CAMPO to prioritize expanding public transportation. Rather than worsening congestion and further necessitating getting on the interstate for local travel, a plan that dramatically expands public transportation will decrease congestion, encourage more environmentally friendly modes of transport, and be in alignment with the values of community that the city of Austin purports to uphold.

Grace Weissman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Randall Lucas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:18 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I 35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

My message:

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Randall Lucas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Monica Griffin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:21 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where close friends of mine and longtime Austin residents call home. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Monica Griffin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Nicolas Webster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT support or enable I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident and homeowner in Austin, and I am reaching out to register my vehement opposition to spending public funds to expand I-35, and to ask that CAMPO remove the I-35 project as currently proposed from the Transportation Improvement Program.

This will not improve congestion, it will not improve air quality, it will literally widen the gulf between East/Central Austin, and it will be a decade long quagmire that fundamentally won't move the needle on the metrics we need to affect to make the capital region a healthier, safer, or more mobile community.

If a majority of traffic on I-35 is local traffic (per TxDOT), then let's make the local city grid comprehensive. An interstate highway should not be used for local traffic. If our grid wasn't so fragmented due to I-35, we wouldn't *need* to funnel all that traffic onto the highway in the first place. Doubling down on this approach won't fix anything, either.

I SUPPORT meaningful change to the way we get around Austin, including the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Nicolas Webster

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Celine Thibault <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Support Diverse Transport, DO NOT EXPAND I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am against expanding I-35. History proves that adding lanes to an already congested highway does not solve the problem and in many cases makes congestion worse. We need to grow and enrich the experience of commuting by rail, bike, walking, and shared vehicles. This includes native landscaping along existing roadways, bike paths, and urban trails. It includes programs for reducing the cost of purchasing scooters and bicycles. It includes expanding the routes for public share transport such as by rail and bus and metro vans. It also includes improving and routing people to existing highway infrastructure such as Hwy 130. Expanding I-35 is turning our natural resources into a flat concrete landscape. People come here for the beauty and the pleasure of the trees and greenbelt. Any further large scale interruption of those resources is a reduction in the attraction of our city.

Celine Thibault

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Nicholas Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't support the I-35 expansion plan!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, Texas in Travis County.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR alternative plans like The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

There are better ways to achieve these needs while also considering the local people it impacts.

Thank you for considering these ideas.

Nicholas Carroll

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Lauren Burkhart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Make the Right Decision

Ms Doise Miers,

I OPPOSE I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of San Marcos, Texas but drive for Uber in Austin exclusively. I have been driving here for going on 6 years and have spent just as much time in this gorgeous city as I have in San Marcos where I reside. I implore you to reconsider I-35 expanding as it's been planned. With every fiber of my being, I know that this is the wrong decision, and it is something that cannot be easily taken back. There are so many other options to go with to lessen congestion and make Austin tourists and residents lives easier. I, personally, will always be a fan of public transit-first projects and will support any measures taken to positively influence the public to walk, bike, bus, or train where they need to go.

Please, I beg of you, reconsider the I-35 expansion. Thank you.

-Lauren Burkhart

[REDACTED]

Lauren Burkhart

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

San Marcos, Texas 78666

Doise Miers

From: Sylvia Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:02 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Sylvia Moore

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Daphne Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT ALLOW I-35 EXPANSION

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the North University neighborhood directly west of I-35. I oppose the expansion of I-35 and the funding of this project. I've lived in Austin for 5 years now, always near the University of Texas and I-35. I'm originally from Houston where there is an over-abundance of traffic lanes on the highways. I lived in Houston for 15 years and during my time there watched countless highway expansion projects go through. I distinctly remember the widening project on 290 that went on for years. It's finally been completed and when I go home to visit traffic has only gotten worse. The Katy Freeway or I-59 or 610 are all other perfect examples. Anyone who has driven on one of these highways will know what I mean. Especially during rush hour on a weekday. In fact every highway expansion project I witnessed in Houston caused years of increased congestion during the building process, and no difference or worse conditions when the project was completed compared to what it looked like before.

Additionally, I am an avid cyclist and bike commuter. The I-35 corridor is dangerous for cyclists as is. Road construction causes more distractions for drivers, narrows the road, and causes increased danger for cyclists. Not to mention additional lanes increase danger for cyclists. I already feel uncomfortable biking around I-35, additional lanes and construction will make it much harder for cyclists to move through this area of the city. Less people riding bikes means more people driving which means more congestion I-35. If Austin was to invest more money in safe bike infrastructure, I believe this would have a greater effect on decreasing I-35 congestion compared to any highway expansion project.

I don't want to drive on I-35. I don't want more lanes on I-35. I don't want more cars in my neighborhood. I don't want decreased pedestrian safety.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am instead in favor of other options such as the Rethink35 proposal, redirection of traffic onto SH-130, public transit expansion, increased bike and pedestrian infrastructure. My dream is for there to be LESS car lanes through Austin NOT MORE.

Sincerely,
Daphne Smith

Daphne Smith

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Katie Hope <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

We do not need a Highway expansion. We need investment, time, and energy in efficient city planning. Look at places like Paris or Rome; Walkable, bikeable, with convenient public transport, and most importantly made for people, not cars. Expanding the highway will not help with traffic, in fact it will worsen congestion.

I am a resident of cedar park and I go to Austin a lot. I am always frustrated by the lack of walkability and public transport. You have to drive everywhere, with a few exceptions. I think a lot of people are tired of living like that.

Also, with the expansion of I-35 you are tearing down local businesses that bring revenue to the city. This will bring a huge loss to Austin.

Let's create a city for people, not for cars.

Katie Hope

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Doise Miers

From: George Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:19 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE TxDOTs I-35 expansion plan

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor such as the Rethink35 plan and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

George Moore

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: patrick Jeeves <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:01 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand i-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of I-35 and to advocate for making it a walkable boulevard instead.

Yes, expanding highways can worsen traffic congestion. Within a few years of a highway expansion, traffic increases enough that the roads become congested again. Drivers become frustrated, and elected officials respond by pushing to expand highways to reduce congestion. Then, the whole cycle starts over again. (<https://gizmodo.com/why-expanding-highways-makes-traffic-worse-1842220595>)

The evidence shows that although highway expansion has a weak or limited impact on congestion, total traffic volume does increase. (<https://www.thecgo.org/research/does-expanding-highway-capacity-solve-urban-congestion-problems/>)

Research has shown that walkable environments are not just healthier but also wealthier. Improved walkability has been shown to raise local retail spend, enhance the value of local services and goods, and create more job opportunities. A dense and walkable urban network may facilitate the spread of small local shops and street markets, able to increase variety of goods and services, independent retailing, local employment and start-up opportunities (<https://www.cnu.org/publicsquare/2021/08/18/ten-economic-benefits-walkable-places>). When shops are clustered together, foot traffic visitors are encouraged to visit multiple neighboring stores and spend money. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/where-we-live/wp/2017/10/09/walkable-neighborhoods-provide-health-environmental-and-financial-benefits/>) Providing street improvements for pedestrians and cyclists may increase sales by 30 percent. (<https://economicdevelopment.extension.wisc.edu/articles/walkability-means-better-business-issue-188-july-2019/>)

Moreover, building active and walkable communities can help reduce health care costs (<https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/about-physical-activity/why-it-matters.html>). Compared with the least walkable neighborhoods, average hospital costs were 26–37% lower in the most walkable ones (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0091743517300567>). A 20-unit increase in walkability was associated with ~ 12% reductions in hospital cost per person and admissions per person (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0091743517300567>).

I urge you to consider these benefits when making decisions about I-35's future. Instead of expanding I-35, we should make it a walkable boulevard that will benefit our community's health, economy, and environment.

patrick Jeeves

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Alice Gaulty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:30 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 Expansion from funding

Ms Doise Miers,

First and foremost, this expansion is an antiquated approach to our traffic problem. We know that it will not solve it. In fact, research shows that expanding a highway only attracts more cars to it and, as a result, clogging it up faster. On that alone, we should not be spending so many billions of dollars on something that will end up doing nothing.

But aside from that, I'm just heart broken at the overtaking of businesses, environmental destruction, extra air pollution and noise pollution that will occur and more. I have lived in my neighborhood of Windsor Park since I was born. My 2 daughters live here now as well. Nothing makes me want to move away more than the thought of an I-35 expansion.

Alice Gaulty

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Wendy Wheeler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: TxDOT's I-35 Expansion -- please NO!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello CAMPO, I'm a resident of the beautiful neighborhood of Hyde Park in central Austin. I consider this the heart of Austin because of the established homes, the businesses, the history here. The idea of tearing up key parts of central Austin to widen the I-35 highway is so misguided and awful. We already know from experience (Houston, for one!) that widening a highway results in only a small relief from heavy traffic for a short time, then it makes it even worse. I fear that TxDOT wants people to forget this so it will have projects and funds to keep it busy. I don't know why TxDOT won't work with the highway bypass options and keep the downtown part of I-35 as the secondary route for business. Almost all big cities have these short special routes, why can't Austin? Thank you for listening to the people of Austin.

Wendy Wheeler

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Norman Richards <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:41 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund the I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Austin in a neighborhood on the west side of I-35. As someone who crosses I-35 daily and deals with the nightmare of local traffic problems due to I-35, I do NOT support expanding I-35. I urge you to remote the I-35 project from the CAMPO TIP and NOT provide funding.

We need through traffic to be routed AROUND Austin, and we need local solutions like transit to deal with local Austin traffic issues. Widening I-35 will only damage my neighborhood more without actually improving traffic in the long run. Widening I-35 works against solutions to Austin's transportation problems. I strongly support alternatives such as Rethink 35 proposal which have the potential to actually improve Austin.

Thanks.

Norman Richards
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Georgia Coleman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:16 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not fund I 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

This is our best opportunity to show what austin can be! A city of the future that chooses NOT to have a massive interstate cutting thru its heartbeat center. Time to up the game austin. Use 130 then think public transportation first for city center. Massive interstate in my downtown area will only increase congestion. I WAS BORN IN THIS CITY!

Georgia Coleman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78733

Doise Miers

From: Hunter Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:19 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: IH 35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Scott Miller. I work in downtown Austin and I drive IH 35 every week day. The plan to expand IH 35 is not going to work. It is a waste of time and money. We need to be look at alternatives rather than trying to expand an already crowded highway. Please do not fund the IH 35 project. Thank you.

Hunter Miller

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78753-6519

Doise Miers

From: Gail Rothe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: More options for I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. For 20 years I commuted daily on I-35 and still use it, primarily for travel out of town. While I sat in stalled traffic most days, and I could do so again, I still cannot recommend the expansion of I-35 through our city. The short-term improvements in commute times do not justify the expense or the ugly (e.g., Katy Freeway) and may worsen congestion over the longer term.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Please offer us better options, such as re-routing non-local traffic around Austin and rethinking I-35 as a vibrant urban boulevard.

The proposed expansion reflects last century thinking. Please look to the future and not to the past.

Gail Rothe

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Mary Marshall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Mary Marshall

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Stephanie Landgraf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:32 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No more expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please don't ask TXDOT to expand I35. I personally have to drive on I35 to get to my work, doctor, and all the other places I need to go to for survival. Expanding 35 will just create more traffic and it'll take more time to get places, time that pulls me away from work, which is how I'm able to live. I ask that you implement alternatives listed in the Rethink 35 plan, such as the cap and stitch idea. More lanes = more traffic = more time. We can't be spending more time in our cars because it takes away from what we're all trying to do with our lives. Thank you in advance for preventing the expansion!

Stephanie Landgraf

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Madeleine Bate <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:42 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Travis County. I live in North Loop, Austin TX.

I implore you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund the I-35 expansion.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we've seen from the Katy Freeway expansion!!

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I don't want more cars on the road. I don't want more pollution.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal (or something like it). I am for a plan that values our community, our residents, and our local quality of life. I believe that redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate is the best way to deal with out-of-area traffic. I also believe that more money, time, and focus should be put on creating a more WALKABLE, BIKABLE, and MOVABLE city. Things like a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, and protected bike lanes are what we, the RESIDENTS, want.

Madeleine Bate
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Justin Faircloth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of round rock and frequently utilize the trail systems in Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am for Rethink35 or other proposals that do not add more highway congestion.

We need better public transportation look at Seattle. More trails that encourage bike commuting look at Norway. And options that move the traffic away from an already congested area.

Justin Faircloth

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Round Rock , Texas 78664

Doise Miers

From: Neil Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No more I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to expanding I-35. I live in the North Loop neighborhood and use and cross the highway almost everyday. Expanding the highway will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I support designating a different highway such as SH-130 as the interstate to handle non-local traffic moving through the area so that I-35 can evolve into a thoroughfare that better service residents of the city.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Thank you,

Neil Smith

Neil Smith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: James Collins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Authority of Central Texas,

As a resident of Austin, I am writing to urge you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to not fund the expansion of the highway.

I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35 as it will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways has been shown to only worsen congestion, as seen in the Katy Freeway expansion. Instead, we should focus on improving alternative forms of transportation, such as public transit, biking, and walking infrastructure, to reduce congestion and improve accessibility for all residents.

Furthermore, I do not want to use an interstate highway for local trips. It would be more appropriate to redesignate another highway, such as SH-130, as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, or a public transit-first project. The Rethink35 proposal is an excellent solution to address our transportation needs while also promoting sustainable development.

In conclusion, please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO TIP and do not fund the expansion of the highway. Instead, let's focus on innovative solutions that prioritize the health and well-being of our community and promote sustainable transportation options.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
James Collins

James Collins
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jason Hoffman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Why?

Ms Doise Miers,

The I-35 expansion and regional development pattern in general has nothing to do with transportation or moving people. The spaghetti of subsidy, bureaucracy and misaligned incentives is resulting in a sprawling mess that's neither fiscally responsible or efficient. I don't know how to describe it, but box stores, highways and parking are like the American version of eastern bloc architecture. Just stop! Instead, legalize different housing types, start focusing on moving people instead of cars, and get local traffic off of I-35 to open it up to the transient traffic that you want to serve.

Jason Hoffman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Peter Blum <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:51 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: please stop for the love of the world

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Peter Blum

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Lorre Weidlich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:50 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Fund I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund I-35 expansion. The people at TxDOT seem to be completely ignorant of the concept of induced demand; a few years after the expansion, I-35 will be as crowded as it is now. Restore I-35 to a boulevard and run traffic through Austin on I-30.

Lorre Weidlich

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Grace Gilker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Grace Gilker

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Alejandra Porter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:14 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a resident of the Cherrywood Neighborhood in central Austin. I am writing to you today to ask you to please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to please NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

I am begging you to please move past the current TXDOT proposal and look for an alternative solution.

Alejandra Porter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Mari Russ-Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No higher No Wider

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad option presented by TXDOT.

Mari Russ-Wolf
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Drew Griffith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:09 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

Drew Griffith
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Denton, Texas 76201

Doise Miers

From: Karl Schafer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of Cherrywood, and I am writing to express my opposition to current plans to expand I-35.

I understand that some highway expansion is needed as Austin grows, but I feel that such plans should do much more than this does to reroute traffic around the central city (especially the heavy truck traffic that is simply traveling up I-35 to locations far removed from Austin. Any sensible plan for expanding I-35 should do more to reroute such traffic anyway from the central (and heavily populated) areas of Austin – e.g. through redesignation of SH-130 as an interstate.

To my mind, that's simply good planning common sense, and I feel that CAMPO should oppose any plan for I-35 that does not further those goals.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karl Schafer

Karl Schafer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Michelle Jansen w <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

To whom it may concern,

I write to express my opposition to I-35 expansion as envisioned by TXDOT and urge your members to tell TXDOT not to expand I-35.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips and there are alternatives for intercity/regional travel.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, and/or a public transit-first project.

Michelle Jansen w

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Tim Bauer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Against I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! I am a resident of central Austin, and I'm writing to ask that you please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live -- as we learned from the Katy Freeway expansion. There should be less traffic in the main part of the city, so I am FOR an alternative such as making SH-130 into an interstate to route traffic around the heart of central Austin instead of right through it. Thank you!

Tim Bauer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Woodall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:44 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the North Campus neighborhood in Austin. I am writing to suggest that CAMPO remove the I-35 expansion project from TIP and to not fund the I-35 expansion. I strongly OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion and worsens traffic violence. I have lived in many states in the US and Texas is the worst state when it comes to highway dependence when trying to travel locally. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate and converting the current I-35 into a boulevard going through town as well as public transit-first projects.

Ryan Woodall

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Jacobi Alvarez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to 35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I'm an Austin Native born alongside I-35 at St. David's in 1992. I don't support 35 expansion. I support Rethink 35s plan to make the street safe for pedestrians and have more nature.

Jacobi Alvarez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Kevin Stacy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Against I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion from the TIP. It will destroy homes and businesses while bringing more pollution to communities near the highway, all without reducing traffic in the long term. Austinites do not want this.

I am FOR burying I-35 within its current footprint or, preferably, removing the highway altogether while routing interstate traffic around the city center.

I do NOT want billions of our tax dollars poured into tearing up our city in service of mid-twentieth century city planning ideals.

We NEED a comprehensive public transportation system. We NEED bike lanes, shaded sidewalks, buses and rail to make getting around the city easier, cleaner and more affordable.

Running a highway through downtown was a generational mistake. Don't double down on that mistake by expanding it to 20+ lanes. There could not be a worse use of inner city real estate.

Kevin Stacy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Ian Bogue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:13 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Approve I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

As a resident of Central Texas, I frequently find myself doing business in Austin. We all know that the traffic is bad now, but studies and real world evidence have shown that adding more lanes does not improve traffic either. The Katy freeway is a glaring example of this. The more lanes that are added, the more people who will drive on I-35 instead of taking alternate routes, causing even more congestion than there was in the first place.

This isn't even to mention the businesses and residents that will be harmed by the expansion of I-35. Getting to some of these businesses is already difficult, and no one should have to use an interstate for local travel. That's not what they're supposed to be used for.

I am urging CAMPO to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as not funding the current planned expansion of I-35.

Projects I support include the Rethink35 proposal, which would route the interstate traffic around the heart of Austin, via an alternate route like SH-130. More importantly, I believe funds that are currently going towards fruitlessly expanding highways should be used for transit-first projects, so Texans and especially Austinites have viable, quality alternatives to driving a car.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ian Bogue

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Killeen, Texas 76542

Doise Miers

From: Alison Wenzel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 is WIDE ENOUGH!

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello all,

My name is Alison Wenzel and I am writing to request you please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and do not fund the I-35 expansion. I live in north Austin, very close to I-35 and see how dangerous the highway is for pedestrians and motorists alike. This is why I voted (along with the majority of Austinites) to expand our public transportation system, to reduce our reliance on cars and improve safety and air quality for future generations. The I-35 expansion project is a complete rejection of the desires of our community, and it won't even solve congestion issues on the roadway (as we've seen in similar projects, like the Katy freeway). It is clear this project is not in the interest of the people.

You have a unique position to halt this project and improve the lives of current and future Austinites. I urge you to do so.

Thank you.

Alison Wenzel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Ronit Shaham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:28 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT fund the I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Ronit Shaham

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Jake Grosek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:33 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: don't expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

As a 10-year resident of Austin, most of which time has been spent in East Austin, I'd like you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I am for the City considering other options such as redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. I'm sure there are other fine options, but the City needs a more thorough inquiry and engage citizens more to determine the best path forward.

Jake Grosek

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78725

Doise Miers

From: Paul Ward <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:36 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Let's Remove I-35 expansion from the CAMPO TIP!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please consider what Austin citizens want here and the long-term future of our city! This expansion will take so much space and further divide our community and only induce more driving demand. I think we should heavily consider SH 130 as an alternative routing for interstate traffic instead of this expansion. Our community does not need and is not asking for this expansion.

Paul Ward

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Anat Schechtman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expression my opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

To members of CAMPO,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the expansion of I-35 in central Austin, and to ask that you remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I further ask that you do not fund I-35 expansion.

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin, and my two children go to Maplewood Elementary on 38 1/2 st., not far from I-35. Expanding I-35 will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live, and will elevate the risks of noise and air pollution for my children and other children living in the neighborhood. Instead of expanding the highway, I support re-designating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and investing in public transportation, cycling lanes, and sidewalks for local trips in town.

Best wishes,

Anat Schechtman
1510 Edgewood Ave

Anat Schechtman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Taylor Coppock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin Texas and have lived here 20 years.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35!

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I am FOR reconnecting Austin and finding ways to reunite the west/east Austin community, and not promote massive highways through the heart of the city.

Taylor Coppock
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Adrian Snead <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not fund the current I-35 expansion proposal

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

We are privileged to live in a time of enormous expansion in Austin and Texas. Expansion comes with growing pains. While the city and state must deal with increased traffic flow, doing so by creating a massive highway system through the heart of our city is inefficient and is more likely to cause damage to the city and do good.

An alternative to the current plan would be to put as much of I-35 underground as possible, particularly through the downtown area. This would create new land to expand downtown and other areas, reconnecting the East and West sides of Austin and bringing in new tax revenue. It would also beautify much of the city and help reduce harmful air pollution particularly during the hottest months of the year. Boston put its downtown highways underground and it was a major boon to the city.

I also strongly encourage CAMPO to analyze mixed options, such as rerouting some traffic around Austin via highway 130, putting in additional commuter rail lines and planning for a future Austin that is denser and more urban.

Whatever CAMPO does, building a massive highway system should not be the end goal. It will simply create induced demand, become an eyesore and environmental hazard.

Sincerely,

Adrian F. Snead

Adrian Snead
[REDACTED]



West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Matt Solberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose 35 Expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose the expansion because it will make traffic worse in the short term (from all the construction) and the long term (more lanes doesn't help long term!).

Matt Solberg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Grace Weissman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSING I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to plead with CAMPO to ELIMINATE funding for the I-35 expansion project and to reallocate those funds to transportation improvements that will make Austin a more accessible, beautiful, and equitable place to live. This city is vibrant, lively, and rapidly growing. The things that I like the LEAST about living here is my reliance on transportation by car. Rather than expanding the highway, I ask CAMPO to prioritize expanding public transportation. Rather than worsening congestion and further necessitating getting on the interstate for local travel, a plan that dramatically expands public transportation will decrease congestion, encourage more environmentally friendly modes of transport, and be in alignment with the values of community that the city of Austin purports to uphold.

Grace Weissman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78746

Doise Miers

From: Randall Lucas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:18 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I 35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

My message:

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Randall Lucas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Monica Griffin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:21 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where close friends of mine and longtime Austin residents call home. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Monica Griffin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Nicolas Webster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT support or enable I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident and homeowner in Austin, and I am reaching out to register my vehement opposition to spending public funds to expand I-35, and to ask that CAMPO remove the I-35 project as currently proposed from the Transportation Improvement Program.

This will not improve congestion, it will not improve air quality, it will literally widen the gulf between East/Central Austin, and it will be a decade long quagmire that fundamentally won't move the needle on the metrics we need to affect to make the capital region a healthier, safer, or more mobile community.

If a majority of traffic on I-35 is local traffic (per TxDOT), then let's make the local city grid comprehensive. An interstate highway should not be used for local traffic. If our grid wasn't so fragmented due to I-35, we wouldn't *need* to funnel all that traffic onto the highway in the first place. Doubling down on this approach won't fix anything, either.

I SUPPORT meaningful change to the way we get around Austin, including the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Nicolas Webster

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Celine Thibault <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Support Diverse Transport, DO NOT EXPAND I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am against expanding I-35. History proves that adding lanes to an already congested highway does not solve the problem and in many cases makes congestion worse. We need to grow and enrich the experience of commuting by rail, bike, walking, and shared vehicles. This includes native landscaping along existing roadways, bike paths, and urban trails. It includes programs for reducing the cost of purchasing scooters and bicycles. It includes expanding the routes for public share transport such as by rail and bus and metro vans. It also includes improving and routing people to existing highway infrastructure such as Hwy 130. Expanding I-35 is turning our natural resources into a flat concrete landscape. People come here for the beauty and the pleasure of the trees and greenbelt. Any further large scale interruption of those resources is a reduction in the attraction of our city.

Celine Thibault

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Nicholas Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't support the I-35 expansion plan!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, Texas in Travis County.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR alternative plans like The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

There are better ways to achieve these needs while also considering the local people it impacts.

Thank you for considering these ideas.

Nicholas Carroll

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Sylvia Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:02 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Sylvia Moore

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Eva Singer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:28 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin and have lived here for 10 years. From my very first day, I was warned by locals about the traffic on I-35 and the unsafe driving. Unfortunately, if you live on that side of town, there is no way to effectively avoid the highway. The highway already divides our city in half, and expanding it will make the divide worse. There are small businesses along side the highway which would be displaced if the highway is expanded.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion and makes the city a less pleasant and safe place to live.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Eva Singer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Racz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:44 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Sarah Racz I am a resident of Austin, Texas. I live in the Cherrywood neighborhood very close to I-35. My neighborhood would be severely impacted by the proposed expansion. I strongly OPPOSE the I-35 expansion which will not serve to ease traffic congestion but rather to create more traffic through the middle of the city. Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO transportation improvement program/ The I-35 expansion should NOT be funded. Personally, I am FOR Rethink 35's ideas of rerouting non-local traffic around Austin appealing. Austin is a vibrant and city and expanding the highway through the middle of it will only make things more dangerous for pedestrians and exasperate our existing traffic issues.

Best wishes,

Sarah Racz

Sarah Racz
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Joel Calhoun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:49 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Let's do expansion the right way

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed expansion of Interstate 35 in Austin.

While I understand that the intention is to alleviate traffic congestion, I believe that this approach is short-sighted and will ultimately lead to more traffic, not less.

As a cyclist, I am particularly concerned about the impact that this expansion will have on alternative modes of transportation. Cycling is an important and growing part of the Austin community, and the expansion of I-35 threatens to undermine the progress that has been made in making our city more bike-friendly.

Moreover, we have a clear example of the negative consequences of expanding a highway in Houston. I-10, with its expanded lanes, has not solved the traffic problems in the city. Instead, it has simply led to more congestion and gridlock, which in turn harms the environment, the economy, and the quality of life for all Houstonians.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on solutions that prioritize sustainable transportation and address the root causes of traffic congestion. This could include expanding public transportation options, promoting active transportation modes such as cycling and walking, and encouraging carpooling and other forms of shared mobility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that you will take into consideration the impact that this decision will have on our community and our environment.

Sincerely,
Joel Calhoun

Joel Calhoun
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Andrea DuMont <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand - it'll only make it worse!

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I'm a civil engineer that lives in 78702. It's well studied that expansion of roads leads to more congestion and in fact in the business we refer to cars being "like a gas". Please don't expand I-35 but instead let's use more equitable mobility strategies for Austin. Thanks.

Andrea DuMont
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Erik Schmall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:57 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a homeowner in Austin. It is clear from the data that expanding highways is short sighted and a waste of tax money long term. Instead I support routing through traffic to SH-130, downgrading i-35 to a blvd, drastically increasing non-car trips in Austin through buses, trains, and bikes. Thanks for your consideration.

Erik Schmall

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78748

Doise Miers

From: Annette Stachowitz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: IH35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove the DPS IH35 expansion program from the CAMPO TIP and do not pay for its construction. I live close to IH35 in Central Austin and my daughter and family live even closer.

Annette Stachowitz

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: John Williamson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:08 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Authority of Central Texas,

As a resident of Austin, I am writing to urge you to remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to not fund the expansion of the highway.

I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35 as it will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways has been shown to only worsen congestion, as seen in the Katy Freeway expansion. Instead, we should focus on improving alternative forms of transportation, such as public transit, biking, and walking infrastructure, to reduce congestion and improve accessibility for all residents.

Furthermore, I do not want to use an interstate highway for local trips. It would be more appropriate to redesignate another highway, such as SH-130, as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, or a public transit-first project. The Rethink35 proposal is an excellent solution to address our transportation needs while also promoting sustainable development. In conclusion, please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO TIP and do not fund the expansion of the highway. Instead, let's focus on innovative solutions that prioritize the health and well-being of our community and promote sustainable transportation options.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Williamson

John Williamson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kyle, Texas 78640

Doise Miers

From: Colleen Farrell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: PLEASE DONT EXPAND I-35!!!!

Ms Doise Miers,

This did NOTHING to help with traffic in every other city that has proposed this and it only benefits car and oil companies. Please think of the residents and do what is best for the future of Austin, which is absolutely not 22 lanes of highway!!

Colleen Farrell

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78724

Doise Miers

From: Sam Mayer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition of TxDOT I-35 Expansion plans

Ms Doise Miers,

As an Austin resident, I oppose the I-35 expansion for Austin, TX. Highway expansion programs induce demand which results in greater traffic after months (or years!) of construction delays. An I-35 expansion will not solve the core issue that causes I-35 to be a terrible road to drive on when passing through Austin. Instead, REROUTE local traffic around Austin and RETHINK I-35's role in the city's transportation plan. For example, Rethink 35 is an organization that proposes actionable alternatives to the I-35 expansion plan.

Sam Mayer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Brittany Paxman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:50 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi! I am a resident of Austin, living about 1 mile east of I-35. I have family north and south of the city and regularly use I-35. I oppose expanding the highway because it won't work. It will make traffic worse. There is a lot of research on the impact of more lanes - people switch lanes more and end up going slower. Instead of expanding 35, please invest in public transit. It would be a dream if i could take a train to Round Rock and Buda instead of getting in my car. I really don't want to spend anymore in my car than I have to. I drive because the infrastructure requires it, but I really don't prefer it!

Thank you very much for considering!

Brittany Paxman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Sean Haney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please remove the I-35 expansion from the Transportation Improvement Program

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm writing to strongly urge CAMPO to remove the current I-35 Capital Express projects from the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program. This expansion project has become a boondoggle that is not slated to fix traffic congestion in Central Texas, and will only worsen it by encouraging more suburban sprawl outside of our existing cities and towns. This project was designed many years ago before COVID changed commuter habits, and before Austin's explosive growth starting in 2020, which focused on growth that would be better served by better public transit and rail, NOT an expanded highway.

By directing funding to expand I-35, it is just another sunk cost fallacy. Due to inflation and rising construction costs, the cost of the Capital Express project could balloon to over \$15 billion. Just a FRACTION of that cost could instead be set aside to fund the Austin Project CONNECT project to build rail lines and rapid bus transit in Austin - which would provide much more relief to local and regional roads than an expanded I-35 would.

CAMPO should not agree to fund or approve the current Capital Express project plans until the project is significantly altered to accommodate the needs of the future (instead of looking to the past). Suggested improvements to the plan include: Removing exit ramps through Downtown Austin to reduce choke points, Not increasing the number of travel lanes (instead, repurpose the existing roadway footprint to reduce merges), and remove the interstate lanes from Downtown Austin & replace with a boulevard and mass transit. Traffic moving through Central Texas should be redirected around Austin via existing roadways such as SH-130 - whereas a pared-down roadway (combined with improved mass transit) could serve local traffic in Austin.

If Texas wants to remain a leader in the economy, it must prepare for the future. This means no more building highways and suburbs like it's the 1960s, but instead investing in mass

transit, efficient commuter rail, and non-car transportation. If Texas continues its current trajectory of endless highway expansions, then the state's economy will consist of nothing but truck stops, gas stations, mattress stores, and Amazon fulfillment centers.

Sean Haney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Evelyn Schneider <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO don't tell txdot to expand I-35!!!

Evelyn Schneider

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Dawn Hammond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:59 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to i-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

The i-35 expansion represents yet another instance of CAMPO/TxDOT's inability to understand induced demand, and willingness to subvert the desires of its constituency.

Adding more lanes will do nothing to serve the community except increase well-studied agony inflicted on communities as a result of highways. In addition, living close to highways increases the chances of dementia and alzheimers: <https://www.med.ubc.ca/news/living-near-major-roads-linked-to-increased-risk-of-dementia-parkinsons-alzheimers-and-ms/>

A real efficacious solution would decrease spend on highways and increase public transit in the form of rail infrastructure, buses, and bicycle paths to provide options that differ from the existing car focused infrastructure. Furthermore, the burden to cap the highway to make it somewhat palatable to humans will be on the taxpayers of Austin.

It's 2023. Get creative.

Dawn Hammond

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Regan O'Brien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I opposed expanding I-35!!!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. We do not need to more highways to prepare for the future of transportation. Historically highways rip communities of color apart and disconnect us when we want to rethink transportation later. This is a mistake, and we will regret it. Austin needs to think innovative, not like it's 1950.

Regan O'Brien

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Teresa Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:05 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Waste of taxpayers money to expand I-35 instead of building a train or tram

Ms Doise Miers,

Why do you not want to have mass transit like the awesome places in Europe? I love traveling there, where I do not have to rent a car, and it is so better for the environment.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. THAT IS SO STUPID!!!

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR trams, trains, and SAFETY for riding bikes and being a pedestrian.

I want my city to be more like Barcelona and less like Houston. Didn't you think SH130 would fix I-35 traffic? NOOOOOOO, it does not. Do you think more lanes will help? Name any expanded lanes that fixed traffic problems. SO LAME!!!!

I ride my bike everywhere and for the last 8 years, I have filled up my small car less than TEN times per year for so many reasons. I'm so tired of APD and DPS not enforcing distracted drivers than hit pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists. I've been hit twice and APD DID NOTHING!!

I've also seen APD and DPS douchebags parked illegally in the bike lane, as they are lazy and no good reason.

I propose that your group ride a bike, take transit, or walk to your meetings (and oppose driving there). That would improve your decisions.

Teresa Anderson
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Emily Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:06 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: It is shameful to allocate federal funding to highway expansion projects in cities. Don't do it.

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a lifelong resident of Austin. I am writing to staunchly oppose the inclusion of any (new or amended!) highway expansion projects in Austin in the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

I strongly oppose the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board further allocating or authorizing any funding to any projects that expand the capacity of highways in Austin. This is so backwards and needs to stop.

It makes me feel physically sick to look at the millions of dollars allocated to these types of projects in the TIP. Our region needs investment in transit and active transportation, not in freeways without futures. When will CAMPO leadership acknowledge this?

PLEASE stop helping TxDOT create climate, health and safety disasters for future generations. Complicity in these horrible projects is a terrible, shameful legacy to leave.

Emily Smith

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jordyn Middlebrooks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:07 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of District 4. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips - I would much rather use public transit and need that to have increased access, stops, and schedules.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, a public transit-first project, and increasing the light train schedule and frequency so more people can access public transit outside of typical 9-5 work hours.

Sincerely,

Jordyn Middlebrooks

Jordyn Middlebrooks
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, 78752

Doise Miers

From: Joshua Kincheloe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:14 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Austinites do not want you to fund I35's expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a 17-year-old resident of Austin, TX, and currently maintain residence in the Four Points area.

As it stands currently, I, as well as the majority of those in Austin, oppose Campo's commitment to funding the TxDOT expansion of Interstate 35 Central. It is already known that true solutions to traffic come through investment in transit and walkability. Bigger roads cause more traffic, as highlighted in the universally recognized principle of induced demand.

In addition to these obvious points of ignorance by TxDOT in their 35 plan, it is important to note just how many times CAMPO has failed the people of Austin in its excruciatingly poor design and panning of various Central Texas roadways throughout history. These include Mo-Pac Loop 1, which is a heavily congested roadway that goes nowhere and robs Austin of increased capacity along one of the most necessary potential local rail corridors in the United States, and US-183, which is a continued pollution source in North Austin.

Overall, it is imperative for CAMPO to take a step back from this project and remember its past failures, which continue to haunt Austinites to this day. Funding from CAMPO would undoubtedly enable unsustainable mobility development and lead to the displacement of valued people and businesses along the corridor. This is tragic, so CAMPO, as a funding source for this project, should rethink its relationship with TxDOT and remain cooperative with the long-time Austin residents it has failed in the past.

Joshua Kincheloe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78732

Doise Miers

From: Ryan Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Regarding Expansion of I35

Ms Doise Miers,

To CAMPO: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT find anymore expansion of I-35. We should look for sustainable, alternative answers to the traffic in the city. Interstate expansion has been proven to do very little to relieve congestion. I completely OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, I live right next to the interstate and will be forced to take it in order to go less than a mile to work. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, i.e the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips or to go to work. We need to search for other long-term solutions.

Ryan Johnson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Amy Li <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:29 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am originally from Houston (near Katy) and has been a resident of Austin, Texas since 2021. Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I oppose expanding I-35 because this will worsen congestion in our entire region, especially downtown Austin near UT Austin.

As someone living in the central Austin area, I find it painful whenever I have to go on I-35 on an Uber ride because of the terrible traffic. I miss the neighborhood roads that connect me with the local community. Whenever I need to get to anywhere downtown, north or south of Austin, I would much rather take the express bus 801 or 803.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as I have personally experienced from the Katy Freeway expansion. I am for a public transit-first project, like expanding bus routes and streetcars. To me, the appeal of Austin as a city to live in is its public transportation and walkable communities. It saddens me that Austin is becoming a car-first city and that it is pushing away its carless residents.

Best,

Amy

Amy Li

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Tai Hallstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expansion of 35

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am a resident of Cherrywood neighborhood and the expansion of 35 would negatively effect our community and so many others. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. More lanes just creates more congestion, as we've seen time and time again. There are other alternatives to highways, like a boulevard going through town or a public transit first option. I would love to see the city of austin focusing more on non-car focused transportation. Thank you for your time!

Tai Hallstein

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Simon Xiang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:35 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, my name is Simon Xiang and I've been an Austin resident for the last three years. I am an avid cyclist, and drive my car fairly often (so I am part of the target audience this proposal hopes to benefit). I strongly oppose the I35 expansion, and here is why.

I35 should not exist. There is no purpose for a large highway to run through an urban core. It was originally built during the highway craze and served as a tool to segregate east and west Austin. In the modern day, widening this segregation and displacing locals and businesses is not the way to go.

In general, highways devalue what makes a city special; a dense urban core, that is bikeable, walkable, easy to get around, and overall pleasant to be in. Cars are the antithesis of this. They congest cities, add an enormous amount of noise and pollution, stop roads from being crossed easily, take up a bunch of valuable downtown space when parked, and kill pedestrians and cyclists.

Widening a highway obviously encourages car usage. The reason why I drive is because there are no good alternatives sometimes. Rather than going all in on driving, we should focus on reclaiming the land for better use, like bike lands or public transit options. Look at Katy as an example to what happens when a freeway widens. Traffic goes down for two years, then inevitably rises as more people are encouraged to commute by car. The Houston suburbs are the most prominent example of urban sprawl, and traffic times/conditions are widely cited as some of the worst in the world. Do you think taking this mentality to Austin is a good idea?

As you can see, this does not benefit the residents of Austin (those who the proposal affects), as they would greater benefit by improved public transportation options and better bike

infrastructure. Everybody loses there; the cyclists and pedestrians who harm no one will die at a higher rate than before. Drivers will sit in traffic for longer and Austin will get even more noisy and congested. Who does this benefit then? Suburban commuters who don't live near the city core, or people passing through Austin. Alternatives for these individuals include taking the highway underground, or using services like Park and Ride or just using 183 instead for general southbound traffic.

Thank you for reading my letter, and I hope you take the right action that benefits the most people.

Best Regards,
Simon Xiang

Simon Xiang

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Orion Reynolds <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE the I-35 Expansion Plan

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR moving the I-35 Designation to SR-99, demolishing the entire existing highway structure, and replacing it with an urban boulevard that can be used to stimulate new mixed-use development, support new rapid high-frequency transit, and serve as a model complete street.

Without these critical changes, Austin can never grow to a place with an economy as competitive as major financial and tech hubs throughout the country, such as New York and Seattle, respectively.

Orion Reynolds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Edgar Handal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:56 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Don't Fund I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Members,

I am a resident of East Austin in Travis County, and I'm writing today to ask you to not fund the I-35 expansion as it is currently planned and to remove the I-35 expansion project from the Transportation Improvement Program.

CAMPO should plan for a growing need for mobility/transportation within our region, but highways are one of the worst transportation investments we can make. CAMPO should be focusing on transit-first projects that move more people without all the costs, destruction, and negative side effects that come with more car lanes, more pollution, more greenhouse gases, and more long-term cost to the taxpayer.

Thank you,
Edgar Handal

Edgar Handal
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Britta Dalton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:03 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the west campus neighborhood in Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I live very close to I-35 and I go out of my way to avoid driving on this interstate.

I am also an avid cyclist. I am very familiar with what areas of Austin are safe for cyclists and pedestrians. I-35 is not of those areas. Cyclists avoid going near I-35 because of the danger the plethora of cars provides. Construction for many years on such a large area of Austin will only make this more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Narrowed roads, closed lanes, and increased signage distract motorists from pedestrians and cyclists.

We do not need more options for private transportation. We need to prioritize the well being of Austinites.

I am FOR prioritizing a walkable and bike-able city. I want more public transportation options. I want more bike lanes. I want to feel safer in the city I call home and expanding I-35 will not do that. The US already has one of the worst pedestrian fatality rates among developed nations. Let's not make it worse!

Britta Dalton
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Angela Enriquez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Comment

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CAMPO, DON'T give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35.

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Gerson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:22 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose CAMPO

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Hyde Park in central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Sarah Gerson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Mayra Cerda-Gomez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:22 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35 expansion.

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of 4207 Bluffridge Dr, Austin TX (Travis County). Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because this will only worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live (Remember the Katy Freeway expansion).

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, or a public transit-first project. Let's not pollute our environment even more and do something that will help the ecology of our city.

Mayra Cerda-Gomez, Ph.D.

Mayra Cerda-Gomez
[REDACTED]

Mayra Cerda-Gomez
Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Alisa Viedma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:23 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expanding I-35 is bad for the city of Austin

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a local resident of Austin, in district 9. I live only a few blocks from I-35 & the noise from I-35 in it's current state is already deafening. We aren't even able to enjoy sitting on our front porch and have a conversation because of the noise. Widening I-35 will make the area around the highway practically unlivable. In addition to that, the number of Austinites and small businesses that will be displaced as a result of an expansion project that will not solve the I-35 congestion issues makes this solution absolutely unacceptable. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. The fact that all ten city council members are in opposition to the expansion should make it very clear that Austin does not want I-35 to take over the city. The political parties in this country have basically been in opposition regarding every topic you can think of; however, I have found that nobody thinks the expansion is a good idea regardless of their political views. Given the political climate of the last 10-ish years, I feel that this speaks volumes. I am in favor of alternatives that would make this city more livable for human beings, not cars.

Alisa Viedma
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Eric Matthies <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I OPPOSE expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Bigger, wider, more lanes = more traffic, more congestion, more accidents. This has been shown/proven over and over again, yet the argument keeps being made that it will 'help' with congestion, a falsehood that will cost lives, irreparably damage neighborhoods and perhaps most importantly NOT solve the problem it claims to be solving.

It will further divide our great city by alienating and subjugating already under-served and underrepresented communities. This damages Austin, it doesn't improve it.

There is no real need for this project other than giving out lucrative construction contracts and carving away important residential areas who are already straining to remain connected to central urban businesses and services.

As a resident of Austin I oppose expanding the I-35. I vote in every election (and gosh, there's a lot of 'em). I'll be paying attention to who's on the right side of this issue.

Eric Matthies

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: landon laws <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not expand I35

Ms Doise Miers,

We would be much better off without a bigger highway that more use for further commutes and more sprawl. Not to mention the headache of the years of construction or the increase in pollution or it's effects on the communities.

landon laws

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Dan Patrick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:19 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do Not Fund TXDOT with the I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Expanding I-35 will negatively affect the neighborhoods east of I-35. There will be no growth on the west side of I-35 through UT property but property east of I-35 will be demolished and an afterthought. I-35 construction near Hwy 290 East will remove businesses on the west side of I-35. This will not benefit small businesses in this area. In fact it will cause them to relocate. Will TXDOT or Campo provide assistance for these relocations? Not likely

Aside from the traffic jams during construction I-35 will be unusable due to traffic detours. Once construction is complete I may not even be able to drive. It will be a major inconvenience to attempt to use I-35.

Will TXDOT and Campo divert 18 wheelers east to 130 during construction?

And when construction is completed all this work will amount to an obsolete outdated highway after spending billions of taxpayer dollars.

Signed
Dan Patrick

Dan Patrick
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Gretchen Otto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:21 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No 35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE any I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35. Huge highways are a relic of the past.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live in Travis Heights.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and a boulevard going through Austin.

There's no place for a huge highway going right through the heart of Austin. Please save us from the traffic and pollution!

Gretchen Otto

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Katelyn Flowers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:23 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion Project

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of San Antonio.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. This is not in the best interest of residents.

Katelyn Flowers

Katelyn Flowers
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Antonio, Texas 78227

Doise Miers

From: Larayne Dallas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

For those of us who live in Austin, I-35 is a local road. Please don't help make it even more attractive to those who are traveling through. If we must encourage car travel, encourage travelers to go around Austin. Also, from what I've seen, expanding highways encourages people to live farther out and drive more. Please, don't make it easier for them to do that.

Thank you,
Larayne Dallas

Larayne Dallas

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78759

Doise Miers

From: Stephanie Saulmon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:27 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I35!

Ms Doise Miers,

This is backward thinking. We need to invest in transportation that supports a greener, more inclusive future, that reduces our carbon footprint. Do not tell TX DOT to expand IH-35 through downtown Austin's core.

Stephanie Saulmon

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Robert Mathis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Funding

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Brentwood neighborhood here in Austin, TX. I am writing to say: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Expanding I-35 is just going to make congestion worse! This is a result of induced demand, which is well studied. And if you don't believe me, just look at Houston's expansions and how well they've done.

I already avoid I-35 as much as possible, which kind of cuts me off from swaths of the city. I support redirecting I-35 around Austin, so I don't have to get on a hellish interstate to make local trips. Rerouting would be a much wiser use of funds, and would open up a lot of opportunities economically.

Best,

Robert Mathis

Robert Mathis
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, TX , Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Elyse Watts <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:14 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO MORE LANES

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello, I am a resident of Austin. I oppose I-35 expansion. I would like to ask that you please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion! I do not wish to use highways for local trips. I avoid the current highways as a rule already due to the danger I feel on them and how disorienting they are. I support public transit, green space, pedestrian and BIKE infrastructure. I do not want bigger highways. I want trails and green spaces. So do the majority of Austinites. The absurd highway expansion plans that TXDOT keeps pushing forward go against community wishes. They displace people and create new and exacerbated problems without offering any benefit. They will not reduce traffic, there is abundant evidence of this from places that have endured similar expansions, like Houston. Austin can be a wonderful, vibrant place, but ever expanding highways destroy our environment, create increased pollution and noise pollution, and are an absolutely shameful waste of funds. We need to be using our money for solutions that benefit the city, the environment, and the community. Instead you continue to pretend more lanes will tame traffic and push for expanding highways. This has never worked and will not work now!! An expanded I-35 will be a shame and a waste and a blight on the city. We do not want this. Do not force this on Austin. We have voted no and we continue to say no.

Elyse Watts
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Nikolai Tangdit <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Strongly Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I am a resident of South Austin and I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35. This project will not improve traffic conditions in the long run. On top it will make transportation more dangerous. Most traffic deaths in Austin happen on I-35, and this project will simply reinforce this pattern. I am also deeply disturbed by the amount of businesses and homes that will be demolished for this project.

I am in support of a transit first solution for the region's transportation needs. Rail and buses can move much more people than a highway, and they are more cost efficient. I would like to see CAMPO support more public transit projects.

With all that said please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO transportation improvement program and do not fund the I-35 expansion. This project's negatives far outweigh the few positives it provides.

Thank you,
Nikolai Tangdit

Nikolai Tangdit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Bridget Hyde <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:17 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No funds for I-35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not fund an expansion of I-35! It is not a viable solution. I implore you to remove the I35 expansion from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Project. We need a better solution.

Our city deserves better!

Bridget Hyde

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Sydney Mabry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: CAMPO, DON'T tell TxDOT to expand I-35.

Ms Doise Miers,

I live in South Austin, right next to Ben White. I hate having to use the highway, or even having to go all the way around it and back, in order to get to my local WalMart about 2 miles away. I hate seeing the road sign on my way home from work that says "35 minutes to Caesar Chavez". I left work at 6pm today and it was the longest time I've ever seen (37 minutes).

I think you all understand induced demand. More lanes means more space... more space for cars to fill up. Which means more cars on the road, and that time is going to increase from 37 minutes to 45 to 60 to more.

There does not need to be a major highway through the heart of Austin, tearing up businesses and homes. Non-local traffic should be routed around Austin and onto SH-130 or Hwy 183. From there, I-35 could be converted into a boulevard in the city, which would greatly increase profits for any businesses located along it. With shaded sidewalks, bus lanes, and bike lanes (as well as lanes for cars, of course), a lot of people would visit the area. And when people move at slower speeds (walking/biking), they stop and shop more. It would also be a great area to live with all the stores and accessible transit nearby.

Don't tell TxDOT to expand I-35. Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Sydney Mabry

Sydney Mabry
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Chelsea Burns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't support I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO Board,

I am writing this evening in objection to the I-35 expansion, which I understand the board is considering on April 20. More specifically, I ask the CAMPO Board to remove the I-35 expansion from the TIP.

I am deeply concerned about the ethics of expanding an already large interstate highway through the center of the city. Not only is this highway the deep scar of the city's segregated history, but it also provides significant air pollution, and makes it difficult to get around the city in any way other than a car.

I am an Austin resident who gets around the city on bicycle and public transit. I find it both difficult and dangerous to cross the current I-35, and all of the expansion plans show a situation that will only be more challenging for these forms of transportation, not to mention louder and more full of particulate air pollution. There are so many better ways to spend these dollars for a city in need of reliable transportation alternatives, and decades of research show that expanding the highway will not improve traffic, but rather will induce greater demand and ever-more-choking congestion.

For a city in desperate need of long-term, sustainable solutions, all evidence suggests that the I-35 expansion will only exacerbate problems that Austin needs to solve, at a high financial cost per mile. I hope that you will consider removing the I-35 expansion from the TIP plan.

Thank you for your consideration—all best,
Chelsea Burns

Chelsea Burns

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Wallis Goodman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

As I have testified in front of CAMPO on an earlier occasion, the main factor that needs to dictate ALL OF OUR PLANS is the need to combat climate change! Doing so requires not means to make it easier for people to drive but instead funding alternative ways of transportation and living. IT'S DEFINITELY POSSIBLE TO DO THIS! SPENDING BILLIONS ON EXPANSION OF I-35 ISN'T ONE OF THEM!

Wallis Goodman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78731

Doise Miers

From: Chelsea Burns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Objection to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO Board,

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I am an Austin resident who gets around the city on bicycle and public transit. I find it both difficult and dangerous to cross the current I-35, and all of the expansion plans show a situation that will only be more challenging for these forms of transportation, not to mention louder and more full of particulate air pollution. There are so many better ways to spend these dollars for a city in need of reliable transportation alternatives, and decades of research show that expanding the highway will not improve traffic, but rather will induce greater demand and ever-more-choking congestion.

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Thank you for your consideration—all best,
Chelsea Burns

Chelsea Burns

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Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Charles Zelade <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:08 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I-35 in central Austin

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. I believe the traffic study is flawed. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I believe it's possible (and I hope) that EPA air quality standards will be tightened, the planned expansion will no longer conform. and the huge cost of the project will be wasted, or it will require another huge expenditure to bring it into conformance. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) which excludes through large truck traffic, and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. This has been a successful plan in other major US cities. I've read the reasons SH-130 can't be redesignated, and they are bureaucratic which can be overcome.

Charles Zelade

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722-1923

Doise Miers

From: Rachel Forster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENTS Public Comment

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I oppose the expansion of I-35.

This project will likely result in increased traffic congestion, as widening highways has been shown time and time again to simply encourage more people to drive, ultimately leading to more traffic and greater levels of pollution.

Investing in projects like this is a short-sighted approach to transportation planning. Rather than continuing to invest in car-centric infrastructure, we should be prioritizing projects that promote alternative modes of transportation, such as public transit, biking, and walking. These modes of transportation are not only more sustainable and environmentally friendly, but they also have the potential to create more vibrant, connected communities.

The funds allocated for this project could be better spent on other transportation initiatives that would have a more positive impact on our communities. For example, these funds could be used to improve public transit, build bike lanes and pedestrian infrastructure, or support the development of affordable housing near transit hubs.

I urge you to reconsider your support for widening I-35 in the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Instead, let us work together to invest in transportation initiatives that will truly benefit our communities and create a more sustainable, equitable future.

Best,
Rachel Forster

Doise Miers

From: Forest Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:25 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expanding i35 is A Bandaid!!

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi, I am a lifelong resident of Austin, TX and have always had a special disdain for i35. It is a treacherous highway that is stressful to drive and divides our city in half. Its divisive and racist roots should not be explored further. Instead we should be looking for innovative ways to improve instead of regressing.

It has been proven that denser cities are more affordable to maintain, and or more enjoyable to live in. Expanding I 35 through Austin would only be a Band-Aid for the traffic problem. The theory of induced demand proves that traffic would return to its original congestion levels mere years after its completion. Just look at the Katy Freeway in Houston, everyone hates that piece of crap.

I am asking you to please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. It's literally not in it's name: INTER-state. All the well designed cities loop intercity traffic AROUND the city, not through the frigging heart of it. Especially when the heart is one of the most walked areas in the city.

I am FOR redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, optimizing the lanes we do already have to be more efficient on i35, investing in public transportation infrastructure, and potentially capping the existing i35.

Thank you for considering my comments,
Forest Miller

Forest Miller

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, TX

Doise Miers

From: Irvin Beltran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:05 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 Expansion from the CAMPO

Ms Doise Miers,

Good evening, I write this letter to voice my opposition to the I-35 expansion and to urge CAMPO to do the same as the highway expansion project will benefit no one and result in a vicious cycle of induced demand as more and more of our taxes are thrown away into maintaining infrastructure that shouldn't have been allowed to be built.

For nearly a century the deteriorating and worsening effects of car dependent infrastructure have become more and more prevalent, with the I-35 expansion being no different in damaging cities and its communities as every highway expansion before it has.

I despise how much the city I was born and raised in has been shackled by the hesitation to make our infrastructure sustainable and productive to all through actual investments into its walkability and public transportation.

Highway expansions have never made congestion disappear in Houston's Katy Freeway so why in the world would I-35's be any different?

So much of Austin's local commutes depend on I-35, not because highways are the best method of transportation, but because the people of Austin are not given any viable alternatives and are thus forced to take the highway if they so much as want to travel anywhere locally.

If this highway expansion is approved it will only worsen congestion and make everyone's commutes more miserable as we're more and more induced to travel via car because our city decided that "adding a lane" was the best option to fight congestion rather than fund viable transportation alternatives.

I take public transportation to school every week and its a miracle we have a commuter train at all and it's been the most liberating experience in commuting that I've ever had.

For these reasons and still many more, I OPPOSE the I-35 expansion and am FOR using the expansion money to instead fund public transportation projects such as Project Connect so that our city and future can sustain itself.

I only hope you are willing to act on behalf of the better alternative and begin by stopping I-35 expansion.

Sincerely,

Irvin Beltran, an Austinite who would like to visit South Austin without being forced into a car.

Irvin Beltran

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Twila Willis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Travis county.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesigning another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project. Anything but expanding I35.

Warm regards

Twila Willis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78745

Doise Miers

From: Jack Kramer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:08 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a graduate student living north of UT campus who consistently commutes via bike and driving to campus and surrounding areas. While I understand why some see some motivation for expanding I-35, I do not think that this will provide the relief that is envisioned. Fundamentally, the increasing traffic around Austin is representative of the rapid growth the city is experiencing. Expanding the highway is a bandaid that may temporarily reduce the nightly backups, but ultimately it will only lead to more people driving and the resultant increased traffic. Instead, focusing on alternative public transit systems, such as frequent buses to potential park and ride locations that would allow people living outside the city to efficiently transit, without increasing traffic. Similarly, improving bike routes throughout the city and walk-ability around downtown would encourage people to consider other, healthier forms of transport. Ultimately, adding lanes to I-35 does nothing to address the root cause of traffic and does little to alleviate it -simply passing the onerous onto surface roads. Instead, I would like to city the city invest this money into public transit and bike lanes, to build a more cooperative and healthy community.

Jack Kramer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78752

Doise Miers

From: Tara Barton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:29 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: TIP concerns, opposing a few specific CSJ numbers

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Thanks,

Tara Barton

(Austin resident and property tax payer)

Doise Miers

From: Merrell Foote <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:32 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Say no to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not support the TxDOT I-35 expansion project. Through traffic should be routed east and around the city by using the money that would be spent on this project to pay off the tolls on ring roads around Austin and require or encourage through traffic to go around instead of through Austin.

Merrell Foote

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Deniff Lara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:30 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Please do NOT fund I-35 expansion and instead please invest in public projects for bikes to make cycling safer.

Deniff Lara

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO, Texas 78216

Doise Miers

From: Tyler Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: TIP concerns, opposing a few specific CSJ numbers

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Thanks,

Tyler Walker

(Austin resident and property tax payer)

Doise Miers

From: Gregory Colo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:01 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion Opposition

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello- Please oppose TXDOT's I-35 expansion. The "just one more lane" mentality has failed essentially everywhere- just look at I-5 expansion in California and essentially anywhere in Houston. Rerouting I-35 somewhere east allows something new to be done with the current corridor, at the minimum turning into a 4 lane road, with my personal ideal being using some of the current trenched highway being allocated for high speed rail or at least an S-bahn type deal (like the Red or Green Lines). Ideally this would be elevated metro like the Vancouver SkyTrain. The state could surely do this fairly cheaply given a lot of the land has already been dug out, and crossings further north or south wouldn't be terribly expensive.

Expanding I-35 will just lead to more traffic and worse traffic near campus, where I live. Already, the long lines of people queuing up for the highway just to go 1 or 2 exits to HEB causes traffic on cross streets- expanding the highway will only attract further demand. Public transit is the only type of transit that can accommodate more traffic without significantly slowing down travel times. So adding local and express transit on the I-35 corridor would be significantly better than adding a lane on a highway that will be perennially busy.

Thank you for your consideration,
Gregory Colonescu

Gregory Colo
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Charly Spiker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:20 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO I35 Expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin TX, I live in Wooten neighborhood 78758.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Expansion construction will DESTROY businesses and historic neighborhoods that have existed for decades and are pillars of our Austin community. THIS DOES NOT PROTECT OUR AUSTIN CULTURE.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, and prioritizing more accessible and expanded public transit system for our LOCAL community, not interstate highway travel.

Charly Spiker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Brenna Byerlotzer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:24 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not expand i35. We don't need more cars, we need trains & busses that actually work. Adding more lanes will just mean more traffic and years from now you'll do yet another expansion project if you don't start investing in transportation that effectively gets more people between points. More cars means more angry drivers, more pollution, more heat islands. It will also destroy the neighborhoods that make up our city.

Brenna Byerlotzer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Wyatt Beere <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:16 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: TxDOT proposed 35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin Texas.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I live 10 minutes from my work in the heart of downtown and I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips (average 25 min on a 10 minute dr)

I am FOR... a comprehensive public railway transit system in Austin and around texas.

Wyatt Beere

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Gary Brizendine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:35 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expansion of IH35 through Austin

Ms Doise Miers,

Please do NOT fund the expansion of IH35, I am opposed to this expansion. It will not reduce the congestion on IH35. It is known that widening freeways only reduces the overall time mass there is congestion, it does not eliminate traffic congestion. The most effective way to reduce or eliminate traffic congestion is to reduce the speed of traffic and spread out vehicles so that drivers don't have to use their brakes. This makes the traffic flow smoothly and overall quicker. The youth (people in their 20s and younger) of today are opposed to using automobiles for transportation. They would rather use mass transportation or personal forms of transportation than cars. This means that no sooner than the expansion of IH35 would be finished, than this group of people would be trying change/eliminate automobiles as a primary mode of transportation. So, the expansion of IH35 will be a complete waste of money and time.

Gary Brizendine

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Athena Leyton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:49 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

The cost of the reconstruction of I35 is going to dramatically increase. The reconstruction will cause a greater divide between the east and central areas of Austin. It will worsen pollution. It will NOT alleviate traffic. More lanes INDUCE traffic.

I encourage you to recommend that vehicles be rerouted around the city on SH 130. That would allow 35 to have less wear on it and give us time to make a better plan for its reconstruction.

At the very least, please go to Katy and drive through the Katy Freeway during rush hour before you vote on expanding 135. Navigating that highway is horrendous, the amount of cars on the road is enormous, and it's existence has encouraged more sprawl which has worsened environmental problems. While building I35 and encouraging sprawl into the hill country won't cause floods like in Houston, it may worsen the heat/rain dome. And it will definitely make traffic worse in whatever direction we continue to build.

I35 could be a four lane road that is used exclusively by residents of the city. It could be quiet.

Athena Leyton
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Allen Hah <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:54 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I am strongly OPPOSED to the I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. I live in the Cherrywood neighborhood (78722) in District 9, which is adjacent to the I-35, and I work downtown. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Thank you!

Allen

Allen Hah

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Mark Armstrong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:01 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I live in Central Austin about 900 feet from I-35. Please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I deeply oppose expanding I-35 because an abundance of research shows that it would worsen congestion in our entire region. Numerous studies show that expanding highways worsens congestion, as is evident from the Katy Freeway expansion. This plan will not address our city goal of combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. It's 2023 and the planet is limping along. Future generations deserve much, much better than this plan. We owe it to them to make smart and forward thinking decisions.

Mark Armstrong

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Eugenia Harris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:03 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 expansion: OPPOSED

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Cherrywood in central Austin and I am OPPOSED to the I-35 expansion project. It is a mega project that has been rubber-stamped without being properly vetted, and it will cause great harm to the city, from the horrifying-to-contemplate disruption of the years-long construction phase, to the displacement of local homes and small businesses, and the exacerbation of the division between the east and west sides of the city. It will also result in further congestion in the long run, due to the concept of induced demand, which has been the well-documented result of similar freeway expansion projects in other cities. I am FOR studying alternatives including re-mapping I-35 through central Austin onto an alternate route such as SH-130, and swapping the tolling infrastructure on those roads so that through-traffic is incentivized to bypass the center of the city; currently it is dis-incentivized. This should be implemented and the impacts studied PRIOR TO any further planning for the expansion of I-35 taking place. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Plan and withhold funding unless and until meaningful alternatives have been studied.

Eugenia Harris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Sarah Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding I-35 is a huge waste of money that will make traffic even worse! HOV lanes are not enough to improve travel times through this corridor.

Did you know that the Katy Freeway outside Houston (one of the widest highways in the world) added six HOV lanes in 2011 as part of its famous expansion to 26 lanes at its widest point? Although commutes got faster at first, they had already increased by 30-50% just THREE years later.

We cannot build our way out of traffic. Why spend all this taxpayer money just to make gridlock worse? You will simply encourage more and more driving when we should be doing the opposite. Please encourage TxDOT to find a more EFFECTIVE and SUSTAINABLE solution and say NO to widening I-35!

Thanks!

Sarah Fitzgerald
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Kim Corral <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:06 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't fund I-35 expansion. Fund a 15-min-city with public transportation

Ms Doise Miers,

Logistically, funding public transportation is better at moving people. If the city of Austin and the surrounding area is growing in population, the single-person car is not efficient. Let's invest in a city that priorities people and values their free time. I want to see the red line and bus routes operating during holidays (with increased benefits to the workers) so people can enjoy their day off to be car free and stress free. Do NOT fund the I-35 expansion.

Kim Corral

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Melissa Ferro <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:12 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 Expansion from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program

Ms Doise Miers,

The I-35 expansion is NOT a true Transportation Improvement Plan. It focuses on individual motorized vehicles by expanding lanes and access roads, which are already deadly by design. I live near I-35 and 51st Street and vehemently oppose the expansion plan because it will NOT result in less traffic and safer roads and will negatively impact the quality of life for anyone living along this expansion plan.

The Katy project and others across the country in cities like Austin have shown that the money spent on roadway expansions such as the I-35 expansion does not relieve congestion in the long run. Additionally, the misconception of the safety and access to local businesses by frontage roads is perpetuated in this expansion plan. In Austin, the expansion plan will negatively affect over 100 local businesses, not help them. As someone who moved to Texas a few years ago, I see the requirement for frontage roads as outdated and irresponsible given their design and use. Frontage roads throughout the state and especially in densely populated cities like Austin are not low-speed boulevards that are safe for cyclists and pedestrians. They are death traps. Exits to and from these frontage roads are short and narrow. Many have insufficient room from the exit to navigate across 3 lanes to make a right-hand turn. Pedestrians have to share the right of way with vehicles making these right-hand turns, resulting in excessively dangerous situations hour after hour, day after day. Increasing lanes is not the solution to Austin's congestion AND the "boulevard" features of these proposed larger frontage roads are NOT funded by the I-35 expansion project. Are Austin taxpayers going to foot the bill for this nightmare in the making? This car-centric plan is outdated and does not represent what local citizens, voters, and tax-payers want.

What I do support is the Rething35 proposal that includes redesignating highways like SH 130 as an interstate. Rerouting traffic away from downtown using existing roadways makes more sense than a 20 highspeed super highway that will further divide east and west Austin. I also

support public transit projects that will add additional train lines and express buses throughout the city and suburbs. People WILL use reliable public transport even if they initially oppose it. Cities around the globe have successfully done this, and so can Austin. We also need to add to the existing cycling lane network, clean these lanes to reduce tire punctures and improve east-west crossings that connect neighborhoods and local businesses. These alternative measures would reduce congestion on Austin highways and roads by improving the quality and reliability of public transit and access to local businesses using pedestrian-safe and cycling-friendly sidewalks and pathways. This is where the money should be spent.

Kind regards,
Melissa Ferro, PhD

Melissa Ferro

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Matthew Scarborough <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:33 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi, I've lived in Austin my whole life, and I think expanding I-35 even more would be a huge mistake. The city is just getting more and more crowded, and expanding the freeway would encourage this ongoing pattern of corporate growth within the city. I don't want to need to take an interstate highway just to get to work!

Maybe we could expand something on the outskirts of town like highway 130 - that makes a lot more sense than making the central Austin highway so big. This isn't Houston or Dallas, and the real people who live here (is not corporations) don't want it to be! Thank you for listening.

Matthew Scarborough

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Jack Esberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:41 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

The widening project for I-35 is a baseless solution that will negatively impact the city of Austin. Local citizens DO NOT want a bigger highway, and construction for 8+ years. Please take this off the agenda.

Jack Esberg

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Unit B, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Emily Bankston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:52 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin and I live within three blocks of IH35. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. And, it divides our city according to racist policies from earlier city plans. Expanding the highway will only further divide the city. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Emily Bankston

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Kristi Roen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:04 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do NOT fund I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Central Austin who strongly opposes expanding I-35. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips, and an expansion will only increase congestion in our entire region, including where I live.

Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal and public transit-first projects. It's time to treat Austin like the large city that it is and invest in moving people, not cars.

Kristi Roen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Lee Gresham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:39 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand IH 35

Ms Doise Miers,

Greetings Earthlings of CAMPO,

I'm writing today to have my voice heard as being against TXDOT's plan to expand IH35. Their proposal is bad and as we know from years of experiences in many other cities (especially Dallas and Houston), expanding highways does not solve traffic woes such as congestion.

Consider instead using the relatively newly constructed SH130 as a north/south route in the Austin/Travis County area; also, consider the Rethink I35 proposal for a more well-thought plan for traffic problems in our area.

PLEASE DO NOT ENDORSE TXDOT's PLAN!!

Sincerely,

Lee Gresham

Lee Gresham
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78721

Doise Miers

From: Valincia Johsnon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:42 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not find TXdot!

Ms Doise Miers,

If txdot is funded it displace A lot of people and just make matters worse

Valincia Johsnon

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78729

Doise Miers

From: Charles Arnone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:43 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: DO NOT EXPAND I35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am opposed to expanding I35 in any form. As a small business owner and lifelong resident of Austin, I am absolutely opposed to expanding this highway. There is no reason that all the heavy freight traveling to and from the Laredo Port of Entry should be passing 5 blocks from the Texas Capitol, and literally through downtown Austin and the surrounding neighborhoods. Expanding the highway will only worsen this situation. It is a blight on an otherwise beautiful city, and wastes what might be the most valuable real estate in central Texas. Instead, consider re-routing it and replacing it with something beautiful - or at least beneficial.

Charles Arnone

Charles Arnone
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Erik Iverson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:43 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to you because it is not too late to halt I-35 expansion and save the city from a pointless, car-worshipping future. The I-35 expansion is plan that many Austin residents oppose, yet those who do not live in our city—or only visit it to make legislation we hate—insist on pushing on the city so people can move more quickly from Dallas to San Antonio. Using SH130 is a more appropriate venue; if anything, CAMPO should prohibit through-traffic on I-35 and make it a boulevard for locals to use to get around. Freeway expansion does NOT solve traffic, as studies show time and time again. Rather, it induces demand, causing more people to drive until traffic resumes it's original severity. I expect anyone involved in planning to be familiar with this literature, but apparently you are not. One only need to look into the expansion of the Katy freeway, or the 101 recently, and many other examples to see the pattern. Instead of encouraging car-dependency, climate-warming emissions, poor air quality, and traffic deaths, Austin must invest in public transit. Please focus on facilitating the implementation of Project Connect, which the city actually voted for, instead of expanding I-35. Which Austinites have never voted for. Please do not destroy dozens of local business for a superhighway that will be clogged again within a year of opening. Please honor our climate obligations and stop facilitating sprawl and the worship of SUVs and pickups trucks.

Erik Iverson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Robert Crump <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:48 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove the I-35 expansion project from CAMPO's transportation improvement program. Highway expansion is enormously expensive, ineffective at reducing traffic congestion, and very effective at depleting our natural resources, health of our citizens, and budgets of our municipalities.

Robert Crump

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Kate McArdle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:49 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support I-35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

I live in the Cherrywood neighborhood in central Austin, just a few blocks from I-35. I am writing to you today to ask you to please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and please do NOT fund any expansion of I-35. Thanks to several studies, we already know that expanding highways only makes traffic WORSE, so it is extremely unclear to me why TxDOT or CAMPO would want to expand I-35 and make traffic through Austin worse than it already is. We saw this with the Katy Freeway expansion. We need a new approach to the current I-35 corridor through Austin, including addressing the fact that this highway splits the city in two extremely inequitable parts. I encourage CAMPO to instead support providing a boulevard where I-35 goes through Austin, to reconnect the east and central parts of the city, as well as more public transit that can actually reduce traffic.

Thank you for your time.

Kate McArdle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Leah McLeroy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:52 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Leah McLeroy
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Starr Sykes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:58 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I appose

Ms Doise Miers,

More lanes has been proven to INCREASE traffic congestion and environmental pollutants time & time again. It will also displace families and businesses.

Starr Sykes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78725

Doise Miers

From: Nathan Searcy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:04 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing today to encourage you to stand against any plans to expand I-35. The road is already a significant barrier to east west mobility in the city. The road brings in significant amount of pollution including noise and, break pad particles, and other combustion fumes. Please consider plans that reduce the footprint of the road and allow for more efficient and environmentally sustainable transportation methods.

Nathan Searcy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Hannes Mandel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:17 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please stop TxDOT from expanding I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organisation,

My name is Hannes Mandel; my wife, our two kids and I live in Hancock. Although Hancock is only a stone's throw away from French Place, Cherrywood, Delwood, and Wilshire Wood – and what should be a short bike ride from Blackland, Chestnut, Rosewood, or Mueller – with kids, these neighborhoods are literally inaccessible to us without a car.

I'd like to share three points from our neighborhood's response to TxDOT's recent DEIS for the CapEx Central Project:

Point 1: TxDOT warns that without the expansion, afternoon peak-hour travel times would reach over 3.5 hours by 2045. That is nonsense. No one would commute then. Rather, people would either work closer to home, or live closer to work; they would walk, bike, take public transit, or telecommute – all of which are much better solutions than an expanded highway. TxDOT needs to stop framing its expansion as the only antidote to a horror scenario that would never materialize if it weren't for the planned expansion in the first place.

Point 2: TxDOT has argued that induced demand was negligible in this project and that they were much more focused on "latent demand." It is not clear, however, how TxDOT measures either, or how it determines that the latent demand for driving is more than for efficient public transit. In the DEIS, "induced demand" is mentioned only three times, each time in reference to community feedback, and not accompanied by any explanation of why TxDOT thinks it does not apply to I-35. "Latent demand" is mentioned zero times.

Point 3: In assessing future highway scenarios, TxDOT relied on an outdated Static Traffic Assignment model that is more than 40 years old and was adopted when computers were less powerful than today's smartphones. Its significant limitations are known to result in

overestimates of expanded highway performance. Experts are telling us that TxDOT needs to employ state-of-the-art Dynamic Traffic Assignment modeling instead.

Whether congested by gas-powered or electric cars – a 20-lane highway through the heart of our city will never be livable, let alone sustainable. Please stop TxDOT from expanding I-35. In the name of Austin, Texas, and the planet, we demand that I-35 be rebuilt AS NARROW, not as wide as possible.

Best regards,

Hannes Mandel

[REDACTED]

Austin, TX 78705

Hannes Mandel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Thomas Elmasri <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose expanding I-35 and finding this expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Good Morning,

I am disappointed to see that there is a possibility of 35 being expanded so greatly when we need to find modern solutions to these issues besides expansion which has failed elsewhere such as the Katy Freeway. I've been to Houston, I have family in Houston and I've been stuck in Katy traffic at 1:30 PM, the highway expansion will do nothing to improve the issues we currently have, I'd rather nothing happen than an expansion.

This is Austin the supposedly Nature/environmental friendly city of Texas and this expansion will do nothing but increase traffic AND smog turning Austin into a smog filled city like Los Angeles.

I am for literally any other plan besides expansion, we can turn 35 into a boulevard since it already goes through Austin, so what they did in Boston and have the highway go underground and build on top of it, encourage public transportation by having a more public transit based alternative or turn it into a cap metro train route. I'd rather redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate which would lessen traffic. At least seriously consider the Rethink35 proposal or Reconnect Austin's plan.

Expansion is not the way to go when it is proven to not work and we have so many viable other options. Highway I expansion has been stopped in some cases because TxDOT did not truly consider public comment so save money and potentially stops from the federal government and don't expand I35

Thank you,

Thomas

Thomas Elmasri

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78741

Doise Miers

From: Aubry Klingler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:18 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: don't expand 1-35!

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a born and raised Austinite and a professional urban designer. Please please please remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and please do NOT fund an I-35 expansion. I am extremely opposed to this as someone who loves my city. There are so many examples from the last 50 years of highway expansions that DO NOT SOLVE CONGESTION LONG TERM!! and may in many cases make it WORSE. The Katy Freeway expansion is a prime example of this.

We need to invest in public transit and other mobility infrastructure.

I live in south austin, work in east austin and I BIKE TO WORK. This is the future the city should be fostering, not catering to greedy developers who want to build out the suburbs with endless urban sprawl.

I want to use local roads for local trips, not an interstate highway. we need to think how moving through our city can be ENJOYABLE, and I-35 has never been the answer!!!

Instead, I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc... Almost literally anything else.

thank you for your time and consideration,
Aubry Klingler

Aubry Klingler
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Hannes Mandel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:21 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please stop the I-35 expansion

Importance: High

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Dear Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organisation,

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Thank you for your time and attention, and best regards,

Hannes Mandel & Family

[REDACTED]
Austin, TX 78705

Doise Miers

From: Caroline Bourland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:27 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Galindo neighborhood in south Austin and I oppose I-35 expansion. I am asking you all to oppose it as well by removing I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Please do not fund I-35 expansion.

I want to be able to travel around Austin safely driving along local streets or biking on separated paths. I would love to have more pedestrian-friendly areas and walkable plazas that are cut off to car traffic. To have this safer Austin, I am asking you to oppose I-35 expansion and prioritize an alternative plan for highway traffic such as supporting public transit that will take more cars off the road or routing non-local traffic along SH 130. Austin is a wonderful city and expanding I-35 is a step in the wrong direction.

Best,
Caroline Bourland

Caroline Bourland
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Jules Garrett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hi, I am a resident of Austin, and I'm writing because I am strongly opposed to expanding I35. This highway what easy divides out city and expanding it only divides it more. Using the highway for local travel is insane and not something I want. The expansion of the highway will only lead to more traffic and congestions as is evident with the Katy Freeway expansion. I am in support of alternative proposals by rethink I35. The only way to sustain the growth of travel in austin is good public transit, as most large cities have. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Jules Garrett

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Nico Leuba Jones <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:09 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Oppose I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Nico Leuba Jones and I am a resident of Austin, TX. I strongly oppose the expansion of I-35. It has been shown that highway expansion worsens congestion, by urban planning researchers. This was proven with the expansion of the Katy Freeway. As I-35 has expanded over time, it has displaced marginalized communities including close friends and loved ones. Additionally, the traffic on I-35 has become so bad I now avoid driving on it. Expanding the highway would just worsen these problems.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Instead, please consider the Rethink35 proposal. I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal.

Thank you,
Nico Leuba Jones

Nico Leuba Jones
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757

Doise Miers

From: Karen Mcglone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:37 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: FM1826 traffic

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We in Bear Creek Oaks continue to have access problems going out of and coming into our neighborhood. Widening 1826 should have been done 20 years ago but that didn't happen. Now there are more subdivisions coming in which means more traffic. It would be a great service to the citizens who have endured these constant changes for 1826 to be put in the que for widening and/or signals to help with the traffic. Left and right turn lanes has done little to alleviate the problem. We are still putting our lives on the line every time we attempt to leave the neighborhood.

If you lived anywhere off of FM1826, you would not let this continue.

Thank you for your time.

Denise McGlone

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Doise Miers

From: Michael Montoya <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:45 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do NOT fund I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Austin with family up and down I-35. I request that you please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program until further studies and alternatives are evaluated and the impacted community decides on the future of the DT I-35 corridor. Expansion will only expand traffic congestion and health issues for surrounding citizens. Current traffic demand will also be impacted during construction, which in theory is already an alternative to that will be forced on drivers. Please do not fund expansion and eminent domain of properties until final decision from Austinites comes to fruition.

Thank you

Michael Montoya

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: David Wenske <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:46 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Concerns about I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

CAMPO Team,

Thank you for accepting public input. I live in Windsor Park and believe an expansion of I35 would not only increase the level of car traffic through this corridor, it would increase air, noise and water pollution in my neighborhood. I don't believe adding more highway lanes is the answer, and would rather see improvements to bicycle and transit infrastructure. I've seen other highway projects get completed, only for traffic to be just as bad a few years later. I don't think this is what Austin needs.

David Wenske
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78723

Doise Miers

From: Ashley Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the I-35 expansion project and to ask that it be removed from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and not be funded. As a downtown Austin resident and neighbor of I-35, I am deeply concerned about the impact that this project would have on our community.

I live next to the highway and do not drive as my primary method of transportation. Instead, I rely on public transit, biking, and walking to get around. The expansion of I-35 would not only worsen congestion and air pollution in my neighborhood, but it would also make it more difficult for me and others like me to get around using alternative modes of transportation.

Expanding highways has been shown to worsen congestion, as we have seen from the Katy Freeway expansion. I believe that this will be the case with I-35 as well. The expansion of the highway will only worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live.

Furthermore, I do not want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I believe that the expansion of I-35 will only make it more difficult and dangerous for people to travel within their own communities, as the highway becomes more crowded and more difficult to navigate.

Instead, I am in support of the Rethink35 proposal, and other alternatives to I-35 expansion. I believe that these proposals offer a more sustainable and equitable approach to transportation in our region. These alternatives prioritize public transit and encourage a more walkable and bikeable community.

As a downtown Austin resident and neighbor of I-35, I have experienced firsthand the challenges that come with navigating our current transportation system. I believe that expanding I-35 is not the solution to these challenges, and will only make them worse.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Ashley Williams

Ashley Williams

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: David Goss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please oppose I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am an Austin resident and am writing to ask you to remove I-35 from the Campo TIP. I-35 expansion will not improve traffic and will only add pollution and death. Healthy cities do not have highways running through them. This money should be used for trains, bikes, and pedestrian infrastructure.

David Goss

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Rita Mathis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:08 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Cars are Killing Us

Ms Doise Miers,

I am opposed to I-35 expansion. As you know induced demand on larger highways does not solve traffic. Please do not suffocate our citizens with the yearly equivalent to living next to a coal plant. Poisoning children is not cool. Stop. Please. The Power of the Purse is the only way to solve our coming climate catastrophe. As we speak a heatwave in Asia is killing people. We have to work together and delay carbon heavy plans into our transportation future. Also 183 bridge was rebuilt and has a brand new divet in it because TXDOT is just not a competent organization who are incabable of building good new infrastructure. God help us all.

Rita Mathis

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Doise Miers

From: Adam Baratz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:05 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: My Concern Regarding TxDot I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear fellow citizen,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of I35 in Austin. While I understand the need to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, I believe that this project will ultimately do more harm than good.

One of the key issues with this expansion is the concept of induced demand. Essentially, this means that building more roads and highways will inevitably lead to more traffic, as people choose to drive more often or take longer trips. This phenomenon has been observed in cities around the world, and is a major reason why expanding roads is often ineffective at reducing congestion in the long term.

Moreover, this expansion will have serious consequences for our environment and climate change. By encouraging more driving, we will be contributing to the emissions of greenhouse gases and exacerbating the climate crisis. At a time when we should be doing everything we can to reduce our carbon footprint, this project represents a step in the wrong direction.

There are alternatives that would be more effective at reducing congestion and promoting sustainable transportation. Investing in public transit, bike lanes, and pedestrian infrastructure can provide people with more options for getting around, while reducing the number of cars on the road.

In short, I urge our city officials to reconsider this misguided proposal and focus instead on more sustainable and effective solutions to our transportation challenges.

Sincerely,
Adam Baratz

Adam Baratz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Nick Littlejohn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:17 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion 🙅

Ms Doise Miers,

Like many neighbors, I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR The Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

This is our one time chance to leave a legacy, a better, healthier, cleaner Austin.

There are many active ways to get around, including ebikes, scooters, ride share and self driving cars.

We should leave the current 35 as is for HOV use and for trucking, while that should take the loop and not invite congestion and pollution downtown.

Thank you for your innovative thinking and for standing up for families, residents.

Nicholas

Nick Littlejohn
[REDACTED]

General delivery

Austin, Texas 78701

Doise Miers

From: Dane Jensen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: The I-35 expansion is bad for Texas and Austin

Ms Doise Miers,

There are better options than expanding I-35 please don't do it.

Dane Jensen

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Peggy Korpela <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:21 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 from CAMPO Program

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Peggy Korpela and I am a resident of southwest Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am for many other options instead of I-35 expansion such as the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, and also a public transit-first project, etc.

Thank you for your time

Peggy Korpela

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78749

Doise Miers

From: Diana Molina <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I-35 expansion!

Ms Doise Miers,

To CAMPO board members,

I'm a longtime resident of Austin, formally trained as an urban planner and landscape architect, who strongly opposes the widening of I-35.

There is plenty of evidence-based research to show that highway expansions DO NOT improve traffic congestion. Further, they are expensive, divert needed funds from valid infrastructure improvement projects, and increase the separation and segregation between neighborhoods. Interstate highways should not be used for local trips!

This is not the way forward for a City that wants to grow responsibly and equitably.

We will be paying the costs of this expansion far into the future. It saddens me to think you would allow a costly mistake to go forward, only for time to one day necessitate its removal. Please look into the various cities that removed highways and see how those communities have flourished, all without worsening car traffic. Oakland, Portland (OR), Rochester, San Francisco, Boston, Seoul, and Montreal are but a few examples.

No amount of lanes will satisfy a rapidly growing city with the "one car per person model of transportation". Please reconsider this ill-conceived plan that will further entrench the terrible car congestion and cost us valuable resources.

Thank you.

Diana Molina
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Jon Gabriel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I'll be directly affected by the I35 expansion. Not only do I live blocks from where I35 will take land for its expansion but I also walk and ride across the interstate at 32nd Street (and of course drive on I35).

This is a rushed project and deserves more attention. For too long, I35 has divided East Austin and there needs to be additional consideration and funding for the cap & stitch. Proclaiming it can be done is a lot different from stating that it will be done. TXDOT needs to put money where its mouth is at and contribute funding to reconnect East Austin.

Further, a large portion of the traffic on I35 is long haul trucks. They should be re-routed to SH130 by designating SH130 as an interstate. This would reduce traffic more per dollar than expanding I35.

Thank you,
Jon Gabriel

Jon Gabriel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Rachel Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:27 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Cancel the I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

More lanes = more traffic! Remove the I-35 expansion from CAMPO TIP and instead focus on the Rethink35 plan. We need more public transit!

Rachel Johnson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Arnold Zimmerman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:29 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Arnold and I am a resident living in the 78725 zip code. I will soon be moving to the 78725 zip code, which is close to I-35. The I-35 highway is already incredibly hostile to anyone outside of a vehicle. Traffic is terrible and will only become worse by adding more lanes to the highway.

The Katy freeway in Houston already proved that adding more lanes is just a huge waste of time and money. Plus, its terrible to have to drive so fast with many lanes of vehicles around you. Its not safe and induced demand demonstrates that adding more lanes doesn't improve traffic in the long term.

Lets learn from the failures of car dependent development and go a different route. Driving on highways is already a chore and unenjoyable. So, lets focus projects on public transportation, walkability, and bikeability. This way, we build in a way that is better for our health and our environment.

Please, OPPOSE the I-35 expansion and consider supporting plans put out by groups like Rethink 35. Also, please consider reaching out to groups like Urban3 and Strong Towns for guidance on how to make Austin a better place to live. They've done wonders for urban improvement projects in other US cities.

Thank you for your time, work, and consideration.

Have a wonderful day!

Arnold Zimmerman
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78725

Doise Miers

From: Lily Zintak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:03 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Howdy! My name is Lily Zintak - I live in Cherrywood, a historic family neighborhood that happens to parallel I-35. I am adamantly opposed to the expansion of I35 - PLEASE DO YOUR PART to set Austin apart from other up and coming US cities by removing I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO TIP. There is endless data to back the "induced demand theory" and this proposal will change austin permanently and for the worse. Please consider Rethink 35's alternative proposal to redirect 35 and rather invest in long term solutions public transportation. Thank you.

Concerned citizen & lover of Austin,

Lily Zintak

Lily Zintak
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Adam Spiegel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:05 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to the I35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose funding for the I35 expansion

Adam Spiegel

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78705

Doise Miers

From: Simone Salloum <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing I 35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am opposed to the I35 expansion as currently planned. As a resident of Cherrywood, which neighbors I35, the current plan will only serve to increase traffic and as a result, increase emissions. It fails to consider the neighborhood impact, specifically between Dean Keaton and 51st and will require demolition of Austin institutions, such as Escuelita Del Alma, where my child is a student. Please pause and do not vote to fund the expansion as planned.

Simone Salloum

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: David Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:38 PM
To: CAMPO Comments; Ashby Johnson; Doise Miers
Cc: Amanda Morrow; Richard Suttle; Andy Pastor; Josh Lickteig; Bobak J. Tehrany; Smith, Kathy
Subject: Public Comment - Dog's Head / East Austin Connectivity

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Ashby and Doise – for public comment, please see below from Richard Suttle and Endeavor to be considered in 2023-2026 TIP Amendment.

David Ross, *Development Associate*
Endeavor Real Estate Group

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Suttle, Jr. <RSuttle@abaustin.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:02 PM
To: David Ross <dross@endeavor-re.com>
Cc: Amanda Morrow <Amorrow@abaustin.com>; Richard Suttle <RSuttle@abaustin.com>; Andy Pastor <apastor@endeavor-re.com>; David Ross <dross@endeavor-re.com>; Josh Lickteig <jlickteig@endeavor-re.com>
Subject: Please forward.

David,
Please forward the following to the appropriate CAMPO comment contact. Thank you.

For public comment, we submit a request to consider in the 2023-2026 TIP Amendment an improved connectivity through the “Dog’s Head” region of East Austin (the ~3,000 acre area bounded by the Colorado River, Hwy 183, and Hwy 71), including regional connectors and bridge crossings across the Colorado River.

As Far East Austin grows, it is critical to improve direct connectivity between SH-130, US-183, FM 969, and FM 973 (improving regional access for all of East Austin) and we believe there is a compelling opportunity to do so now.

We would love to discuss further with you at your earliest convenience.

Richard Suttle

Doise Miers

From: Laura Rostad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:49 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please don't expand I35

Ms Doise Miers,

I am an Austin resident and I love this city but please get rid of I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

This expansion will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. The worst part of my day is getting onto 35. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips. I want more bike lanes, more bus routes, and less cars on the road!

Laura Rostad
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Kathy Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support TXDOT in it's Expansion of IH 35.

Ms Doise Miers,

The expansion of I H 35 through downtown Austin will create more traffic and will lead to tearing down at least 100 houses in a stable neighborhood. It will widen the current highway by 200 feet. It will continue to allow out of town through traffic which should be routed around downtown Austin. It will not lessen the 60 -79 decibel noise traffic. It is an out of date plan which is at least 30 years old. It needs major revision and creativity to fit current and future growth. Please do not give your permission for TXDOT to expand IH 35.

Kathy Goodwin
1707 Giles Street
Austin, Texas 78722

Kathy Goodwin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722-1203

Doise Miers

From: Natalie Delworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of East Austin (78702). I'm writing to you because I am opposed to the I-35 expansion project, and would like it to be removed from the CAMPO transportation improvement program. Instead, I am hugely in favor of funding going towards a public transit-first project.

I moved here in 2019 and was really surprised at how dull and empty the downtown area of Austin is - many of my favorite places in Austin are on the east side of I-35. It's already difficult and dangerous to travel from downtown Austin to east Austin by foot or bike because of high-speed cars, and it's difficult to navigate by car. Visitors and residents of Austin would be able to more fully enjoy the city if it were easier to cross I-35. Expanding the highway and prioritizing cars over all other modes of transit will further separate Austin and contribute to the dullness of visiting the downtown area.

Further, expanding I-35 will not improve traffic congestion, as seen in the Katy Freeway expansion.

Natalie Delworth

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Miles Freeborn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:19 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Strong Opposition to I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of I-35 expansion. Here are a few reasons in particular:

1. Ineffective Solution - Just as you'd never put a subway in a rural town, it makes equally little sense to run a highway through downtown, let alone expand it. The whole point of urban life is to consolidate businesses and public spaces into a walkable, easily accessible area. Cars and the infrastructure they require, including on street parking, off street parking, and high speed roads, simply take up too much space to be compatible with a growing downtown and will not solve traffic. The tradeoff between space and density and a growing population is a recipe for chronic gridlock traffic.
2. Unsafe - I personally know three people who've been killed in automotive accidents in the past few years. There is absolutely no way Austin can achieve its Vision Zero goals while expanding I-35.
3. Money - Austin gets more and more expensive every day. At the same time, fewer than 10% of people use a Bike or public transit as a primary way to get around. This essentially amounts to a government mandate to pay thousands of dollars each year in depreciation, gas, maintenance, and insurance just to get basic transportation needs met. It is a massive government overreach to impose such a massive financial cost for transportation when people are struggling to stay in the city and the alternatives are significantly less expensive per person in the long run. An expansion of I-35 is money, time and energy away from solutions that make economic sense.
4. Beauty - Austin is a beautiful place. I-35 is not. A beautiful city is more than a luxury. It's an essential part of a thriving, successful city. If Austin wants to be a world class city, it cannot let beauty take a backseat to antiquated, unsafe, ineffective solutions.

Please stand up for your citizens, whether the motive is economic, environmental, health/safety, community, or simply love of a beautiful city, and oppose this terrible idea.

Miles Freeborn

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Jordan Day <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Request your consideration

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Jordan Day and my wife, newborn son and I have lived in Cherrywood since 2017, and have loved it so much that we bought our first home in here in the neighborhood in 2019.

I'm writing to ask that you remove the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do not fund the expansion of I-35. There are many reasons why this is not a good idea, including that it is not a forward looking solution and will only exacerbate the issue that TDOT claims to be solving. if we just look at where this "solution" has been applied we'll see that it is a great example for what not to do (i.e. Katy Freeway expansion). This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where my family and I have chosen to make our home and will require us to use a highway to make local trips, which again flies in the face of what this expansion says it's trying to solve. It just simply does not make sense to repeat the mistakes of other cities.

I am improvements, but those that make sense for the problems of today and the future, and takes into account those who make their homes near the current highway like my family. Some examples I wish you to consider instead include the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate and instead have a boulevard going through town.

Thank you for considering our thoughts on this issue and for having the courage to do what is right for our community, and the future of Austin.

Sincerely,
Jordan

Jordan Day

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Tom Wald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Cc: Leander Mayor; Jim Penniman-Morin
Subject: CAMPO TIP Comments: Hero Way between 183A and RM 2243

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Hero Way Between 183A and RM 2243

Project ID: 0914-05-222

Sponsor: Williamson County

Reconstruct 2-Lane undivided roadway to 2 travel lanes with continuous left-turn lane and extend existing Hero Way to RM 2243.

* This project description should specify the pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.

* The accommodations should be 12'-wide shared-use paths (SUPs) with buffers on both sides of the highway, since this connects urbanized areas, and it connects to the existing 183A SUP.

Without the SUPs along Hero Way, we are not allowing CAMPO residents the freedom to travel without a car in their region. Without providing such a choice, we are making our regional government accountable for those who drive beyond their will. Without providing such a choice, those who cannot drive do not themselves have the freedom to travel.

-Tom

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Tom Wald
Executive Director

[REDACTED]

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Doise Miers

From: Valerie Sims <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not expand I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Expanding freeways creates induced demand. The Katy Freeway in Houston is a prime example. The congestion is not reduced. Please consider transit-first options instead. Do not expand I-35 through Austin.

Valerie Sims

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78749

Doise Miers

From: Andrea Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposing I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin and oppose the expansion of I-35. We know from previous freeway expansions in TX that they do not work. Congestion remains, air and noise pollution get worse, small businesses and communities are negatively impacted. I am in support of finding rerouting options for traffic using I-35 to pass through Austin as well as better public transit that gets more cars off the road.

Andrea Carroll

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin , Texas 78756

Doise Miers

From: Violet Fritsche <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:20 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No on I-35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello! My name is Violet and I'm a fairly new Austin resident. I oppose the new proposal for I-35 expansion. As we've seen in places like Los Angeles, New York, and even closer to home like the Katy Freeway expansion. An expansion is likely to cause more traffic for the next few years while being built than it will help with traffic in the future. I would support alternatives such as the Rethink35 plan or diverting traffic further away from town. Thank you!

Violet Fritsche

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Doise Miers

From: Steve Gerson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:33 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I35 Expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program. Do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

There are much better plans. Routing I35 around the east side of town (replacing 45 and 130) and turning the present I35 path into a grand boulevard is a much better idea. Please give our city back to us residents, we do not need to be making local trips on an interstate highway.

Please look at the city of Barcelona. Coming into town from the airport by freeway, the path changes to a fast flowing grand boulevard (12 lanes total, including bike lanes.)

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Austin citizens to decide the future of what our city looks like. Please don't take this away from us by rubber stamping the same old solution, "let's build more lanes". This solution does not work.

Thank you
Steve Gerson
Austin, Tx

Steve Gerson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78731

Doise Miers

From: Julie Bollman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:29 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to the CapEx Central expansion project

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of Cherrywood, a Central Austin neighborhood just east of I-35. Like many of my neighbors, I oppose the CapEx Central expansion project as it is currently proposed. Clearly the highway (as it exists today) is a congested, unsafe, polluting mess -- but the project as currently proposed doesn't fix it. There's still a chance to get it back on track, if CAMPO takes appropriate action.

My request is simple: remove the I-35 project from this year's CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (the 2023-2026 period) and defer it to the 2025-2028 TIP. This will remove the schedule pressure that is leading TxDOT to prematurely finalize its design with all of the flaws intact. It will provide time for the state and city to align on funding for improvements such as caps and decks. It will allow time to reconsider some of the valuable community feedback that was thrown away early in the design scoping process. Most of all, it will allow for a much-needed reset of the relationship between TxDOT and the community.

We only have one chance to get this project right. The CAMPO board has this one opportunity to vote on whether TXDOT has made their case for the project to proceed as planned. Many of the board members are on the public record with their concerns about the design, requests for enhancements, and so on — I applaud all of you. Perhaps more of you share those concerns privately. This is your moment. Removing the project from TIP is the clearest signal we, as a community, can give that the project is not “shovel ready”, there are fundamental concerns that need to be addressed.

For those of you who agree generally with TxDOT leadership about the merits of the project, you can still choose to support this pause in the process. This project is meant to serve Austin and the surrounding counties for generations. We can't afford to rush into this project headlong, rip up communities with construction and land acquisition, close highway lanes for

construction for years on end, and still end up with a poorly performing asset at the end. There are good ideas within the community that have not yet been incorporated into the design — and we can't afford to miss out.

Julie Bollman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Doise Miers

From: Michael Reed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:38 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose the I-35 expansion

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin, TX.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal.

Michael Reed

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78749

Doise Miers

From: Maria Geary <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:40 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Do not support the expansion of I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

Please do not support, fund or include on the CAMPO TIP the expansion of I-35. We do not need more lanes of traffic. The existing lanes of I-35 should be dismantled or at the very least capped and buried and through traffic including semis routed on 1-83. More lanes just leads to more traffic, and as we face a climate crisis our resources should be being spent on transit.

Maria Geary

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: Charlotte LeMay <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:05 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove I-35 Expansion from TIP

Ms Doise Miers,

The expansion of I-35 is a catastrophically bad idea based on outdated and disproven notions of how roads affect traffic patterns. It just isn't true that widening highways reduces congestion — it increases congestion by encouraging more people to come fill up the highway. This has been shown again and again — just look at the Katy Freeway. I am an Austin resident and I find that the sheer amount of cars clogging up all the roads makes it difficult to get anywhere — visiting friends on the other side of downtown is a whole-day endeavor sometimes. The solution here is not tearing down homes and businesses and increasing pollution just to bring congestion levels up, the solution is an expanded train infrastructure, combined with a project to route interstate traffic around the city. It is absurd that this project has gotten as far as it has, and I urge you in the strongest terms to put a stop to it by excising it from the TIP. Your position in the Metropolitan Planning Organization only has any meaning if you are willing to use it to stand up for what is right, and this is your chance.

Charlotte LeMay

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Doise Miers

From: Alex Haynes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:30 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to I35 expansion in Austin

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the misguided plan to expand I35 in downtown Austin. Not only has experience repeatedly shown that adding lanes to highways does not reduce congestion (see Katy freeway or really any freeway in the Houston area or Los Angeles or any other large city) but running interstate traffic through the downtown of the 11th largest city in the United States does not make sense. I support the rethink I35 plan or other alternatives that allow a robust and diverse downtown to grow while diverting through traffic around the city. Instead of supporting highway widening downtown, instead focus on appropriate urban transit and environmental changes such as a transit first solution with a pedestrian friendly street. This will facilitate the growth of small businesses and the vibrant community that we Austinites value and makes our city a destination for tourists from all over the world and a great place to live.

Alex Haynes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Doise Miers

From: Jordin kelsey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:41 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: More Lanes Doesn't Solve Traffic

Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove the I35 expansion from the CAMPO TIP and do NOT FUND this expansions. Im a reisfent of Austin and mostly I'm against expansion because of the displacement it will cause to local business and residences. As public officials, you should be thinking about every single one of your constituents. There is also already constant construction around Austin, contributing to the traffic problem. This type of highway didn't solve the problem in Houston, why would it work here?

Shouldn't we be putting solutions into making Austin more walkable, bikeable, or public transit friendly?? Getting more cars off the road is the only real way to decrease congestion. A campaign about public transit, or perks of carpooling could do a lot more for this city. Bigger highways are gonna turn Austin into the Bay Area california and GIRL I know yall don't want that.

Jordin Kelsey

Jordin kelsey
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

austin , Texas 78744

Doise Miers

From: Mary Kraemer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:47 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand

Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live on i35. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I am FOR redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.]

Mary Kraemer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78753

Doise Miers

From: Edwin Bautista <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:10 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please listen to the community and fight back against I-35

Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of District 7 and adamantly oppose and further expansion of I-35.
Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips - isn't that why we have MoPac?

I am FOR the Rethink35 proposal, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, or a public transit-first project.

Edwin Bautista

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78757-3252

Doise Miers

From: Marcella Cannatti <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 8:33 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Remove the IH35 Expansion from the CAMPO Plan

Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Marcella, I am resident of Austin, Texas. I am writing to BEG you to remove the expansion of IH35 from the CAMPO Transportation Plan and please do not fund the expansion of the highway. Time and time again highway expansions have worsened congestion and damaged communities. Expanding IH35 would worsen the historic divisions between East and West Austin, and make Austin an even less walkable city - no one wants to cross a highway on foot, even if they are walking underneath or over it!

I support the Rethink35 proposal to replace IH35 with a local boulevard and reroute non-local traffic. Doing so would improve the area around IH35 A LOT and improve the lives of Austin citizens.

Please, please do the right thing and do not opt to fund the expansion.

Thank you for your time,

Marcella Cannatti

Marcella Cannatti
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78703

Simone Serhan

From: Edwin McManus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 4:27 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

I live at 360 Nueces St downtown Austin.

I support the Rethink35 proposals, redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate, a boulevard going through town, a public transit-first project, etc.

Other towns on I-35 have done it, why not Austin?

Edwin McManus

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78701

Simone Serhan

From: Stephanie Brooks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 7:41 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansions

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Ms Doise Miers,

I oppose any expansion of the I-35 freeways. This leads to induced congestion and does not solve the issue. We should instead focus on connecting our bike lane networks, and improving our public transportation systems via high-speed trains and bus systems. These buses should have their own lane, separate from traffic, to keep on time and alleviate traffic conditions. This is a far less expensive option than the cost of constant freeway expansions and repair that do not alleviate traffic.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

Stephanie Brooks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Denton, Texas 76201

Simone Serhan

From: Jennifer Conroy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 6:37 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose I35 Expansion!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please remove I35 expansion from CAMPOs funding plan. This is not an Austin-friendly project. I live 3 blocks east of 35. We already struggle with cars racing down Willow St at high traffic times. People want to get home faster. But more lanes just create more traffic.

This manner of traffic planning is not sustainable. We need to be promoting better public transit, not more car dependence. We need to value families over mindless development and protect the hundreds of families and family businesses who stand to be displaced by the current agenda.

Reroute 35 traffic down 130. Rejoin the East and West sides. Don't create a behemoth barrier further separating East from West.

This will be YOUR LEGACY. PLEASE. Make it right.

Thank you.

Jennifer Conroy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78702

Simone Serhan

From: Nicholas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:03 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Concerns about 35 Expansion

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I and many families believe that 35 should not be widened as this will increase pollution and congestion.

We should route 18 wheelers around downtown and encourage active transport modes, ebikes, scooters, electric car share through downtown on boulevards vs high speed freeways.

Thank you for considering the future for our kids and for adapting 35 to have HOV lanes and a guideway for trains vs gridlock via induced demand.

Thank you,
Nicholas

Simone Serhan

From: C Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:13 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I oppose giving TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of the Wilshire Woods neighborhood in Austin, TX, and my home abuts the highway; the treatment of I-35 greatly affects me and my family. I am writing to request that you please remove I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I oppose expanding I-35. The 'infinite growth' model of the last 20 years of Austin leadership is completely unsustainable and seems to be hurtling us toward a dystopian existence that is completely divorced from the Austin I grew up in. Rather than having a huge, ugly, semi-truck dominated, polluting highway bisecting our city, I think SH-130 should be re-utilized as an interstate and freight should be required to circumnavigate Austin, similar to other modern metropolitan areas.

C Kent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Robert Gilliland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:36 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

Please remove funding for expansion of I-35 from TxDOT. Expansion will only make matters worse for those driving on it and those living near it.

Yours truly,
Robert Gilliland

Robert Gilliland
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78731

Simone Serhan

From: Daniel Convissor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:00 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: drop i-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Greetings:

Widening highways harms residents, the economy and the environment. Remove the I-35 expansion from your plans.

Sincerely,

Daniel Convissor

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591

Simone Serhan

From: Gian-claudia Sciara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:48 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please halt I-35 expansion

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EXTERNAL email: Exercise caution when opening.

Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO Board,

I am an Austin resident, and I vehemently oppose the I-35 expansion project. It is unfathomable to me that elected officials would pursue hugely expensive and INEFFECTIVE capacity expansion for this roadway.

In a vibrant metro region like Austin, and one that helps to anchor the Texas Triangle, the dynamics of induced demand mean that this new "capacity" will provide only short term and fleeting traffic relief. Further, this new capacity will in fact invite more traffic to the road in the long run.

I will support any elected official who removes this project from the TIP and who instead works toward OTHER means of managing demand on I-35. A carefully crafted road pricing framework that is orchestrated with SH 130 could be far more cost effective in addressing the problems that the expansion seeks to solve.

Any steps to advance such a costly and ineffective strategy as I-35 expansion reflect irresponsible use of public dollars. CAMPO Board, you must reconsider!

Gian-Claudia Sciara

Gian-claudia Sciara
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78705-2813

Simone Serhan

From: Julie Unruh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: NO I-35 expansion please!

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Ms Doise Miers,

PLEASE do not allow I-35 expansion. Aside from the fact that it won't solve anything - there is so much data about how highway expansions do not fix traffic problems; they actually exacerbate them - we need to stop encouraging car culture and put resources into making public transportation workable instead, and encouraging biking and walking instead. PLEASE stop supporting transportation that is killing us and killing the planet. CAMPO seems unable to think beyond the status quo. Ditch the status quo - it's a proven disaster. Support alternatives that improve our city instead.

Julie Unruh

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78702

Simone Serhan

From: Alfredo Davila <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop i35

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of high park Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

Alfredo Davila

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78751

Simone Serhan

From: David Todd <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:34 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: IH-35 Opposition

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Ms Doise Miers,

In your role with CAMPO, I urge you to reject the proposed expansion of IH-35. I live and work within 1/2 mile of the highway, and oppose the proposal to increase IH-35 to 22 lanes. Based on earlier TXDOT expansion projects, such as the Katy/IH-10 segment, we have seen that enlargement of freeways is self-defeating, attracting more traffic and sprawl, and leads to noise, air pollution, and surface runoff. I think a far better solution to congestion would be two-fold: routing traffic onto 130 and increasing transit investment to link Austin with neighboring communities, through trains and buses. Thanks for considering my views - David Todd

David Todd

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78704

Simone Serhan

From: Peter Journey-Kaler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:11 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposed to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Austin living close to I-35 and I am strongly opposed to Txdots plans to expand the interstate. This project will destroy homes, bring more pollution and traffic into the heart of the city. It will increase green house emission worsening the climate crisis. It will continue a policy of segregation and dislocation for communities of color. I ask you to eliminate the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and not fund I-35 expansion. This fee should be removed from the city center and replaced with public space that connects our community instead of further dividing it.

Peter Journey-Kaler

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Yvelines 78705

Simone Serhan

From: Christopher Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:52 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

My name is Chris Clark and I am a resident of east Austin. I categorically oppose TxDOT's current plans to expand interstate 35 through downtown Austin. They simply do not meet the needs of Austinites. We deserve transportation infrastructure that is sustainable, equitable, and safe. Urban highways are none of these things. Widening urban highways worsens congestion through induced demand. This leads to higher emissions, longer commute times, and more injuries and death.

I am routinely disappointed by TxDOT's lack of consideration for alternatives to car-dependency. We must reimagine how we travel around our city. Cities around the world have learned from past mistakes, removing highways from their city centers and investing heavily in public transit. We must do the same.

10 years of construction is too long for a solution that will only be effective for a few years. It is also an admission that traffic could easily be rerouted to other highways like SH-130 and local roads. Urban highways do much more harm than good.

Interstates should not be used for local trips and through-traffic should not go directly through a city center. This right-of-way should instead be used for human scaled infrastructure like a boulevard and transit-way. Texas could be a leader in the future of transport technology. Let's not let this opportunity go to waste.

Christopher Clark
[REDACTED]



Austin, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Derek Hansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:15 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposed to I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

As an 18-year resident of Austin and now homeowner in East Austin, I am urging the CAMPO Board to remove the current TXDot I-35 expansion from its plans and rethink capital area transit with a focus on prioritizing alternative transit (bike/ped) and mass transit (bus, trains, light rail, mini buses and vans). The current design simply enables more cars and invites greater congestion to our failing transit corridor. It will be obsolete before it is even complete. We all know that. So let's not waste millions, if not billions, of tax dollars on a myopic plan that brings further damage to the culture and heartbeat of our city.

I am for:

- Securing the MoKan as a bike/ped corridor and developing a comprehensive bike/ped system that circles the city core, just like Denver, San Antonio, Minneapolis-St Paul, Bentonville-Fayetteville, and a long list of other American metro areas that are far more advanced than Austin.
- A comprehensive light rail system that ties into a comprehensive commuter rail along the I-35 corridor from DFW to Austin and San Antonio
- As a final resort, exploring the possibility of additional highways like SH130 to circumnavigate the city and divert traffic away from the core, while improving access for growing exurb communities.
- Reducing our carbon footprint to secure a future for our children and grandchildren and improve air quality for all of us living in the now.

Again, I urge you to remove the I-35 expansion in it's current design iteration from the metro area transit plans. We need to hold TXDot accountable to the needs and desires of the Austin community.

Thank you,
Derek Hansen

Derek Hansen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78724

Simone Serhan

From: Angie Sperandio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:15 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: I 35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of Cherry wood/French Place neighborhood here in Austin.

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

I OPPOSE expanding I-35.

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

I don't want to use an interstate highway for local trips.

I'm in favor of expanding a public transit system more like the Dart in Dallas then adding more lanes to I 35 and destroying established old neighborhoods in Austin

Angie Sperandio.

Angie Sperandio

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Caitlin Richardson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:54 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Unnecessary detriments with the current expansion plan of I-35

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello!

My name is Caitlin Richardson and I am a current third-year student at the University of Texas at Austin. I am concerned about the displacement of many houses, businesses, industries, and more that will be affected by this expansion. There is no denying that I-35 needs some type of expansion to try and mitigate the severe traffic, but there are more options that should be considered that would be more beneficial for all Austin residents and all those driving through. Austin has always taken steps to become a greener city and I believe there are ways to simultaneously pursue this goal and improve the health of the Austin population significantly while also increasing the efficiency of I-35.

I also believe that expanding I-35 under the current plan will only worsen congestion, just like Houston's Katy Freeway expansion did.

Thank you for your time,

Caitlin Richardson

Caitlin Richardson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, 78706

Simone Serhan

From: Dave Obermann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:12 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Stop the I-35 expansion in central Austin

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Ms Doise Miers,

I ask that all of you vote AGAINST the current TxDOT plan to expand I-35 through central Austin (aka, TxDOT I-35 Capital Express Central plan). This plan is wrong in so many ways.

If constructed as TxDOT plans, this expansion will only temporarily reduce I-35 congestion (there are many studies that confirm this projection). But it will forever increase air, noise, light, heat, toxins and particulate pollution in the heart of our city. In addition, it will displace scores of businesses and homes, and will further divide our city into east vs. west. I-35 is already a barrier to east-west transit thru Austin; this expansion will only exacerbate these problems, pushing more traffic onto smaller streets and into neighborhoods.

What's perhaps most revolting is that there are other options that TxDOT has refused to consider, and which are LESS expensive than this proposal. We need to reroute I-35 to the TX 130 ROW, which will divert through-traffic out of the city. And then repurpose the current I-35 ROW to service commuters in our metro area, which is adequate as built today.

The future of Austin is in your hands. Please vote NO on the TxDOT plan. Your NO vote is the only rational and responsible financial, environmental, and livable decision.

Thanks...Dave Obermann (40+ year central Austin resident).

Dave Obermann
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 787222223

Simone Serhan

From: Heather Telo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:07 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. I support the Rethink-35 Plan.

Heather Telo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: David Grabbs <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:59 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Expanding I-35 will make walking and biking in Austin worse

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Ms Doise Miers,

This will worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion.

David Grabbs

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78748

Simone Serhan

From: Craig Nazor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:16 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: No I-35 Expansion!

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Ms Doise Miers,

Dear CAMPO,

If you build it, they will come, right down through Central Austin. I do not want that! Why can't Austin have a through bypass along SH-130 that is FREE? It is ridiculous to build a through highway, right through the center of our city, sucking up the most expensive real estate, with noise and pollution, and continuing to divide East Austin from West Austin.

Please REMOVE the I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion.

We need a plan for transportation in and around Austin that works for EVERYONE, not just for the big truckers and TESLA drivers (and it doesn't even work very well for them!). When I go past a big city, I want to go around the big city, not through the heart of it, unless that is my destination.

Austinites have said that again and again for years, yet TxDot continues to try to do to Austin what they have done to so many other Texas cities - tie them down with roads and traffic and more cars, with the promise that "everyone will be able to get everywhere," when the actual result is that NO ONE can get ANYWHERE easily, because of wall-to-wall traffic.

What Austin needs is better public transit, a real SH-130 Austin bypass (call it the NEW I-35) that is free so it actually works as a bypass, and an "old" I-35 that no longer splits the city with a noisy, high-speed, pollution-producing barrier; something along the lines of a Rethink35 Plan.

Thanks for considering my input - and please actually consider it!

Craig Nazor
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78758

Simone Serhan

From: Emily Allison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:49 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion (and countless others). It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. Additionally, NEW projections from USDOT FHWA note that costs of building and maintaining highways has RISEN 50% since 2020, further burdening the tax payers of TX for a horrible, no good, very bad highway expansion.

Emily Allison

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78752

Simone Serhan

From: Rachel Maguire <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:52 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: OPPOSE I-35 expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Rachel Maguire
[REDACTED]

3212 Breeze Terrace
AUSTIN, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Jeffrey Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:41 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposed to I-35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. I believe the traffic study is flawed. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combating the climate crisis. I believe it's possible (and I hope) that EPA air quality standards will be tightened, the planned expansion will no longer conform. and the huge cost of the project will be wasted, or it will require another huge expenditure to bring it into conformance. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) which excludes through large truck traffic, and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate. This has been a successful plan in other major US cities. I've read the reasons SH-130 can't be redesignated, and they are bureaucratic, which can be overcome.

Jeffrey Wolf

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Scott Morrison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:53 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please vote to remove IH 35 from the 2023-2026 TIP

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Ms Doise Miers,

I'm a resident of Cherrywood, a Central Austin neighborhood just east of I-35. Like many of my neighbors, I oppose the CapEx Central expansion project as it is currently proposed. Clearly the highway (as it exists today) is a congested, unsafe, polluting mess -- but the project as currently proposed doesn't fix it. There's still a chance to get it back on track, if CAMPO takes appropriate action.

My request is simple: remove the I-35 Central project from this year's CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (the 2023-2026 period) and defer it to the 2025-2028 TIP. This will remove the schedule pressure that is leading TxDOT to prematurely finalize its design with all of the flaws intact. It will provide time for the state and city to align on funding for improvements such as caps and decks. It will allow time to reconsider some of the valuable community feedback that was thrown away early in the design scoping process. Most of all, it will allow for a much-needed reset of the relationship between TxDOT and the community.

We only have one chance to get this highway right. The CAMPO board has an opportunity to vote on whether TxDOT has made their case for the project to proceed as planned. Many of the board members are on the public record with their concerns about the design, requests for enhancements, and so on — I applaud all of you. Perhaps more of you share those concerns privately. This is your moment. Removing the project from TIP is the clearest signal we, as a community, can give that the project is not “shovel ready”, there are fundamental concerns that need to be addressed.

For those of you who agree generally with TxDOT leadership about the merits of the project, you can still choose to support this pause in the process. This project is meant to serve Austin and the surrounding counties for generations. We can't afford to rush into this project

headlong, rip up communities with construction and land acquisition, close highway lanes for construction for years on end, and still end up with a poorly performing asset at the end. There are good ideas within the community that have not yet been incorporated into the design — and we can't afford to miss out.

Thank you,
Scott

Scott Morrison

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, TX, Texas 78722

Simone Serhan

From: Susan Sutton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:05 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please stop the expansion of I35

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Ms Doise Miers,

We have seen the results of highway expansion in other places - after years of disruption in the construction process, the traffic just comes back as bad as ever. We don't need a river of long haul traffic coming through the heart of downtown in one of the largest and fastest growing cities in America. Divert trucks and long-haul traffic around Austin, consider other options for central Austin at least, like Rethink I35's boulevard proposal. Giant highways dividing cities is a legacy of the past - please plan for a better future.

Susan Sutton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas 78701

Simone Serhan

From: Steve Klabnik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:01 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please oppose I35 Expansion

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Ms Doise Miers,

Hello,

My name is Steve, and I am a homeowner in East Austin. My property is directly adjacent to i35, my bedroom window looks out over it.

I walk daily down the i35 frontage road, for various things. It is my path to the grocery store, it (and crossing i35) is my path to downtown. I can't tell you the number of times I've almost been hit by a car as a pedestrian. I **also** can't tell you the number of times me, a sole pedestrian, holds up a huge number of cars when the light goes green for a full cycle.

Anyway, expanding i35 will make my life worse. There will be more cars, more pollution, more noise. If anything, i35 should be put on a diet. I could repeat the Katy Freeway story, but I'm sure you've heard it many times before. Expanding highways does not work. It is worse for both drivers and for pedestrians, cyclists, and everyone else. A highway going between cities, in rural areas, makes sense. Within a city? It does not.

Please remove i35 expansion from the TIP.

I would **love** to see i35 turned into a boulevard. The footprint of i35 is in some of the most valuable real estate in the city, if it weren't a highway. There could be tons of businesses, and new neighbors. That's the future I'd want to see.

Thank you for your time.

Steve Klabnik
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

austin, Texas 78702

Doise Miers

From: David Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:38 PM
To: CAMPO Comments; Ashby Johnson; Doise Miers
Cc: Amanda Morrow; Richard Suttle; Andy Pastor; Josh Lickteig; Bobak J. Tehrany; Smith, Kathy
Subject: Public Comment - Dog's Head / East Austin Connectivity

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Ashby and Doise – for public comment, please see below from Richard Suttle and Endeavor to be considered in 2023-2026 TIP Amendment.

David Ross, *Development Associate*
Endeavor Real Estate Group

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Suttle, Jr. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:02 PM
To: David Ross <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amanda Morrow <[REDACTED]> Richard Suttle <[REDACTED]> Andy Pastor <[REDACTED]> David Ross <[REDACTED]> Josh Lickteig <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please forward.

David,
Please forward the following to the appropriate CAMPO comment contact. Thank you.

For public comment, we submit a request to consider in the 2023-2026 TIP Amendment an improved connectivity through the “Dog’s Head” region of East Austin (the ~3,000 acre area bounded by the Colorado River, Hwy 183, and Hwy 71), including regional connectors and bridge crossings across the Colorado River.

As Far East Austin grows, it is critical to improve direct connectivity between SH-130, US-183, FM 969, and FM 973 (improving regional access for all of East Austin) and we believe there is a compelling opportunity to do so now.

We would love to discuss further with you at your earliest convenience.

Richard Suttle

From: [CAMPO](#)
To: [Campo](#); [Doise Miers](#); emily.hepworth@campotexas.org
Subject: New submission from Contact Form
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:39:15 AM

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Name

David Todd

Email

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Comment

I live and work within 1/2 mile of IH-35, and urge you to reject the proposed expansion of the highway to 22 lanes. This project will be self-defeating due to the induced demand, will lead to air, noise and water pollution, and will be enormously costly. I ask that you oppose the project and encourage TXDOT to instead incentivize use of existing underused alternative routes, such as 130, and also build railines and bus lanes as a substitute for private vehicles. Thanks, David Todd

Doise Miers

From: CAMPO <no-reply@campotexas.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:39 AM
To: Campo; Doise Miers; emily.hepworth@campotexas.org
Subject: New submission from Contact Form

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<https://www.campotexas.org/contact/>

Name

Kellie Hodges

Email

[REDACTED]

Comment

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

From: [CAMPO](#)
To: [Campo](#); [Doise Miers](#); emily.hepworth@campotexas.org
Subject: New submission from Contact Form
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:46:23 AM

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Name

Kate Herling

Email

[REDACTED]

Comment

As a resident of North Loop Austin, please do not give TxDOT direction or funding to expand I-35. It really is a terrible way to alleviate Austin's congestion.

Doise Miers

From: Kathy Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:51 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Please do not support TXDOT in it's Expansion of IH 35.

Ms Doise Miers,

The expansion of I H 35 through downtown Austin will create more traffic and will lead to tearing down at least 100 houses in a stable neighborhood. It will widen the current highway by 200 feet. It will continue to allow out of town through traffic which should be routed around downtown Austin. It will not lessen the 60 -79 decibel noise traffic. It is an out of date plan which is at least 30 years old. It needs major revision and creativity to fit current and future growth. Please do not give your permission for TXDOT to expand IH 35.

Kathy Goodwin

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722

Kathy Goodwin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas 78722-1203

Simone Serhan

From: Doise Miers
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Simone Serhan
Subject: FW: New submission from Contact Form

From: CAMPO [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:39 AM
To: Campo [REDACTED] >; Doise Miers [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: New submission from Contact Form

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Name

Kellie Hodges

Email

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Comment

I am a resident of central Austin. Please REMOVE I-35 expansion project from the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and please do NOT fund I-35 expansion. I OPPOSE expanding I-35 because it would worsen congestion in our entire region, including where I live. Studies show that expanding highways only worsens congestion, as we saw from the Katy Freeway expansion. It is also the wrong plan for combatting the climate crisis. I am FOR an alternative vision for the current I-35 corridor (such as a more public transit-oriented project or a boulevard) and for redesignating another highway such as SH-130 as an interstate.

Doise Miers

From: Barbara Mueller <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:33 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Opposition to the "woke" plan

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PLEASE don't limit our travel in this beautiful state! Just let the free marketplace solve our traffic problems.

(Ms.) Barbara Mueller
Texas Congressman Steve Allison is my rep.

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Doise Miers

From: Susan Pantell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:44 AM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Comments on TIP

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Hello,

I oppose TxDOT's I-35 Capital Express Central project and would like to see it removed from the TIP. I especially object to increasing the number of lanes through central Austin. I support the Rethink35 proposal to remove the highway through downtown Austin.

Highway expansion projects result in induced demand over time, which causes more congestion and will result in more air pollution and vehicle crashes. CAMPO should instead focus on improving multi-modal options. CAMPO should move funding from the I-35 expansion project to rail and transit, which would have far greater benefits to air quality and climate change emissions and contribute toward congestion reduction.

Susan Pantell

Doise Miers

From: Thomas Panevino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:55 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Bridge Connecting North Shore (Lago Vista) + RM 1431 Safety Improvements

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Hello,

Are there any plans to connect the North Shore (Lago Vista, TX) via a bridge with the greater Austin area? Currently, the city is only served by a single road (RM 1431). Many residents in the area would love to see an alternative to this single road in and out of the city given the extensive growth in the area. Additionally, I encourage you to consider making more immediate safety improvements to RM 1431 as the roadway is plagued by numerous accidents and fatalities. Thank you for taking this into consideration!

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THOMAS PANEVINO

Doise Miers

From: Terri Hall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:36 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Austin MPO wants to spy on people - TIP comments

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Why do you want to spy on Austinites' every movement?

Your plan is rife with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy applied to roads, heisting needed road funds that are supposed to help alleviate congestion to instead implement WOKE road policies designed to force you out of your car and into transit, biking, or walking.

Ubiquitous sidewalks, jutting curbing, bus and bike lanes and excessive pedestrian projects will not help alleviate auto congestion in Austin. Many people who have to drive Austin roads on a daily basis do not actually live within the city limits. They do not have fair representation on CAMPO, yet you're coming after their cars and ability to get to/from work in a reasonable timeframe. Daily life in a modern world does not revolve around walking and biking or using transit (which is inefficient and time consuming). Texans want and need road expansion to address the choking congestion on Austin highways and roadways.

There's also serious funding to wage a digital surveillance war against Austinites complete with CCTV cameras with HD footage with computer vision capabilities for image detection and recognition, Cloud connectivity and GPS-based communication to receive updates from their 'smart' traffic and street lights to spy on your every move. Modern traffic incident management systems and Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) are nothing more than government surveillance tools to spy on and track innocent people's every move, hoping to find a crime to fine people for - those who are simply going about their daily lives.

ATMS involves smart sensors & cameras (installed in street lights), tracking of vehicles, data mining. They use RFID, air quality sensors, transportation apps (user data in real time), big data and predicative analysis. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and reinforcement learning. CCTV cameras (like Europe), electronic road pricing gantry systems, connected traffic light systems, and more.

This is NOT the future or transportation system Austinites want to wake up to.

We oppose the amendments that spend:

- \$7 million for ATMS
- \$5.2 million for EV charging stations (paid for at taxpayer expense)
- \$1 million on mobile emission reduction plan (anti-car)
- \$4 million for Regional Transportation Demand Management (similar to ATMS)

The I-35 project includes non-tolled 'managed lanes,' which means restricted lanes that the bureaucrats will 'manage' cars/congestion levels through various gimmicks like HOV mandates, etc. The project also includes a 'shared use path,' which is code for hike and bike paths (a total waste of road real estate and money). We want to see general purpose lanes without all the 'multi-modal' gimmicks that few utilize. Currently, I-35 is a parking lot, not an expressway. Cars

need every inch of space for expansion of the vehicle lanes, not hike and bike paths or 'managed lanes' where the government picks who gets access to them.

Scrap 90% of these proposed amendments that won't even move the needle on congestion. After [decades of pushing transit](#) and other alternatives to driving, there has been no significant increase in use of public transit or other modes, despite dumping tens of millions into these alternatives. Focus on roadway expansion and stop the feel-good green gimmicks. They do nothing to actually help get people from point A to point B.

Comments submitted by
Terri Hall, Founder/Director
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San Antonio, TX 78258

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TURF is an all-volunteer grassroots group that defends Texans' freedom to travel.

TURF's membership includes hundreds of Austinites & those in the surrounding areas.

Doise Miers

From: Chris Nappi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:21 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Brodie Lane and TIP

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Now that the decades long debate over SH45 is finally over, it is time to revisit improvements to Brodie lane between Slaughter and 1626. With the traffic pressure off, now addition of better flood control, bike lanes, sidewalks and medians with turn lanes needs to be discussed.

I am hopeful that with taking widening Brodie (at least through Shady Hollow proper) off the table we can finally have a productive conversation (hey, one can hope!).

Regards,
Chris Nappi

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Doise Miers

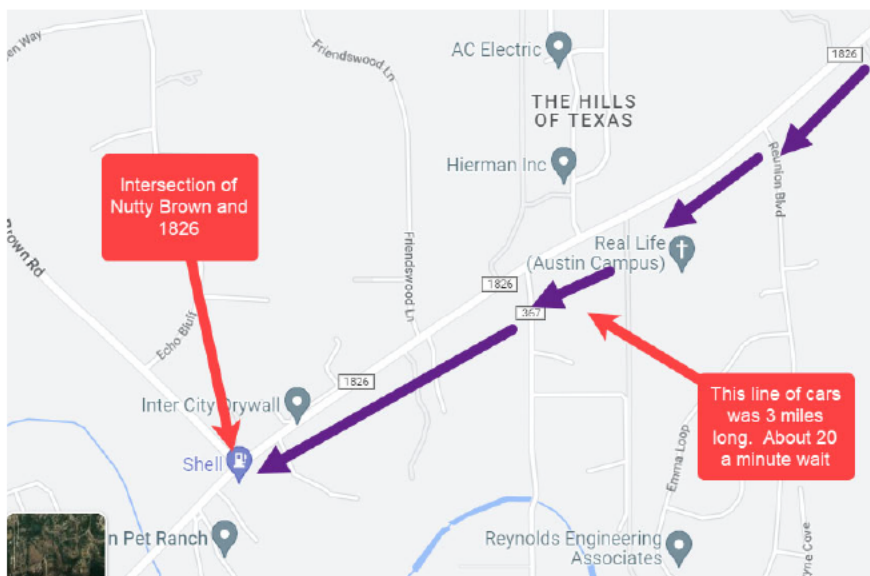
From: Bill Brock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 12:28 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Cc: William Semora Jr
Subject: RM 1826 -- needs widening NOW

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CAMPO Folks,

I encourage you to drive RM1826 on a Friday about rush hour time, around 5 pm. Yesterday I was heading into Austin on this road and saw the incredibly long line going out of Austin, heading southwest on RM1826. The line was 3 miles long! It measured from Nutty Brown road almost to Madrone Trail.

Here is a little map to show you what I am talking about:



As I say, I encourage you or your planners to take that road heading out of Austin on some Friday afternoon about rush hour. Granted that this is the extreme case. But even on daily traffic this highway is extremely congested.

So if widening RM1826 is in your plans, please consider moving the date up from where it currently is. We who live out here are more frustrated every year.

Thank you,

Bill Brock



Doise Miers

From: Randy Lawson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:46 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 620/Anderson Mill Intersection Improvement Funding

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My Canyon Creek neighborhood would like to thank the TPB for voting to recommend \$25 mil in funding for this intersection improvement in both Travis and Williamson counties. We look forward to the engineering and environmental work continuing and then proceed to the right-of-way acquisition phase and finally to the construction phase of this project. Thanks again for this funding decision.

Randy Lawson - Director, Canyon Creek HOA

Doise Miers

From: Robert Alexander <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:34 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: 1826

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1826 in Hays County must be included in the plan to widen. Too many accidents and deaths.
Thank you.
Robert Alexander

Simone Serhan

From: Alice Andrews [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: IH 35 TIP

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Please do not direct TxDOT to expand IH 35 through Austin and do not fund it either. Better alternatives exist to protect the health of affected neighborhoods and businesses on the city corridor.

Alice Andrews

Simone Serhan

From: Anthony [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:26 PM
To: CAMPO Comments
Subject: Don't expand I-35. Build highways outside of Austin instead.

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They are loud, noisy, and unsightly. They don't have any place in a city and expanding them only makes them worse. They are uglier than skyscrapers and smell worse! Please do not expand I-35 in Austin!

Simone Serhan

From: Adam Wyatt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 9:45 AM
To: CAMPO Comments; Doise Miers
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Project Funding Revisions

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Dear Campo TPB,

Due to the following issues, please revise the project list to eliminate/defund the Brushy Creek North Fork Trail (MPO ID 62-00004-00).

- 1). The trail was designed to maximize access and ease of use to the most high income neighborhoods in the area, while purposely limiting access points to citizens that do not live in immediately adjacent homes/neighborhoods. Thus Campo funds are effectively being used to add value and benefit to only high income homes in the county, while doing nothing to address the lack of trails (shared use paths) in low income areas of the county. Per design of this trail, Campo funds and long term city funds are purposely being used to ensure the most vulnerable populations of the county will see little to no benefit.
- 2). The area where this trail is being added already has some of the best access to trails, sidewalks, and shared use paths in the city/county. Instead the funds should be used to add trails in areas of the county that have historically had no trails and to add trails that strategically address the lack of East-West connecting options in the county.
- 3). No study was done to see if Campo funds and long term city funds could be used for alternate projects that would more fairly add value and benefit and ease of use/access to All citizens. Not just the citizens living in adjacent high income homes.
- 4). City sponsor is not sharing information regarding Environmental Review with the public.
- 5). City sponsor is not sharing details on how new trail elevations will impact stormwater management in critical areas.

Thanks,

Adam Wyatt



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