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2035 Regional Transportation Plan

**PEOPLE, PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE:
Your 25 Year Transportation Plan**

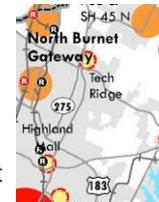


On May 24 the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board adopted the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. This plan culminates several years of intensive planning and public dialogue and covers Williamson, Travis, Hays, Bastrop and Caldwell Counties. The Plan calls for making investments in the region's transportation system that will help us to address existing deficiencies while moving toward a more sustainable growth and transportation pattern over time.



The Plan includes strategic additions to the region's highway and arterial system, while also calling for increased investment in public transportation, bicycling and walking, and other programs that improve our ability to access our region while maintaining regional quality of life. The Plan calls for CAMPO and our regional partners to encourage a growth pattern that would make more

efficient use of investments in the regional transportation system. Under the Plan, a larger share of future growth would be accommodated in higher density, mixed use centers served by public transportation. The general locations of these centers are shown on the Centers Concept map included in the Plan. The Centers Concept is based in large part on the work that came out of the Envision Central Texas planning effort, but also reflects additional input from local planning experts and the public.



An as-adopted version of the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan will be available in mid-September. In the meantime, the draft document with modifications adopted by the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board is available on the CAMPO website.

For more information, contact [Stevie Greathouse](#) at (512) 974-9715.

Ozone Standard Delayed

Staff just received news from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the announcement of the final ozone standard, expected to occur on August 31st, has been delayed. EPA is now anticipating that the final ozone standard will be signed on or about the end of October 2010. The standard will include the schedule for nonattainment designations and State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittals. The SIP is the plan on how the state and nonattainment area will achieve compliance of the standard by a specified deadline. EPA is planning to announce a proposed implementation rule at the same time that the

final ozone standard is signed.

Envision Central Texas Regional Forum

Innovate or Stagnate: Can New Approaches to Infrastructure Development Transform our Region?

ECT Regional Forum on Friday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., "Innovate or Stagnate: Can New Approaches to Infrastructure Development Transform our Region?" [Click here](#) to view a flier about the event.



The forum will focus on innovative collaborations that communities from outside Texas, as well inside the state, have created to accomplish complex, efficient multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency projects. In a time of ever growing infrastructure needs and ever diminishing resources, our region must find ways to innovate or risk stagnation. Speakers for the forum include Atlanta Regional Commission Director Chick Krautler, Brushy Creek Regional Utility President Mitch Fuller; North Central Texas Council of Government's Director of Transportation Michael Morris and Catellus President Greg Weaver. The program will also include audience discussion and electronic polling. It should be a very exciting and inspiring event and we hope to have diverse involvement from across the region.

Tickets for the event are \$40 and sponsor tables are \$500. The event will be held at the at St. Vincent de Paul Auditorium at the Seton Administration Building at the Mueller Development. Because this venue is somewhat smaller than our typical hotel locations, seating will be limited, so we encourage those interested to register soon. To make reservations, [click here](#) for online registration or call Diane Miller at 512-916-6037.

TxDOT Awards Safe Routes to School Projects

Six infrastructure projects and ten non-infrastructure projects were recently awarded Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding by TxDOT. SRTS programs are sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. These programs examine conditions around schools and conduct projects and activities that work to improve safety and accessibility, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As a result, bicycling and walking to school are made safer and more appealing transportation.



Infrastructure Projects in the CAMPO Region:

- Elgin- County Line Road Safe Walking and Biking to Neidig Elementary and Elgin Middle School

- Elgin -Critical Safe Routes to School Pedestrian/Bicyclist Infrastructure for FM 1100
- Smithville's Safe Routes to School Program
- City of Buda - Safe Routes to School Improvements
- City of Austin - Safe Routes to School Project
- Georgetown Mitchell Elementary Safe Routes to School Implementation

In addition to the six capital projects building pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects, twelve non-infrastructure projects were chosen in our region. Each of them include education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation activities to encourage active transportation to school:



*photo Mike Cynecki,
www.pedbikeimages.org*

- Austin was awarded an overarching project, and nine projects at specific schools: Bedicheck, Kealing, Blackshear Oak Springs, Odom/St. Elmo, Pickle, Wooldridge, Wooten/Andres, Zavala/Marting, and Palm/Widen.
- Georgetown received the award for its application at Mitchell Elementary.
- Smithville's program in Bastrop County was also awarded funding.

The infrastructure awards will fund projects will construct pathways, crossings, and signage to complete critical links in the pedestrian and bicycle network between local schools and neighborhoods. These projects, including newly constructed sidewalks, crosswalks, school zone signs, bike/ped paths, school zone flashers and pedestrian bridges will help create safe and viable routes to schools for students promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles in children.

For more information contact [Alex Kone](#) at (512) 974-2529.

http://www.txdot.gov/safety/safe_routes/
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

CAMPOs FYs 2011 - 2014 "Transitional" Transportation Improvement Program

In accordance with federal regulations, a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is required every four years. The Texas Department of Transportation requires the development of new TIPs on a two-year cycle. To comply with these requirements, over the past three months CAMPO has worked with its regional partners to develop the FYs 2011 - 2014 Transitional TIP.

Due to the tight timeline of the development process, this TIP was developed as a transitional TIP that only includes those projects that must be included for reasons such as funding, near-term construction or required reviews by the United States Department of Transportation. The FYs 2011 - 2014 Transitional TIP will be amended in early 2011 to include all 2011 - 2014 TIP projects.

CAMPO held five community meetings on the FYs 2011 - 2014 Transitional TIP throughout the month of June and a public hearing on July 12th at the Joe C. Thompson Center on the University of Texas campus.

The 2011 - 2014 Transitional TIP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Board on August 9, 2010.

For more information, contact [Dan Dargevics](#) at (512) 974-2748.

Staff Changes

CAMPO recently hired three new staff. [Theresa Hernandez](#) is our new Financial Consultant, and is responsible for the budget, Unified Planning Work Program, contracts and open records requests. [Alex Kone](#) is an University of Texas master's in planning graduate, and works in safety and security, and long-range planning. [Francesca Hernandez](#) (no relation to Theresa) leads the Commute Solutions program on a part-time basis.

The search is underway to hire a replacement for Joe Cantalupo, AICP as CAMPO's next Executive Director. Information including phone numbers for all CAMPO staff is available on our ['About Staff' web page](#).

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