

CAMPO 2040 Plan

City of Austin - Comments

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Austin Transportation Department



NORTH

INTERSTATE
TEXAS
35



SOUTH

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ONE WAY



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*City of Austin staff generally **concur** with the projects contained within the **CAMPO 2040 Plan**.*

***Objections** arise with parts of the plan that **don't meet intent of City policy**, exacerbate traffic **capacity constraints**, or pose threats to **environmentally sensitive areas**.*

-COA CAMPO COMMENTS



Highlighted City comments on CAMPO 2040 Plan

Loop 1, Cesar Chavez to Slaughter

- Increases capacity of Loop 1 South to **two** tolled express lanes in each direction versus **only one** tolled express lane in each direction as shown in CAMPO 2035 .
- City staff concerns:
 - technical feasibility and evaluation of the traffic impacts of the project on connecting roadways (capacity of Cesar Chavez to absorb traffic of **two** new direct connect roadways from Mopac express lanes: one South, one North)
 - Environmental implications of the surrounding area,
 - Project is entirely in the City of Austin and Travis County jurisdictions, and as such, City Council should be given the opportunity to understand the proposed project changes.
- ATD recommends the Project Plan impacts to local jurisdictions and roadways be thoroughly vetted before placing on the 2040 Plan

SH 45 SW, Loop 1 S to FM 1626

- Four-lane tolled freeway with a 2015 Let Year, which is the year that funding is available for a project. This is the Committed, controversial SH 45 SW that was recently environmentally cleared by TxDOT to proceed into final design and construction.
- City staff concerns:
 - Insufficient environmental review and mitigation strategy for this proposed project. Many conclusions in “Finding of No Significant Impact” in Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) not supported with technical data
 - Falls short in: consideration of project alternatives, transportation analysis, evaluation of the effectiveness of temporary and permanent water quality controls, and in assessment of potential impacts to endangered species.
- Project is in direct conflict with Imagine Austin, which states under Action LUT A46, “...to remove SH45 SW and requesting its removal from the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.”

SH 45 SW -FM 1626 to IH 35 S *(related to SH 45 SW)*

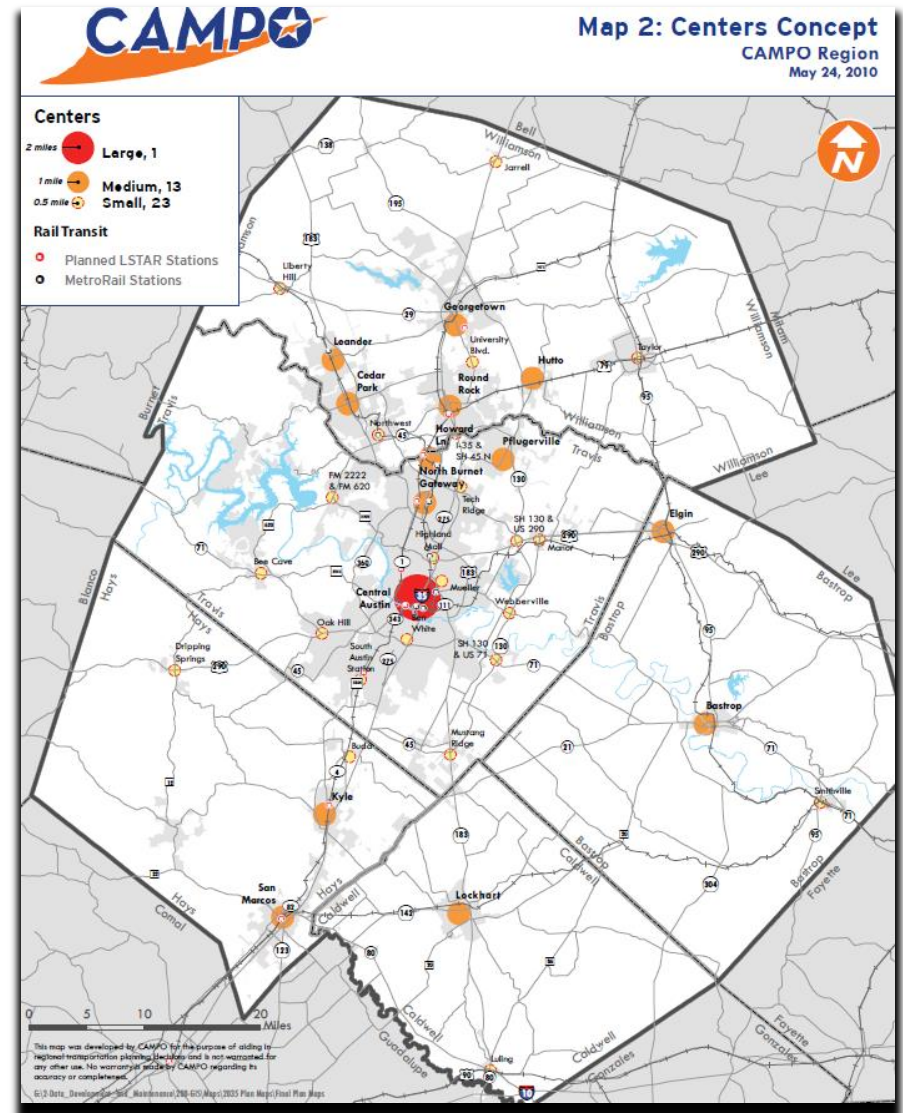
- Environmental and preliminary engineering analysis for SH45 SW from FM 1626 to IH 35.
 - Would complete SH 45 SW from IH 35 to Loop 1 S.
- City staff concerns:
 - Same as SH 45 SW – Loop 1 to FM 1626 (previous slide)

Garlic Creek Drive, Elevated Toll, NF 13

- **Garlic Creek Drive, SH 45 SW to RM 967**
 - N/S thoroughfare that would connect to SH 45, is dependent on SH 45 construction that City objects to.
- **Elevated Toll Road, RM 620 (south of 2222) to SH 45 S**
 - Study for six-lane, elevated toll road (City of Lakeway)
 - Would go through Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) and risks endangered species.
 - Crosses COA Water Quality Protection Lands - poses threat to quality of future COA water supplies.
- **NF 13, RM 1826 to FM 150**
 - New, two-lane major arterial.
 - Would go through City Water Quality Protection Lands and/or Conservation easements posing threat to quality of future COA water supplies.

Centers Policies

- CAMPO 2035 and 2040 plan states region's commitment to developing high density, mixed-use activity centers in the locations shown on the CAMPO Centers Map.
- COA staff requests retaining Policy 26 language from 2035 Plan that **supports specific targets** for activity centers to reach 31% of regional population and 38% of regional jobs by 2035 versus **no target at all**.



Pedestrian and Bicycle Policies

- Policy 2 in 2040 Plan changes a firm 15% **“allocation”** of CAMPO discretionary federal funding (STP-MM) to pedestrian and bicycle projects, as in 2035 Plan, to achieving only a **“target”** of 15% funding.
- Staff recommends maintaining 15% allocation of STPMM monies, as well as restoring the 2035 Plan Pedestrian and Bicycle Districts back into the 2040 Plan.

Questions?