




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert D. Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director
Austin Transportation Department 

DATE: September 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **CAMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting Agenda**

The Transportation Policy Board will meet on Monday, September 8, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3.102 of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, located on the University of Texas campus at 2405 Robert Dedman Drive, for their regular meeting. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) staff has prepared an agenda packet ([Agenda](#)).

Of all the agenda items for the regular TPB meeting, the following are of greatest importance to the City:

- **Item 9, Public Hearing on Requested Amendments to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, and Projects Submitted in the 2014 Call For Projects for available Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) Funds**

CAMPO staff will be holding a series of community meetings, as outlined in the Item Backup, to solicit comments on requested amendments to the *FYs 2015-2018 TIP* and the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan*. Of note, CAMPO staff is also presenting all of the projects submitted for the FY 2015-2019 STP-MM Call for Projects for public comment as potential amendments. Considering all of the potential STP-MM projects at once ensures that the projects ultimately selected will be immediately eligible to be amended into the 2035 Plan in this plan amendment cycle. Federal law requires that projects selected to receive STP-MM funding be included in the region's TIP and long-range transportation plan.

The first community meeting begins with a public hearing at the September 8th Transportation Policy Board meeting. The STP-MM approved amendments will potentially increase the *FYs 2015-2018 TIP* and *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* by up to \$75.6 million.

The Austin City Council considered and approved at their June 12, 2014 Council meeting that the following projects be submitted for the FY 2015-2019 STP-MM Call for Projects:

| Project/Roadway Name | Limits | Project Description | Total Project Cost |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| N Lamar Blvd | Rundberg Ln to Braker Ln | Corridor improvements to North Lamar Boulevard, including construction of pedestrian crossings and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the road | \$10 million |
| I-35 Corridor/Regional Transportation Management System | SH 45 SE to SH 45 N | This project will provide improvements to the Transportation Management Center and the installation or upgrade of traffic control infrastructure, dynamic message signs, traffic signal and traveler information systems and the fiber optic communications network. | \$5 million |
| Lakeline Red Line Trail Connector | Lakeline Blvd to Avery Ranch Blvd | Construct Lakeline Red Line Trail Connector | \$1.7 million |
| Bike Share/ Bike Safety | City wide | Expand the Bike Share/Bike Safety program | \$4 million |

▪ **Item 10, Overview of the 2040 Plan Preferred Scenario Development Process**

At the August 27, 2014 TAC meeting, the TAC reviewed a list of road and transit projects ranked using the results of a public participatory budgeting exercise, a TAC participatory budgeting exercise, and scoring based on Board-approved criteria. The purpose of this ranking is to inform the selection of the preferred scenario for the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan*. CAMPO staff developed the ranked list according to the assumptions outlined in the Item Backup. The road project list is provided as Attachment A, while the transit project list is provided as Attachment B in the Item Backup. CAMPO staff will continue to work with the TAC to develop a recommendation for a preferred scenario for the *2040 Plan*. In order to stay on track, the TAC must make a recommendation at the September TAC meeting, while the TPB must make a recommendation at the October TPB meeting.

▪ **Item 12, Review of 2035 Plan Policies for Development of the 2040 Plan Policies**

This informational item reviews the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* policies (Attachment A, Item Backup) in preparation for the development of the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* policies, as CAMPO staff will be soliciting public input on the policies in the next round of public involvement. Of particular note, Policy 20 of the *2035 Plan*, relating to the accommodation of bicycle facilities, needs to be revisited as a clear consensus has not been reached. A brief background is provided in the Item Backup.

City staff will attend the Transportation Policy Board meeting. If your office has additional questions related to the agenda or would like an individual briefing prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Derr at 974-7228.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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