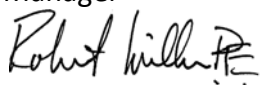




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

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

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

**DATE:** December 5, 2014

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

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The Transportation Policy Board will hold a Workshop Monday, December 8, 2014, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3.102 of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center. Immediately following, the Transportation Policy Board will meet beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3.102 of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center for the Regular Meeting. The conference center is located on the University of Texas campus at 2405 Robert Dedman Drive. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) staff has prepared an agenda packet ([Workshop Agenda](#) and [Regular Meeting Agenda](#)).

**Of all the agenda items for the Workshop TPB meeting, the following are identified by staff as of greatest importance to the City:**

- **Action Item, 3, Discussion of the Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

CAMPO staff and TAC recommend the TPB approve the TAC recommended draft of the preferred scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Plan, and reserve the remaining \$300,000 for an arterial improvements study (may include transit and bicycle/pedestrian activities) to be identified in a future plan amendment. The Draft Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 *Regional Transportation Plan* is contained in the following attachments:

- Existing and Committed projects in Attachment A;
- 100% Locally Funded projects in Attachment B;
- Some Grouped projects in Attachment C;
- Rural Transit projects in Attachment D; and
- IH 35 projects in Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties identified in the TxDOT IH 35 PEL Study.

**Recommendation** - City staff concurs with CAMPO staff and TAC on the Draft Preferred Scenario for the 2040 Plan. However, based on Council direction, enumerated in the Imagine Austin Plan and subsequent Council action, staff continues to recommend objection to SH 45 SW projects included in the Committed, Grouped, 100% Locally Funded and Illustrative List portions of the future 2040 Plan.

Additional information can be found on the attached Workshop Supplemental Background pages following this memorandum.

**Of all the agenda items for the Regular TPB meeting, the following are identified by staff as of greatest importance to the City:**

- **Action Item 7a and 7b, Approval of the Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

*Action Item 7a backup duplicates some of the information presented in the Workshop Item No. 3, above. There is no backup for Item 7b, however, this is a presentation by CDM Smith staff of selected model results for the preferred scenario.*

The remaining projects to include in the fiscally-constrained draft preferred scenario of the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan must be selected. TAC recommends a scenario that meets fiscal constraint requirements, and builds upon components of the draft preferred scenario already identified.

The Draft Preferred Scenario for the *CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan* is contained in Attachments A through D described in the Workshop Item No. 3 above. In order to complete the fiscally-constrained Plan, projects were selected for these remaining scenario components at the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> TAC workshop:

- Urban Transit Projects in Attachment E;
- TAC Recommended Project List, using the remaining state and federal funding and inclusive of the IH 35 projects, in Attachment F and corresponding map in Attachment G; and,
- A map of the TAC recommended projects combined with the 100% locally funded projects in Attachment H.

**Recommendation** - City staff concurs with CAMPO staff and TAC on the Draft Preferred Scenario for the 2040 Plan. However, based on Council direction, enumerated in the Imagine Austin Plan and subsequent Council action, staff continues to recommend objection to SH 45 SW projects included in the Committed, Grouped, 100% Locally Funded and Illustrative List portions of the future 2040 Plan.

Additional information can be found on the attached Regular Meeting Supplemental Background pages following this memorandum.

- **Action Item, 8, TAC Recommended Centers Map for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

CAMPO TAC and staff recommend that the TPB:

- approve a revised Centers map (Attachment A);
- define Centers (Attachment B) for inclusion in the *CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan*; and,
- develop a formal designation process for the Centers types and an annual growth monitoring report with the TAC Centers Subcommittee.

**Recommendation -** City staff concurs with CAMPO and TAC on the recommendation regarding the above aspects of the CAMPO Activity Centers. The CAMPO Centers concept is consistent with *Imagine Austin's* regional, town, and neighborhood centers concept of mixed-use activity nodes.

Additional information can be found on the attached Supplemental Background pages following this memorandum.

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.

cc: W. Gordon Derr, P.E.  
Council Executive Assistants  
Staff

### **Workshop Supplemental Background**

- **Action Item, 3, Discussion of the Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

The Plan is the blueprint for the 2040 transportation system. The Plan:

- Can be amended as needed, and must be updated every five (5) years;
- Is constrained by the funding forecast expected to be reasonably available through 2040;
- Lists specific projects expected to be implemented with the available funding;
- Contains “grouped projects” that are project types that are not required to be individually listed in the Plan but are within the fiscally constrained boundaries of the Plan;
- Lists “illustrative projects”, projects that may be implemented if additional funding beyond the amount forecast becomes available;
- Lists corridor studies expected to be conducted by 2040

***The total estimated cost by 2040 for the entire CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as proposed would be approximately \$34.5 billion. For comparison, when the current 2035 Plan was adopted in 2010 the total cost for the entire CAMPO 2035 Plan was estimated at \$28.4 billion.***

All 100% locally funded projects will be included in the preferred scenario if the sponsoring entity has sufficient forecast revenue. If not, these projects will move to the illustrative project list.

The Grouped Projects include a category for all bicycle and pedestrian projects, as well as road operational, safety, and maintenance projects, bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects, public transportation operations and maintenance projects, and landscaping and transportation enhancement projects.

### **Regular Meeting Supplemental Background**

- **Action Item 7a and 7b, Approval of the Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

*Action Item 7a backup duplicates information in Workshop Item No. 3 with the exception of the required Urban Transit Projects and remaining state and federally funded road projects, in addition to the IH 35 improvements.*

Note that **CMTA77** serves as a placeholder for future high capacity transit within the Central Austin Corridor, with CMTA as the sponsor and the City of Austin as co-sponsor. **CMTA77** contains a general description for a location within Central Austin and an estimated cost of approximately \$499 million in 2025, the year of expenditure.

City staff continues to have serious reservations regarding the inclusion of several projects in environmentally sensitive areas.

- **BUDA48** This Grouped Project would be the environmental and preliminary engineering for a new SH 45 SW freeway, from FM 1626 to IH 35. This is inconsistent with the *Imagine Austin*,

and the City is on record in opposition to SH 45 SW in this area. The multiple environmental constraints in the context of SH 45 SW are displayed on *Map 1*.

- **BUDA18** The proposed Garlic Creek Drive 4-lane divided arterial is a 100% Locally funded project. It would connect to SH 45 SW between IH 35 and FM 1626, or **BUDA48**. Refer to Map 1 for the project location.
- **CT08** This is the Committed controversial SH 45 SW, S. Loop 1 to FM 1626, in direct conflict with *Imagine Austin*. The year of expenditure is 2017. The project is highlighted on Map 1.
- **LW01** The proposed project is similar to the 1984 “SH 45 Western Outer Loop”, and is a study in the Illustrative List for a 6-lane toll road. Any new roadway would traverse existing subdivisions in the City limits, require a new western bridge over Lake Austin, and cross Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL) and areas designated in Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP). *Map 1* demonstrates the project is extremely contrary to the *Imagine Austin* and should not be considered for further study at this time.

- **Action Item, 8, TAC Recommended Centers Map for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

The CAMPO TAC Centers Subcommittee developed a recommended approach to the designation, size, shape, and definition of activity centers. The TPB endorsed the Centers map on August 12, 2013, and the geography was based on jurisdiction comprehensive plans. The TAC adopted the Centers Subcommittee recommendation on Nov. 19, 2014. Activity Centers are to include a level of transit service, and promote mixed use environments that possess the density, diversity, and design attributes in order to produce lower vehicle-miles traveled and support transit, bicycling, and walking.

The Center definition is a typology ranging from Region, Town, Community and Village centers. This Center type has not yet been assigned. A formal process for this effort can be presented in 2015.



## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD WORKSHOP

Monday, December 8, 2014

Room 3.102, Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas Campus

Red River and Dean Keeton Streets, Austin, Texas

4:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Open workshop .....Chairman Conley

#### DISCUSSION:

2. Presentation of Travel Demand Model Results on the TAC Recommended Preferred Scenario for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.....Mr. Jonathan Avner, CDM Smith and Mr. Ashby Johnson, CAMPO  
*Mr. Avner will present some of the model results for the preferred scenario and Mr. Johnson will request approval of the 2040 Plan Preferred Scenario.*
3. Discussion of the Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan  
.....Ms. Cathy Stephens, CAMPO  
*Ms. Stephens will provide an overview of the TAC recommended Preferred Scenario for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.*
4. Adjournment

8. [Approval of the TAC Recommended Centers Map for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan](#).....Mr. Alex Kone, CAMPO  
*Mr. Kone will discuss the TAC recommended update of the Centers map for the CAMPO 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and request approval of the map and a definition of “centers.”*
9. [CAMPO Concurrence on IH 35 PEL Study Findings](#).....Mr. Terry McCoy, P.E., TxDOT  
*Mr. McCoy will provide a report on the planning, public engagement, and project developments activities associated with the IH 35 mobility projects in Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties and request the TPB authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to concur with TxDOT's IH-35 PEL Study.*

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO COMMENT ON ITEMS IN THE SECTION ABOVE**

**INFORMATION:**

10. Report on Transportation Planning Activities
  - a. Preview of Upcoming 2035 Plan and TIP Amendments
  - b. CAMPO Texas Legislative Agenda
  - c. Potential Bylaws Changes
11. Announcements
  - Texas Transportation Forum, December 14-16, Austin Hilton
  - Next TAC Meeting – December 17, 2014
  - Next TPB Meeting – January 12, 2015
    - Election of Officer
12. Adjournment

Presenters with audiovisual needs are requested to contact Art Zamorano at 512.974.2275 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or who may need a translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact Mr. Zamorano at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.