

#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Robert Spillar, P.E., Director

**Austin Transportation Department** 

**DATE:** July 1, 2016

SUBJECT: CAMPO Transportation Policy Board July 6, 2016 Meeting Agenda

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3.102 of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center. The conference center is located on the University of Texas campus at 2405 Robert Dedman Drive. The final agenda and background materials are posted on the CAMPO website and can be accessed <a href="here.">here.</a>

There are two action items on the agenda, including approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2016 TPB meeting. Transportation Department staff is providing information and/or recommendations on the following agenda item:

• Action Item 4 – Approval of the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

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CAMPO staff will request approval of the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (see Attachment A in the agenda backup). If approved, CAMPO staff will submit the TIP and approved resolution to TxDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. At its June 6, 2016 meeting, CAMPO staff briefed the TPB and held a public hearing on the draft FYs 2017-2020 TIP. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the FYs 2017-2020 TIP at its meeting on June 22, 2016.

The full draft FYs 2017-2020 TIP, including requested amendments, was provided for public comment and a Community Outreach Report (attached to this memo) was provided to the TPB on June 29, 2016 for its review prior to the request for TIP adoption at the July 6 meeting.

CAMPO staff has indicated the next round of amendments for the FYs 2017-2020 TIP will be due August 1, 2016 and will be brought to the TPB for approval this fall.

#### **Background**

In February 2016, CAMPO staff received requests for new projects and amendments to projects that would proceed to construction during the four-year period of the next *TIP*. The list of requested projects was presented to the public beginning in February 2016 concurrent with the Tier 2 public involvement process for amendments to the *FYs 2015-2018 TIP* and the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan*. Projects in the *FYs 2015-2018 TIP* that have not yet "let" for construction roll over to the *FYs 2017-2020 TIP*. The first public comment period ended in May 2016 after nine open houses and an online open house.

Following the public hearing at the June 6, 2016 TPB meeting, CAMPO reopened the public comment period and issued the full draft document of the *FYs 2017-2020 TIP*. Three additional public open houses were held and the second public comment period ended on June 29, 2016.

#### Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Discussion of Item 4

At its June 22, 2016 meeting, the TAC recommended approval of the *FYs 2017-2020 TIP*. Previously, at its May 25, 2016 meeting, the TAC discussed the first public comment period and the draft *FYs 2017-2020 TIP* information that was provided. There was some concern about the incompleteness of the information provided publicly during the first comment period and the need for additional information and public input opportunities before the approval of the *FYs 2017-2020 TIP*. CAMPO staff indicated that the public comment period would be reopened after the public hearing at the TPB meeting on June 6, 2016 to capture additional public input on the updated full draft *TIP*, which occurred and closed on June 29, 2016.

#### Purpose of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

According to federal law and regulations, CAMPO, in cooperation with the state, transit operators and local jurisdictions, develops a *Transportation Improvement Program* for the six-county region. The four-year *TIP* lists projects that are funded with federal dollars and are consistent with the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan*. The *TIP* may also include non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant.

**Recommendation** – In accordance with CAMPO staff and the TAC, staff recommends approval of the FYs 2017-2020 TIP.

City staff will attend the Transportation Policy Board meeting. If your office has additional questions or would like an individual briefing prior to the meeting, please contact Gordon Derr at (512) 974-7228.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

ATTACHMENT: Community Outreach Report for the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

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## Community Outreach Report 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Spring 2016

#### **Background**

In February 2016 the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), in accordance with its Public Participation Plan, launched a Tier 2 community outreach effort. The purpose of this effort was to engage the public and solicit input in CAMPO's six-county region on projects submitted for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This effort included a variety of opportunities for the public to review and weigh in on both the preliminary list of projects submitted to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP and the draft 2017-2020 TIP, including two rounds of in-person and online open houses.

This outreach effort followed the recommended practices of a Tier 2 effort, including news releases, email and postal mail notices, community meetings, and maps. This effort also went beyond the recommended Tier 2 practices by using earned media, social media, online event calendars, online open houses, and print brochures.

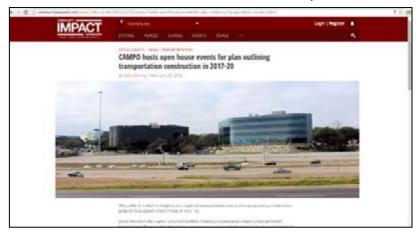
TIP Category	Number of Projects Submitted
FYs 2017-2020 TIP — Highway Projects (includes bike and pedestrian projects)	69
FYs 2017-2020 TIP – Transit Projects	37

#### **Notifications**

CAMPO's Public Participation Plan Tier 2 notification requires at least one news release, email notification to email list subscribers, and postal notification to postal mail subscribers.

For the first round of outreach, a news release was sent to 61 media contacts on February 23, 2016

which briefly described the TIP development process and listed the in-person open house dates and locations, online open house webpage, and comment opportunities. Another news release was sent to the same media outlets on June 9, 2016 announcing the in-person open house dates and locations, online open house webpage, and comment opportunities for the draft TIP.



Email notices were sent to 5,787 subscribers of the CAMPO email list on February 23 and June 8. A post card was mailed to 1,153 subscribers of the CAMPO postal mailing list on February 19, 2016. For the second round of comment opportunities, a flyer was mailed to postal mail subscribers. Like the news release, the email and postal mail notices briefly described the TIP development process and listed the

in-person and online open house participation and comment opportunities.

While meeting the Tier 2 notification requirements, this effort also included supplemental notifications as a way of reaching those who may not be as familiar with CAMPO and CAMPO processes. These notifications included earned media through television, print, and radio announcements, social media postings on CAMPO's Facebook and Twitter feeds for all twelve open houses, and posting open house information on a regional online events calendar.









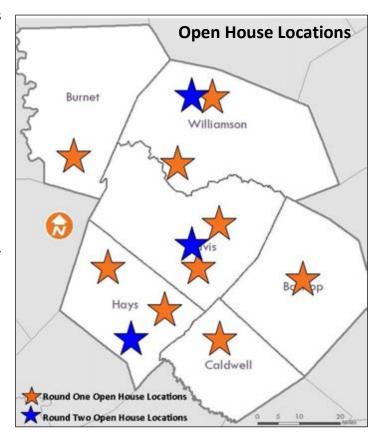
#### **Open Houses**

CAMPO hosted twelve total in-person open houses throughout the six-county region. The first round of nine open houses included information on the preliminary list of projects submitted to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP. An online open house went live February 29 and stayed open until April 15 for this round of outreach.

The second round of outreach for public review and input on the draft 2017-2020 TIP included three in-person open houses and an online open house from June 5 to June 29. Displays and comment cards were also available at the June 6, 2016 CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting.

#### In-Person Open Houses

In compliance with Tier 2 requirements, in-person open houses were held throughout the CAMPO region to provide opportunities for the public to talk one-on-one with CAMPO staff initially on the preliminary list of projects submitted to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP, and later, the draft 2017-2020 TIP. Local governments such as TxDOT Area Offices, Travis County, Capital Metro, and the City



of Georgetown attended the in-person open houses as a resource for those who had project-specific questions.

CAMPO partnered with other agencies for these open houses including inviting Capital Metro to provided information on their Connections 2025 effort and using the Austin Mobility Fair as an open house.

Open houses used a come-and-go format and were held 4-7 p.m. to allow flexibility in the late afternoon and evening schedule and to accommodate travel demand management at the highest peak of the evening rush. The exception was the open house held from 1-4 p.m. at the Austin Mobility Fair prior to the Austin City Council Mobility Committee meeting. Open houses were held at community libraries when available to make information easily accessible, attract those who may not have known about the open houses, and offer a convenient, comfortable location for community engagement.

Public Open Houses	Open Houses Held 4-7 PM*			
Monday, February 29 – Bastrop Library				
Wednesday, March 2 – Pleasant Hill Library, Austin				
Thursday, March 3 – Marble Falls Library				
Monday, March 7 – Lockhart Library				
Thursday, March 10 – Kyle Library				
Monday, March 14 – Cedar Park Library				
Tuesday, March 15 – University Hills Library, Ad	ustin			
Wednesday, March 16 – Dripping Springs City Hall				
Thursday, March 17 – Georgetown Parks & Red	c Admin Building			
Monday, June 13 – San Marcos Activity Center				
Tuesday, June 14 – Austin City Hall *(1-4 pm)				
Wednesday, June 15 – Georgetown Historic Light and Waterworks Bldg.				

A brochure describing the TIP, depicting potential TIP project on maps, and explaining the variety of commenting formats was distributed to all open house participants. A QR code (quick read code) linked to the online open house was also included in the brochure as a way to revisit the information after the in-person opportunities. The QR code can be scanned from a smartphone's code reader to instantly display the online open house website.

Large display boards accompanied the brochure showing the potential TIP project maps and supplying project ID numbers used to match projects with their descriptions on the submitted project spreadsheet and during round two, the draft 2017-2020 TIP. In addition to the large maps, displays explained the purpose of the open house and the various ways to submit comments, along with the commenting deadlines.

CAMPO staff was available at all open houses to explain the open house format and commenting options, answer questions, and assist the public in matching the project ID numbers on the display maps to the projects descriptions in the submitted project list (round one) and draft TIP (round two). Staff also had laptops and hard copies of the *CAMPO 2040 Plan, 2015-2018 TIP*, and errata sheets for the draft *2017-2020 TIP* on hand for reference.





#### Online Open Houses

The first round online open house went live the day of the first in-person open house, February 29, and stayed online until April 15, the comment deadline for the preliminary TIP project list. The second round

online open house went live prior to the June 6 Transportation Policy Board meeting, and stayed available until the comment deadline on June 29.

The online open houses supplemented the in-person open houses by providing the same information and maps for those who may not have been able to attend in person, and as a reference for those who did attend in person to review maps and information prior to and following the in-person open houses.

The online open houses provided the same large display boards as the in-person opportunity and showed the project maps and project ID numbers used to match projects with



their descriptions on the submitted projects spreadsheet (round one) and draft TIP (round two). In addition to the maps, the online information explained the purpose of the open houses, the various ways to submit comments with a linked email address for comments, the commenting deadline, the spreadsheet of submitted projects (round one), and the draft 2017-2020 TIP and errata sheet (round two).

The round two online open house was updated twice to reflect changes to the errata sheet requested by project sponsors and the Technical Advisory Committee.

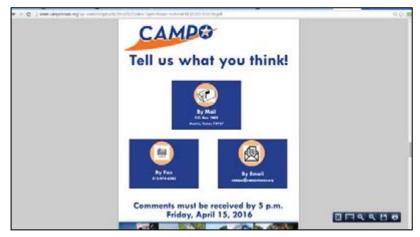
#### **Comments**

The comment period for first round of outreach began February 29 and was extended twice, ending on April 15. The second round of outreach opened with the public hearing at the Transportation Policy Board on June 6 and concluded the formal comment period on June 29. However, public commenting will be available at the July 6 Transportation Policy Board meeting.

The comments received in the first round were informational for the Transportation Policy Board's

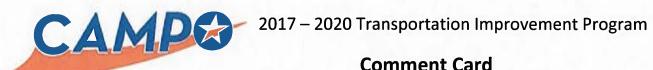
consideration. These comments did not include questions that required follow up. The second round also included informational comments for the Transportation Policy Board's consideration, with a large majority of the comments requesting improvements at the RM 2222/620 intersection.

Email commenters received an email from CAMPO confirming that their comments were received and will be



included for consideration by the Transportation Policy Board. Following Transportation Policy Board action, CAMPO will work with TxDOT (the project sponsor) to respond to commenters on the RM 2222/620 requested improvement.

The comments that follow include all comments received from both rounds of outreach opportunities through in-person open houses, email, and postal mail as of the comment deadline of 5 p.m., June 29, 2016. No comments were received by fax.



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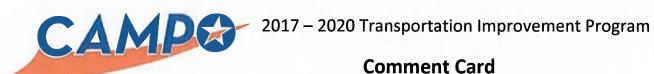
Comments must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2016.

Return comments by:

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Email: campo@campotexas.org

In person: 505 Barton Springs Rd., Suite 700



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Address: 78745
Email:
Comments:
Excellent service. Thank you for making this so accessible. Young lady was
Very knowledgeable + helpful. It is helpful to have this information + explanation
at the public library. I appreciate how much effort has been made to bring
this info. to the public + to keep us involved. There are some excellent ideas
being discussed of I'm excited to see these practical ideas being implemented.
Thank you for considering intersection management that removes
potential grashes for motorcyclists making left - hand turns. Excellent
idea to remove on-coming traffic issues at intersections.

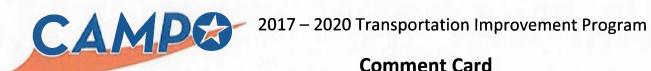
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- Dedicated Transit LAINES ON I-35
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- I Live & NEAR 1626 \$ 967 SO I would not
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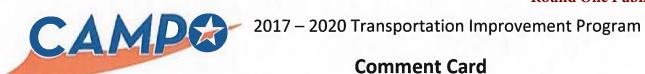
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Name (required): Laura Hernandez
Address: 78722
Email:
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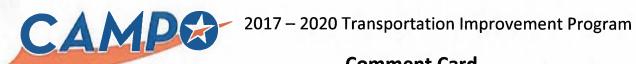
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### Better Public Transit

Cellular Mass Transit (CMT) would use a combination of bus and minibus to provide better public transit. The service area would be divided into 20 cells of 12 square miles each. Each cell would have a hub, or transit center, fed by eight short feeder routes. These 20 hubs would connected by 33 express routes. Most of these express routes would run at least part of the way on the 35 miles of managed express lanes that Austin will have within the near future. More people would be able to get from home to work in less than 60 minutes.

Many to Many vs Many to One. An express bus network that connected 20 hubs would get riders to all commercial areas. While the current system connects many neighborhoods to just one commercial area, in the city center, a better system would connect many neighborhoods to many commercial areas. Most people work and shop at dozens of smaller commercial areas that are scattered over the low density urban area.

More Connections Served: 190 vs 6. With 20 hubs connected by 33 express routes the express bus network will serve 190 hub to hub connections. The most recent rail proposal would have served the equivalent of just 6 hub to hub connections. A hub connection table shows which routes serve which connections. Download the table PDF at CMT4Austin.org.

High Speed: Austin will have 35 miles of express lane in the near future. A typical express route would pick up at two hubs in the northwest, run 18 miles non-stop on express lanes at 60 mph, and then drop off at three hubs in the southwest. You would be able to get from Lakeline hub to Oak hill hub in under 40 minutes at 8 am.

High Carry Capacity: One express lane filled with buses can move as many people as 20 regular lanes filled with single occupant cars. If the lane moves 500 buses per hour and each bus has 40 riders then the lane would move 20,000 riders per hour.

Lower Cost: In the near future low cost 14 seat minibuses would run most off peak feeder and express trips. Within ten years driverless buses would be used to run most off peak express trips. Driverless buses are being used in Europe now.

Less Travel Time: Express routes stop only at hubs that are three miles apart. Most express routes would travel around the congested down town and hence have less delay due to congestion. Some north-south routes would have 18 miles of non-stop travel on express lanes at 60 mph.

Hubs enable express routes to run faster by reducing the number of stops required to collect a full load. At a typical hub eight short feeder routes would bring in riders from every home and work place within a three mile radius. Every ten minutes eight feeder buses would arrive with 14 riders each. So every ten minutes a new group of 112 riders would arrive at a hub and request rides by express. Express buses would pick up 20 riders at a single hub stop.

More Direct Express Routes: The sample express route maps PDF (download from CMT4Austin.org) show how a typical hub would be connected to 19 other hubs by express routes that run direct. A rider would be able to get from northeast to northwest by a direct route. He would not have to travel into the downtown to transfer. Six or more express routes would branch out from each hub to connect to the 19 other hubs.

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Less Wait Time: With smaller vehicles all routes would run at least 6 times per hour, 18 hours per day and 7 days per week. Wait times would be ten minutes at most and 5 on average. Most current routes have a wait time of 30 minutes between buses.

Better Transfer Conditions: Hubs would have air conditioned waiting rooms where riders transfer from feeder too express. Hubs would have other amenities like restrooms, a security guard, and cushioned seats. Better transfer conditions could reduce the transfer penalty from 49 minutes to less than ten.

More tasks accomplished with one trip. Hubs would be located next to shopping centers with grocery stores. Community centers would be built within a short walk of each hub to house day care, library and public health clinic. Parents with young children could get to & from day care and grocery with the same trip that gets them to & from work. Providing day care at transit stops has already been done in other cities.

Anchor points for dense development. Hubs can be anchor points for denser development. Since each hub will have a concentration of facilities and services, it makes sense to zone for and build high rise apartment and office buildings. With all the feeder and express routes that intersect at the hub, local residents will not need cars or parking.

Increase Vehicle miles by six fold. Vehicle miles would increase from 14 million/year to 84 million /year. The CMT Overview PDF (download from CMT4Austin.org) explains how smaller vehicles, more efficient operation and single direction feeder loops will enable the CMT to increase vehicle mileage by six fold.

Increase ridership 5.3 fold. Ridership would increase from 33,000 to 176,000. The average ratio of new riders per new vehicle miles is .89\*. So a six fold increase in vehicle miles could result in a 5.3 fold increase in riders. Other factors that would attract new riders are better transfer conditions and faster travel. \*This is the average for 11 cities that had comprehensive system expansions.

Low emissions with bus powered by Fuel cell. Several major auto makers have started selling fuel cell powered cars. The technology has come down in cost and will soon be a clean way to power buses. The only emission is water vapor. The hydrogen consumed would be generated by electric power from solar cells and wind turbines.

Working Poor save almost \$300 Million/year. When 143,000 new riders give up their cars and save \$2000 a year, the combined savings will be \$286 million a year. Austin will be more affordable if transit is improved.

CMT4Austin.org has maps and other docs. Sample express route maps show hub locations and which routes serve ten hubs. Maps compare current service routes with future CMT feeder routes. The hub connection table shows how 33 routes would serve 20 hubs with 190 hub-to-hub connections.

Contact Richard Shultz at

From: <u>Susan Pantell</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Comments on the TIP and 2040 Plan
Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 1:55:36 PM

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the following projects in the 2017-2020 TIP:

#1 City of Austin - pedestrian safety measures

#23 Capital Metro - all projects listed for bus and rail service

I would like to see more money for these projects and others like them that support public transit and pedestrian access and safety.

Regarding items 82 p and r, IH-35 express lanes, I would like to know whether these lanes will be tolled and how they will be used. I oppose toll lanes, but support express lanes for use by buses. I have the same comment for the 2040 Plan items 82n - 82r.

Sincerely,

Susan Pantell

From: <u>Mickelson, Christopher</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Suggestion for 2017-2020 CAMPO Plan...
Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 10:22:42 AM

I am unable to attend any of the open meeting time periods for the 2017-2020 CAMPO Plan; therefore, I am submitting my suggestions by email for consideration. I would suggest considering the following, in no special order:

- Dedicated carpool lanes.
- Variable carpool lanes (these are lanes that turn into carpool only lanes during specific time periods, normally morning/evening rush hour, such as 7-9a or 4-6p).
- Reversible lanes (these are lanes that are used to help ease congestion going in and out of
  the city during specific time periods. Similar to Seattle, where an additional lane from the
  Northbound and Southbound flow into the city starting at midnight going until noon, then
  reverses and flow out of the city from noon until midnight on those same Northbound and
  Southbound lanes.)
- Light-rail in the South, West, and East of Austin, similar to the one in the North.
- A bypass highway/freeway around Austin (from Buda to Round Rock) that is not tolled.
- Expand all major arteries in all directions (North, South, East, and West) in Austin to help ease congestion.
- Have growth help pay for expansions and enlargements of roads.

Thank you for your time.



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May 13, 2016

Transportation Policy Board Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767 campo@campotexas.org

Via Email

#### Re: Comments on CAMPO FYs 2017-20202 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Members of the CAMPO Board:

Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS Alliance) offers the following comments on the proposed Fiscal Year's 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). SOS Alliance appreciates the opportunity to comment and CAMPO's consideration of these comments.

SOS Alliance reiterates the comments made in and incorporates by reference SOS's March 28, 2016 letter on the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan and attachment thereto (included in the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Agenda and Back-up for the April 4, 2016 meeting).

### CAMPO Should Prioritize Multimodal Options such as Transit and Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure.

SOS Alliance supports the transit projects proposed in the 2017-2020 TIP, and encourages CAMPO to prioritize transit as a transportation option in Central Texas. In addition to the transit projects included, CAMPO should consider supporting Lone Star Rail's ongoing studies to provide a much-needed alternative to commuters driving to Austin from communities to the South. Currently, there are not *any* public transit options from Kyle or Buda into Austin. CARTS goes from San Marcos to Austin (and back) without stopping in Kyle or Buda, even though they are on the way. It is unlikely that the cost of this service would significantly increase if stopovers in Buda and Kyle were added. As it is, commuters working in Austin have no option but to drive. CAMPO should facilitate options for commuters and all travelers by emphasizing enhanced transit services, including expansion of CARTS service and continued support for Lone Star Rail.

In addition, SOS Alliance supports the pedestrian and bicycle projects proposed in the 2017-2020 TIP. However, the cumulative cost of these projects amounts to only a small fraction of the funds to be dedicated to build and expand roadways. This is partly because pedestrian and bike facilities are much less expensive than roads, but it is also because there are much fewer of these projects proposed in the plan—only fifteen projects. CAMPO

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should recognize that there needs to be greater equity in the allocation of limited transportation funds. Persons who do not own a car, either by choice or necessity, should not have to put their safety at risk because there was not enough money to build a sidewalk. Moreover, to truly alleviate traffic congestion, transportation infrastructure needs to allow people to get out of their cars and use other means to safely travel to their destinations, including walking and biking. Thus, CAMPO should prioritize projects for pedestrians and cyclists in the 2017-2020 TIP.

### The MoPac Intersections Project Needs to Be Carefully Scrutinized if Not Removed from the TIP Altogether.

The MoPac Intersections Project (ID #101) should not be included in the 2017-2020 TIP, and certainly not at an increased price of \$65,398,793. These funds should be redirected to more sustainable and affordable non-highway projects that do not encourage sprawl development in the highly vulnerable Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. Less expensive and more environmentally friendly options exist to relieve congestion on MoPac at Slaughter and La Crosse. For more discussion, see SOS's March 28, 2016 comments on the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan and attachment from Metro Analytics.

As SOS noted in its previous comments, there is an alarming disparity in the project's estimated cost between the recently adopted plan amendments and the draft 2017-2020 TIP. The Transportation Policy Board approved the amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan at their April 4, 2016 meeting, which included the MoPac Intersections Project (identified and described as "SL1"- Grade Separation of Main Lanes) with a Total Project Cost of about \$45 million. At the time the Board considered these amendments, the proposed project list for the 2017-2020 TIP included the same project with a price of \$65 million. Thus, information available to the public (and the Board) showed that an increase in the project price was already planned, which will require yet another amendment to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan. Why would the Board amend the current TIP and 2040 Plan to include a project cost that was already planned to be superseded? What is the justification for the \$20 million jump in the cost? The CAMPO Board should seek to have these questions answered in a public forum before taking any final action on the 2017-2020 TIP.

#### **CAMPO Should Address Concerns in the Public Participation Process.**

There are at least two different versions of the proposed 2017-2020 TIP. The Open House document soliciting public comment (as revised April 14, 2016) includes a table titled "Requested Projects for adoption in the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program." This table is three pages long. The back-up material for the February 17, 2016 Agenda of the Technical Advisory Committee includes "Requested Additions to the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program." This table is *over six pages* long, and includes many more projects than the Open House document. Why is the list of projects provided to the TAC so much longer? Is there a difference between "requested projects for adoption" and "requested additions" to the 2017-2020 TIP? Which is the correct list of

projects to be included in the 2017-2020 TIP, and what if the public was not provided the correct list for comment?

This is not the only instance in which the impact of public comments is questionable. A February 29, 2016 article in *Community Impact* states that the 2017-2020 TIP process will vary because CAMPO is delaying its regular call for projects from jurisdictions while it waits for the federal government to establish performance metrics for projects. However, CAMPO director Ashby Johnson stated that "the public can comment on project that will carry over from the previous TIP for 2015-2018 and projects added as placeholders for fiscal years 2018-2019." After the federal metrics are determined, later in the year, CAMPO will ask jurisdictions to submit upcoming construction projects. Then CAMPO staff will use the criteria to evaluate projects and make recommendations to CAMPO's Board. None of this information is on CAMPO's website. It was only by reading this article that SOS Alliance or other members of the public would understand the limited nature of their comments on the 2017-2020 TIP. Moreover, there is no indication in the article or CAMPO's website that after federal metrics are determined and jurisdictions have been called to submit concrete projects (not just "placeholders") that there will be another public comment period. SOS would appreciate CAMPO staff clarifying the purpose of public comments on the 2017-2020 TIP at this stage, and indicating whether there will be further opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kelly D. Davis

Kelly D. Davis, Staff Attorney Bill Bunch, Executive Director Lauren Ice, Staff Attorney

For Save Our Springs Alliance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amy Denney, *CAMPO Hosts Open House Events for Plan Outlining Transportation Construction in 2017-20*, COMMUNITY IMPACT, Feb. 29, 2016, http://communityimpact.com/austin/city-county/2016/02/29/campo-hosts-open-house-events-for-plan-outlining-transportation-construction/.



### Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

### 2017—2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is CAMPO's planning document that details transportation improvement projects to begin construction or implementation in a four-year window.

Regional agencies such as TxDOT, Capital Metro, and the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), as well as local governments, examine their anticipated projects for the four-year TIP cycle then submit those projects to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP. Before a project can be listed in the TIP, it must be included in the long-range plan and funding must be available.

In accordance with federal regulations, all transportation projects that use federal funding or are regionally significant must be included in the TIP before construction can begin.

The TIP is a multi-modal program that includes road, transit, bike, and pedestrian projects. The TIP can also include operational improvements, which are projects like electronic signs that alert motorists to lane closures, crashes, and travel times.

#### **Provide Comments on the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program**

Public comments on the 2017-2020 TIP will be accepted until 5 p.m. April 15, 2016. Comments for amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and CAMPO 2040 Plan are due by 5 p.m. Monday, March 28,2016. Maps and additional details are available at www.campotexas.org/get-involved.

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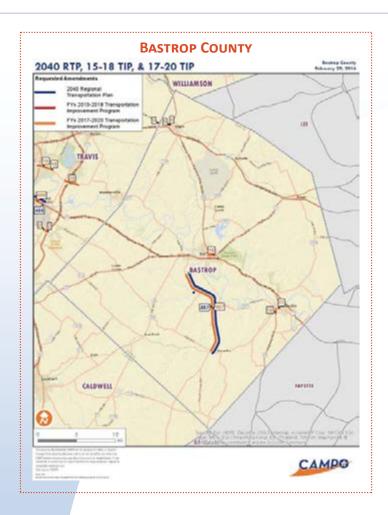
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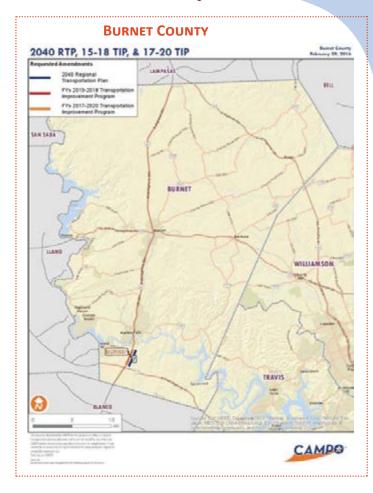
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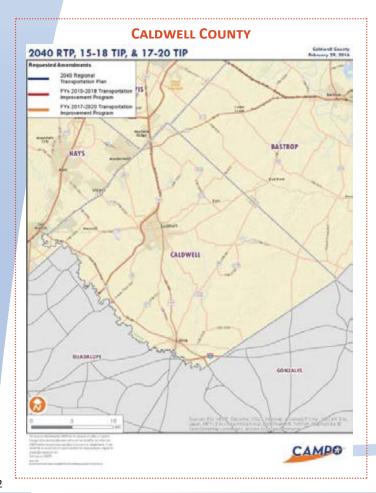
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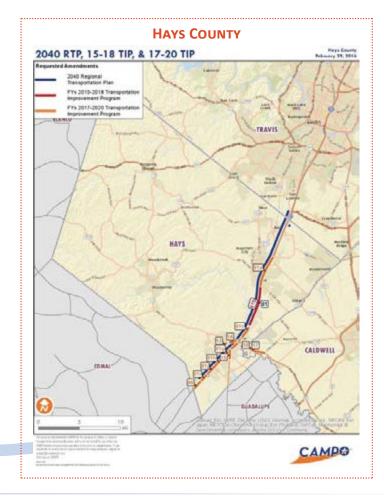
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#### **MAPS AND PROJECTS**

Project areas for projects submitted for the 2017—2020 TIP and amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan are shown on the accompanying maps.

In addition to these projects, others not displayed here include maintenance and safety "grouped projects" such as repaving, rehabilitating bridges, improving pavement markings, and installing flashing beacons and traffic signals.

For more details and project descriptions associated with the project ID numbers shown here, please visit www.campotexas.org/get-involved/ or call 512-974-2282.



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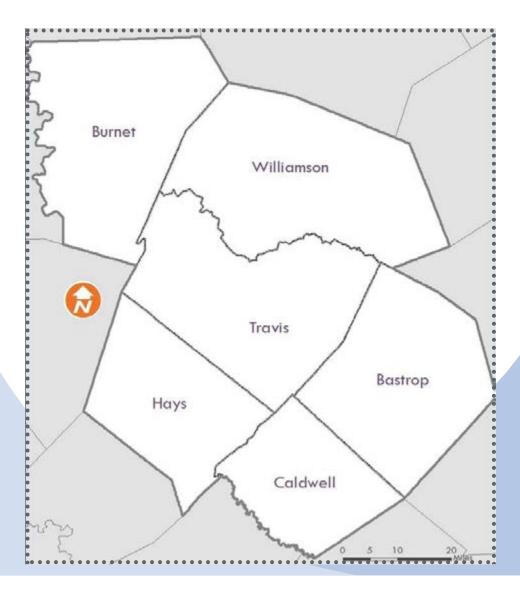


#### What is CAMPO?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the agency that approves the use of federal transportation funds in CAMPO's six-county region – Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties.

The Transportation Policy Board is the governing body of CAMPO and is made up of 20 elected officials and representatives of transportation agencies from the six-county region.

CAMPO is responsible for coordinating with regional agencies and local governments to develop a 20+ year long-range plan and a four-year program of projects.





## **Open House Purpose**

## Learn

about the projects submitted for the 2017-2020 TIP and amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan.

## Ask

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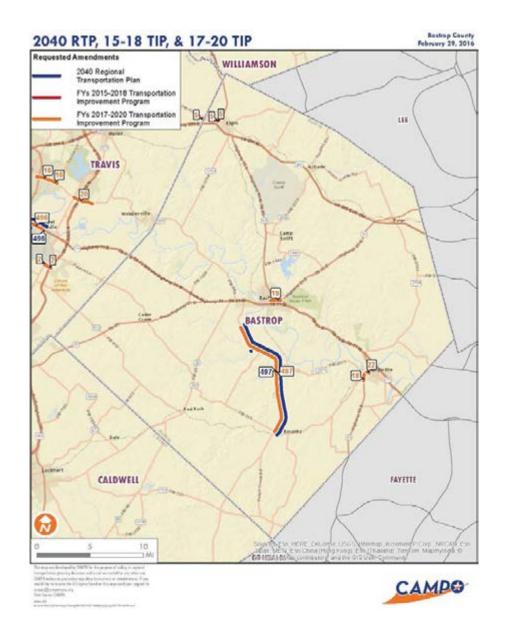
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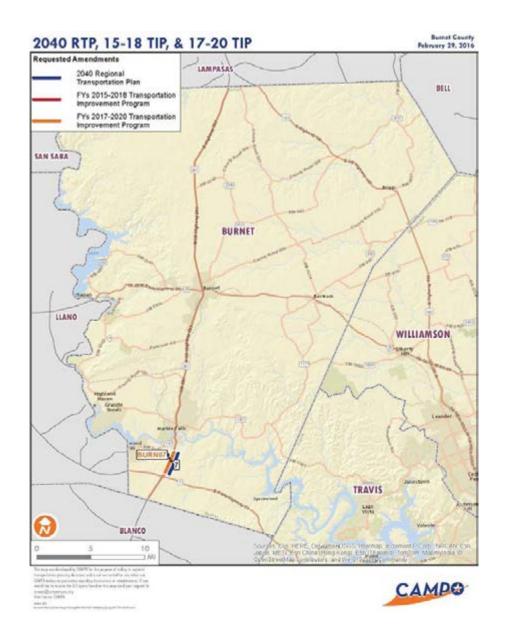
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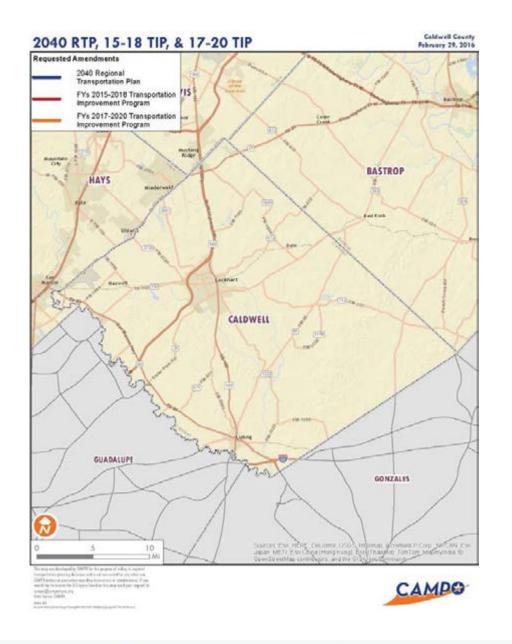
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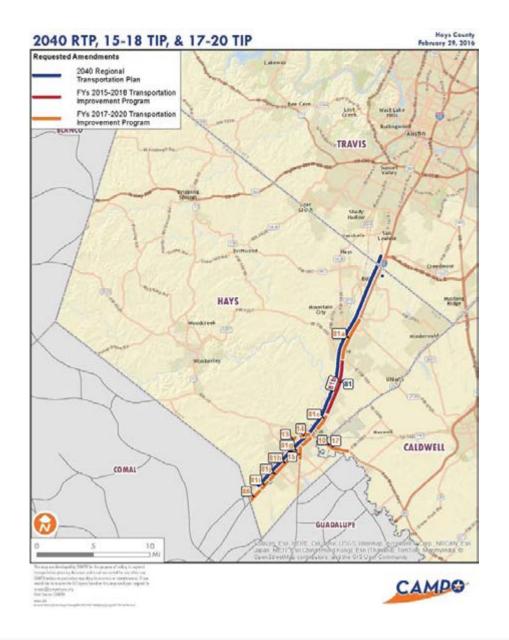
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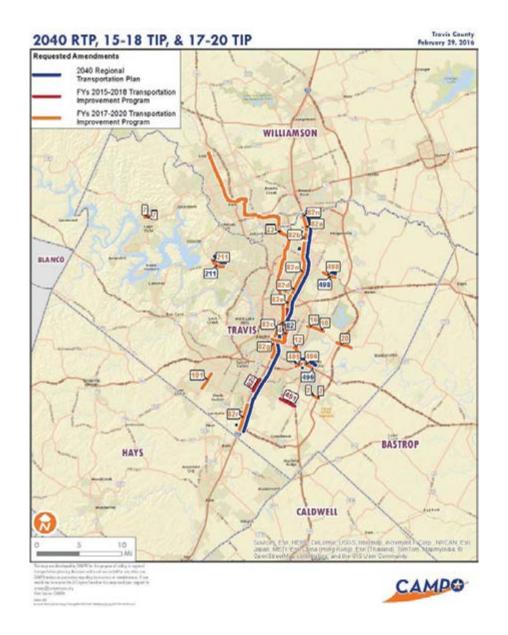
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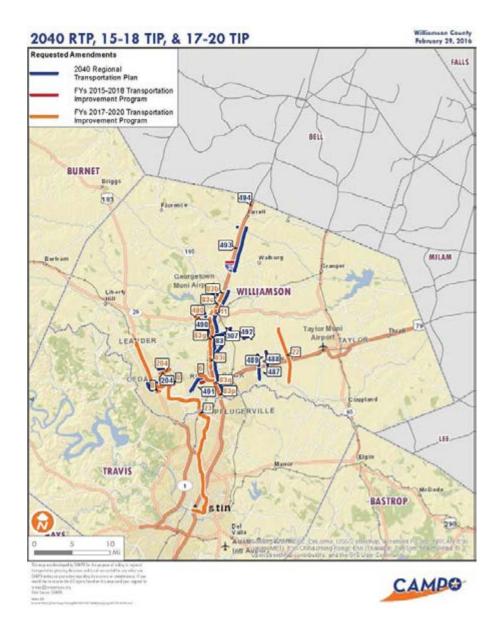
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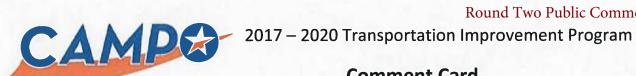






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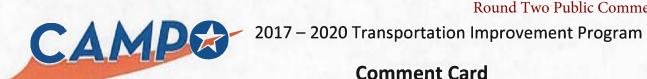
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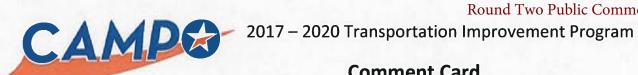
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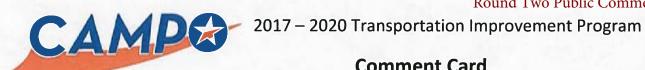
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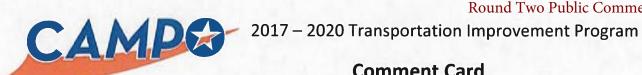
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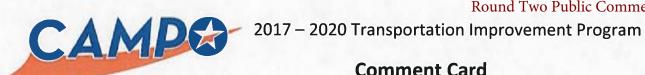
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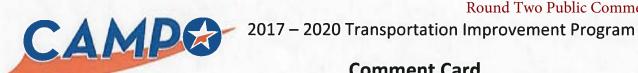
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From: ccshiflett

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620 & 2222 Corridor Funding: Please put back in the 2020 TIP

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 12:00:15 PM

#### Campo Team,

Please consider this note as an official addition to the abundance of support of our local West Austin community for the re-inclusion of funding for expansion and improvements to the roads in and around the 620 & 2222 corridor. The increase in population and businesses to our area make lack of action and investment into our travel infrastructure borderline irresponsible. Please strongly consider allocating more funds towards this endeavor within the 2020 TIP.

Sincere Regards,

Chris Shiflett

Steiner Ranch Resident

#### Round Two Public Comment

From: Neal Kaye

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620 & 2222 Expansion

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 10:47:02 AM

Hello- I work at SailPoint Technologies which is located in the Four Points Area. We were just rated the number two place to work in Austin by the Austin Business Journal. I also happen to live in Steiner Ranch. Although I live within 5 miles of my office it takes me over 30 minutes to commute each way. Please make this a great place to work and live and fund the 620 & 2222 expansion.

Thank you,

Neal Kaye

Sent from my iPhone

## Round Two Public Comment

From: <u>Cynthia Cooke</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620 & 2222

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 12:55:28 PM

Do not drop this from 2017-2020 plans. This is beyond critical! Cynthia

From: Mark Buckhalt

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620 / 2222 Intersection

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 11:42:57 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

From my West Austin viewpoint, the largest issue impacting traffic is the intersection of 2222 and 620. No matter the time of day, there is always a backup. It impacts my daily planning to avoid this intersection as much as possible, unfortunately this is nearly impossible. This is true for most residents of West Austin. We must pass through this intersection at least once, if not multiple times per day. Much of the high school traffic for Vandergrift passes through this intersection as well, placing our youth in a dangerous, overcrowded intersection. I find the removal of any plans to address this appalling. Funds that are going to ingress/egress to downtown does us no good, if we can't actually get there. I urge this group to reconsider their priorities. 620 / 2222 is a dangerous, overcrowded congestion nightmare, which has already claimed many lives. In its current state, I would expect the loss of life to continue.

Regards, Mark Buckhalt

Austin, TX 8732

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From: <u>dburkott</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 620 and 2222 improvements

 Date:
 Sunday, June 26, 2016 11:52:11 AM

Please reconsider adding the improvements to the 620 and 2222 intersection project. Traffic has hit a critical point and homes and apartments are still being built.

Doug Burkott

ATX 78732

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Pam Perez

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620/222 Project

**Date:** Sunday, June 19, 2016 7:58:29 AM

Please do not cancel this project. This is the worst intersection in Austin. If there is a lack of funding, consider announcing the shortage and requesting support. I believe the individuals that live in this area would gladly contribute. If you ever had to drive through this intersection at 8 a.m. on a weekday, I feel certain you wouldn't cancel this project.

Please let me know if I can help in any way. I will begin fundraising immediately if it will help.

Regards, Pam Perez

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Jannine Farnum</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; Jason Cavness; Mark Jones; Phillip Morris; John Peters;</u>

<u>Gerald.Daugherty@traviscountytx.gov</u>; <u>Terry.McCoy@txdot.gov</u>

Subject: 620/2222 bypass

**Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:03:57 PM

Importance: High

I just read article in Community Impact and it states that the bypass is off the TIP list of improvements. How can this be possible? We were told about this project more than 2 years ago as a viable solution to the traffic problems out in greater four points area. You can't simply do nothing and expect the traffic to fix itself. We have a stupid light coming in at Steiner Ranch Blvd and 620 with hopes of it merging into this bypass. Which has to be one of the dumbest plans I have heard in a long time out here. What needs to happen is Comanche Trail and Steiner ranch blvd need to come to the same point on 620 so 1 light serves both purposes.

The 620/2222 bypass needs to get put back on the list and have some kind of priority.

Thank you for your time JANNINE FARNUM

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

From: <u>Amber MacIver</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** 620/2222 improvements

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 10:01:46 PM

This area is heavily congested and gets worse every month. Please add these improvements back into the plan for 2016-2020.

Thanks, Amber MacIver

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

#### Round Two Public Comment

From: <u>Laurie Zaza</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620/2222 widening plan

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 8:47:08 PM

Are you kidding me that this (2222 improvement & roads) isn't a number one priority? Please move funding dollars to this project.

I was a student in Austin in the 1980's, and underwent desegregation busing that took me from one end of Austin to the other. (Yes, it had its pros and cons). I took me around 40 minutes on a bus. My son's bus to our LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL takes around an hour and a half to go just a few miles.

And you thing there isn't a problem?

Thanks for all y'all do; I know it is a hard job!

Laurie Zaza

## Round Two Public Comment

From: <u>Paige Erickson</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222

**Date:** Monday, June 20, 2016 7:22:31 PM

I support TXDOT funding improvements to the 620/2222 intersection. Please help us with this critical traffic and safety issue!

Paige Erickson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Walker, Tina L.

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 2017 - 2020 TIP Comment

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 11:34:34 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Hi,

I'm wondering why some of the off-system bridge replacement projects currently being developed are not shown in the TIP? There is Category 6 allocation but no programmed projects. On TxDOT's project tracker, Hays County CR 190 at Onion Creek is shown as in development but it's not in the TIP. I drive over it every day and the drill rig was out within the last 2 weeks to get the borings for the foundation design.

Thanks,

Tina

*Tina L. Walker, P.E.*Senior Supervising Engineer



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## Round Two Public Comment

From: Rodrigo Vazquez

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 2222 and 620 intersection

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 6:39:55 PM

Please consider the intersection of 2222 and 620 in campo future road improvements we desperately need a solution for this intersection.

Best Regards,

Rodrigo Vazquez

From: Shelley White

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

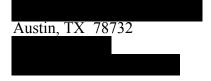
Subject: Comment on 2222/620

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 7:36:53 PM

I support TxDOT funding the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements, to occur ASAP.

Sincerely,

Shelley White



This message originated in Texas.

From: <u>Lynne LeMon</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Comments on Draft TIP

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:14:22 PM

Attachments: CAMPO 062116.pdf

# Hello,

Thank you for considering my comments (attached) on the draft Transportation Improvement Program for 2016 - 2020.

Lynne LeMon Lakeway, TX From: Fred Newton

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Comments on Transportation Plan

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 11:39:52 AM

I live in Lakeway, which is in Travis County. While I pay a lot of property taxes to the county, it seems that there is little in return from county services. Your transportation plan appears to ignore Lakeway and the surrounding area of Travis County. With that critique stated, here are my specific recommendations:

- 1. Work closely with the elected officials of Lakeway and Bee Cave to develop improved road access to other parts of the county.
- 2. Provide rapid transit options for the area, i.e., provide frequent express bus service from the Hwy 71/620 intersection to the state capitol. Include in the planning process a rail option to connect with the Metro Rail system.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Fred Newton

Lakeway, TX 78734

From: barbaraaritchie@

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; administrator@cityofrollingwood.com; smartmopac@gmail.com

Subject: Connecting MoPac to IH 35

Date: Sunday, June 26, 2016 12:29:33 AM

#### Dear CAMPO Policy Board Members:

Please take immediate action to protect the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Zilker Park, Barton Springs, and Lady Bird Lake by withholding state funding for the proposed SH 45 SW and Mopac South toll loop project.

As proposed, the 45 SW/Mopac toll loop threatens the survival of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, as set out in Wildflower Center Interim Director Mike Abkowitz's letter to TxDOT of August 21, 2015. The traffic, visual blight, and air, noise, light, and water pollution from the proposed project, would ruin the Wildflower Center visitor experience and do severe damage to the Center's conservation and education mission.

The proposal to expand Mopac South and the bridge over Lady Bird Lake, at the north end of the toll loop project, would also do serious harm to Zilker Park, Lady Bird Lake, Barton Springs, Austin High School and many of the traditional and long standing central Austin neighborhoods.

Lady Bird Johnson's legacy of conservation and highway beautification deserves better. Lady Bird was the driving force behind the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Her work, and that of the Wildflower Center, has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of Texas' and our nation's highways.

The Wildflower Center should be protected, not overrun by a rush to convert Mopac into a relief route for I-35 traffic. As currently planned, TxDOT would build the 45 SW/Mopac South loop piecemeal, broken into 4 segments, without ever looking at the environmental impacts of the whole project. One of the most harmful pieces, south of and adjacent to the Wildflower Center, would be built first.

The 45 SW/Mopac South corridor should not be converted into a western relief route for Interstate 35 car and truck traffic. Instead, limited transportation funds should be spent improving I-35 itself and making SH 130 a free highway, as proposed by House Transportation Chair, Rep. Joe Pickett.

Making SH 130 free would provide instant relief for I-35 congestion while encouraging development east of I-35 along the SH 130 corridor where development is needed. This would protect the Wildflower Center and our Hill Country natural heritage, from Austin to San Antonio. In addition, this step would encourage traffic to utilize SH 130 to circumvent downtown Austin when traveling to other cities such as Dallas and avoid the damage to one of the most beautiful areas of Austin, the heart of the city.

With your help we can reduce congestion on I-35 while protecting the best of Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ritchie



From: Sharon S Bramblett

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: drastic idea to deal with drastic mobility issues

**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2016 4:04:56 PM

Have you considered setting up large numbers of bus routes that run frequently (every 15 min or so) all over the multi-county CAMPO area and making them FREE of charge! The buses would be filled with riders, there would be many fewer cars on the roads. Use your money to buy buses and hire staff instead of wasting it on more and more roads that take so long to build and that will be maximally filled as soon as they open. Routes could be easily changed depending on use, implementation could be so much quicker. I know of no municipality that has ever tried this on a large scale. Austin is known for its innovations - this could be another successful one.

**Sharon Bramblett** 

From: Oppy Mailhot

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Four Points Area Traffic Update – RM 620 / FM 2222 NOW!!!!

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:21:25 PM

Hello,

We live in Steiner Ranch and the traffic have been so bad and gotten worse! More people are moving in this area, but the road systems still the same!

# We need to issue Four Points Area Traffic Update – RM 620 / FM 2222

To be fixed now!

Please feel free to contact me at



Oppy Mailhot

Sent from for Windows 10

From: Holly Dees

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>; janninef1

 Subject:
 Fund 2222/620 bypass PLEASE

 Date:
 Sunday, June 26, 2016 6:41:28 PM

It is crazy that we even have to ask for this. We are in desperate need of traffic relief in this area. It feels like this part of western Travis county is always forgotten. Our lives and our children's lives matter. More traffic equals more collisions and we need help!

Thanks, Holly

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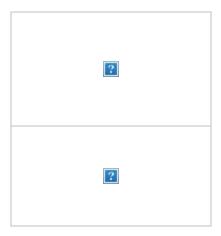
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From: <u>orlandojoann</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** Fwd: 620 traffic

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 3:03:00 PM

## Subject: 620 traffic

This traffic is too important for our community to be disregarded. It is a safety issue in addition to an inconvenience. Builders should not be allowed to construe to build or they should contribute money to find way for us to be able to safely and efficiently get out of Steiner Ranch and get our kids to school. I know this community would support raising of funds as this is critical to our safety and home value.

Joann Orlando Sent from my iPad From: Sammy Amsler

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 135 corridor from 290 N to 290 S

 Date:
 Tuesday, June 21, 2016 4:09:26 PM

Today's AA described the mayor's transportation plan.

I35 underground is short sighted. I35 corridor passes through ultra expensive property with the realization taht right-of-way expansion horrizontally is too expensive.

There is abundant vertical space for double or tripple decks.

Examine the larger cities throughout the world and you will see multidecks everywhere. My letter to editor failed, but this is my view:

"Watson's plan may ease I-35 gridlock," needs a thoughtful appraisal. Will the cost of His

"beautification project" be equivalent to the cost of two tier decks at the split of lower and upper deck southbound from 290 North interchange to 290 south interchange. North bound traffic from South 290 would follow third tier for through traffic to 290 North interchange and directed to second tier allowing egress to the city streets. Trucks restricted to lower deck and other vehicle traffic to second and third tier with third tier for through traffic seems a reasonable solution.

An interim solution may be to close off all ingresses to 135 from 290 North to 290 South.

Has anyone noticed that traffic builds up at each ingress near downtown from 290 North to beyond the bridge. Local traffic using I-35 may be the primary reason for traffic jams on I-35. Search for "triple deck highway," and you will see that this **Multideck**, infrastructure may be a viable option.

Insofar as the rail line hasn't anyone noticed that Austin is employing a very outdated transportation technology. Why not look to the future of people movers and think outside the box. Look into what other cities all over the world are doing in using above ground elevated highways. Buses cause a transportation nightmare in Austin. Austin planners, when working on

improvement of Airport, North Lamar and Burnet road, instead of dedicated lanes for busses plan for the busses above ground and dispose of thinking backwards about ground transportation rather than looking to the future with new transport technologies.

From: <u>Linda Vezina</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: In support of funding for RM620/FM2222 improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 9:49:53 PM

## To whom It may concern,

I am in support of funding for the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP.

Please consider the impact that ignoring this problem will cause.

Thank you so much, Linda Vezina

Austin, TX 78732

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Linda Vezina Member Benefits Four Points Chamber of Commerce (512) 981-9301 www.fourpointschamber.com From: Renae Conrad

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: <u>smartmopac@gmail.com</u>; <u>administrator@cityofrollingwood.com</u>

**Subject:** Mopac connected to 35

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 4:47:38 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please do NOT connect mopac to 35! I drive Mopac every day - 4 times a day picking up and dropping off children from school. Traffic is horrible on Mopac already! It would only be made MUCH worse if i35 was connected to Mopac.

PLEASE do not build sh45sw!

The VOTERS in austin deserve LESS traffic, not MORE traffic from PEOPLE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN AUSTIN!!

Sincerely, Renae Conrad Voting resident in 78746 From: <u>Chrissy Mattox</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Please fund 2222/620 improvements

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2016 9:42:50 AM

Please fund and include the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP. Quality of life for residents in the Four Points area has declined dramatically over the 16 years I have lived here because new development (apartments, condos, retail, office buildings, etc.) keeps being approved and built but very little has been done to our roads to support the growth. It's insane that road improvements in this area have been overlooked for years. We need to improve the roads NOW.

Thanks, Chrissy Mattox From: <u>David Sandal</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Removal of 620/2222 improvements

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:39:35 AM

Please help!

Most of us sit in at least 30-45 minutes of delayed traffic each way every day. This delay gets worse every year.

We've got an opportunity for some relief with this expansion plan including the cut-thru.

Over a year ago the head of CAMPO told us we were already at a C or D for traffic and not doing these improvements would move us to an F by 2020. I'm afraid we're already there.

The last traffic survey was done during our spring break last year. Sadly we were just shy of being the worst intersection when a huge number of our regular commuters weren't even commuting!

Building continues and the only chance for any relief is to fund and build these improvements.

Please help.

Thank you, David Sandal From: <u>Jami O"Toole</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Removal of RM620/FM222 from CAMPO plan
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 9:58:24 AM

#### To Whom It May Concern:

I am very disappointed about the general lack of action and support to alleviate the traffic problems on RM 620/FM222. I am forced to travel this route on a daily basis to travel from my home to my office. It has been common place to have significant delays on my route. Beyond the inconvenience this creates in reliably showing up at my office on time, it is emotionally taxing to drive by smashed up cars from traffic accidents on a very regular basis. Even more frightening is that several of these accidents have resulted in fatalities.

I am thankful every day when I arrive home from my office safely. I worry each and every day that I may be the next unlucky one to end up severely injured or dead and not able to care for my two young children. While this may seem like extreme thinking, it isn't irrational. I can recall numerous fatalities on these road ways in the four years I have lived in Steiner Ranch. The inaction of CAMPO, Travis County, and the City of Austin is not only frustrating, but irresponsible. I urge you to reconsider the recent decision made to remove RM620/FM222 improvements from the CAMPO plan.

Regards, Jami O'Toole

#### Round Two Public Comment

From: <u>Lisa Pickard</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Restructuring 620/2222-Plea to Add Back to Current Plan

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 10:45:41 AM

PLEASE put back into the current plan the restructuring of the 620/2222 intersection. It's absolutely dire this be addressed and fixed ASAP!

Our safety everyday is compromised & the amount of wasted time trying to drive through this 3-5 mile stretch is affecting our daily way of life. Help us please!

Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

From: Melissa Anderson

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:45:14 PM

I have been a resident of the Four Points area for 11 years. In that time, I have seen traffic become horrendous and downright dangerous. I have seen development happen at blinding speeds without the infrastructure to support it. I have seen new housing developments, apartment developments, schools, and businesses spring up like wildfire, with more slated, but where are the improvements to the roads to support the increased traffic these projects bring?

Adding the right turn lane from 620 to 2222 helped somewhat, but now traffic just backs up ay the 2222 / Riverplace Blvd intersection instead. So even when those turn lanes have the green light, they can't go anywhere. And those turn lanes were originally slated to be longer, but you caved into pressure from the businesses at that corner to make it shorter to allow for left turns into their business. Guess what? Left turns SHOULDN'T be allowed into those businesses. It is downright dangerous.

Finally a new road connecting 620 to 2222 was proposed, about 10 years too late, but I guess it's better late than never. Well now we find out that it has been removed from the CAMPO regional TIP for 2017-2020. How can this happen? This intersection is routinely labelled as one of the worst in the city, but it seems to be constantly ignored by CAMPO. It is unsafe and entirely too congested. Just this morning there was yet another accident at that intersection, and it's not even the busiest time of year since school is out for Summer. It is only getting worse because development is still happening and a glaring pace.

Common sense and concern for the residents of this area would dictate that this item not only be added to the CAMPO regional TIP for 2017-2020, but moved to the top of the list.

Fed Up in Four Points, Melissa Anderson From: <u>Angelica Thomas</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Friday, June 17, 2016 5:45:49 PM

I support TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements.

Something is desperately needed at this intersection. Did you know it takes children in Steiner Ranch 30-45 minutes to drive to high school??? Do you know how many accidents we have each week around this intersection? At one point I know there was discussion about an elevated road kind of going behind BBQ Outfitters that connected onto 2222 by River place. Something is desperately needed. I drive from Steiner Ranch to east Austin (183/MLK area). They are putting in a toll road on 183 however the traffic over by Steiner Ranch is actually much worse than the traffic on 183. I don't think people understand that. I keep seeing projects in other parts of town that do not seem necessary and it really upsets me. 620/2222 is such a dangerous intersection and something needs to be done.

Thank you,

**Angelica Thomas** 

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>John Hollaway</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>
Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 OUT OF CAMPO 2020 PLAN

**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2016 7:12:48 PM

Please do not remove the RM 620 / FM 2222 project from the CAMPO 2020 Plan! I support funding and including the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP.

We are desperate for some relief - traffic is much worse on 620/2222 than anywhere else I drive - 360, mopac, 183. For most people, traffic gets worse and worse as you drive into town. For me, it gets better and better because nothing is worse than 620/2222 traffic!

We have seen proposals for improving 620/2222 since we moved out here in 2011 that look very promising. Five years later, no progress, and now it looks like we are being cast aside. I don't see how this area could be overlooked.

This area is still experiencing explosive growth which the City consistently approves, and yet we get no attention and no action regarding our traffic. Please Help Us!!!

Regards, John Hollaway Austinite of 46 years

From: <u>Jenn Kehaulani Riddick</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620 / FM 2222

**Date:** Friday, June 17, 2016 12:06:57 AM

I fully support TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements. At this point it's an absolute necessity!

Thank You, Jennifer Riddick From: <u>Lauren Knaus</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620/ FM 2222

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 2:54:56 PM

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP. It is crucial that funding is determined for this critical project.

Best, Lauren From: <u>DeeDee Longenecker</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 RM 620/FM 2222 Improvements

 Date:
 Friday, June 17, 2016 11:50:25 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

I am in support of funding and including the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP. Please do not delay this project! The commute time is terrible in this area and only getting worse with all the new development.

Dee Dee Longenecker Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs dlongenecker@jsitel.com Linkedin Profile

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From: <u>Carla George</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:18:49 AM

I support funding and including the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP. This intersection, as well as the 620 corridor, has become a traffic and safety nightmare. Please make these improvements a priority. Thank you.

Carla & Dave George 78732

From: Shawna Gross

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RM620 / FM 2222 Improvement Funding
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2016 5:24:39 PM

Funding for these improvements must be allocated immediately and the improvements must remain in the CAMPO TIP for 2017-2020. These improvements cannot be delayed further. Traffic is already critical and the area is growing so fast our schools are at capacity. It typically takes a minimum of 30 minutes to travel from the Steiner Ranch entrance to Riverplace. Besides the work traffic from Steiner Ranch, Lakeway, Bee Cave and north 620 all heading to 2222, there are 3200 students that attend Vandegrift High school and Four Points middle school all heading the same direction. Improvements must stay on the agenda.

Shawna Gross

From: jessica ross

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: Brent Berry
Subject: Support

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 7:16:35 AM

I support TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements!

Jessica Berry

From: <u>Brent Berry</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: Support

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:42:12 AM

I support TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements!

Brent Berry

From: <u>Tom Henry</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: TIP

**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2016 7:41:15 PM

Please support funding and include the "RM  $620\,/\,FM$  2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP

# **Tom Henry**

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michelle

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Traffic improvements 620/2222

Date: Sunday, June 26, 2016 9:31:49 AM

#### Good morning,

Please vote to improve traffic conditions in the 620/2222 area. The traffic is terrible and with all the growth, will become even worse. Our roads and infrastructure need to keep up with the growth to help ensure safety to the thousands of people who travel this area daily.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michelle Segovia

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>JesicaGierke</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Traffic Relief

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 12:05:30 AM

Dear elected officials,

I want to voice my support of funding and including the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP.

It is not only necessary for traffic relief but also essential for safety in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jesica Gierke

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV□

From: Kathy Li

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>
Subject: TxDOT funding for RM 620/FM222 intersection

**Date:** Friday, June 17, 2016 7:31:38 AM

## Dear CAMPO,

We were shocked to read that the restructuring plan for RM 620/FM 2222 intersection was removed from the CAMPO 2020 Plan. Our family lives in Steiner Ranch, and this intersection is notorious for its many traffic accidents; it's only getting worse each year.

Please secure TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements. The safety of the nearly 40,000 residents (and counting) in the Four Points area depends on it!

Sincerely,

Arthur and Kathy Li

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Matthew Baltera</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:41:43 PM

I support TxDOT funding for the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements.

The intersection of Steiner Ranch Blvd. and RM 620 should be re-engineered to meet with Comanche Trail. Adding another light on FM 620 at Steiner Ranch Blvd, which would be within 500ft of the Comanche Trail, is a waste of funds and resources.

I spend two hours everyday of my life sitting in traffic traveling to an from Steiner Ranch and downtown Austin.

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Matthew Baltera

From: <u>Justin Bezner</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Website Contact

**Date:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:16:56 AM

CAMPO is currently taking public comment for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

As it is related to the above topic, I am very concerned at the lack of attention given to east/west highways in the region. Simply converting state highways to toll roads for improvement as done along HWY 290 and soon on HWY 71 is not an acceptable option. These roads have been long overdue for improvement and had the City not turned down federal funding for years these roads would have been converted to freeways years ago. Its too bad CAMPO was not created in the 70's as our the road infrastructure would be in a much better position to support the 2M people living hear now.

It frustrates me when I drives through other major cities in Texas and see the vast amount of construction where it seems very little construction on major roads in Central Texas. CAMPO needs to work more efficiently to get funding appropriated for Central Texas HWY improvements.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, I hope these sated concerns do not fall on deaf ears.

Regards, Justin Bezner From: Sherwin Field

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us; info@kirkwatson.com

Subject: What, no funding for RR 620/FM 2222!!!

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:50:47 PM

As a local resident in this area, I am deeply disappointed that Campo is unable to come up with a funding plan to fix this horrible intersection. It's bad now and will only get worse over the next couple of years. I really hope CAMPO will re-consider removing this section of roadway from their 2017-2020 plan.

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From: pamela.heintz on behalf of Pamela Heintz

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1:38:43 PM

Please fund this project as congestion is at an all time high. It should not take an hour for our kids to get to school when it would normally take 5 minutes.

Thank You, Pamela Heintz

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Jasmine DeFoore</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620 / 2222 traffic help

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:06:02 PM

#### To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Steiner Ranch for 7 years. Every few months, my husband and I agonize over if we should leave the area because the traffic is so unbearable. We are genuinely concerned that the resale value of our home is being impacted by the traffic. If you look online, all people talk about in regards to the Four Points area is the traffic. Not the beauty, not the schools, not the lake. The traffic!

It takes me 20 minutes to go less than 2 miles every morning. Once I pass Vandegrift, it's much better. But can you imagine starting every commute with 20 minutes of stop and go just to make a right turn at 2222? The double right turn lane that was put in at that intersection doesn't do much to help because it is so short that drivers can't access it. Those two lanes will sit, empty, as cars back up all the way to Steiner Ranch Blvd and 620, unable to gain access to the turn.

We have had multiple friends leave Steiner for this one reason. We don't want to join the list of people who just couldn't take it anymore, when there do seem to be some real viable solutions to the traffic situation. For the sake of Austin's growth and prosperity... PLEASE fund and include the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP.

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Jasmine DeFoore

From: Lenny

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** 620 /2222 improvements

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:44:13 PM

My name is Lenny Zwik, I live at the improvements for the 620/2222 intersection being removed from the CAMPO plan due to "lack of funding". The problems associated with this intersection have been discussed and documented over many months and in many forums. I have a hard time thinking of a worse traffic situation in Austin and this decision borders on the unconscionable.

Austin pursued annexation of this area with a vengeance. Well, it's about time we received some benefits from the course of action. I urge you to find the necessary funding.

Regards, Lenny

From: Sandi K

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222 improvement plan

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:00:50 PM

This issue needs to be addressed. Please include it in the budget.

Thank you. S.Kinman

Sent from my iPhone

From: Madhusudana Shashanka on behalf of M Shashanka
To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: 620/2222 improvements in TIP 2017-2020
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:43:19 PM

#### Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my support for the inclusion of improvement work to ease traffic at the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection within the TIP 2017 - 2020. As a resident of Steiner Ranch, I believe this effort is critical and can benefit a large number of people living in Steiner and neighboring communities.

I request all the stakeholders including the City of Austin, TXDOT and Travis County to come together to identify adequate funding resources to move the project forward.

Regards, Madhu Shashanka

From: <u>Suzanne Longmire</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** 620/2222 Improvements

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:41:12 PM

Put these improvements back on the top of your list! Traffic is unbearable and we have been waiting for these improvements for many many years. Every year the one way in one way out Road is not sufficient and the lack of attention will be devastating if not improved.

Suzanne

From: <u>Lori Kunkel</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620/2222 traffic improvement

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 6:23:57 PM

I am writing in favor and for the need of funding to this area to improve road conditions and relieve traffic. My twins are set to drive in April and I am terrified by the amount of accidents that take place on this dangerous stretch of road. The traffic is ridiculous and takes my kids over an hour to get to school on the bus every morning and the school is only 7 miles away! Thanks, Lori Kunkel

From: Ben Schreiner

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 2:36:55 PM

Hello, I am emailing regarding the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

My family and I ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Ben Schreiner

From: Robert Koval

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 2020 project 620/2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:51:02 PM

#### To whom it may concern,

I am deeply troubled by the fact that the 620/2222 project has been removed from CAMPOs 2017-2020 plan. This is by far one of the most neglected areas of all of Austin, and something needs to be done soon. The fact that we have a plan in place with full support from TxDot makes it even more reprehensible. Wait times at this intersection alone commonly approach 15 to 20 minutes. Something needs to be done now, as growth will only increase over the next several years. Please reconsider this decision.

Robert Koval

Four Points resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Karl McArthur</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: Flora McArthur

Subject: CAMPO Regional TIP - RM 620/FM 2222 Project

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:21:58 PM

#### CAMPO Planners,

I am writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements currently included in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements now, without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to obtain traffic relief, this particular project needs to be constructed first. TxDOT considers this project to be a crucial initial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time for funding identification and allocation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Karl McArthur

Austin, TX 78732

From: Angelika Judd

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: FM620 and FM2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 6:26:38 PM

It is hard to believe there is not enough funding for a problem as significant as this when we see retaining walls being built on MOPAC because of "sound". Young adults should not have to be stuck in outrageously slow moving traffic for an hour every morning to Vandergrift High School and every afternoon coming home to Steiner!! It should take only 15 min. Bad quality of life. Just driving to the grocery store any time of the day is ridiculously long.

Please continue to expand our roads and implement real solutions out here in Four Points so we can get from point A to point B in a reasonable time!

Sincerely, Steiner Ranch resident

From: Charissa

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Fm620/2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:49:14 PM

Please put this intersection back on your list of improvements. I was unable to leave the neighborhood for an appointment just this evening due to backed up traffic that reports were given 1 hour to go 3 miles. Please remedy this situation.

Charissa

From: <u>Cindy Lance</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: Funding for 620/2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:21:25 PM

Please note that it is imperative that the improvements be back in the plan to be funded and included for 620/2222. We should matter out here too!

Cynthia Lance

Steiner Ranch community resident

From: <u>Candace NASSAR</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>
Subject: Funding for improvements at RM 620 and RM 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:11:40 PM

I am a Steiner ranch resident and a teacher at Vandegrift high school. I recently heard that the planned improvements for this critical intersection have been canceled due to lack of funding. I would like to urge you to reconsider.

I moved to this area 4 years ago from California. I have lived in several major cities including Atlanta, Philadelphia and San Francisco and I have never experienced the level of traffic as we have here in 4 points without any plans in place to alleviate it.

It takes me 35 minutes to travel to work each morning which is a mere 6 miles from my house. Nearly all of the backup is caused by people waiting to turn right onto 2222 from 620. Also at least 2-3 mornings a month our school is forced to start late because of heavy traffic or an accident on 2222. Last year my 1st period class missed more than 2 hours of instruction time due to traffic issues. Not to mention the cost to businesses because employees are late and or because they are forced to delay opening.

Furthermore, I believe this severe traffic is affecting our property values. I know of a number of Steiner residents who have sold their homes and moved out of the area to get out of this horrible traffic situation. Steiner homes sell slower and have not appreciated as much as many other similar Austin neighborhoods. Yet, developers keep putting in more apartments that clog up our roads but don't pay taxes. Why should our community have to suffer? Our roads are filled with teenagers and adults who have been and could certainly be killed in the craziness. We desperately need a plan to manage our 4 points traffic better. A collaboration between the City of Austin, Travis county and TXDOT could make this happen. Many members of our community would be willing to help. Please help us get control of this burden on our community.

Thank you,

Candace Nassar

Sent from my iPhone

From: Scott Mondor

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Funding of 620 & 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:48:02 PM

## Good evening

Please except my request to continue funding the efforts for FM620 and FM2222.

This intersection is horrible, and it shouldn't take 45 min to get from Steiner Ranch to 620 and 2222. Please help. It would be extremely appreciated.

Keep up the good work -

Scott Mondor

From: <u>Jonathan Ha</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: Fwd: RM 620 / FM 2222 out of CAMPO 2020 Plan

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:22:59 PM

Please see note below... Thank you.

-Jonathan Ha

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Petronis, Joe" < <u>Joe. Petronis@austintexas.gov</u>>

Date: June 28, 2016 at 12:00:53 PM CDT

To: "ha.jonathan" | <ha.jonathan | > Subject: RE: RM 620 / FM 2222 out of CAMPO 2020 Plan

Thanks Jonathan for your message.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to send a message to CAMPO (campo@campotexas.org).

CM Zimmerman has been working with Mayor Adler and the other Council members to include funding for the 620/2222 intersection in the proposed \$720M Bond package that is anticipated to go before the City of Austin voters in November. This is a crucial intersection in northwest Austin.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Joe Petronis 512-978-2175 (office) 512-815-4366 (cell)

Chief of Staff
Office of Councilman Don Zimmerman
District 6, Northwest Austin

From: Jonathan Ha [mailto:apache **Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 5:53 PM To: Adler, Steve < Steve. Adler >; Houston, Ora <<u>Ora.</u> >; District 2 < District 2 >; Renteria, Sabino < Sabino. >; Casar, Gregorio <Gregorio. >; District 5 < District 5 Zimmerman, Don < Don. Zimmerman >; District 7 >; District 8 < District8 < District 7 >; Tovo, Kathie

<<u>Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov</u>>; District10 <<u>District10@austintexas.gov</u>>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 out of CAMPO 2020 Plan

This message is from Jonathan Ha. [

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of the Steiner Ranch neighborhood and we love everything about it, except for the growing traffic and congestion problem around the 620/2222 area. If it were just a challenge for commuting to work, I think there are ways around it... for me, it's the difficulty of having kids spend nearly an hour to get to their local high school. Buses are habitually late because of the traffic and the traffic flow encourages aggressive/reckless driving that causes even more issues. We are hopeful that you will be able to include the proposed work on 620/2222 in the CAMPO 2020 Plan.

thank you.

Council District: District not found

From: <u>Candice</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: In support of funding for RM620/2222 improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:19:03 PM

To whom It may concern,

I am in support of funding for the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP.

Please consider the impact that ignoring this problem will cause.

Thank you so much, Candice Sciantarelli

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Narayana Janga</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: In support of funding for Rm620/FM2222 improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:56:21 PM

To whomsoever it may concern,

I am in support of funding for the RM 620 / FM 222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP.

Please consider the impact that ignoring this problem will cause.

- 1). Because of the traffic density, a large number of accidents on average close to one per day is happening near this intersection. Many lives have been lost because of this.
- 2). It affects the quality of life of near by residents, high school commute takes an average of 45 minutes in each direction to cover a 5 mile stretch.

Many thanks for considering our plea to fund this critical project.

Sincerely, Sushma and Narayana Janga

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Emma Waters Hauser</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: In support of funding RM620/FM2222 improvements in 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:48:48 PM

To whom It may concern,

I am in support of funding for the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP.

I am concerned for the safety of our high school students having to travel that route daily, I am concerned for the safety of my family and friends driving along there. There are daily accidents due to poor planning and excessive amounts of cars driving on the overburdened roads. More and more developments are being approved putting even more lives at risk.

Please consider the impact that ignoring this problem will cause.

Thank you so much,

Emma Waters Hauser

. Austin, Tx 78732

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From: <u>Debbie</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Intersection RM 620/FM 2222 Widening Improvements Absolutely Necessary

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:09:31 PM

I am writing regarding the intersection of RM 620/FM 2222 and how necessary the widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not ignore and exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As we all know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements NOW! That does not even take into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon.

As you know, in order for this area and all areas along RM 620 to obtain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

I am asking that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you for all your help!

Debbie Van Dike

Steiner Ranch Resident

From: <u>Stefani Zoller</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Please DO NOT REMOVE 620/222 Project
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:39:56 AM

I am writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Stefani Zoller

Sent from iCloud

From: <u>Jeremy Drzal</u>

To: Petronis, Joe; Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: RE: Support a \$720 Million Bond To Fund Bike Lanes, Sidewalks and Trails

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:30:41 PM

Thank you for your response Joe.

CM, can you please include the bike funding for the items mentioned below?

Thanks

Jeremy Drzal



On June 28, 2016 at 3:20:56 PM, Petronis, Joe (joe.petronis

Thanks Jeremy for your message.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to send a message to CAMPO (campo@campotexas.org).

CM Zimmerman has been working with Mayor Adler and the other Council members to include funding for the 620/2222 intersection in the proposed \$720M Bond package that is anticipated to go before the City of Austin voters in November. This is a crucial intersection in northwest Austin.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Joe Petronis



Chief of Staff

Office of Councilman Don Zimmerman

#### District 6, Northwest Austin

**From:** Jeremy Drzal [mailto:apache@austintexas.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:08 PM

To: Adler, Steve <Steve.Adler@austintexas.gov>; Houston, Ora

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Sabino <Sabino.Renteria@austintexas.gov>; Casar, Gregorio

<Gregorio.Casar@austintexas.gov>; District 5 < District5@austintexas.gov>;

Zimmerman, Don <Don.Zimmerman@austintexas.gov>; District 7

<District7@austintexas.gov>; District 8 <District8@austintexas.gov>; Tovo, Kathie

<Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov>; District10 < District10@austintexas.gov>

**Subject:** Support a \$720 Million Bond To Fund Bike Lanes, Sidewalks and Trails

This message is from Jeremy Drzal.

Dear Mayor Adler and Members of Austin City Council,

I support a \$720 Million mobility bond package that prioritizes active transportation, safety improvements and Complete Streets on our biggest corridors. After our worst year for traffic fatalities on record, and with traffic growing worse by the day, it's time to invest in the life-saving improvements, mobility enhancements and active transportation options we need to keep people safe and get our city moving.

Sincerely, Jeremy

Council District: District not found

From: Rebecca Ballard

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 Request to Fund RM 620/FM2222

 Date:
 Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:02:48 PM

Please accept this request to add funding to improve roads/access from RM 620 to FM2222.

Regards,

Rebecca Ballard

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Steve Cumings</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 5:14:55 AM

Team:

Please include this project in the upcoming TIP. At present it takes nearly 20 minutes to travel the 1.5 miles before this intersection in rush hour traffic.

Thanks,

Steve

From: <u>Jessica Jacobs</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 7:57:34 AM

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#### Campo,

RM 620/2222 project will benefit neighbors, neighborhoods and business by improving flow and reducing major traffic back-ups. This needs to be added back to the regional TIP for 2017 to get funding to start work on 620/2222. This funding is very critical for this project to get relief for the area and reduce traffic backups. City of Austin should step up and provide the primary funding for the project via its 2016 transportation bond.

THANKS,

# JESSICA JACOBS

NATIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER





Austin, TX 78750

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From: <u>Jessi Beck</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620/FM 2222 Project

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1:30:23 PM

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you, Jessica Beck

From: Schreiner Lara

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620/FM 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 2:31:51 PM

Hello, I am emailing regarding the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

My family and I ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Lara Schreiner

From: Kellie Hogan

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: RM 620/FM 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 2:38:38 PM

Please include the restructuring and widening of this intersection in future plans for funding. It is desperately needed to lessen traffic and daily accidents.

Thank you, Kellie Hogan

From: <u>Lisa Clover</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: RM 620/RM 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:57:41 PM

I am writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

I ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Lisa Clover

From: Karen

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM620 / FM2222 & Other Critical Road Improvements

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:32:22 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Karen Young

Austin, TX 78732

From: A

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: RR 620 and 2222 traffic problem and road needs

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:41:48 PM

Dear Sir/Madsm,

We have been leaving in Steiner Ranch for 15+ years and the traffic problem at the 620 and 2222 intersection has never been worse. Traffic starts backing up as early as 7:10 AM in the morning going east and south. Similarly, west and north bound traffic backs up at 3:30 PM.

It is so frustrating to see and experience such a collossal amount of waste in energy, time, productivity and increased amount of traffic accidents at Four Points.

A solution is past due since many years and I urge the leadership to invlude improving this intersection as a top priority.

Please HELP!

Thank you.

Amit Shah

From: Loree leBoeuf

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RR 2222/FM 620 intersection Funding Critical
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:59:54 PM

Please provide funding for the project at RR 2222 and FM 620. This is an exceptionally dangerous intersection and it needs immediate action. My husband and I live in Steiner Ranch and we are formally requesting that this be placed back in the 2020 plan, be funded, and made a priority. Thank you!

Loree LeBoeuf Sent from my iPhone From: Andres Monzon

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** Support a \$720 Million Bond To Fund Bike Lanes, Sidewalks and Trails

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:44:35 PM

### Dear Mayor Adler and Members of Austin City Council,

I support a \$720 Million mobility bond package that prioritizes active transportation, safety improvements and Complete Streets on our biggest corridors. After our worst year for traffic fatalities on record, and with traffic growing worse by the day, it's time to invest in the life-saving improvements, mobility enhancements and active transportation options we need to keep people safe and get our city moving.

Sincerely,

Saludos,

### Andrés Monzón

Agile Champion and Asset Management Client Manager Certified ScrumMaster (CSM), Scrum Product Owner (SCPO), Advanced Stanford Project Management (SCPM) IBM Transformation & Operations - Enterprise Services





2200 Camino al Castillo Guadalajara, Jal 45680 México

From: Christy Bell

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Support of funding/including RM620/FM2222 intersection &widening improvements in 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 7:46:30 AM

I am writing in support of funding/including "RM 620/ FM 2222 intersection & widening improvements" in 2017-2020 TIP. We moved to Austin, Texas in 2011. Traffic has steadily worsening since moving to Steiner Ranch then. Both my husband and I gave up our jobs downtown as the commute became unbearable at 1 1/2 hour driving each way for 13 miles distance on a good day. More than 1/2 of the rush hour delay is from the couple of mile backup on 620 from 2222/620 intersection past Steiner Ranch. As a physician, I worry all the time about how unsafe the traffic delays become in the event of a fire or medical emergency. Every other aspect of Austin is wonderful, but the need for relief from the traffic is leading us to consider moving out of Austin. Please return the traffic improvement plan for RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection back to the 2017-2020 TIP slate. Thank you!

Kristin C Bell, MD

From: <u>Jennifer Wilson</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Traffic

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:20:32 PM

Please fund the traffic improvement plan at 620 and 2222

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nick O

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620 2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:25:03 AM

Please fund improvements in the four points area to alleviate the high congestion we already have and will continue to worsen.

I am a four points resident and this is the number 1 factor for my consideration to leaving the area.

Nick

From: <u>rkatchinoski@</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222 intersection

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 9:22:49 PM

this area 620/2222 needs funding yesterday! I would like to investigate how Vandergriff High school can can only one entrance. How was this approved. The city commissioners, city councilmen and campo that were in office when high school was being built should be taken to court for malfeasance.

From: Susan Kemmerer

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:50:34 PM

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider designating the appropriate funds to the terrible road issues at FM 620 and 2222.

At our local neighborhood meeting, it was brought to our attention that the much-needed improvements in our area are no longer slated due to funding issues.

Our neighborhood (Steiner Ranch) is in need of assistance as the traffic continues to cause major problems, frequent accidents and even deaths.

The "unplanned" boom in population is our area has added to the ridiculous congestion. We need some alleviation!

A normal 10-15 minute commute from Steiner Ranch to the high school takes 45 minutes in peak traffic hours. Students waste valuable time on the bus, and often arrive late to school.

- Susan Kemmerer

From: Steve Welch on behalf of Steven Welch
To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Subject**: 620/2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:35:45 PM

We beg of you, this is the worst intersection in all of Texas. Please provide funding to fix.

Steve Welch | Founder & Chairman

Dreamit

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From: <u>Jennifer</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 5:33:36 PM

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Jennifer Cardwell

From: <u>Michael Underwood</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: FM 2222 / FM 620 Widening Funding Date: Monday, June 27, 2016 1:54:19 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wanted to respectfully voice my opinion regarding the pulling of the CAMPO 2017-2020 TIP Plan due to lack of funding. Although I feel that Austin overall is suffering from overcrowding and traffic problems, the problems we have in the Four Points area and FM2222 / FM620 seem to be more apparent than other parts of Austin. As a licensed REALTOR®, I have the fortune (or misfortune sometimes) of hearing opinions of people wanting to relocate to Austin. I had 3 customers last year that did not want to move to Steiner Ranch because of the traffic problems they had heard about with respect to FM620. I feel that these examples are quite telling that a couple from California 'knows about' the traffic woes of FM620 before they ever get to town! There has been some significant efforts made to ease some of the traffic problems, but I feel like there is much more that could and should be done. It's hard argue that there is not enough funding for something as significant as this problem when I see the retaining walls built on Mopac near the downtown area because of SOUND of traffic. Please help us expand our roads out here so that as Austin continues to grow we can all get from point A to point B in a reasonable amount of time!

Respectfully,

Michael Underwood
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From: Yuewangkb

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** Fm620/2222 projects

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 11:43:12 PM

I am writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

I am asking that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you for you time.

Thanks,

LeAnn Wang

Sent from a mobile device. Erroneous words are a feature, not a typo.

From: Erin Turnley

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

 Subject:
 FM2222/ 620 practice

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 8:30:17 PM

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We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Erin

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From: <u>Debbie Tanner-Jacobs</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: Fund 620 & 2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 3:52:32 PM

It is critical you add the 620 &2222 improvements to the CAMPO plan. As you well know if an improvement is not part of that plan, the improvements could be delayed for years. Not only is it dangerous as it is today, it will continue to get worse and home values are already suffering due to the ridiculous traffic.

Debbie Tanner-Jacobs

From: Morton, Christie

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: <u>cmorton4</u>

Subject: Funding "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements"

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:33:49 AM

You can speak up in support of funding and including the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP by sending an email to <a href="mailto:campo@campotexas.org">campo@campotexas.org</a> or by sending US mail to "CAMPO, PO Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767". If you want the improvements back in plan you should ask for them to be funded and included. This must be done by June 29, 2016 to be included in the official record.

Steiner Ranch resident since 1991.

Thanks, Christie

From: Ravi Pothukuchy

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Funding for RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:37:07 PM

### Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Steiner Ranch, we experience extreme traffic jams on R620 and FM2222. It takes me upwards of 25min to drive just 4miles from my house to the intersection of R620/FM2222 during peak business hours. With more and more development in the area, it is only expected to get worse than better unless immediate steps are taken to ease the traffic on these roads.

I understand the funding for expanding R620 and FM2222 has not been included in the 2017-2020 TIP.

I urge you to kindly include necessary funding to expand these roads to reduce the congestion, improved productivity and and reduced oil consumption.

Best regards Ravi Pothukuchy

Austin TX 78732

From: <u>Chris Martin</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Funding of FM 620/2222 Improvements
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 7:27:17 AM

As a 12 year resident of Travis County and Steiner Ranch, I have seen firsthand the worsening of traffic and mobility caused by inaction as the area continues to grow.

Please allocate funding to this vital area project and include it on the 2017-2020 TIP so that we may see some relief in our lifetimes.

Thank You, Chris Martin From: <u>Padmaja</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: Funding request for RM620/FM2222 Road Improvement

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 9:22:51 PM

#### Dear Sir / Madam,

We live in the beautiful Steiner Ranch, but we experience heavy traffic jams on R620 and FM2222. Taking kids to school had been a nightmare until summer holidays started recently. I work near downtown and it takes me around 25min to 30 min just to drive to the intersection of R620/FM2222 from our house during normal business hours. We are dreading about the worsening traffic condition with more and more development in the area. Our entire family do love Steiner Ranch and don't want to move out of this neighborhood like many other Steiner Ranch X residents. We are counting on you to help us with any steps you can take to ease the traffic on these roads.

We understand the funding for expanding R620 and FM2222 has not been included in the 2017-2020 TIP.

We request you to kindly support any steps needed to fund for expansion of these roads to reduce the traffic congestion.

With warm Regards,

From: Siroin, Eddy

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: la this true

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 5:34:59 PM

Traffic is horrible and there is no plan!!! What in the hell do I pay taxes for. I would like to know what the plan is for 2222 and 620!!

Thanks for your quick response.

Eddy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: <u>Kim Pensamiento</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Improvements are needed

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1:04:35 AM

The 2222/620 improvements are so badly needed. Please return the Four Points traffic reduction action plan.

Thank you Kim Pensamiento Steiner Ranch Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Mike Whittington</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Include RM 620 and 2222 improvements in CAMPO 2017-2020 improvements

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:09:29 PM

I live in Steiner Ranch. I office at 8600 RR2222.

The company I founded employees 50 high paying Austin Jobs.

Austin restricts by use of property and generates taxes.

How is it even possible that 620 and 2222 would be excluded?

Please make the only equitable decision and include 620 and 2222 in the CAMPO bond!

D. Mike Whittington President & Chairman Myriad Development, Inc.

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From: AARDJANITOR

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: <u>aardjoan@</u>

 Subject:
 Intersection of 2222 & 360

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 6:20:58 PM

#### Dear CAMPO PERSONNEL:

The purpose of this communication is to let you know that we are in desperate shape in the Steiner Ranch area as regards the intersection of 2222 & Hwy 620. Certain times of the day, especially during the school year, it is all but impossible to get anywhere without incurring an hour or more wait at this one crossroads alone. We respectfully ask for relief in the form of a cut-off around that intersection, plus widening the lanes of Hwy 620. I think much of the problem could be solved with the removal of the traffic light. Please include us in the 720 million dollar bond.

Thank you, William Buskirk

Austin, Texas 78732

From: Michael C. Kavcak

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 Please fund RM620/FM2222

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 9:11:14 PM

### Hello all,

I'm writing to you in the hopes that you will consider funding the restructuring of the RM620/FM2222 intersection.

Relief here is desperately needed. Every morning, the traffic stretches back to Quinlan Park Road (and sometimes

further) to get through this intersection. Without improvements, the conditions will only worsen, as more housing is

being added to Steiner Ranch and all along RM 620. Without this improvement, people's lives will be greatly impacted,

even more so than they are already.

Please address this overwhelming need.

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Michael C. Kavcak, CEO|709 Horseback Hollow|"Sometimes he governs like a visitor from Sarge's Invincible |Austin, TX 78732 | a morally superior civilization."

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http://www.kavcak.com |sarge@kavcak.com | -David Brooks on President Obama

From: Abbie Bejrowski

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Please fund the RF620/FM2222 improvements in the 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:44:58 PM

They are desperately needed!

Thank you, Abbie Bejrowski

From: <u>Christine</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Please help

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:06:15 PM

We need help with traffic in the 2222 and 620 area. Please approve the projects to help relieve traffic. Thank you,

Christine Emanuel

From: Sammy Amsler

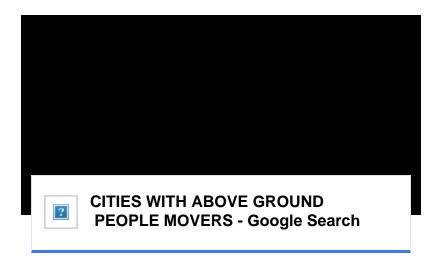
To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 Re: I35 corridor from 290 N to 290 S

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 9:38:01 PM

Again, examine what other cities all over the world are doing in using above ground elevated highways and above ground people movers. Capital Metro buses and light rail are causing a transportation nightmare for Automobiles Austin. Surely with all the technical think tanks in Austin someone can come up solutions like people movers for improving Austin Traffic!

# a WORLD VIEW OF PEOPLE MOVERS



On Monday, June 27, 2016 8:21 AM, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization <Campo@campotexas.org> wrote:

Thank you for your interest and comments on the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period remains open until Wednesday, June 29, 2016. Following the comment period, the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board will consider all public comments when they discuss and take action on the 2017-2020 TIP at their July 6 meeting.

Doise Miers, Public Information Officer
CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

512 974 2282 | doise.miers@campotexas.org 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 700 | Austin, TX 78704

From: Sammy Amsler

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 4:06 PM

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: I35 corridor from 290 N to 290 S

Today's AA described the mayor's transportation plan.

I35 underground is short sighted. I35 corridor passes through ultra expensive property with the realization taht right-of-way expansion horrizontally is too expensive.

There is abundant vertical space for double or tripple decks.

Examine the larger cities throughout the world and you will see multidecks everywhere. My letter to editor failed, but this is my view:

"Watson's plan may ease I-35 gridlock," needs a thoughtful appraisal. Will the cost of His

"beautification project" be equivalent to the cost of two tier decks at the split of lower and upper deck southbound from 290 North interchange to 290 south interchange. North bound traffic from South 290 would follow third tier for through traffic to 290 North interchange and directed to second tier allowing egress to the city streets. **T**rucks restricted to lower deck and other vehicle traffic to second and third tier with third tier for through traffic seems a reasonable solution.

An interim solution may be to close off all ingresses to I35 from 290 North to 290 South.

Has anyone noticed that traffic builds up at each ingress near downtown from 290 North to beyond the bridge. Local traffic using I-35 may be the primary reason for traffic jams on I-35. Search for "triple deck highway," and you will see

that this **Multideck**, infrastructure may be a viable option.

Insofar as the rail line hasn't anyone noticed that Austin is employing a very outdated transportation technology. Why not look to the future of people movers and think outside the box. Look into what other cities all over the world are doing in using above ground elevated highways. Buses cause a transportation nightmare in Austin. Austin planners, when working on improvement of Airport, North Lamar and Burnet road, instead of dedicated lanes for busses plan for the busses above ground and dispose of thinking backwards about ground transportation rather than looking to the future with new transport technologies.

From: <u>Kimberley Conner</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements INCLUDED in TIP 2017-2020

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 8:00:06 PM

As my subject line indicates, I am emailing to request that the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements be included in the TIP for 2017-2020. Improvements to the Four Points area is needed NOW.

It's my understanding that this area was highlighted as the number one most cited roadway of concern in the Austin Metro Area in the CAMPO 2040 Plan Study. So it is confusing that the number one roadway of concern would not be the highest priority for funding and planning.

I'm sure you have many specific concerns about the area traffic being sent to you. I can share mine as well, if needed. At this time, I am emailing to show support for this project be included in the TIP 2017-2020. The area is desperate for some real solutions to our traffic problems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kim Conner Steiner Ranch Resident From: <u>Stephanie Brown</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 8:26:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

The traffic in the four points area must become a priority. Please consider funding the "RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements" in the 2017-2020 TIP.

Thank you,

Loren & Stephanie Brown

From: Bob Page (bopage)

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 project

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 1:57:25 PM

## To whom it may concern,

Concerning the RM 620 / FM 2222 project (the restructuring of the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and the widening of FM 2222), I would like the improvements put back into the plan and for it to be funded and included. This will benefit neighbors and businesses by improving flow and reducing traffic back-ups.

## Thanks



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From: Bob Page (bopage)

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

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Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 project

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:07:43 PM

## To whom it may concern,

I understand the RM 620 / FM 2222 project (the restructuring of the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and the widening of FM 2222), has been removed from the **CAMPO 2020 Plan.** I would like the improvements put back into the plan and for it to be funded and included. This will benefit neighbors and businesses by improving flow and reducing traffic back-ups. This is one of the most congested intersections in the Austin area that needs immediate relief.

Thanks

Robert Page

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Jessica Orrick</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620/FM 2222 Project

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:58:02 PM

## Good Afternoon,

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP.

As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We are also very fortunate to attend outstanding schools in Leander ISD. Living in Steiner Ranch, our children enjoyed attending elementary and middle school within our neighborhood. They are now at Vandegrift High School and must venture along the traffic-heavy roads of RM 620 and FM 2222. The bus they ride picks up in only two sections of our neighborhood, yet must allow for an hour's ride because of the absurd back-up on RM 620 and FM 2222. The dual turn lane from RM 620 onto FM 2222 did offer some relief, but much more needs to be done, as more development is under construction and even more on the horizon. TX DOT has already supported the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening, going as far as stating that this is the first and most crucial step. All other RM 620 improvement studies assume that this project is a prerequisite to the others.

With the West Austin Four Points area already bursting at the seams with residential and commercial growth, we sincerely ask that you include the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening project in your bond, along with other critical bottlenecks, such as Anderson Mill Rd and Loop 360. These improvements will support the quality of life for which Austin is known, benefiting neighbors and businesses with improved traffic flow and reduced back-ups. We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Jessica Orrick

From: Michelle Beck

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620/FM 2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:06:00 PM

Importance: High

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation.

Thank you,

Doug and Michelle Beck Residents of Steiner Ranch From: <u>Debbie Donohue</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620/FM2222 Intersection and Widening Improvements

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 5:45:55 PM

Importance: High

We are writing in reference to the RM 620/FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). PLEASE do not exclude this critical project from the CAMPO Regional TIP. As you well know, this area of Austin is in desperate need of roadway improvements, and that's without taking into consideration development projects currently in the construction phase and those on the horizon. As you also know, in order for this area and areas along RM 620 to attain traffic relief, this particular project must take place first. TX DOT considers this to be the initial and most crucial step, with all of the other RM 620 improvement studies assuming this intersection and widening improvements a prerequisite.

We ask that you keep this project in the plan and allow more time be given for funding allocation. Thank you,

Debbie & Chris Donohue

Austin, TX 78732 Steiner Ranch From: <u>Curtis</u> J

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM620/FM2222 funding and inclusion in the 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 5:03:37 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to ask for the RM620/FM2222 corridor improvement plans to be funded and included in the 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

I work for a global consulting firm with over \$16 billion of revenue in downtown Austin and rely on this key route to get to the office. The current state of traffic in this corridor is quite poor and will continue to deteriorate until action is taken. There has been significant population growth in the west Austin area and infrastructure has not kept up. Free flowing roadways encourage the economic growth of Austin and businesses depend on this.

I respectfully request that the RM620/FM2222 corridor improvement plans to be funded and included in the 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Sincerely,

**Curtis Jones** 

Austin, Texas 78732

From: Paula Aventa

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM620/FM2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:13:43 PM

I am writing to ask that we receive funding for the RM620/FM2222 area. It has become completely congested and more dangerous over the past years. I understand that funding via its 2016 transportation bond for this project has not been identified which may prolong its execution. Austin has continued to grow at a rapid pace but our roadways have not kept up.

Sincerely,

Paula Aventa

From: <u>msmickeyd@</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: Road Improvements RM620-FM2222-Hwy71

Date: Monday, June 27, 2016 3:01:38 PM

Importance: High

I've lived in the Lake Travis area (78734) for over 40 years and the traffic has become unbearable! We have auto accidents on a daily basis that take lives, that injure people and cost all of us money. I volunteer for the Lake Travis Fire Rescue and our fire trucks have more calls for emergencies than fires. I'm not sure of the percentage of auto accidents; but, they are high.

We desperately need improvements for RM620/FM2222, Anderson Mill, Loop 260 and Oak Hill. A daily errand that used to be a 15 minutes drive could now take an hour (if you're lucky). If there is an accident, traffic can be shut down totally.

Please work on this issue please.

Thank you for your time, Mickey Decker From: Shane Stevens

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 urgent: 620/2222 improvements

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 2:00:25 PM

Attachments: image001.png

#### To whom it may concern:

It was brought to our attention at a neighborhood meeting that the plans for much-needed improvements to the highway 620/ RR 2222 area of West Austin are no longer scheduled to take place because of funding issues. This situation requires attention and corrective action to be taken as the heavy traffic in these areas has caused major problems, frequent accidents, and also injuries & deaths.

For example, during daily heavy traffic times the short drive to the local high school takes 45 minutes to an hour, instead of 10 to 15 minutes during non-peak times. Parents and students who make the drive individually can adjust their schedules to leave far earlier in the morning than would be necessary if the improvements were made, however students riding the bus often don't arrive until well after class has started. This is disruptive and increasingly common for the schools in the area.

The 620/2222 traffic problems will only intensify as the population continues to grow. The residents and businesses in the area will continue to see huge costs to time and fuel spent, as well as the increased danger that heavy traffic presents to all vehicle operators using these roads.

Please prioritize designating funding for these road improvements that will benefit the residents, businesses, schools, and travelers in West Austin.

Thank you, Shane Stevens

D. Shane Stevens

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From: <u>Tim Moss</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620/2222 improvements

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:53:07 AM

#### Dear CAMPO,

Please place the 620/2222 improvements back on the list for the 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program. The traffic on 620 & 2222 is terrible – the last improvements did not relieve the congestion. This area continues to grow with new multi-family housing, residential communities and commercial/retail developments currently under construction or in planning stages, which will only worsen an already bad traffic congestion situation in this area. Please help improve the safety and traffic congestion in our neighborhood.

Best regards,

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From: <u>Kristin Crawford</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620/2222 intersection improvements

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:40:30 AM

The improvements to the 620/2222 intersection should not be left out of current plans. As our children grow up and attend Vandegrift High School, traffic from Steiner Ranch to VHS is going to get worse. We will see more accidents that could have been avoided.

Thanks,

Kristin

Sent from my iPhone

From:

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

 Subject:
 2222/620 improvement funding

 Date:
 Monday, June 27, 2016 9:12:42 AM

#### To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to request funding for the RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP. Without significant improvement to the road infrastructure (not bike trails, sidewalks, gondolas, etc., but roads), quality of life for residents in the Four Points area will continue to decline, as it has quite dramatically over the 17 years I have lived here. New development (apartments, condos, retail, office buildings, etc.) keeps being approved and built, but very little has been done to our roads to support the growth. Road improvements in this area have been overlooked for years, and it should be viewed as an embarrassment for anyone involved in planning, funding, and implementing transportation improvements. We need to improve the roads today.

Thanks you for the consideration.

- Tim Mattox

Austin, TX 78730

From: Megan Peterson

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Fund 2222/620

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:59:49 AM

I believe that it is the responsibility of CAMPO to prioritize the funding of the 2222/620 intersection. In recent years the city and county have given developers free reign over the area without any regard to the infrastructure needed to support such development. It is irresponsible to build and build and yet have no way for people to get anywhere. Thank you for your time .

Megan Peterson

Sent from my iPhone

From: on behalf of Kevin Witt

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 improvements - FUND IT NOW

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:35:16 AM

As an 18 year resident of Steiner Ranch and one of the many thousands of people that commute from the Four Points area into the city every day, I was dismayed to see that long-awaited improvements to this intersection were removed from the CAMPO plan in your June 9th meeting.

The massive ongoing population growth in our area is something that you and the rest of our government have an (overdue) obligation to respond to with positive action. There is an obvious implied contract that when you allow development, and then collect taxes from that development (much higher on average than the rest of Travis Country or central Texas by the way) that you will then provide minimally suitable and functional services for the residents paying those taxes.

That is not happening when it comes to roads in our area.

Contrast that to our local schools. Growth is actually manageable with the right leadership and vision. Leander ISD acted quickly and thoughtfully and aggressively enough to build the schools we needed in time - and simultaneously improve their quality. If they sat on their hands as long as you folks have, our kids would be sitting cross-legged in cow pastures scratching their math problems into fence posts.

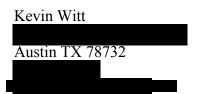
I suppose if that tragedy had come to pass, we'd have at least had the option of sending our kids to private schools. But, when it comes to driving around our area - THERE ARE NO CHOICES. We MUST drive through the 620/2222 intersection to literally go ANYWHERE. Whether you're talking the high school, our jobs, the grocery store, the doctor's office, etc... we are held hostage by the artificial congestion that your criminal inaction has created.

You act like it is confusing and complex to resolve an obvious and common suburban issue that happens all across the country. And that we've "tried everything" and somehow need to look at alternative solutions. That just ain't true! We have hundreds of thousands of people driving on inadequate rural roads instead of real functional highways.

Here's how easy it is... We need wider roads. We need bypasses. We need overpasses. Two-lanes with stoplights every couple hundred feet just doesn't work! Be happy that we have no problems in this town that can't easily be solved with a bulldozer and a bucket of asphalt and a little backbone. Embrace it! Your peers in other cities would give their right arm to have the easy-to-solve problems that you have.

So, stop stroking your own egos and trying to impress your coastal urban planner elitist friends by advancing more rail and mass transit and urban density proposals. We're Texans. We drive cars. Big cars. We like to spread out and have wide open spaces. This should not be news to y'all.

Get 'er done. Yee-ha!



From: <u>Trish Dawe</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 TIP

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 9:58:44 AM

I have heard the 620/2222 improvements have been taken out of the 2017-2020 TIP. This intersection is a horrible bottle neck and extremely dangerous. This needs to be included in the plan. There are accidents along this corridor on a regular basis. During rush hour when school is in session, 620 becomes a parking lot. This backs up both in the morning and evening commute in multiple directions as so many people travel through here. There are few viable other options to get to central Austin from 620.

From: <u>Laura Witmer</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RR2222

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:05:35 AM

Please fund the widening of 2222! The sooner; the safer.

Laura

From: William Farrell

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: TIP 2017-20

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:24:45 AM

I am writing to request that you please find a cooperative funding solution between the City of Austin, Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation to proceed with funding the proposed improvements to FM 620 and RR 2222. This may be one of the most dangerous and congested intersections within the entire city.

As the City has failed in the past to create any meaningful ways to travel east from the west side of town and the west side of town is the fastest growing market in the City, it is imperative that these measures get implemented immediately. Per TxDOT, this intersection currently rates as an "F" under their grading system. The proposed improvements would dramatically impact the traffic and safety of all residents along FM620 as well as all citizens traveling through this area.

Additionally, a large portion of the student population at Vandegrift High School must travel this intersection on a daily basis. The current conditions make for an extremely dangerous commute to and from school each and every day. In the event there is a wreck, it effectively shuts down this area of town for hours thereby robbing our children of valuable and state mandated classroom time.

I urge you to please pursue some type of cooperative funding solution necessary to include this project in the TIP.

Thanks.

William H. Farrell

Austin, Texas 78732

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# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is developing the four-year Transportation improvement Program (TIP). The 2017-2020 TIP will be used to allocate limited funding resources to best meet the various transportation needs of CAMPO's six-county region.

Attend an open house and provide your comments on the draft 2017-2020 TIP. All open houses are a come-and-go format, there will be no formal presentation.

Monday, June 13: San Marcos Activity Center—501 E. Hopkins St., San Marcos, 78666 (4-7 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 14: Austin City Hall Atrium—301 W. 2nd St., Austin, 78701 (1-4 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 15: Georgetown Historic Light and Waterworks Building—406 W. 8th St., Georgetown, 78627 (4-7 p.m.)

## About the 2017-2020 TIP

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is CAMPO's planning document that details transportation improvement projects to begin construction or implementation in a four-year window.

Regional agencies such as TxDOT, Capital Metro, and the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), as well as local governments, examine their anticipated projects for the four-year TIP cycle then submit those projects to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP. Before a project can be listed in the TIP, it must be included in the long-range plan and funding must be available.

In accordance with federal regulations, all transportation projects that use federal funding or are regionally significant must be included in the TIP before construction can begin.

The TIP is a multi-modal program that includes road, transit, bike, and pedestrian projects. The TIP can also include operational improvements, which are projects like electronic signs that alert motorists to lane closures, crashes and travel times.

# Provide Comments on the Draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Public comments on the draft 2017-2020 TIP will be accepted until 5 p.m. June 29, 2016. The draft 2017-2020 TIP, maps, and additional project details are available at the online open house at www.campotexas.org/get-involved.

Comments can be submitted by:

Mail: CAMPO P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767

Fax: 512.974.6385

Email: campo@campotexas.org

In person: 505 Barton Springs Rd., Suite 700

Austin, Texas 78704

Public comment period closes at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2016.



Submitted for Public Comment

CAMPO staff: Please email to those identified below

June 13, 2016



Dear Judge Eckhardt, Commissioners Daugherty and Shea, Mayor Adler, Councilmembers Gallo, Garza, and Kitchen, Mayor Bain, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McCoy:

I never thought I would have to call out a public body (CAMPO) in this region for lack of public involvement opportunities. As I think you would agree, input into how our region is shaped is of highest importance to those of us who live, work and recreate here. And, the transportation system that is established has a direct impact on how our region's land use patterns develop.

Observing CAMPO for many years has been a "hobby" for me. In recent years I have been troubled to see it move in a direction that appears to be more auto-centric and supportive of transportation policies (such as the infatuation with toll generating roads instead of, for example, grade-separated intersections or innovative intersection design) that benefit suburban counties more than urban ones. However, of concern to me right now is the development of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and CAMPO's current public involvement efforts.

It is my understanding that CAMPO's Public Involvement Plan (which, by the way, is almost impossible to locate on the CAMPO website) specifies the adoption of a new TIP is categorized as Tier 2, requiring "At least one community meeting held in the vicinity of the project(s)." There are projects in the <u>TIP that</u> was just made available for public review on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the six counties in the CAMPO region.

How does CAMPO having community meetings only in Georgetown, Austin and San Marcos satisfy the community meeting requirement? Which of these meetings is in the vicinity of US 281, SH 71, etc.?

Also, if I am reading the CAMPO website correctly, the only meeting in Austin is on Tuesday, June 14 from 1-4 p.m.

If CAMPO is seriously interested in engaging with the public, how could the only Austin meeting be held on a Tuesday afternoon?

In conclusion, if I am reading the <u>newly made available TIP</u> correctly, there appears to be over <u>\$200</u> <u>million</u> in funds committed to transportation projects between 2017 and 2020.

Don't you think that spending of this magnitude in a six-county region of around 2 million people warrants more than three community meetings held at times and locations that are convenient—not for staff—but for members of the public? What is the rush? Is there a deadline for this document?

The TIP has been available to the public for only about a week; time is needed to review its contents so as to be able to informatively comment on it. Please remain aware that there are many members of this community who are watching our elected and appointed officials. We salute you for all you do for Central Texas and sincerely hope you are committed to engaging with the public in an informative and meaningful way on this important issue.

Best,

A very concerned, watchful Central Texas citizen



June 21, 2016

CAMPO PO Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

RE: COMMENTS ON DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR 2017 – 2020

Hello,

This letter is to (1) notify CAMPO that an emergency situation exists along Highway 620 South in the Lakeway / Bee Cave area, due to explosive growth and extreme traffic congestion, and (2) request the addition of hiking trails, bike lanes, and pedestrian sidewalks that interconnect Lakeway / Bee Cave neighborhoods and retail centers with existing trails, lanes and sidewalks – for the purpose of reducing extreme traffic congestion on Highway 620 South.

Along Highway 620 South, there seem to be <u>daily vehicle crashes and near-crashes</u> because Highway 620 was not designed for the current level of population growth. While it will take years for Highway 620 to be expanded, there are interim 'emergency' measures that could alleviate some of the current traffic congestion. Lakeway, for example, has a few hiking trails, bike and golf cart lanes, and pedestrian sidewalks. A review of the existing infrastructure would reveal that, with the addition of strategically – placed new trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks that interconnect existing trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks, many residents would be able to walk, hike, or bicycle to contiguous neighborhoods and to nearby retail centers.

Not only would auto traffic be reduced, wear and tear on existing roads and air emissions from autos would be reduced as residents choose to take care of their neighborhood errands and visits by walking, hiking or bicycling up to 12 months per year, weather permitting. Currently, there are gaps in the hike & bike infrastructure, making it unsafe to walk, hike or bicycle to most nearby retail centers. With the addition of interconnecting trails, lanes, and sidewalks, the walk-hike-bike options could significantly reduce dangerous congestion on Hwy 620 South while improving quality of life for residents of Lakeway and Bee Cave.

Regards,

Lynne Le blon Lynne LeMon

Austin, TX 78734

From: <u>k smith iv</u>

To: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Improvement on 2222/620 Intersection
Date: Monday, June 27, 2016 11:29:34 AM

Please fund the necessary traffic improvement of widening the 2222 road so that traffic flow can be improved. I travel this corridor each day and it remains to be a bottle neck of slow moving vehicles due to the volume of vehicles on the road. We have people driving to work, students driving to school, parents taking children to school as well as daycare. We have shoppers and workers in the immediate area and although growth has tripled, the roadways have never been improved upon. It is unfortunate that traffic remains to be a daily concern and I've known people to move out of the four points area because of such. An increase of people and homes and apartments in this community demands this increase in road capacity.

Thank you, A concerned community citizen From: Ben Walls

To: Paul Workman; Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Cc: <u>Don Barber</u>

Subject: Re: Over crowding in Steiner Ranch
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:49:47 AM

## Hello again Rep. Workman,

Following up on the issue I've written to you about previously - namely how crowded the Steiner Ranch area is getting. I was disappointed to hear RM 620 / FM 2222 Intersection and widening improvements were not funded and therefore removed on June 9th from the 2017-2020 Traffic Improvement Plan. Traffic going east on 620 to turn right onto 2222 is horrendous at the best of times, but total gridlock during rush hour. It's not unusual for traffic to queue all the way back to the traffic lights at Comanche Trail. Please advise what help you can provide for a funding solution for this critical project. Many thanks

Ben

On Dec 8, 2015, at 12:02 PM, Paul Workman < Paul. Workman@house.state.tx.us> wrote:

Thank you for contacting my office.

New developments continue to add to the traffic on 620 and 2222. If a development has been approved by all the required local authorities, what I can do is continue to aggressively push for improvements to 620 and 2222 (as I am for 360, SW45, the "Y", 71, and IH-35). A component of the solutions to 620 is the 620/2222 intersection "cut through" road. I will continue to push for an aggressive timeline to implement solutions developed by the community. What I have done is ensure that taxpayers are not supplementing developments that then add to the 620 and/or 2222 traffic. Case in point was the fact I officially objected to, therefore killed, a tax-payer-credit-subsidized housing project along 620. Again, I cannot support taking money from taxpayers and subsidizing a development that adds to the 620 gridlock.

Finally, the ingress/egress issue of Steiner continues to be a significant concern. I continually query about this matter and did so again just last week. Pushing for an effective creative solution will continue. Your suggestions are ones I have and will continue to ask about. On this point, wildfires are a continual concern. I've pushed for a new law to allow landowners to control the trees and underbrush on their own property in order to mitigate the potential impacts of fire. I'll again push for it this coming session. Each session the Texas Municipal League leads the opposition fight by saying the landowner doesn't really fully own and control the trees on their land and - inaccurately - they use the scare tactic of saying it'll result in clear-cutting of trees. Their position is making us all less safe. Fire safety, especially at the urban/wildland interface, will everincrease in importance in our area due to people acting on their individual liberties and moving to our beautiful forested Hill Country.

I hope you find this reply helpful. Thank you for contacting my office. Please don't hesitate to do so at any time. Thank you.

-Rep. Workman

Don Barber, Chief of Staff Rep. Paul D. Workman, District 47 P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78786 Capitol Extension, Room E2.902 512-463-0652 512-463-0565, fax don.barber@house.state.tx.us Visit Rep. Workman's House Website

## Dear Mr Workman,

I felt compelled to write to you after opening my local "Four Points News" newspaper and reading about yet another apartment development being shoehorned into Steiner Ranch. It seems that developers are being given carte blanche to build wherever they like without any consideration to traffic problems or indeed safety. Let me address both of those issues;

- 1) Safety. We were caught in the fire in Steiner in 2011 and I am staggered that there has been no progress since then to build an alternate exit from Steiner either a bridge over lake Austin from the bottom of Quinlan park road, or a back road into River Place. Every time I pass yet another apartment complex springing up as I exit Steiner I shudder at the thought of the devastation another fire could cause. We'd be trapped. This needs to be a priority.
- 2) Traffic. The developments seem to have been approved with no consideration for traffic or any investment in the road infrastructure. The junction at 620 and 2222 is at gridlock for most of the morning and later in the afternoon, and the token extra right turn lane that was added last year has done little to improve things.

This was a nice neighborhood we moved to in 2010, but unrestrained development has led to it being a fire deathtrap and a miserable commute. What efforts are you doing to combat these two issues?

Yours sincerely,	
Ben Walls	
	, Steiner Ranch)

From: Melissa Dougan

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 / FM 2222 intersection and widening improvements"

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:21:52 AM

To whom it may concern,

Funding for this project is an absolute must. The traffic in our area is terrible and it continues to get worse. Without this project happening this area will continue to have horrific problems with the flow of traffic, congestion and most importantly this must happen for the safety of the people who drive these roads daily.

Kind regards, Melissa Dougan

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Matthew Rider</u>

To: Adler, Steve: Cortez, John Michael; kazingue.prince@austintexas.gov; Burton, Brandi; Ott, Marc; Cannon, Tina;

<u>Petronis, Joe; sarah.eckhardt@traviscountytx.gov; brigid.shea@traviscountytx.gov;</u>

gerald.daugherty@traviscountytx.gov; paul.workman@house.texas.gov; donna.howard@house.texas.gov;

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Subject:** RR 620 bypass at RR 2222

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2016 1:10:52 PM

Why was it removed for the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program?

I have lived in Steiner Ranch for 14 years. The number of residents have tripled since I have been here and yet, the roads have not. It can take 40 minutes to get through that intersection.

What is being done to improve congestion in the 2 Points area?

Regards,

Matthew Rider

From: <u>Ashley Doerr</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: 620 and 2222

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:25:44 PM

## Dear CAMPO,

We support funding that would impact thousands and thousands of people each day by moving more cars through a bottleneck intersection at 620 and 2222.

Please keep 620 and 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

It is extremely difficult to predict how much traffic we will encounter each day, thus making it near impossible to make plans around certain times of day. Thank you very much.

Ashley and Kris Doerr

From: <u>Julie Snyder</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 620/2222 congestion relief

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:59:10 PM

## Dear CAMPO,

We support funding that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a bottleneck intersection at RM2222/RM 620.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume has increased each year we've lived here over the past 10 years and that main intersection once worked but does not any more creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume.

Please help.

Julie Snyder

From:	Anjum Hanafi
To:	Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Date:	620/2222 Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:49:54 PM
Date:	Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4.49.34 PM
Dear CAMPO,	
	ng that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a ection at RM2222/RM 620.
Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.	
The traffic volume has increased each year we've lived here over the past 17 years. This main intersection worked once, but does not any more, creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume of traffic.	
Please support this project that impacts so many people.	
Thank you and be	est regards,
Anjum Hanafi	
Austin, TX 78732	

From: kevin@physicianwebpages.com

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization To:

Subject: 2222 Traffic Relief

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:07:23 PM

## Dear CAMPO,

I support funding that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a bottleneck intersection at RM2222/RM 620.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume has increased each year we've lived here over the past 12 years and that main intersection once worked but does not any more creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume.



Kevin Koepsel President (512) 266-7639

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From: Angela

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: 2222/620 improvement

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:37:59 PM

## Dear CAMPO,

We support funding to improve the intersection at 2222 and 620. The improvements impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through the bottleneck intersection.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume, especially during the school year, is dangerously voluminous. To move 1 mile can easily take 30 minutes. The frustration of drivers leads many to make illogical decisions (e.g. Driving the shoulder or center lane) that could result in catastrophic accidents.

Please support this project that impacts so many people.

Thank you and best regards,

Angela Lipscomb Steiner Ranch From: <u>Douglas Ross</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: CAMPO 2017-2020 TIP comments

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:00:26 PM

From what I was able to determine CAMPO proposes to spend approximately \$5.75 million on HERO, \$34.23 million on bicycle and pedestrian issues, \$282.38 million on Capital Metro, and \$620.72 million on roadways. Considering the number of those that utilize the bicycle lanes, the budgeted amount is excessive. Considering ridership is down, the Capital Metro budget amount is excessive. Considering the amount of congestion on the roadways, the amount budgeted for roadways is not near adequate.

The Capital Metro dollar amounts should be examined by an independent outside party. During the period, I asked very direct simple questions and sought "Yes" or "No" answers. I received answers that only an insider could understand. This is disgraceful.

	George I	Ross
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Austin, Texas 78739

From: Owner

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject**: Funding for 620/2222

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:45:01 PM

#### To whom this may concern:

Please consider including the corridor of 620/2222 when allotting money from the 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan. We live in Steiner Ranch and the traffic flow needs improvement. It took me 45 minutes to travel two miles yesterday and this happens on a weekly basis. With the growing community we need road expansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Parrish

Austin, TX 78732

From: <u>Leslie Valentine</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: administrator@cityofrollingwood.com; smartmopac@gmail.com

Subject: Keep MoPac local

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:37:11 PM

I am an Austin native. My aunt was one of the first environmentalists in Austin and fought to save the golden-cheeked warbler, helping to create the Balcones Canyonlands. I am proud of my state heritage and the work that Lady Bird Johnson undertook to bring back native wildflowers and to beautify our highways.

That's why I deplore the plans for proposed SH 45 SW and Mopac South toll loop project.

As proposed, the 45SW/Mopac toll loop threatens the survival of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, as set out in Wildflower Center Interim Director Mike Abkowitz's letter to TxDOT of August 21, 2015. The traffic, visual blight, and air, noise, light, and water pollution from the proposed project would ruin the Wildflower Center visitor experience and do severe damage to the Center's conservation and education mission.

The proposal to expand Mopac South and the bridge over Lady Bird Lake, at the north end of the toll loop project, would also do serious harm to Zilker Park, Lady Bird Lake, Barton Springs and Austin High School. Traffic congestion would get worse, not better.

Lady Bird Johnson's legacy of conservation and highway beautification deserves better. Lady Bird was the driving force behind the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Her work, and that of the Wildflower Center, has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of Texas' and our nation's highways.

The Wildflower Center should be protected, not overrun by a rush to convert Mopac into a relief route for I-35 traffic. As currently planned, TxDOT would build the 45SW/Mopac South loop piecemeal, broken into 4 segments, without ever looking at the environmental impacts of the whole project. The most harmful pieces, south of and adjacent to the Wildflower Center, would be built first.

The 45SW/Mopac South corridor should not be converted into a western relief route for Interstate 35 car and truck traffic. Instead, limited transportation funds should be spent improving I-35 itself and making SH 130 a free highway, as proposed by House Transportation Chair, Rep. Joe Pickett.

Making SH 130 free would provide instant relief for I-35 congestion while encouraging development east of I-35 along the SH 130 corridor where development is needed. This would protect the Wildflower Center and our Hill Country natural heritage, from Austin to San Antonio.'

With your help we can reduce congestion on I-35 while protecting the best of Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslie Valentine

Austin, TX 78746

From: <u>Jennifer Allis</u>

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: Public Comment on 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:13:18 PM

#### Dear CAMPO,

I submit the following public comment:

Please keep FM 620/RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

I support funding to improve major congestion in and around the intersection at RM2222/FM 620.

The traffic volume has increased by an incredible amount during the past decade. Plus with the opening of Vandegrift High School and the middle school, that intersection experiences long delays and is a daily nightmare during my commute.

Thank you. Jennifer Allis

Austin, TX 78732

From: Chris Sullivan

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>
Subject: RM 620 /RM 2222 Improvement projects at CAMPO

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:31:31 PM

#### Dear CAMPO,

We support funding that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a bottleneck intersection at RM2222/RM 620.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume has increased each year we've been here. This main intersection worked once, but does not any more, creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume of traffic.

Please support this project that impacts so many people.

Thank you and best regards,

Chris Sullivan

Austin, TX 78732 Steiner Ranch From: Romi Rohatgi

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Subject: RM 620 /RM 2222 Improvement projects at CAMPO

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:40:19 PM

#### Dear CAMPO,

We support funding that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a bottleneck intersection at RM2222/RM 620.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume has increased each year we've lived here over the past 17 years. This main intersection worked once, but does not any more, creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume of traffic.

Please support this project that impacts so many people.

Thank you, Romi & Vineet Rohatgi

Austin, TX 78732 Steiner Ranch From: ALISON SWARTWOOD

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

**Subject:** RM 620/RM 2222

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:40:46 PM

#### Dear CAMPO,

We support funding that would impact tens of thousands of drivers daily by moving more vehicles through a bottleneck intersection at RM2222/RM 620.

Please keep RM 620 /RM 2222 intersection and widening improvements in the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The traffic volume has increased each year we've lived here over the past 10 years and that main intersection once worked but does not any more creating long delays and inefficient ways to move the huge volume.

Please help! Alison Swartwood

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From: Kelly Davis

To: <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>

Cc: "Bill Bunch"; "Lauren Ice"

 Subject:
 Comments on 2017-2020 TIP - Round 2

 Date:
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016 4:44:46 PM

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To Chairman Conley and Members of the CAMPO Board,

Please see the attached comments submitted on behalf of Save Our Springs Alliance regarding the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (Round of Public Involvement). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Kelly

#### **Kelly Davis**

Staff Attorney kelly@sosalliance.org (512) 477-2320 ext. 306 905 W. Oltorf St., Ste. A Austin, Texas 78704 SOSAlliance.org June 29, 2016

Transportation Policy Board Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767 campo@campotexas.org

Via Email

#### Re: Comments on CAMPO FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Members of the CAMPO Board:

Save Our Springs Alliance offers the following comments on the proposed Fiscal Year's 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Save Our Springs appreciates the opportunity to comment and CAMPO's consideration of these comments.

Save Our Springs Alliance reiterates and incorporates by reference the comments it submitted on May 13, 2016 during the first round of public comments on the 2017-2020 draft TIP, attached hereto. We also incorporate by reference the points made in our comments on the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Long Range Plan, submitted March 28, 2016.

In general, Save Our Springs supports the bicycle and pedestrian projects included in the TIP and encourages diverting funds from more costly and environmentally damaging road construction to other multimodal projects. Save Our Springs also encourages continuation of the environmental study for Lone Star Rail, as an alternative means to move people up and down the I-35 corridor.

### Road projects should focus on the areas to the east and downstream of the Barton Springs watershed.

Save Our Springs is pleased that most of the TIP's road projects in Hays and Southern Travis County are not within the environmentally sensitive Barton Springs watershed. CAMPO should continue to support and prioritize improving IH-35 as our top road project priority. CAMPO should also emphasize supporting development in the preferred growth corridor between IH-35 and SH 130. Through traffic must be encouraged to use SH 130 rather than building environmentally destructive highway projects to the west.

On a related note, due to its location in the ecologically sensitive transition and contributing zones of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, the proposed new roadway from RM 967 to FM 1626 (MPO Project ID 412) should be removed from the TIP.

### SH 45 SW should be removed from the TIP, or at a minimum, its cost should be scrutinized.

SH 45 SW is an environmentally destructive project in the recharge zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Its construction and operation will adversely affect federally listed endangered species, including the Golden-cheeked Warbler, Barton Springs Salamander, and Austin Blind Salamander. The project will not alleviate traffic congestion in the surrounding roadway network. Rather, due to latent demand and induced growth, traffic on area streets will actually become worse. Moreover, SH 45 SW is proposed to be a toll road, which are unpopular in Texas and subject to increasing unpopularity among state legislators. For these reasons and others made in previous comments to CAMPO, the SH 45 SW project (MPO Project IDs 114a and 114b) should be removed from the TIP.

Alternatively, the Policy Board should decline to include this project in the TIP until uncertainty regarding its cost are addressed. In the draft TIP, the SH 45 SW project (from Loop 1 to FM 1626) is broken up into two pieces. The first piece will be 4.008 miles in length, from the Hays County Line to Loop 1 (MoPac), and is estimated to cost \$67,420,000. The second piece is .47 miles, from the Travis County line to FM 1626, and is estimated to cost \$41,500,000.¹ Why is a stretch of road less than half a mile projected to cost nearly two-thirds of the cost for a four-mile segment of the same road? These cost estimates raise questions about the true costs of the road, and what undisclosed aspects of the smaller piece make it so expensive compared to the much larger piece. The Policy Board should demand a satisfactory explanation from CTRMA and TxDOT officials prior to considering including this project in the TIP.

### CAMPO should remove the MoPac Intersections from the TIP, or at a minimum, its cost should be scrutinized.

Like SH 45 SW, the so-called "MoPac Intersections" project (MPO Project ID 101) is located within the recharge zone of Barton Springs and should be removed from the TIP altogether. Alternatively, the Policy Board should not approve the cost increases proposed in the TIP.

As in previous comments, Save Our Springs would like to draw the Policy Board's attention to the ballooning costs of the MoPac Intersections Project. The "Total Project Cost" in the draft TIP is estimated to be nearly \$63 million. The "Cost of Approved Phases" is estimated to be a little over \$54 million. Without knowing what this increase in \$9 million is for, and where the funding will come from, it would be irresponsible for CAMPO to include this project as proposed in the TIP. Moreover, amendments to the 2040 Plan that were approved only last April estimated cost of the project to be about \$45.8 million (prior to that, the estimated cost in the 2040 Plan was \$43.5 million). Whether one compares that to the total project cost or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The project lengths were provided in TxDOT's Project Tracker, available at <a href="http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps-cg/project\_tracker/">http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps-cg/project\_tracker/</a>. Choose "Search by Project ID" and enter Project IDs 120006004 and 120007001.

cost of approved phases, there is a dramatic increase that should be justified before the Policy Board adopts it. It does not require a calculator to see that the price of this environmentally destructive project keeps increasing seemingly every few months, despite the fact that the final Environmental Assessment, which is supposed to accurately describe the project in sufficient detail to document environmental effects, was finalized in December 2015. If the project is changing, causing increased costs, then the Environmental Assessment is not accurate and the project should not move forward. If the project is not changing, then the increasing costs should be explained. There is a lack of transparency and accountability surrounding this project that should not be overlooked; as public officials, we urge the members of the Policy Board to seek explanations and not be a mere rubber stamp for TxDOT and CTRMA.

#### Two of the projects undergoing environmental assessment should be scrapped.

Appendix E lists Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessment, including "Loop 1 S" and "US 290 W/SH 71." Both of these projects should be withdrawn and the process terminated because they are merely segments of a larger tollway system that must be studied comprehensively under the National Environmental Policy Act. These projects are also located in the Barton Springs watershed, and the cumulative effects of these and other projects should be studied together in a comprehensive environmental analysis. Their construction is not justified without building other projects in the 2040 Plan, such as MoPac Intersections and SH 45 SW, and thus they lack the independent utility and operational independence necessary to list these as separate projects in the TIP.

#### CAMPO should address concerns in the public participation process.

We are disappointed in the sudden scheduling change for public comment. The original schedule for adopting the 2017-2020 TIP had public comments due on July 18, 2016, with the Policy Board considering adoption three weeks later, giving some time for the Policy Board to consider public comment. In a barely advertised change of course, the public comment deadline was moved up to June 29, and the Policy Board will vote one week later, on July 6, thus shortening the time the public has to review the lengthy TIP and prepare thoughtful comments, as well as the Policy Board's time to digest those comments. Such a sudden and little-noticed tightening of deadlines stymies public participation and erodes credibility in the TIP-adopting process.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
/s/ Kelly D. Davis

Kelly D. Davis, Staff Attorney Bill Bunch, Executive Director Lauren Ice, Staff Attorney

For Save Our Springs Alliance

May 13, 2016

Transportation Policy Board Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767 campo@campotexas.org

Via Email

#### Re: Comments on CAMPO FYs 2017-20202 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Members of the CAMPO Board:

Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS Alliance) offers the following comments on the proposed Fiscal Year's 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). SOS Alliance appreciates the opportunity to comment and CAMPO's consideration of these comments.

SOS Alliance reiterates the comments made in and incorporates by reference SOS's March 28, 2016 letter on the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan and attachment thereto (included in the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Agenda and Back-up for the April 4, 2016 meeting).

### CAMPO Should Prioritize Multimodal Options such as Transit and Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure.

SOS Alliance supports the transit projects proposed in the 2017-2020 TIP, and encourages CAMPO to prioritize transit as a transportation option in Central Texas. In addition to the transit projects included, CAMPO should consider supporting Lone Star Rail's ongoing studies to provide a much-needed alternative to commuters driving to Austin from communities to the South. Currently, there are not *any* public transit options from Kyle or Buda into Austin. CARTS goes from San Marcos to Austin (and back) without stopping in Kyle or Buda, even though they are on the way. It is unlikely that the cost of this service would significantly increase if stopovers in Buda and Kyle were added. As it is, commuters working in Austin have no option but to drive. CAMPO should facilitate options for commuters and all travelers by emphasizing enhanced transit services, including expansion of CARTS service and continued support for Lone Star Rail.

In addition, SOS Alliance supports the pedestrian and bicycle projects proposed in the 2017-2020 TIP. However, the cumulative cost of these projects amounts to only a small fraction of the funds to be dedicated to build and expand roadways. This is partly because pedestrian and bike facilities are much less expensive than roads, but it is also because there are much fewer of these projects proposed in the plan—only fifteen projects. CAMPO

should recognize that there needs to be greater equity in the allocation of limited transportation funds. Persons who do not own a car, either by choice or necessity, should not have to put their safety at risk because there was not enough money to build a sidewalk. Moreover, to truly alleviate traffic congestion, transportation infrastructure needs to allow people to get out of their cars and use other means to safely travel to their destinations, including walking and biking. Thus, CAMPO should prioritize projects for pedestrians and cyclists in the 2017-2020 TIP.

### The MoPac Intersections Project Needs to Be Carefully Scrutinized if Not Removed from the TIP Altogether.

The MoPac Intersections Project (ID #101) should not be included in the 2017-2020 TIP, and certainly not at an increased price of \$65,398,793. These funds should be redirected to more sustainable and affordable non-highway projects that do not encourage sprawl development in the highly vulnerable Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. Less expensive and more environmentally friendly options exist to relieve congestion on MoPac at Slaughter and La Crosse. For more discussion, see SOS's March 28, 2016 comments on the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan and attachment from Metro Analytics.

As SOS noted in its previous comments, there is an alarming disparity in the project's estimated cost between the recently adopted plan amendments and the draft 2017-2020 TIP. The Transportation Policy Board approved the amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan at their April 4, 2016 meeting, which included the MoPac Intersections Project (identified and described as "SL1"- Grade Separation of Main Lanes) with a Total Project Cost of about \$45 million. At the time the Board considered these amendments, the proposed project list for the 2017-2020 TIP included the same project with a price of \$65 million. Thus, information available to the public (and the Board) showed that an increase in the project price was already planned, which will require yet another amendment to the 2015-2018 TIP and 2040 Plan. Why would the Board amend the current TIP and 2040 Plan to include a project cost that was already planned to be superseded? What is the justification for the \$20 million jump in the cost? The CAMPO Board should seek to have these questions answered in a public forum before taking any final action on the 2017-2020 TIP.

#### **CAMPO Should Address Concerns in the Public Participation Process.**

There are at least two different versions of the proposed 2017-2020 TIP. The Open House document soliciting public comment (as revised April 14, 2016) includes a table titled "Requested Projects for adoption in the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program." This table is three pages long. The back-up material for the February 17, 2016 Agenda of the Technical Advisory Committee includes "Requested Additions to the FYs 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program." This table is *over six pages* long, and includes many more projects than the Open House document. Why is the list of projects provided to the TAC so much longer? Is there a difference between "requested projects for adoption" and "requested additions" to the 2017-2020 TIP? Which is the correct list of

projects to be included in the 2017-2020 TIP, and what if the public was not provided the correct list for comment?

This is not the only instance in which the impact of public comments is questionable. A February 29, 2016 article in *Community Impact* states that the 2017-2020 TIP process will vary because CAMPO is delaying its regular call for projects from jurisdictions while it waits for the federal government to establish performance metrics for projects. However, CAMPO director Ashby Johnson stated that "the public can comment on project that will carry over from the previous TIP for 2015-2018 and projects added as placeholders for fiscal years 2018-2019." After the federal metrics are determined, later in the year, CAMPO will ask jurisdictions to submit upcoming construction projects. Then CAMPO staff will use the criteria to evaluate projects and make recommendations to CAMPO's Board. None of this information is on CAMPO's website. It was only by reading this article that SOS Alliance or other members of the public would understand the limited nature of their comments on the 2017-2020 TIP. Moreover, there is no indication in the article or CAMPO's website that after federal metrics are determined and jurisdictions have been called to submit concrete projects (not just "placeholders") that there will be another public comment period. SOS would appreciate CAMPO staff clarifying the purpose of public comments on the 2017-2020 TIP at this stage, and indicating whether there will be further opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kelly D. Davis

Kelly D. Davis, Staff Attorney Bill Bunch, Executive Director Lauren Ice, Staff Attorney

For Save Our Springs Alliance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amy Denney, *CAMPO Hosts Open House Events for Plan Outlining Transportation Construction in 2017-20*, COMMUNITY IMPACT, Feb. 29, 2016, http://communityimpact.com/austin/city-county/2016/02/29/campo-hosts-open-house-events-for-plan-outlining-transportation-construction/.



#### Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### 2017—2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

• The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is CAMPO's planning document that details transportation improvement projects to begin construction or implementation in a four-year window.

Regional agencies such as TxDOT, Capital Metro, and the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), as well as local governments, examine their anticipated projects for the four-year TIP cycle then submit those projects to CAMPO for inclusion in the TIP. Before a project can be listed in the TIP, it must be included in the long-range plan and funding must be available.

• In accordance with federal regulations, all transportation projects that use federal funding or are regionally significant must be included in the TIP before construction can begin.

The TIP is a multi-modal program that includes road, transit, bike, and pedestrian projects. The TIP can also include operational improvements, which are projects like electronic signs that alert motorists to lane closures, crashes, and travel times.

#### Provide Comments on the draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Public comments on the draft 2017-2020 TIP will be accepted until 5 p.m. June 29, 2016. Maps and additional details are available at www.campotexas.org/get-involved.

Comments can be submitted by:

Mail: CAMPO P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767

Fax: 512.974.6385

Email: campo@campotexas.org

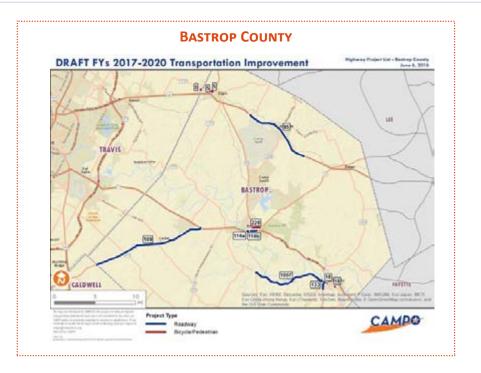
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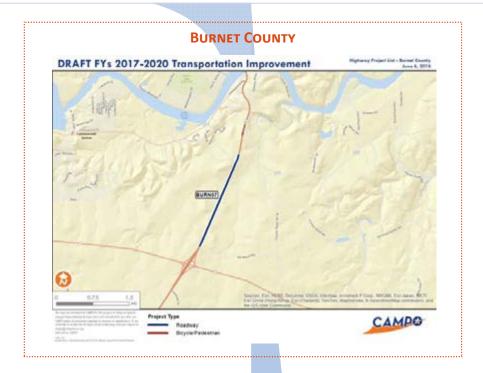
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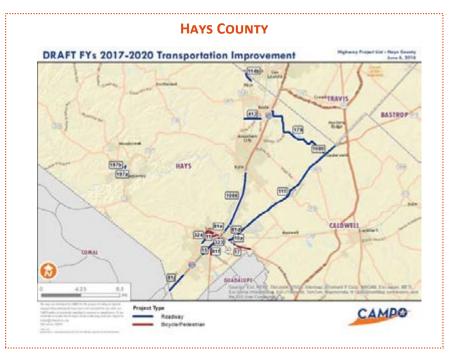
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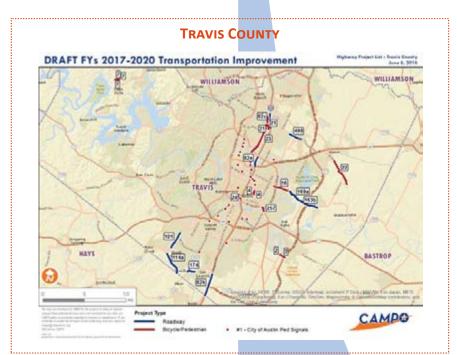










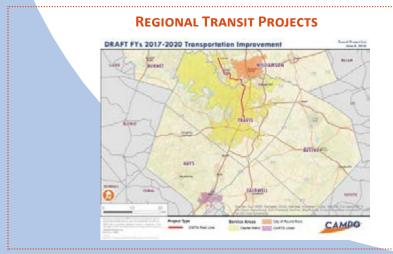






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For more details and project descriptions associated with the project ID numbers shown here, as well as information on additional projects such as safety and maintenance projects please visit www.campotexas.org/get-involved/ or call 512-974-2282.







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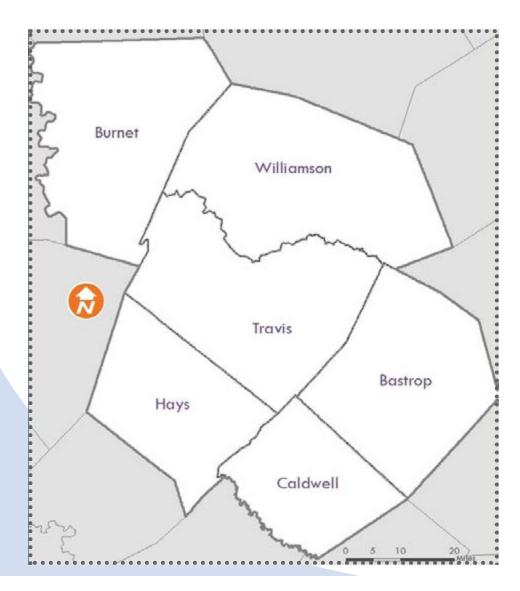
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#### What is CAMPO?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the agency that approves the use of federal transportation funds in CAMPO's six-county region – Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties.

The Transportation Policy Board is the governing body of CAMPO and is made up of 20 elected officials and representatives of transportation agencies from the six-county region.

CAMPO is responsible for coordinating with regional agencies and local governments to develop a 20+ year long-range plan and a four-year program of projects.





## Open House Purpose

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about projects in the draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### Ask

questions about projects in the draft 2017-2020 TIP.

### Comment

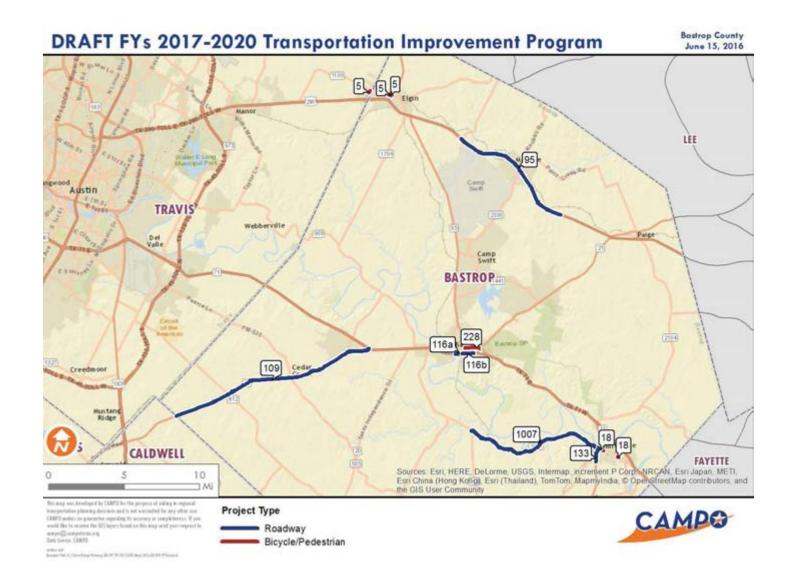
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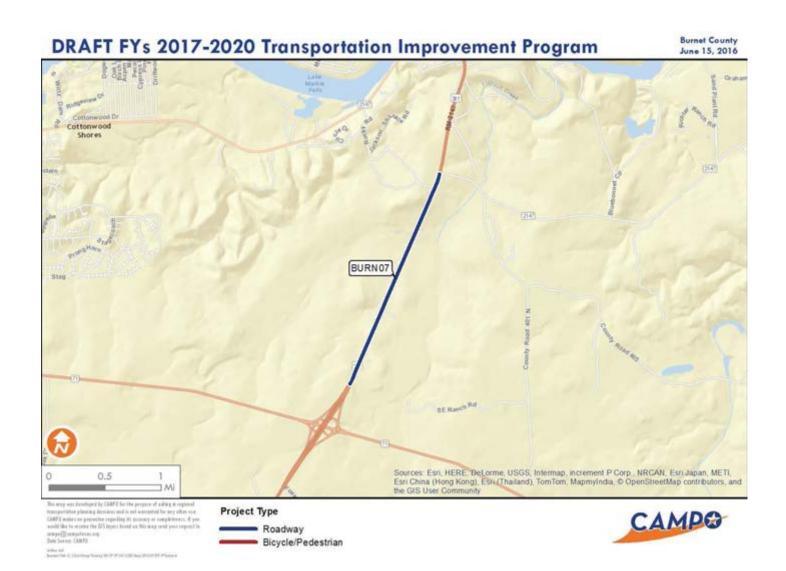
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## **Burnet County**







## Caldwell County

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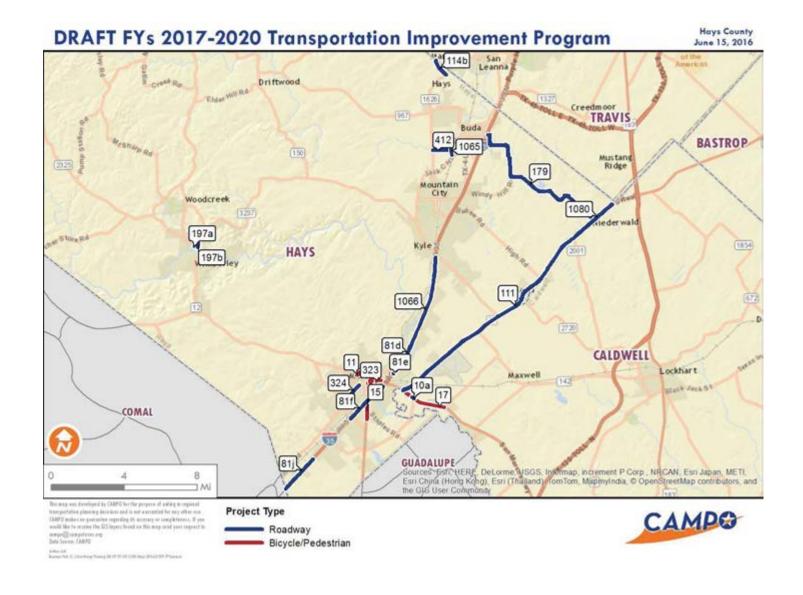
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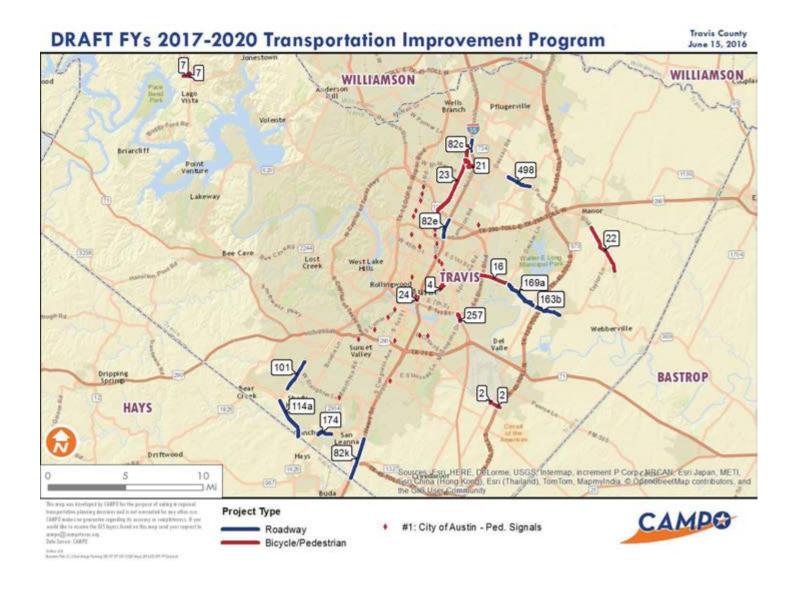
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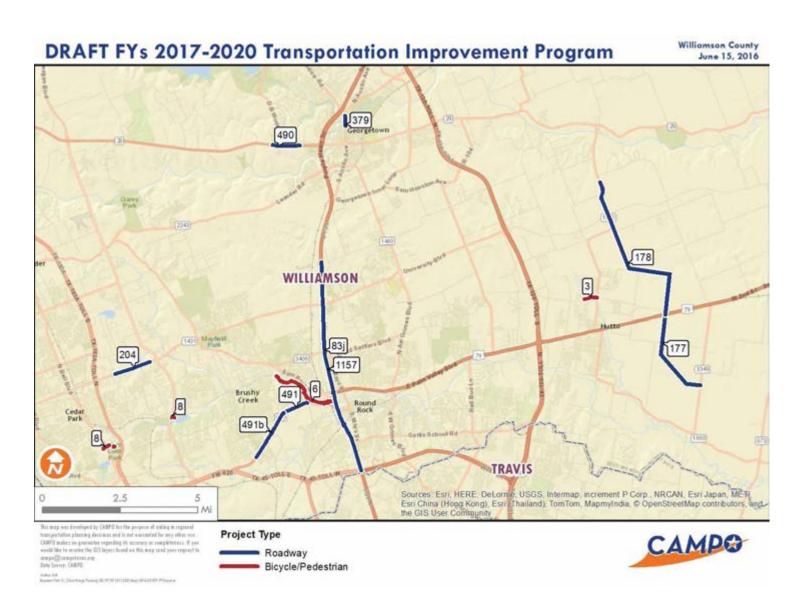
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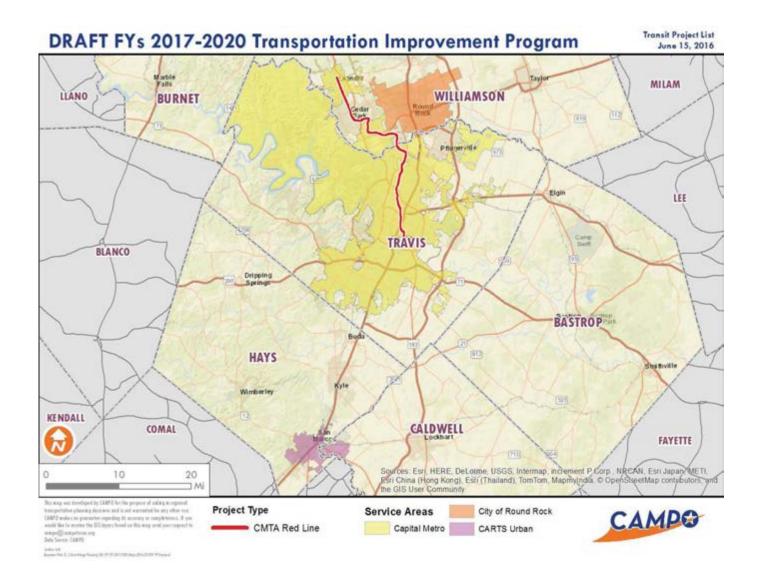
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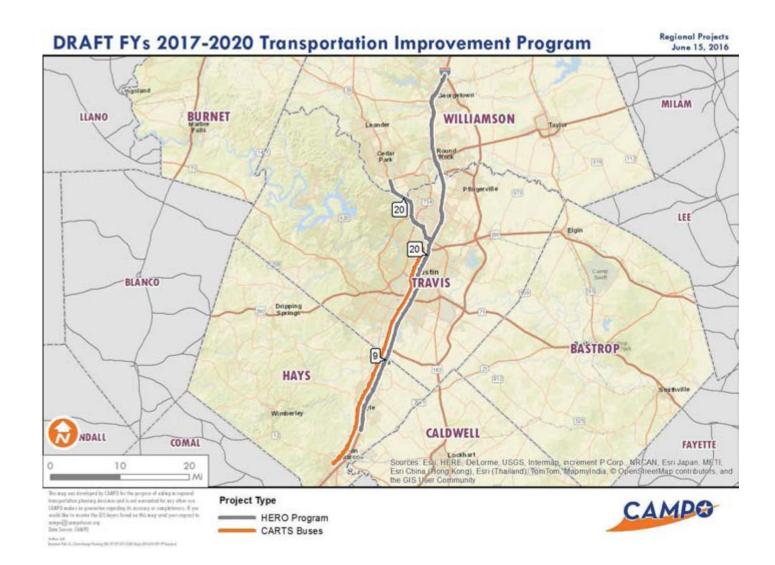
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## Regional Highway Projects







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