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Robotics Team Explores Commuting Solutions

In October 2009, CAMPO's Environmental Team was interviewed by Artificial Intelligence, a group of home-school children who participate in the [FIRST LEGO League](#). The FIRST LEGO League is an annual competition for elementary and middle school students that focuses on real-world topics related to the sciences.



The team must identify a problem, create an innovative solution, and share the solution with the community. This year's theme is "Smart Move" and the children were challenged with finding innovative, cost-effective, and efficient ways of transporting goods, livestock and people. The Artificial Intelligence team decided to take on the challenge of finding solutions to Austin's traffic congestion.

The Team first gathered information from the CAMPO website and then requested an interview with CAMPO staff to discuss solutions and how the team could create community awareness. The team then created a video about an everyday guy named Bob Workmen. In the video, Bob has trouble commuting to work, but finds some solutions to his problem by visiting the CAMPO and the Commute Solutions websites. The video can be viewed at www.commuterolutions.com.

CAMPO Transportation Plan Moving Forward

People, Planning and Preparing for the Future: Your 25 Year Transportation Plan is under development following two rounds of public outreach, and coordination with elected officials and staff from throughout the region. "This long-range transportation planning effort is developing a regional framework for local decisions, integrating good ideas to deal with limited future funding constraints," said Joe Cantalupo, CAMPO's Executive Director. The end result will be a new common vision for creating a comprehensive transportation system for Travis, Williamson, Hays counties, and pending full CAMPO membership, Bastrop and Caldwell Counties as well.



The second round of public involvement focused on getting input on

three transportation concepts. The first was called "**No-Build**," which assumed no funding for major projects would be available in the next 25 years. The second was called "**Trends**," assuming regional growth and transportation investments continued following recent patterns. The third was called "**Centers**," and looked at a more dense development pattern, with new transportation solutions to serve potential centers of activity. In addition to on-line and traditional involvement techniques, CAMPO held traveling information booths with poster-sized displays and public input surveys at 36 events throughout the five county region. Over 4,100 surveys were submitted, and the results are available in [Technical Report #8: Round 2 Public Involvement](#) on the [plan's website](#).

CAMPO is using the public input together with updated guidance from transportation officials in the region to develop the draft 2035 plan this winter, with a final round of focused public involvement coming in Spring 2010. Stay in touch by visiting the [CAMPO website](#), receiving our newsletter, joining the [Facebook group](#), or receiving [Twitter updates](#), or email/calling [Stevie Greathouse](#) at (512) 974-9715.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Study Underway

CAMPO and the Texas Transportation Institute are partnering to improve the way bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is planned and use is monitored. The partnership will develop a standard for collecting bicycle and pedestrian traffic counts, and forecast potential use of facility improvements. Sidewalks, bicycle lanes and shoulders are all known to induce active transportation by bicycling and walking, but this study will provide a look at how much impact these facilities could have on our regional transportation system. The project is called "Forecasting Bicycle and Pedestrian Usage and Researching Data Collection Equipment," and is scheduled to be completed by October, 2010.



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