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## The CAMPO Connection March 2010

### CAMPO's Transportation Policy Board Undergoes Some Changes

At its January 20th meeting, the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) held its regular election of officers and unanimously elected Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe as its new chair. Judge Biscoe replaces Senator Kirk Watson who served as chair of CAMPO since 2007. Judge Biscoe has served as Travis County Judge since November of 1998 and as a member of the CAMPO TPB for the past 8 years.



In addition to electing Judge Biscoe as chair the TPB re-elected Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long as vice-chair and welcomed Mr. Frank Fernandez as the new Capital Metro appointee to the TPB.

In one of his first official actions as chair and per the CAMPO [Bylaws](#), Judge Biscoe appointed a new Executive Committee. In addition to appointing himself, Judge Biscoe appointed Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long, Hays County Judge Elizabeth Sumter, City of Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Texas Department of Transportation Austin District Engineer Carlos Lopez, and Mr. Frank Fernandez.

### CAMPO Boundary Expansion

On Thursday, February 25, the Texas Transportation Commission unanimously voted to expand the CAMPO boundary to include Bastrop and Caldwell Counties. Speaking before the Commission, Bastrop County Judge Ronnie McDonald supported the expansion and emphasized the need for coordinated transportation planning in Central Texas.



### Requested Amendments to the FYs 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program

In January CAMPO solicited requests for amendments to the *CAMPO FYs 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program*. The requested amendments include:



- City of Austin: Ten bicycle and pedestrian projects at various locations throughout the City.
- TxDOT/City of Austin : Construct the Westbound US 290 to

Southbound Loop 1 and Northbound Loop 1 to Eastbound US 290 Direct Connectors

- TxDOT/Hays County: Realign existing FM 150 and perform intersection improvements
- TxDOT/Hays County: Construct a new Southbound frontage road North and South of FM 150 that will tie into the existing frontage roads. Also, the project will convert the frontage roads to one-way operation for the entire project limits.

CAMPO will hold four community meetings throughout the month of February and a public hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup> on the requested amendments. The public comment period will remain open until March 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the requested amendments, community meetings and public comment opportunities please see our website, [www.CAMPOTexas.org](http://www.CAMPOTexas.org).

### Draft 2035 Plan Open Houses and Online Review



Following a full year of public involvement, and over 5,200 individual comments, CAMPO has drafted a Plan that responds to transportation needs throughout the 5-county region. Scheduled for adoption by early June, the draft plan will be available for review on the CAMPO website March 8<sup>th</sup>, and may be revised using input from upcoming open houses, on-line responses, and a public hearing scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The draft plan will be available on the CAMPO website March 1.

Following are the upcoming open house opportunities, which will include summaries of the Plan's major topics, conversations with staff drafting the plan, draft copies of the Plan, an on-line comment form, and a court reporter to record spoken comments. Each of the open houses will be from 4-7 pm.

- Monday, March 22 in Round Rock at the Baca Center, 301 W. Bagdad Avenue
- Tuesday, March 23 in east Austin at the Carver Library, Rooms 2 and 3, 1161 Angelina Street
- Thursday, March 25 at the San Marcos Activity Center, Room 2, 501 E. Hopkins Street
- Monday, March 29 at the Bastrop ISD Performing Arts Center Green Room, 1401 Cedar Street
- Tuesday, March 30 at the Lockhart High School Cafeteria, 906 Center Street
- Thursday, April 1 in southwest Austin at the Covington Middle School Cafeteria, 3700 Convict Hill Road

**Public Hearing:** Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Austin Convention Center,

Ballroom A, 500 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin. A public hearing will be part of the Transportation Policy Board meeting scheduled to begin at 6 pm. **CAMPO will provide free validated parking for the public hearing.**

In addition to the open houses and on-line comment form, stay in touch with our [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages, or feel free to e-mail or phone your comments to [Greg Griffin](#), AICP: (512) 974-2084.

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