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Public Comment on CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

CAMPO staff solicited requests for amendments to the CAMPO FYs 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program in June and July.

Amendment requests have been made by Capital Metro, TxDOT, CAMPO and the cities of Hutto, Leander, Pflugerville, and Round Rock. The requested amendments are shown in [Table 1](#).

Next Steps: The requested amendments will be the subject of a September 8th Public Hearing and could be considered for adoption at the October 13th CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting. The amendments will be presented at four community meetings for public review and comment at the following days, location and times:

1. Monday, August 18th - **San Marcos Activity Center**, 501 E. Hopkins Dr., San Marcos at 6:00 pm
2. Wednesday, August 20th - **Leander Public Library**, 1011 South Bagdad Rd., Leander at 6:00 pm
3. Thursday, August 21st - **Pflugerville Justice Center**, 1611 East Pfennig Lane, Pflugerville at 6:00 pm
4. Tuesday, August 26th - **City of Austin One Texas Center**, 505 Barton Springs Rd., Austin at 6:00 pm

Staff will present the requested amendments at 6:30 p.m. with a question and answer period following the presentation.

The public comment period for the requested amendments will close at 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2008.

For additional details, contact CAMPO staff Art Zamorano: art.zamorano@campotexas.org, (512) 974-2275.

Table 1: Requested Amend

AMPO ID	TIP ID	FY	Requester
1		2008	City of Leander
2	102CA1774	2008	Round Rock
3	102CA1774 & 1	2008	City of Pflugerville

**Try Something New
- Commute
Solutions**



September is Commute Solutions Month in Central

Texas. This is a great time to try an alternate commute such as riding the bus, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, biking or teleworking. You can save money, help keep our air cleaner, and also have a chance to win great prizes through the Commuter Challenge and the Weirdest Commute Contest.

The Commute Solutions Month Kickoff will be held on Friday, September 5 at Republic Square, 4th & Guadalupe. The fun begins at 11:00 with music, food, information booths on commuting options, the UT cheerleaders, Austin Energy's Cody the Clean Air Car, and more.

The Weirdest Commute Contest will be held at the Kickoff. Commuters with great imaginations and a tremendous sense of fun are encouraged to participate. Judging will begin at noon and the winner will receive a pair of 3-day passes to the [Austin City Limits Music Festival](#).

The Commuter Challenge begins on September 2 and runs for 3 weeks, ending on September 21. By taking the Challenge, you will be eligible for great prizes. Each alternate commute logged during the three weeks of the Challenge will give you a greater chance of winning a prize. To join the Challenge, go to the River Cities Rideshare website at www.rcride.com, click on the Commuter Challenge icon and keep a daily log of your alternate commutes.

Participate in Commute Solutions Month. Attend the Kickoff. Enter the Weirdest Commute Contest. Join the Commuter Challenge. Together, we can make a difference in our air quality and our traffic congestion!

For more information, contact Commute Solutions Program Manager Maria Caminos at (512) 974-2529 or maria.caminos@campotexas.org.

Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grants



CAMPO has issued a call for additional projects to be funded with Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding. These grants are available to projects serving the [Austin Urbanized area](#) that meet the goals of the programs:

- The **Job Access - Reverse Commute** program supports projects relating to the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, and public transportation projects designed to transport residents of urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.
- The **New Freedom** program supports projects that provide new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation, including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services. In order to be eligible for New Freedom funds, the project must go above and beyond the service required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Grant applications are due by **October 15, 2008**. For more information about the call for proposals, or to download a copy of the grant application, visit www.campotexas.org, or contact Stevie Greathouse: stevie.greathouse@campotexas.org, (512) 974-9715.

Staff Profile - Maureen McCoy

Almost everyone who has had contact with CAMPO staff in the last 7 years knows Maureen. Ms. McCoy is the Assistant Director of CAMPO, who is principally responsible for direction of CAMPO staff, budget, and support for the Transportation Policy Board, and Technical Advisory Committee.

An expert in state and federal legislation regarding transportation planning, she previously served TxDOT as a Federal Liaison in Washington, D.C., and supervised field representatives for 14 metropolitan planning organizations.

She received a master in community and regional planning from Auburn University, and got her start in planning with the City of San Angelo, where she was promoted to Senior Planner.

When not working on the region's transportation challenges, she devotes her time to her daughter Amy and volunteering with Meals on Wheels. Contact her at (512) 974-2656 or maureen.mccoy@campotexas.org.

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