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New CAMPO Executive Director

Following the January resignation of Michael Aulick, the Transportation Policy Board has found a new Executive Director. A national search for new leadership resulted in hiring **Joseph Cantalupo, AICP**, who started on April 28.

"I would like to thank you all for welcoming me, and appreciate the opportunity you are giving me to lead CAMPO," Cantalupo thanked the Board at a recent meeting.

He comes to CAMPO most recently from consulting firm PB's Austin office. Previously, he worked in transportation planning for the Delaware Department of Transportation for over 20 years. He can be reached through the [CAMPO staff contact web page](#).

Dump the Pump and Ride the Bus, June 19

Capital Metro invites you to experience an Xtreme Transit Makeover by riding the bus. June 19 is National Dump the Pump Day, an awareness initiative to encourage people to try out mass transit and in the process, save money, time, and the environment. By taking the bus even just one day, you can reduce CO2 emissions by up to 20 lbs!

Capital Metro will be gearing up the community for Dump the Pump Day at neighborhood malls on Saturday, June 14. Transit experts will be available to help people plan their personal bus routes to school, work or for recreation. One thousand 7-day bus passes will also be distributed to those interested in riding the bus for the first time.

On June 19, National Dump the Pump Day, implement your Xtreme Transit Makeover and ride the bus.

Capital Metro will celebrate Dump the Pump Day with an event in a downtown office building. For more information about Dump the Pump events and how you can get involved, visit www.capmetro.org/iride.



May Bike Month Success

The Austin Cycling Association, CAMPO and many others promoted a range of events in the Austin area intended to encourage use of bicycling as a form of transportation. The **Capital Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Summit** was held May 3 at the University of Texas, drawing over 150 registrants to learn about planning from different perspectives. Participants also provided input to plans from the City of Austin, TxDOT, and CAMPO. Presentations from the Summit are posted on CAMPO's [Bike/Ped Planning website](#).



Bike-To-Work Day May 16 drew crowds of bicyclists on the region's streets, commuting to work in the cool morning air. Participants not only saved gas money and got great exercise on their way to work, but a free breakfast at 11 stations all over Austin. The City of Austin's Bicycle Map includes recommended routes, and is available at area bicycle shops for \$2, or [on-line](#) for free.

Regional Transportation Funds Awarded

Following a competitive application process, the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board allocated federal funding for significant projects in the region on May 12th. The awarded projects are:

Roadways

- Loop 275 (South Congress), Eberhart Lane - Foremost Drive in south Austin
- Frate Barker, Brodie Lane - Manchaca Road in south Travis County
- RM 2338 (Williams Drive), FM 3405- D.B. Woods in Williamson County
- FM 2769, .75 miles North of RM 620 - RM 620 in Williamson County

Transit

- Austin-San Antonio Rail District Commuter Rail Study in Hays, Travis and Williamson counties
- Capital Area Rural Transit System bus purchases (8) in Hays, Travis and Williamson counties
- Texas State University bus purchases (2) in Hays, Travis and Williamson counties

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Gilleland Creek Hike and Bike Trail Phase III, IH 35 - Heatherwilde in north Travis County

- Brushy Creek Regional Trail Gap, 2,500' East of Arterial A - A.W. Grimes in Round Rock
- Highway 95 Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor, North of TH. Johnson Street - Rio Grande Street in Taylor
- 183-A Turnpike Project Shared Use Path, FM 1431-South Brushy Creek in Cedar Park
- Hopkins Drive (RM 12)/Thorpe Lane, Charles Austin Dr. - East of Union Pacific RR in San Marcos
- RM 12 Bike and Pedestrian Project, Hughson St. - Holland St. in San Marcos
- Downtown LBJ Drive, Hopkins St., - University Dr. in San Marcos

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Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grants

On May 12th CAMPO also awarded federal funding for several projects under the Federal Transit Administration's Job Access-Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs:

- **City of Round Rock** project to contract to provide peak period commuter and reverse commuter service connecting downtown Round Rock to SH 45 N and the Capital Metro Tech Ridge park and ride.
- **Faith in Action Caregivers** project to expand their existing volunteer driver program through the purchase of computer equipment and gas vouchers.
- **Easter Seals** project to purchase and operate a van to support workforce development and implement a reverse commute project for people with disabilities.

CAMPO has just 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.