

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board Meeting

The Junior League of Austin Community Impact Center 5330 Bluffstone Lane Austin, TX 78759 Monday, September 12, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

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1.	Certification of Quorum – Quorum requirement is 12 members	
•••••		Commissioner Cynthia Long, Chair

The CAMPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order by the Chair at 2:01 p.m.

The roll was taken and a quorum was announced present.

	Member	Representing	Member Attending	Alternate Attending
1	Cynthia Long, Chair	Commissioner, Williamson County	Y	
2	Ann Kitchen, Vice-Chair	City of Austin, District 5	Y	
3	Alison Alter	Mayor Pro Tem, City of Austin, District 10	Y	
4	Clara Beckett	Commissioner, Bastrop County	Y	
5	Andy Brown	Judge, Travis County	N	Ms. Amy Pattillo
6	Christine DeLisle	Mayor, City of Leander	N	
7	Paige Ellis	City of Austin, District 8	Y	
8	Tucker Ferguson, P.E.	TxDOT-Austin District	Y	
9	Natasha Harper-Madison	City of Austin, District 1	Y	
10	Matt Harriss	Capital Metro Board Member	Y	
11	Ann Howard	Commissioner, Travis County	Y	
12	Jane Hughson	Mayor, City of San Marcos	Y	
13	Mark Jones	Commissioner, Hays County	Y	
14	Rudy Metayer	City of Pflugerville, Place 4	Y	

15	Travis Mitchell	Mayor, City of Kyle	N	Commissioner Mark Jones
16	Craig Morgan	Mayor, City of Round Rock	Y	
17	James Oakley	Judge, Burnet County	Y	
18	Amy Pattillo	Travis County	Y	
19	Jim Penniman-Morin	Mayor, City of Cedar Park	Y	
20	Josh Schroeder	Mayor, City of Georgetown	Y	
21	Edward Theriot	Commissioner, Caldwell County	Y	
22	Jeffrey Travillion	Commissioner, Travis County	Y	

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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3. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not convened.

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4. Report from Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair

The Chair recognized Ms. Laurie Moyer, P. E. who provided a report of the discussion and action items from previous meetings.

Ms. Moyer identified the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program and Project Readiness for the Regional Corridor Improvement Study as the primary focus for discussion at the June, July, and August meetings. Ms. Moyer reported TAC consensus to submit a regional safety action plan grant application with co-applicant and co-partnership participation roles for the membership agencies concluded the discussions. Ms. Moyer also reported that the Committee adopted a formal recommendation at its August meeting to approve the use of Transportation

Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for the regional safety action plan grant application. Ms. Moyer noted that CAMPO staff later discovered that TDCs would not be acceptable as local match. On behalf of the TAC, Ms. Moyer thanked Travis County in developing a participation concept for the regional plan.

Ms. Moyer also reported TAC consensus to request that the Transportation Policy Board Chair appoint an Ad hoc subcommittee to the TAC to assist CAMPO staff in selecting corridor segments for regional corridor improvements. Ms. Moyer noted that the request is included in Agenda Item 11b-Ad hoc Subcommittees to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Ms. Moyer later reported that the 10-Year Transportation Plan was presented to the TAC at its August meeting and received TAC concurrence with the submission of the 10-Year Transportation Plan, as proposed by CAMPO staff.

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5. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes, as presented.

Judge James Oakley moved for approval of the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes, as presented.

Mayor Craig Morgan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Paige Ellis, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mr. Matt Harriss, Commissioner Ann Howard, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones (Proxy for Mayor Travis Mitchell), Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Ms. Amy Pattillo (Proxy for Judge Andy Brown), Mayor Jim Penniman-Moran, Mayor Josh Schroeder, and Commissioner Edward Theriot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Mayor Christine DeLisle and Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion

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6. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action to Authorize CAMPO Executive Director to Begin Negotiation on Austin Avenue Corridor Study Contract

The Chair recognized Mr. Chad McKeown, Deputy Executive Director who summarized the procurement and evaluation process for consultant services for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study contract. Mr. McKeown identified HDR, Inc. as the top ranked consultant firm and requested approval to authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to begin negotiations with the top ranked consultant firm for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study contract.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval to authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to begin negotiations on the Austin Avenue Corridor Study Contract.

Mayor Josh Schroeder moved for approval to authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to begin negotiations on the Austin Avenue Corridor Study Contract.

Council Member Rudy Metayer seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Paige Ellis, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mr. Matt Harriss, Commissioner Ann Howard, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones (Proxy for Mayor Travis Mitchell), Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Ms. Amy Pattillo (Proxy for Judge Andy Brown), Mayor Jim Penniman-Moran, Mayor Josh Schroeder, and Commissioner Edward Theriot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Mayor Christine DeLisle and Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion

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7. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Austin Avenue Corridor Study Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

The Chair recognized Mr. Chad McKeown who informed the Board that an ILA with CAMPO and the City of Georgetown for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study will allow the transfer of the City of Georgetown's local costs share to CAMPO. Mr. McKeown requested approval to execute an ILA with CAMPO and the City of Georgetown for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study and accompanying Resolution 2022-9-7.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval to execute an ILA with CAMPO and the City of Georgetown for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study and accompanying Resolution 2022-9-7.

Mayor Josh Schroeder moved for approval to execute an ILA with CAMPO and the City of Georgetown for the Austin Avenue Corridor Study and accompanying Resolution 2022-9-7.

Council Member Rudy Metayer seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Paige Ellis, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mr. Matt Harriss, Commissioner Ann Howard, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones (Proxy for Mayor Travis Mitchell), Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Ms. Amy Pattillo (Proxy for Judge Andy Brown), Mayor Jim Penniman-Moran, Mayor Josh Schroeder, and Commissioner Edward Theriot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Mayor Christine DeLisle and Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion

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Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion joined the meeting following the vote on Agenda Item 7-Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Austin Avenue Corridor Study Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

8. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Local Match for Regional Safety Action Plan Grant Application for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program

The Chair recognized Mr. Chad McKeown who informed the Board that the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) encourages regionally coordinated safety action plan grant applications through Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The Board was also informed that CAMPO has prepared the materials needed for a regional safety action plan for a total project cost of \$2.9 million. Mr. McKeown added that staff has been working with joint applicants from local agencies as mentioned in the report from the TAC Chair.

Mr. McKeown informed the Board of CAMPO's intent regarding the use of TDCs for the local match requirement of \$580,000 in the grant application process. Mr. McKeown also informed the Board that staff submitted an inquiry with the U.S. DOT regarding the eligibility of TDCs for the local match requirement and learned very late in the process that TDCs would not be eligible for the local match requirement.

Mr. McKeown provided a brief overview of other potential options for the 20% local match requirement of \$580,000 which included In-Kind Services, Local or State Contribution, and Exploration of Non-SS4A Funding.

Mr. Ashby Johnson, CAMPO Executive Director provided further clarification on the U.S. DOT's response on the ineligibility of TDCs as local match for the Regional Safety Action Plan Grant application. Mr. Johnson also discussed other potential options for addressing the 20% local match requirement.

Following a discussion, the Board reached consensus to authorize CAMPO staff to move forward with the Regional Safety Action Plan Grant application process using the In-Kind Services option through CAMPO or member entities for the 20% local match requirement.

The Chair moved for approval to authorize CAMPO staff to move forward with the Regional Safety Action Plan Grant application process using the In-Kind Services option through CAMPO or member entities for the 20% local match requirement.

Commissioner Mark Jones seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Paige Ellis, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Mr. Matt Harriss, Commissioner Ann Howard, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones (Proxy for Mayor Travis Mitchell), Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley,

Ms. Amy Pattillo (Proxy for Judge Andy Brown), Mayor Jim Penniman-Moran, Mayor Josh Schroeder, and Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Mayor Christine DeLisle

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9. Discussion on 10-Year Transportation Plan

The Chair recognized Mr. Ryan Collins, Short-Range Planning Manager who provided a brief overview of the development and purpose of the 10-Year Transportation Plan and how it fits into CAMPO's larger programs. Mr. Collins informed the Board that projects in the 10-Year Transportation Plan are selected by TxDOT in collaboration with CAMPO and it will be updated annually. Mr. Collins added that the projects are individually listed in the UTP. Mr. Collins also informed the Board the draft 10-Year Transportation Plan will be presented to the TAC for recommendation and later to the Transportation Policy Board for adoption.

At the Chair's request, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., TxDOT Austin-District Engineer provided clarification on the estimates included in the presentation for the Capital Express Project.

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10. Executive Director's Report on Transportation Planning Activities

a. TxDOT Safety Working Group

Mr. Ashby Johnson reported that the topics of discussion for the previous working group meetings centered around the potential funding for MPOs across the state to create safety plans. Mr. Johnson added that there have been additional discussions regarding a \$50,000 funding allocation from the Texas Transportation Commission for each MPO to develop a safety plan. Mr. Johnson noted that an action by the Texas Transportation Commission has not happened, to date.

Mr. Johnson also reported that TxDOT will kick off a statewide safety campaign next month. Mr. Johnson added that CAMPO staff will also be working with TxDOT to coordinate a safety education campaign for the region at the same time. Mr. Johnson also added that other local governments are welcome to participate in the effort.

b. TxDOT Revenue Forecasting Workgroup

Mr. Johnson reported that the TxDOT Revenue Forecasting Workgroup met last month and certified the financial forecast that the Texas Transportation Commission uses for the next year's UTP which will be approved in August of 2023. Mr. Johnson provided a brief overview of the significance of this year's revenue forecasting technology.

Mr. Johnson also provided additional reports on the following Transportation Planning Activities.

- 1. The federal certification review of CAMPO's planning process was held July 26-28, 2022. CAMPO is waiting for the final report on the certification of its planning process.
- The Transportation Policy Board Chair, Commissioner Cynthia Long and CAMPO Executive Director
 participated on a panel for the Austin Chamber of Commerce's Regional Mobility Summit on
 August 17, 2022. Executive Directors from the San Antonio and Killeen-Temple MPOs were also
 participants.
- 3. Transportation Policy Board Chair, Commissioner Cynthia Long received the "Woman of the Year Award" from the Central Texas Chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) on August 27, 2022.
- 4. CAMPO staff continues to work with the TxDOT-Austin District, TAC, and General Engineering Consultant (GEC) to advance work on the Regional Corridors Program. CAMPO is currently in discussions with the TxDOT-Austin District office on potential ways to supplement the \$7 million allocated by the Transportation Policy Board to the effort with potential access to a portion of the TxDOT-Austin District's planning budget and consultants.
- 5. The SmartTrack Initiative previously presented at the June Transportation Policy Board meeting continues to move forward and take shape. An Advisory Committee was created by the University of Texas Center for Transportation Research. The first meeting was held on September 9, 2022 and included representatives from Governor Greg Abbott's office, members from local governments, local transportation entities, CAMPO staff, TxDOT-Austin District Staff, members of the private sector, and academia.
- 6. CAMPO Executive Director is currently working with counterparts in San Antonio to host a meeting of both Policy Boards in December.

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11. Announcements

a. Transportation Policy Board Chair Announcements

The Chair announced that the Capital Metro Board appointment of Mr. Matt Harriss to the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board. The Chair welcomed Mr. Harriss to the Board.

b. Ad hoc Subcommittees to the Technical Advisory Committee

The Chair informed the Board that a Regional Corridor Improvements Ad hoc Subcommittee has been appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to provide targeted technical assistance on corridor studies and improvement and provide recommendations to the TAC. The Chair announced that members of the committee will include Mr. Cole Kitten (City of Austin), Mr. Charlie Watts (Travis County), Mr. Will Conley (Caldwell County),

Mr. Greg Haley, P.E. (Burnet County), Ms. Aimee Roberts (Bastrop County), Mr. Bob Daigh, P.E. (Williamson County), and Ms. Heather Ashley-Nguyen, P.E. (TxDOT-Austin District).

The Chair also informed the Board that a Transportation Technology Ad hoc Subcommittee to the TAC has been appointed to provide targeted technical assistance on transportation research and technology and provide recommendations to the TAC. The Chair announced that members of the committee will include Mr. Jim Dale (City of Austin), Mr. Miguel Arellano, P.E. (TxDOT-Austin District), Mr. Gary Hudder (City of Round Rock), Mr. Stephen Schindehette (Capital Metro), Ms. Tracie Brown (CTRMA), Ms. Heidi Westerfield-Ross (University of Texas), and Mr. Bob Daigh, P.E. (Williamson County).

The Chair also announced that a performance evaluation tool will be emailed to the Board in preparation for the CAMPO Executive Director's FY 2022 performance evaluation. The Chair added that instructions for the evaluation process will be included in the email. The Chair noted that new board members are not required to participate in this process.

- **c.** The next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on September 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- d. The next Transportation Policy Board Meeting will be held on October 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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12. Adjournment

The September 12, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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