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CAMPO APPROVES AMENDMENT TO US 183 NORTH PROJECT

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AUSTIN – The Transportation Policy Board for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) approved an amendment to the [CAMPO 2040 Plan](#) for the proposed US 183 North project. The amendment to the 2040 Plan was requested by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA), the lead project sponsor. CTRMA requested the amendment because as the project progressed through the environmental study process, known as NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), the details and scope of the project changed.

The changes to the project include: revising the project limits to include SH 45; adding a fourth non-tolled, general purpose lane; increasing the project cost from \$225.7 million to \$650 million; and changing the year of expenditure from 2017 to 2019.

“The US 183 North project is a great example of how transportation projects can change as a result of public input and feedback. The elements that were added, such as a fourth non-tolled, general purpose lane and flyovers, add to the project cost, but CTRMA and TxDOT listened to drivers’ and transit users’ needs and modified the project to include what the public requested,” said Williamson County Commissioner and CAMPO Board member Cynthia Long.

Transportation Policy Board member and Austin Mayor Steve Adler said, “In this Year of Mobility, adding more lanes and more options to 183 North will increase mobility between northwest and southeast Austin and, together with the Bergstrom Expressway project, make it easier to get to the airport.”

The US 183 North project is currently undergoing an environmental study as part of the NEPA process. CAMPO’s approval of this amendment was needed so the project could progress through the NEPA process.

Cedar Park Mayor and CAMPO Board member Matt Powell described why CAMPO approval is important to Cedar Park residents, “US 183 is a vital artery for commuters traveling between Western Williamson County and Austin. I support the 183 North project because it will give drivers an option to choose a tolled or non-tolled route, depending on their schedule and needs.”

TxDOT is currently reviewing the environmental study, but before the department can issue a decision on whether or not to build the project, the project description in the environmental study and CAMPO plan must be consistent. With tonight’s vote to approve CTRMA’s request to amend the *CAMPO 2040 Plan*, the project descriptions are now consistent and TxDOT can issue a decision on the project.

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The [Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization \(CAMPO\)](#) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The [Transportation Policy Board](#) is the governing body of CAMPO and is made up of 20 elected officials and representatives of local governments and agencies in the six county CAMPO region.