



Hays County Commissioners Court
111 E. San Antonio Street - Room 301
San Marcos, Texas 78666

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe
Chair
Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Judge Biscoe:

The Hays County Commissioners have reviewed the Draft CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for projects in Hays County, in coordination with the cities of Buda, Dripping Springs and Kyle. That review indicated that there are roadways in Hays County which were adopted for expansion in the 2030 Plan that are not proposed for expansion in the 2035 Draft Plan. As a result of that review and analysis, the Commissioners agreed on May 4th to submit a list of new projects to be added to the Priority Project List in the Draft 2035 Plan prior to Plan adoption by the CAMPO Board, scheduled for May 24th. Attached is the Hays County Project Request List. The Buda City Council adopted a project request list on May 4th at their City Council meeting. They will transmit their projected local revenue funding information and project list separately from this request. A map of all project requests (inclusive of Buda) is attached.

The attached project table matches the format of the Priority Project List in the Draft Plan. Hopefully this will assist CAMPO staff in adding these projects to the Draft Plan. We have been coordinating with CAMPO staff in our review over the last two months to ensure that our requested project list and forecasted revenue meet the Plan requirements.

There are 13 new projects with associated costs on the attached list. Four of these projects are sponsored by the City of Kyle, and nine are sponsored by Hays County. All 13 of these new projects are to be funded with 100% local funding, as stipulated by Mr. Joseph Cantalupo. Two of the Hays County projects (US 290 and RR 12) are completely or partially funded by bonds approved by Hays County voters in November, 2008. I would appreciate assistance from the CAMPO staff in identifying the appropriate funding source for US 290 and RR 12. There are also 26 "Grouped Cost" projects consistent with two grouped project categories shown on page 85 of the Draft Plan identified as "Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects and Programs" and "Safety and Operations Projects and Programs". In accordance with direction from CAMPO staff, there is no let year or cost associated with these projects.

The total year-of-expenditure cost of our requested new 13 projects is \$473.0 million. The Hays County financial advisor has estimated that the County's potential bonding capacity for the 2010 through 2035 time frame is \$533.7 million. CAMPO staff has estimated the City of Kyle funding capacity for the same time period at \$87 million. These two available revenue estimates total \$620.7 million, which exceeds the total project cost of \$473.0 by \$147.7 million. A table is attached showing how the project costs and local revenues are balanced by the three time periods used in the Draft 2035 Plan: 2010-2019, 2020-2025, and 2026-2035, as required by CAMPO staff.

The Hays County Commissioners would appreciate favorable consideration of these requested projects by the CAMPO Board, Technical Advisory Committee and staff. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Borcharding, Hays County Engineer at 393-7385. We understand the importance of the CAMPO 2035 Plan and wish to cooperate in this important regional planning effort.

Sincerely,


Debbie Ingalsbe, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Jeff Barton, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Will Conley, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Karen Ford, Commissioner, Pct. 4

cc: Joseph Cantalupo, CAMPO Executive Director
Gordon Derr, Chair, CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee
Liz Sumter, Hays County Judge
Jerry Borcharding, Hays County Engineer

Attachments:

Hays Projects Request Costs and Revenue
Hays County Project Request Map
Hays County Table of Project Request List