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CAMPO APPROVES OVER \$435 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AS PART OF \$3 BILLION PROGRAM

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Austin, Texas – The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has approved over \$435 million of new transportation funding to be used on key transportation projects in the six-county CAMPO region.

This funding allocation is the result of a fifteen-month-long process in which CAMPO developed new project selection criteria to evaluate projects based on addressing congestion and mobility, improving safety, and using multi-modal elements such as transit, walking, and biking.

“With the extensive needs of the region, this process allowed the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board to objectively analyze projects and fund projects that will have positive impacts on mobility and safety in Central Texas,” said Will Conley, CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Chair.

Over 150 project applications totaling about \$1.5 billion were submitted to receive this new funding. Project applications came from cities, counties, and transportation agencies in the six-county CAMPO region. Using the new project selection criteria process, applicants were narrowed to around 50 projects totaling about \$435 million distributed equitably to projects throughout the six CAMPO counties.

“This \$435 million in new funds from CAMPO will help local communities leverage federal dollars for their most desperately needed transportation projects. In other words, the money’s moving so we can get traffic moving,” said Austin Mayor and CAMPO Transportation Policy Board vice-chair Steve Adler.

CAMPO’s Transportation Policy Board unanimously approved the [2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#), which includes not only the newly funded projects, but also other federally-funded and regionally significant projects. Within the 2019-2022 window, about 95 percent of the TIP projects are slated to begin construction, with the other five percent of projects undergoing preliminary project development activities such as preliminary design or engineering. The 2019-2022 program of projects includes a regional investment of about \$3 billion over the four-year time period.

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.