What is CAMPO?
The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the Austin region’s transportation decision-making body, coordinating regional transportation planning between counties, local governments and transportation agencies. The organization is made up of a 21-member Transportation Policy Board (TPB) that makes decisions on CAMPO policy and allocates federal transportation funds for the region, a 24-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that provides technical expertise and recommendations to inform the Transportation Policy Board, and the Executive Director, who reports to the TPB and oversees the CAMPO staff.

What is an MPO?
MPO stands for metropolitan planning organization, which is regional transportation planning entity designated by the federal government. MPOs were introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which requires the formation of an MPO for any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000. CAMPO is one of 25 MPOs in Texas, and one of 408 in the United States.

Where is CAMPO?
CAMPO conducts regional transportation planning work within six counties: Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson.

What does CAMPO do?
CAMPO closely coordinates with local governments and transportation agencies, such as TxDOT, Capital Metro and CARTS, in planning for regional transportation improvements. This includes working directly with local governments on technical studies related to transportation and economic development. However, CAMPO does not construct projects – that responsibility lies with project sponsors, such as cities, counties, and transportation agencies.

CAMPO is responsible for creating two primary regional planning documents— one long-range and one short-range:

> the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a 20+ year plan, which is adopted every five years, and;

> the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is adopted every two years but covers a four-year window.
Western Caldwell County Transportation Study

This study explores potential options for additional east-west connections between major highways in western Caldwell County.

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Caldwell County and the surrounding areas are experiencing rapid growth and increased traffic congestion on area roads. With more people moving to the area, it’s important to begin planning today for future transportation needs. With increased population and employment in the region, more residents are traveling between counties, so this study will focus on travel within western Caldwell County while also considering travel into and out of the county.

**STUDY GOALS & PURPOSE**

1. **Assess** current and projected traffic
2. **Outline** anticipated development and area growth
3. **Recommend** preliminary configurations for future transportation solutions

Caldwell County will be responsible for moving forward with any recommendations from this study, including further studies, additional public input, construction of any recommendations, and securing funding for all additional steps.
Examine the study area’s current roads, connections, travel patterns, and traffic numbers

Identify environmental and other planning features using information from previous plans and studies, local governments, businesses, property owners, and the public

Gather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on the area’s transportation needs, environmental and planned features, and the draft purpose and need

Use input from step one to identify potential routes and options that meet the purpose and need

Establish evaluation criteria for potential routes and options

Assess potential routes and options against planned development, adjacent roads, and environmental features

Gather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on potential routes and options

Use input from step two to evaluate and refine potential routes and options

Quantify impacts and cost estimate/benefit of potential routes, options, and no-build

Gather feedback from elected officials, local government representatives, property owners, and the public on preferred potential routes and options, including the no-build option

Use input from step three to recommend potential route(s) and option(s) or the no-build option

Develop draft design schematics of recommended potential route(s) and option(s) if something other than no-build is recommended

Present recommendations to Caldwell County, regional transportation agencies, elected officials, local government representative, property owners, and the public

NOTE: Caldwell County will be responsible for moving forward with recommendations beyond step four including performing a detailed environmental study, gathering additional public input, constructing any recommendations, and securing funding for all additional steps.
EXISTING TRAVEL PATTERNS

Travel Data Source:
AirSage’s Nationwide Trip Matrix (NWTM)
October - November 2019, Monday - Thursday,
Peak Trip Patterns from Study Areas (6-9 am & 3:30-6:30 pm)

*Percentages represent travel to/from the study area to eight surrounding counties.
Click on the map and follow the prompts to provide comments on specific locations within the study area.

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