



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** December 3, 2013

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**Department Head:** Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

**Sponsoring Court Member:** County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and take appropriate action on a potential list of projects to be submitted to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for discussion of future Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) and SH 130 Concession Funds available to the CAMPO region.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

On November 18, 2013 CAMPO staff updated the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on the future availability of various federal funds within the 6-county region. Potentially, between \$21 million to \$36 million in STP-MM funds and \$7.0 million in SH 130 Concession Funds are available for transportation related projects in 2014. In response to this information, the CAMPO Chair, Commissioner Will Conley, requested CAMPO staff provide additional information for a discussion at its December 9<sup>th</sup> TPB meeting to help facilitate a discussion on a process to award the region's funds. The additional information is expected to consist of revised expected funding amounts, new potential project information lists, and a list of unfunded projects from a previous 2011 STP-MM call for projects.

In response to the chair's request to CAMPO staff, Travis County has developed a "Draft Travis County Project List for Proposed STP-MM and SH 130 Concession Funds", see Attachment 1. The attachment identifies projects the County believes are eligible for SH 130 Concession Funds, (on state system, shovel ready for construction) and projects for STP-MM funding that have early phases of project development identified that can be obligated in four years. The current list includes projects solely sponsored by Travis County. As more information on project eligibility is known, Travis County staff will seek partnerships to leverage its match requirements.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

TNR staff recommends that the Commissioners Court approve the project list for submission to CAMPO to be included in the TPB December 9<sup>th</sup> discussion of funding needs within the region.

## **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

No determination has been made by the TPB on the direction of how to allocate the funding. Various scenarios could include TXDoT receiving a majority of the funding to use on regional projects, funding of unfunded projects from the 2011 call for projects, or a request for new project applications.

If it is determined that CAMPO will conduct a call for project applications, Travis County staff would use these projects to complete applications for Commissioners Court approval.

Project eligibility has not been discussed. However, it is believed that most projects requesting construction funding will need to be shovel ready or have project phases available so that funding can be awarded in 2014 and obligated in 4 years.

A majority of the County's potential list requests funding for preliminary engineering and design due to expected funding timeline constraints. TNR staff provided additional project information on Attachment 1 to show additional funding needs for future federal funding or the possibility that it is determined that funds are not as restricted as thought.

Proposed Projects will provide the beginnings for future projects that will provide:

- Increased mobility throughout the region,
- Alternative modes helping reduce single occupant trips in the region,
- Congestion relief of a major intersection,
- Connectivity and gap completions, and
- Safety improvements

Projects highlighted in blue on Attachment 1 represent projects that remain unfunded from a previous STP-MM call for projects in 2011 and may meet project eligibility requirements. Projects highlighted in yellow are newly identified projects that could meet eligibility requirements.

SH 130 Concession Funds are for construction shovel ready projects on the state's system, TXDoT is looking at whether the Manchaca Road improvements would meet this requirement.



Two projects RM 2222 Improved Access to Vandergrift HS and RM 620/RM2222 Bypass Road are being evaluated by TXDoT on whether project funding would be eligible for STP-MM funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

If a project is selected for STP-MM funding, Travis County must provide a 20% local match or split a 20% match with its sponsoring partner. These matches will only be necessary if the project is selected by the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board.

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

Attachment 1- Draft Travis County Project List for Proposed STP-MM and SH 130 Concession Funds

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

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ATTACHMENT 1

Draft Travis County Project List for Proposed STP-MM and SH 130 Concession Funds - November 27, 2013

SH 130 Concession Funds (\$7.0 Million Available)													
Project Name	Limits	Pct.	Sponsors	Project Description	Phase 1 Engr., Design	Phase 2 ROW Acquisition	Phase 3 Construction	Project Cost Estimate	Concession Funds	Travis Co. Match	Partner Match	Project Request	Notes
Manchaca Road/FM 2304	Ravenscroft to FM 1626	3	TXDoT	Construct 4-lane divided section					TBD			TBD	TXDoT determining project eligibility, Project previously submitted by TXDoT in 2011 application
STP-MM Funds (TBD, possibly \$21.0 - \$36.0 Million Available)									Potential Project Requests				
Project Name	Limits	Pct.	Sponsors	Project Request Description	Phase 1 Engr., Design	Phase 2 ROW Acquisition	Phase 3 Construction	Project Cost Estimate	Federal Fund Request	Travis Co. Match	Partner Match	Project Request	Notes
Fitzhugh Road Bicycle Safety Project	US 290 W to Travis County line	3	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for construction of 6' wide outer shoulders on both sides	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 60,000		\$ 360,000	Construction within existing right-of-way; Submitted in previous 2011 application, \$3.5 million in Federal funds requested by County, Project was ranked low
Slaughter Lane	Thaxton Road to US 183 S	4	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for a future 6-lane divided arterial	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 15,600,000	\$ 18,900,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 300,000		\$ 1,800,000	Submitted in previous 2011 application as a construction project for a MAD4, \$9.04 million in Federal funds requested by County, Project was ranked low, Proposed project is now phased
Braker Lane North	Harris Branch Parkway to Samsung Boulevard	1	Travis County	Complete NEPA process and right-of-way acquisition for a future 4-lane divided arterial	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 19,150,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 330,000		\$ 1,980,000	2nd phase of joint County/COA partnership project, STP-MM funded
Maha Loop Road	Pearce Lane to FM 812	4	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for a future 4-lane divided arterial	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 6,140,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 28,140,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 400,000		\$ 2,400,000	Section from SH 71 E to Pearce Lane funded by Travis County
RM 2222 Improved Access to Vandergrift HS	RM 2222 at McNeil Drive	2,3	Travis County	Right-of-way and construction of dual left turn lanes on RM 2222 to McNeil Drive and right turn/acceleration lane from McNeil to RM 2222				\$ 3,800,000	TBD	TBD		\$ 3,800,000	TXDoT determining project eligibility; Design complete
RM 620/RM 2222 By-pass Road	2,200 feet south of RM 2222 to 2300 feet east of RM 620	2	Travis County	Preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way and construction of 3 lane section				\$ 8,000,000	TBD	TBD		\$ 8,000,000	TXDoT determining project eligibility
Blake Manor Road	Future Wildhorse Connector to East Metro Park entrance	1	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for a future 4-lane divided arterial	\$ 800,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 11,200,000	\$ 12,440,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 160,000		\$ 960,000	Hike and Bike trail project previously awarded STP-MM funding
Wells Branch Parkway	Cameron Road to SH 130	1	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for a future 6-lane divided arterial	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 12,700,000	\$ 14,950,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 300,000		\$ 1,800,000	1st phase of future construction project
Hamilton Pool Road	RM 12 to East bank of Pedernales River	3	Travis County	Preliminary engineering and design for safety improvements including paved shoulders, turn lanes at major intersections and bridge replacement	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 400,000		\$ 2,400,000	Conceptual level cost estimate; Project under design; not currently in CAMPO plan, would need Plan amendment

Projects Submitted in Previous 2011 STP-MM Call for Projects and Not Selected

Potential New Projects for Future STP-MM Call for Projects