

My Hometown Show
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Interview with Joe Cantalupo, Executive Director
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DJ Host: Hey again we're here with Joe and he's with CAMPO. And Joe, just for our listener's sake what does CAMPO, what are they responsible for?

Joe Cantalupo: Campo is what is referred to as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. And what we do is in order for federal funds for transportation to come in to Central Texas we have to maintain, among other things, a long range transportation plan for the region. And by region I mean Williamson, Travis, and Hays counties and we're also in the process of adding Bastrop and Caldwell counties to our region.

DJ Host: And does that mean just more roads, or does it have to do with pollution?

Joe Cantalupo: It's a little bit of everything. Our transportation plan lays out all the transportation facilities and even, in some cases, services that we'll think we need for the next 25 years. So yes, it does include roadways, you know, highways but it also speaks to transit and it also speaks to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The other thing that the plan does is describe how we'll use those transportation facilities and services to do things like protect the environment, provide for social equity, provide for economic development and things like that.

DJ Host: Awesome. And how do people learn more about that and how can they participate?

Joe: Well, the really neat thing about this time is that we just kicked off round two of our public involvement process. And during, the next 6 or 7 weeks, we're going go to up to 30 locations throughout that 5-county region. We'll be speaking to as many organizations that will invite us, and that we can handle, with information on the plan, surveys and for more details on how folks can get involved. The best way for your listeners to get keyed into us is campotexas.org, and campotexas is one word. They'll see a button that says something like 2035 plan, they'll hit it and there'll be more information than they can probably imagine.

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