

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE CAPITOL AREA METROPOLITAIN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION:

Liveable City Resolution on CTRMA Toll Road Plan

Liveable City understands the need for investment in the City and Region's transportation infrastructure and supports the development of a multimodal regional network that includes the full range of road and transit options to handle anticipated mobility needs.

Additionally, Liveable City supports the long-standing community strategy of investing in infrastructure that encourages development away from sensitive areas such as the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer.

After reviewing the current CTRMA proposal, considering the economic and travel forecasts recently made available by the Regional Mobility Authority, and discussions with members of affected neighborhoods and other citizen groups: **The Board of Liveable City cannot support the current toll road proposal.**

Furthermore, Liveable City is in agreement with many citizens of Austin and Central Texas in opposition to the tolling of existing roads.

We do not believe that extending roads without an accompanying land use strategy that leverages the advantages of creating more compact, mixed-use development across the region will reduce congestion. This is one of the fundamental conclusions learned from the Envision Central Texas process as well as conclusions from other MPOs such as Atlanta and Los Angeles.

Consideration of the toll road proposal has been separated from impacts on other new and existing roads, other forms of transportation and other necessary infrastructure such as open space, utilities and schools. We believe this lack of holistic planning and decision-making will lead to unfavorable consequences to our quality of life.

The community and CAMPO board members need a more complete understanding of the impact of this proposal. Because this decision commits over \$2 billion of funding for a period of up to 40 years, the toll proposal affects too much of Austin's future to be made without full consideration of all relevant information.

Liveable City Board Recommendations:

Members of CAMPO Board should reject this proposal until:

1. **The impact on congestion of both toll and adjacent non-toll roads is understood.** What modeling has been performed to analyze the congestion impact on surrounding areas or adjacent free alternatives to the proposed toll roads?
2. **Adjacent land use and the resulting population assumptions and forecasts that determine the economic and transportation models are understood.** What population is forecast to live adjacent to the proposed roads to support the resulting economic and travel forecasts?
3. **The land use impacts on the Cities, Counties and the Region are made clear.** What additional infrastructure including schools will be required by affected communities because of the impacts of this decision?
4. **Public sector financial implications are fully examined.** What is the impact of tying such a large proportion of the region's transportation dollars to this proposal? How will this affect other non-toll transportation needs?
5. **Alternative land use scenarios, such as Envision Central Texas Scenarios C and D are considered and compared in terms of congestion relief and cost.** What modeling was performed to examine alternatives to the proposed toll scheme? Was the extensive transportation scenario modeling performed during Envision Central Texas used to determine alternatives and impacts to the toll proposal?