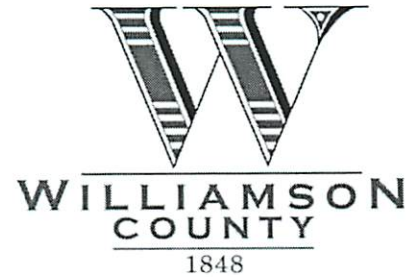


Capital Area Metropolitan Organization
Mr. Ashby Johnson, Executive Director
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RE: Call for Planning Study Partners (2018-2019 Platinum Planning Studies)
Howard Lane Extension Project
Project Sponsorship and Funding Commitment

CAMPO Transportation Policy Board and Executive Director Mr. Ashby Johnson:

Williamson County presents this application for the Howard Lane Extension, a regionally important linkage between Williamson County and Travis County.

Williamson County's primary interest to sponsor this project is to improve regional mobility into and out of our central employment areas and support our evolving Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Regional 2040 Plan. The proposed application for funds is supportive of this common goal.

Parallel thoroughfares, MoPac and US 183, become heavily congested during peak hours every day. If more people are able to choose an alternative and reliable route to get to work in a shorter time instead of sitting in traffic, this will increase productivity and economic growth for the region as well as reduce car emissions.

Currently, the estimated planning cost associated with this project is \$1,000,000. If selected, Williamson County is committed to contribute \$200,000 as our local funding match.

The Howard Lane Extension project is an important regional arterial helping to fulfill the County's transportation goals. We urge CAMPO to support this very important project.

Sincerely,



Dan A. Gattis
Williamson County Judge