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Potential Funding for Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

The City of New Braunfels recently submitted a project for potential Transportation Alternatives funding with the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO). I am reaching out to ask your help in getting the word out about a meeting the AAMPO is hosting next week.

They are currently looking to fund approximately \$15 million in bicycle and pedestrian improvements. They received nine project proposals totaling over \$23.7 million with a \$4.7 million overmatch for \$19 million in actual Transportation Alternative funding requests.

To help decide which projects are ultimately funded, they are hosting a meeting next Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 6 pm at the VIA Metro Center Community Room to collect input from the public (see their news release, below). In addition to the public meeting, residents will also be able to submit their comments during a month-long online campaign, as noted in that release.

Any help you can provide in getting the word out is very much appreciated and community engagement is a factor in how these funds will be allocated. The AAMPO board will be awarding the funds for these projects at their June board meeting.

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Alamo Area MPO urges people to #GetMoving to a public meeting to voice support for bicycle and pedestrian projects and connections

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) **launched a new #GetMoving campaign** to promote a joint meeting of the Bicycle Mobility and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees taking place on **February 8, 2017, from 6-8 p.m., at the VIA Metro Center Community Room, 1021 San Pedro Avenue (78212).**

The meeting will serve two important purposes:

1. **Collect feedback on the projects submitted for Transportation Alternative funding.** TA funding is targeted for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects only. AAMPO issued the call for projects on October 1, 2016 and proposals were due by January 17, 2017. Public meeting attendees will have the opportunity to review the projects submitted and provide their feedback on each. Nine project proposals were received during the project call, totaling over \$23.7 million with a \$4.7 million overmatch for \$19 million in actual Transportation Alternative funding requests. AAMPO estimates that \$15 million will be available for this project call, depending on the availability of federal funding. The projects up for consideration include:
 1. City of Balcones Heights, Hillcrest/Babcock Intersection Improvements
 2. City of Converse, Converse Greenway Trail
 3. City of Kirby, Ackerman Road Sidewalks and Bike Lanes
 4. **City of New Braunfels, Citywide Pedestrian Connectivity**
 5. City of San Antonio, Zarzamora Street Pedestrian Improvements
 6. City of Schertz, Schertz Pedestrian Routes and Bike Lanes Project
 7. City of Seguin, Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project
 8. San Antonio River Authority, Alazan Creek Linear H&B Trail
 9. San Antonio River Authority, Martinez Creek Linear H&B Trail

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2. **Collect input on important regional bicycle and pedestrian connections.** Kelly Porter, AICP, Regional Planning Manager with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will present on CAMPO's regional bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts and collect input on how best to connect the AAMPO and CAMPO regions' bicycle and pedestrian facilities. For this portion of the meeting, participants will work in groups to identify potential connections on maps and discuss the opportunities these connections could create for both regions. Both MPOs will use information collected to better integrate regional planning efforts.



In addition to the in-person public meeting, AAMPO encourages people to give their input online for projects proposed for Transportation Alternative funding at the #GetMoving site. **The site is located at**

www.alamoareampo.org/GetMoving and online public comment links will be open from February 9 through February 28. Members of the public are also encouraged to comment via social media during the month of February using the hashtag #GetMoving. Comments collected in person, online, and via social media will be considered in the project selection process along with technical score, agency priority, and project readiness.



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About the Alamo Area MPO: The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for a study area of almost 2 million residents who travel more than 50 million miles each day in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and a portion of Kendall Counties. Overseen by the 21 member Transportation Policy Board, which is comprised of elected and appointed officials, the Alamo Area MPO is one of approximately 400 MPOs across the country working to ensure a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous transportation planning process. For more information on the MPO, please visit our website at www.alamoareampo.org.

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