

October 12, 2023

Dear Mayor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Ellis, and Council Members,

Austin Outside supports Item #45 on your October 19th agenda. The mission of Austin Outside's 65 member organizations is to champion vibrant and thriving outdoor places for all in Greater Austin.

Austin Outside agrees that decisions around the I-35 Cap Ex Central project would be better informed by, and benefit from, the upcoming CAMPO Regional Mobile Emission Reduction and the Austin MSA Climate Plans. We support delaying funding on this impactful project until those studies are complete.

We also agree that any CAMPO votes on this project should be taken publicly, by the full Transportation Policy Board (TPB), as was done with the first two rounds of I-35 amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

After multiple summers of record-breaking heat and increasingly dangerous storms, it is imperative that elected officials at all levels of government work together to prioritize reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Austin Outside, Board Chair