



## NEWS RELEASE

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**FROM:** Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)  
City of Columbus-Bartholomew County Planning Department

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**RE:** Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Open House

The Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will hold a final open house to collect input for the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The upcoming event was preceded by three other open houses, in June, July, and August, which provided opportunities for the public to contribute to the plan as it progressed.

The open house is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016 in the Cal Brand Meeting Hall at Columbus City Hall, 123 Washington Street. Users of all modes of transportation, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, bus riders, and freight movers, are encouraged to attend and share their ideas.

Earlier open houses for the LRTP included presentations of proposed goals and objectives, and scenarios related to transportation policies and projects. Input received to date has included suggestions for road improvements, sidewalk and People Trail connections, and new bus routes. Participants have also provided feedback on roundabout and road diet policies.

For the September 26 open house, there will be a short introduction at 6:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity for attendees to vote on prioritizing proposed transportation projects. Planning Department staff will be available to answer any questions.

This open house will be followed by a 30-day period for review and comment on a draft of the complete plan, which will be posted on CAMPO's website. Paper copies will be available for review at the Bartholomew County Library's main and Hope branches, and in the Planning Department at Columbus City Hall.

CAMPO's role in the community is to receive federal transportation funds and to disperse those funds to eligible Columbus and Bartholomew County projects. The LRTP is a key tool in prioritizing possible projects. Past CAMPO-funded projects have included improvements for Indiana Avenue and Carr Hill Road, the transformation of 4<sup>th</sup> Street into a flexible street for downtown events, sections of the People Trail, and the ColumBUS Transit Mill Race Station.

CAMPO, which is part of the City of Columbus-Bartholomew County Planning Department, conducts transportation planning for Columbus and Bartholomew County. CAMPO was established in 2004, and

the first LRTP was adopted the following year. Federal regulations call for the plan to be updated at least every five years to reflect changes in policy and transportation needs. The last update was in 2011.

Please contact Laura Thayer at 812-376-2550 with any questions about the open house or the transportation planning process. If you are unable to attend, you may submit comments by email to [lthayer@columbus.in.gov](mailto:lthayer@columbus.in.gov), or by mail to CAMPO, Columbus City Hall, 123 Washington Street, Columbus IN 47201.