



Dear Transportation Policy Board Members,

CAMPO staff has been asked to send you follow up information to assist in providing a clearer explanation of the Regional Arterials Study to accompany the graphic that we developed as a result of TPB member discussions at the June Policy Board meeting.

The Regional Arterials Study is a technical analysis of high-level concepts centered on improvements to the arterial roadway network. Per TPB direction, staff initiated an analysis in partnership with local entities to identify relevant concepts for improving the arterial network. This study is intended to:

- Serve as a forum for local-governments and implementing entities to coordinate and collaborate regional arterial planning via a development of a regionally connected network based on local plans and needs
- Provide the TPB with a data-driven analysis on potential impacts of creating a better-connected arterial network
- Be used as a resource document for local governments, especially smaller or under-resourced communities
- Provide insight into potential regional significance of new and improved corridors.
- Document and test best practices in corridor design to accommodate multiple modes and improve aesthetic quality.

A large portion of the Regional Arterials Study concepts are derived from locally adopted plans. Local governments were asked to identify additional concepts (not in their locally adopted plans) at an initial round of meetings in the spring of 2018. CAMPO staff then completed a gaps analysis based on congestion and estimated demographic growth rates to develop a connected concept. All concepts were vetted by local governments in a second round of meetings in the fall of 2018.

To understand how these concepts would impact the arterial network, CAMPO staff, with guidance from the 15-member study steering committee developed and tested five different scenarios by analyzing their potential performance benefits in CAMPO's travel demand model. Two additional improvement scenarios were analyzed to understand the potential benefits of peak-period lane management.

- All ideas in this document not part of an official locally adopted plan, are merely concepts developed for illustrative and modeling purposes;
- A local government or implementing entity must decide to sponsor an idea in order for it to move forward into formal study, project development, and construction. The local government would also have to agree to be the financial sponsor in order for it to be included in the fiscally constrained 2045 Long-Range Plan;
- Any concepts or ideas resulting from this study will have to have written sponsorship from the relevant local entities to be included in the fiscally unconstrained illustrative portion of the 2045 Long-Range Plan;



- In addition to local project sponsorship, any idea in the study beyond projects in a locally adopted plan, would need to be vetted by the public before moving forward to any step in the implementation process; and
- The TPB would need to approve any concept/idea for inclusion in the 2045 Long-Range Plan or the short-range Transportation Improvement Program.

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