



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Public, CAMPO Policy Board, and CAMPO Technical Committee

FROM: Ashley Beckort

DATE: April 7, 2026

RE: *Amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)*

What is the MTP?: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), also called the long-range plan, establishes an understanding of long-term transportation needs. The MTP is updated every five years, a cycle that ensures that the document reflects ever-changing community conditions and transportation needs. The MTP is also occasionally amended to include regional projects of significance.

MTP Projects and Federal Funding: Projects that are identified in the MTP are eligible for federal funding, usually for 80 percent of costs. The remaining 20 percent is the responsibility of the local government depending on the jurisdiction of the project (City of Columbus, Bartholomew County, or Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)).

2045 MTP Approval and Amendments: CAMPO's 2045 MTP was adopted by the Policy Board on November 8, 2021, and then amended on February 10, 2025 to add two projects (Bear Lane Traffic Light and CR 350 West) to the priority Projects list (page 125).

Proposed Changes Requested: This notice includes two proposed changes to the 2045 MTP. See attached pages for additional information.

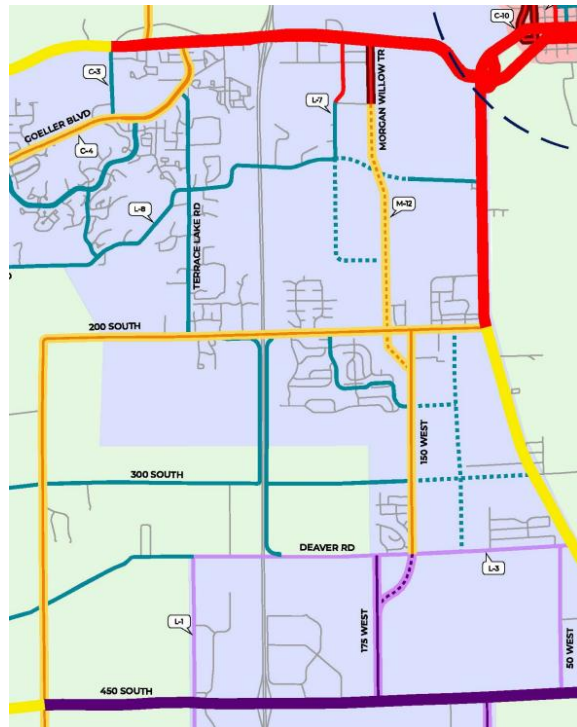
1. Amending current project developer from INDOT to City of Columbus for SR 11 Alternative and updating project name to West Side Connector.
2. Adding new project of I-65/SR-46 Gateway Arch Bridge Replacement and Intersection Improvements (Lead DES# 2500679).

Timeline: These amendments are open for a 30-day public comment period starting April 11, 2026. The Policy Board will review said amendment requests at their meeting on May 11, 2026 at 1:30 PM in the Council Chambers at Columbus City Hall. **Please send any comments to Ashley Beckort @ ashleybeckort@columbus.in.gov by noon May 11th or attend the meeting at 1:30pm in-person.**

Amendment to CAMPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*Resolution 2026-02*)
Update Existing Project Details

Project Name	SR 11 Alternative / West Side Connector	Des #	Not Known.								
Project Location & Description (copied from MTP)	Constructing new road from SR 46 to 450 South (via new terrain /150 West /175 West). New Road including Bike/Ped. Facilities.										
Project History/ Justification	This project is currently in the MTP as being construction by INDOT. This new road connection is also present in the Columbus Comprehensive Plan both in the Thoroughfare Plan Element and portions in the City View Element. INDOT and the City of Columbus have discussed who is the best to develop this road and the feasibility of relocating SR 11, however, INDOT has decided they no longer have interest in relocating SR 11. The City of Columbus would like to move forward with the road connection. As SR 11 would not be relocated, the new project name is proposed to be "West Side Connector". The project location and description are proposed to remain the same. Columbus has submitted for a BUILD grant to help pay for a portion of this project (from SR 46 to 200 South). The City of Columbus will continue to coordinate with local Redevelopment Commission, Columbus Regional Health, and other community partners during the development of this corridor.										
Proposed Change	<p><i>Current Project Details:</i></p> <p>Table 24: Illustrative Projects</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="521 905 1390 972"> <thead> <tr> <th>NO.</th> <th>PROJECT</th> <th>LOCATION</th> <th>DESCRIPTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>SR 11 Alternative (by INDOT)</td> <td>SR 46 to 450 South (via new terrain / 150 W / 175 W)</td> <td>New Road including Bike/Ped. Facilities</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Proposed Name Change:</i> "SR 11 Alternative (by INDOT)" → "West Side Connector"</p>			NO.	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	1	SR 11 Alternative (by INDOT)	SR 46 to 450 South (via new terrain / 150 W / 175 W)	New Road including Bike/Ped. Facilities
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Project Location (Columbus Thoroughfare Plan)



Amendment to CAMPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*Resolution 2026-03*)
Add New Project

Project Name	I-65/SR-46 Gateway Arch Bridge Replacement and Intersection Improvements	Lead Des #	2500679
Project Description (copied from memo)	On I-65 from 0.39 miles south of SR-46 to 0.81 miles north of SR-46. The project will contain a bridge replacement of the existing Gateway Arch, widening of the two Driftwood River bridges just north of the interchange, and an interchange modification of the I-65/ SR-46 interchange. The added travel lanes will expand upon the existing three lane interstate south of the interchange to the northern project limits.		
Project History/ Justification	INDOT has reviewed the need for a new structure (bridge) at this interchange and associated traffic management needs for the intersection. INDOT plans to complete this project through a Progressive Design Build. This design process includes an alternatives analysis where a preferred alternative will be selected as part of that review process. At this stage, INDOT has a rough timeline and estimated costs, but are subject to change based on alternatives found during said process. INDOT has agreed to coordinate with the City of Columbus on aesthetic components of the new bridge and interchange.		

Project Details (memo from INDOT describing project)

Project Description

This memo serves as a request to the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for inclusion of an upcoming department project on I-65 from 0.39 miles south of SR-46 to 0.81 miles north of SR-46 on I-65 in Columbus. The project will include a bridge replacement of the existing Gateway Arch, Widening of the two Driftwood River bridges north of the interchange, an interchange modification of the I-65/SR-46 interchange and added travel lanes for I-65. The project will expand upon the existing three lane interstate section south of the interchange to the northern project limits. There are multiple project risks and constraints. The Gateway Arch Bridge and Interchange Modification have complexity with removal of the post-tensioned structure, a tight footprint, drainage challenges, and traffic management needs during construction. A new interchange type will be necessary to reduce the structure depth for the bridge to minimize re-grading of I-65.



The project will address the following assets. The project numbers (DES) will be considered under the lead project DES 2500679. The costs represented are approximate construction costs.

- I. Gateway Arch Bridge Replacement – NBI# 35520 – DES 2500679, \$32,000,000
- II. I-65 Driftwood River NB Bridge Widening – NBI# 35540 – DES 2500680, \$9,800,000
- III. I-65 Driftwood River SB Bridge Widening – NBI# 35550 – DES 2500681, \$9,800,000
- IV. I-65 Added Travel Lanes and Pavement Rehab – PK 50356 – DES 2500508, \$23,700,000
- V. SR 46 Interchange Modification – M 22982 – DES 2600090, \$19,600,000

Project Anticipated Cost

The preconstruction (project development) cost of the project is estimated at \$9,790,000. The breakdown of preconstruction costs includes preconstruction and right-of-way funds expected to utilize NHPP federal and state funds (90/10). Preconstruction funds will be allocated in State Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028. The total construction cost of the project is estimated at \$94,900,000. Construction funds will be allocated in State Fiscal Year 2029 using NHPP federal and state funds (90/10). Construction Engineering Inspection is estimated at \$7,600,000 and will be allocated in State Fiscal Year 2029.

Phase	SFY	Fed Funds	Line Total	Fed Total	State Total	Fed %	State %	Justification
PE/PL	2027	NHPP	\$4,400,000	\$4,000,000	\$400,000	90	10	New Project
PE/PL	2028	NHPP	\$4,400,000	\$4,000,000	\$400,000	90	10	
ROW	2028	NHPP	\$990,000	\$900,000	\$90,000	90	10	
CN	2029	NHPP	\$94,900,000	\$85,410,000	\$9,490,000	90	10	
CEI	2029	NHPP	\$7,600,000	\$6,840,000	\$760,000	90	10	

Project Delivery Method

This project was screened for procurement or delivery method in June 2025. At that time, Alternative Delivery screened as the best method to assign risks to the contracting partners best able to manage given risks. In this case, a Progressive Design Build contracting method scored high during the consensus-based screening. As the project develops further, the alternative procurement method will be confirmed. The screening report was provided to the City of Columbus. The Department plans to complete an alternatives analysis of the Gateway Arch Bridge Replacement and I-65/SR-46 Interchange Modification. A preferred alternative will be selected as part of the preconstruction design process and NEPA analysis. The preferred alternative will be carried forward into construction.

Project Coordination

The Department plans to coordinate with the City of Columbus on aesthetic components of the new bridge and interchange. The City will establish a working group that will participate in the project and collaborate on potential solutions. As part of that coordination the Department will make efforts to maintain and improve the multi-use pedestrian facility (People Trail) currently on the north side of the interchange, as well as consider a trail on the south side of the interchange. A part of the environmental and engineering analysis will include coordination on a flood analysis for possible drainage solutions, elevation of the signal cabinets and related assets.

For any project questions, please reach out to Sandra Flum with INDOT Major Projects Division via email SFlum@indot.IN.gov.