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***RE: CAMPO Transportation Policy Board -- Blanco-Nance Span Bridge***

As a concerned resident of Hays County, I am submitting these comments in opposition to the Blanco-Nance Bridge, which has been proposed by the City of Kyle for inclusion in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2040 Plan.

Substantial road and bridge infrastructure projects can lead to increased public debt, a greater tax burden for property owners, more groundwater pumping, increased impervious cover, greater storm-water runoff, and sprawl. Furthermore, these projects reduce property values through rights of way and eminent domain conflicts.

The Blanco-Nance Span Bridge will encourage development over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone that would:

- ***Threaten streams, springs and groundwater quality with additional run-off***
- ***Threaten streams, springs and groundwater quality with additional sewage discharge***
- ***Threaten water quantity with new wells and additional aquifer pumping***
- ***Place downstream communities in peril by increasing floodwater volumes and frequency in the Blanco and San Marcos River watersheds***
- ***Place an onerous financial burden on the public to benefit private development interests***

For these reasons, I respectfully request that **CAMPO not include this proposed bridge project in the 2040 plan.**

Urban growth needs to be accommodated, and for infrastructure reasons that growth should be concentrated in the I-35 corridor away from the recharge zone where water is already available, where emergency services and traffic arteries are already in place, and away from areas that are useful buffers against flooding.

Respectfully,