

### CAPCOG's GeoMap wins NADO Innovation award

For the second consecutive year, CAPCOG has won an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations.

CAPCOG's GeoMap, a cost-sharing initiative to produce and maintain current geospatial base map data for local jurisdictions, developers, consultants and other interested parties, earned a coveted spot among NADO's 2013 slate of honorees that included more than 90 projects from 25 states.

The awards program recognizes "creative approaches to regional community and economic development throughout the nation," according to NADO, with this year's winners announced at the organization's recent annual training conference.

GeoMap products include aerial photography, Lidar imagery, underwater depth depictions, elevation data, structures, road centerlines, pavement, vegetation and land cover. By securing competitive pricing for services and coordinating area cost-sharing, the program has saved the region an estimated \$8.6 million since 2002.

Explore GeoMap at [www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org).

### Sessions set for CAMPO 2040 Transportation Plan input

Fresh on the heels of its recent community survey, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a CAPCOG partner, will hold a series of meetings for additional public input on the next regional transportation plan in Central Texas.

CAMPO, which serves Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties, must produce a 25-year regional transportation plan every five years. The agency works with stakeholders including cities, counties, regional and state transportation agencies and the public to plan for the area's current and long-term needs.

The eventual 2040 Regional Transportation Plan will replace the current 2035 version.

In addition to the public meetings, opportunities to weigh in will include a public hearing during CAMPO's Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Get the meeting and hearing dates at CAPCOG's website.



*CAPCOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Peace Officer Class No. 69 will graduate Sept. 20, 2013, in a ceremony at the Texas State Capitol. Explore upcoming cadet and in-service education at [training.capcog.org](http://training.capcog.org).*

### Upcoming Events

**CAPCOG Executive Committee, 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11** **Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark**

**Capital Area Emergency Communications District, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 (At CAPCOG Executive Committee session)** **Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark**

**CAPCOG General Assembly, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11** **Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark**

**Central Texas Clean Air Coalition, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Law Enforcement Education Committee, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Regional Preparedness Committee, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Capital Area Public Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25 (Register by Sept. 18)** **CAPCOG Agave Room**

**CAPCOG Area Agency on Aging Workshop: Falls Prevention, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25** **WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Community Center at Ben White Boulevard, Austin**

**Capital Area Economic Development District, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**9-1-1 Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Sept. 25** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Basic Peace Officer Course No. 70 (full time, day), Oct. 7-March 20** **CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room**

**Disaster Debris Management 101: Tools for Local and Regional Governments, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30** **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Basic Peace Officer Course No. 71 (part time, night), Nov. 18-July 7** **Pflugerville Police Department**

### This month at CAPCOG

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### CAPCOG Air Quality Program: New ozone monitor in SW Austin

CAPCOG is establishing a new ozone air monitoring station in southwest Austin at Gorzycki Middle School.

The temporary monitor will help provide a more complete and accurate picture of peak ozone levels in the region, especially when winds come out of the northeast.

This winter, CAPCOG's Air Quality Program will review data collected in September and October to determine whether to continue collecting data at the new location during next year's ozone season.

Learn more about air quality monitoring at [www.capcog.org/airquality](http://www.capcog.org/airquality).

### Task force report looks at growing senior population

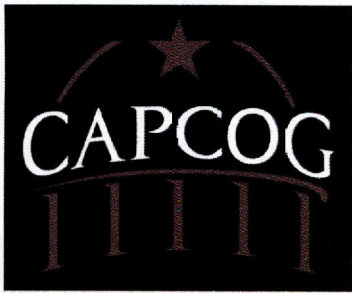
From healthy living and affordable housing to greater integration in civic life, a City of Austin task force has released a set of goals and strategies to enhance the lives of older adults while maximizing available resources.

The Mayor's Task Force on Aging, which included participation from local leaders such as CAPCOG Area Agency on Aging Director Jennifer Scott, produced the recommendations with assistance from various partners including the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Seton Foundations, St. David's Foundation and an advisory council.

Key categories in the report include Health, Housing and Basic Needs, Transportation and Community Infrastructure, Societal Participation and Inclusion, and Caregivers and Long-Term Supports.

Download the summary of recommendations and strategies or the full 95-page report at <http://austintexas.gov/mayorstaskforce>.





Capital Area Council of Governments

**Grant Alerts**

U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration assistance program  
Deadline: Sept. 13, 2013  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

The Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge  
Deadline: Sept. 23, 2013 (initial registration)  
<http://100resilientcities.rockefellerfoundation.org/pages/for-cities>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program  
Deadline: Oct. 18, 2013  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Community Development Initiative Utilities Programs  
Deadline: Nov. 12, 2013  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

U.S. Agency for Health Care Research and Quality Understanding User Needs and Context to Inform Consumer Health Information Technology Design Grant  
Deadline: July 5, 2014  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

## A closer look: Medicare annual open enrollment

**E**ach year, Medicare participants get a chance to adjust their health insurance coverage, whether comparing, choosing or changing their Medicare and prescription drug plans for the following 12-month period. As the annual Medicare open enrollment gets underway from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2013, CAPCOG Area Agency on Aging's (AAA) Benefits Counseling Program will be on hand to help eligible consumers sort the various options.

Get a closer look at Medicare's annual open enrollment and CAPCOG's regional role in navigating the process.

### Who's eligible for Medicare coverage?

People age 65 or older, younger than 65 with certain disabilities or of any age with end-stage renal disease can participate. The Area Agency on Aging's benefits counselors can help consumers 60 or older, their caregivers and anyone who's Medicare eligible.

### What coverage changes does open enrollment allow?

- Switching from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan — or vice versa.
- Switching Medicare Advantage Plans.
- Switching from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to one that does — or vice versa.
- Joining, switching or dropping Medicare prescription drug plan coverage.

### How does the Area Agency on Aging help Medicare consumers?

- The Benefits Counseling Program offers state-certified staff and volunteers for free, one-on-one, confidential sessions to answer questions, review forms, explain the enrollment process and more.
- Counselors can demystify potential confusion regarding the Affordable Care Act and Medicare, especially as Medicare's own open enrollment overlaps the new federal health exchange's kickoff enrollment period that runs Oct. 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.
- AAA, funded in part by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, partners with other agencies and organizations across the region for trainings and other outreach opportunities. Staff work with the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol, for example, to empower and educate participants on fraud prevention, and AAA maintains office hours at the WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Community Center in Austin to reach a mutual audience.

### How can local governments, organizations and agencies team with AAA for Medicare open enrollment?

- Schedule a benefits counselor presentation for your next public meeting, addressing topics such as Medicare preventive services, medication coverage, eligibility, fraud prevention and more.
- As the Area Agency on Aging launches its fall 2013 season of free open enrollment presentations across the region, check [www.aaacap.org](http://www.aaacap.org) for times and dates to share with constituents.

**Did you know?**

**Area Agency on Aging staff will conduct** free Medicare open enrollment presentations across the region, so check online at [www.aaacap.org](http://www.aaacap.org) for upcoming dates.

**Benefits Counseling Program volunteers** help make a difference in seniors' lives. Potential volunteers can learn more by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 512-916-6022 or choosing the "Volunteer Options" section at [www.aaacap.org](http://www.aaacap.org).

**AAA is on Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/aaacaptexas](http://www.facebook.com/aaacaptexas).

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