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TIMELINE OF SH 45SW

- 1985:** Responding to a request from Travis and Williamson county officials, SH 45 Outer Parkway is designated by the Texas Transportation Commission. The SH 45 Outer Parkway was envisioned as a much larger project, of which SH 45SW was a small part
- 1987:** With support from the Travis County Commissioners Court, TxDOT authorizes a feasibility study of the proposed SH 45 Outer Parkway facility. Today's SH 45SW was included in Segment Three of the SH 45 Outer Parkway.
- 1989:** The Environmental Impact Statement for SH 45 Outer Parkway Segment Three (containing today's SH 45SW) is approved and a contract is let.
- 1990:** A lawsuit is filed; the Court's final decision allows for only limited access points along SH 45SW and specifies that only state funds could be used to build the facility.
- 1997:** Travis County voters approve \$3.5 million for SH 45SW land acquisition.
- 1998:** Travis and Hays counties pass a resolution supporting construction of SH 45 between Loop 1 and FM 1626.
- 1999:** The Texas Transportation Commission approves \$12.25 million to construct SH 45SW.
- 2003:** Right-of-way purchase by Travis County is complete.
- 2007:** The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) approves SH 45SW as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. It is included as a toll-financed project, with two toll lanes and one free lane in each direction.
- 2008:** Due to funding limitations and expiration of the EIS approved 10 years earlier, SH 45SW is removed from CAMPO's plans. A subcommittee is formed to determine next steps.
- 2009:** The SH 45SW Committee presents recommendations to CAMPO. Among the options is a recommendation to develop SH 45SW as a four-lane, tolled facility.
- 2010:** Debate on SH 45SW dominates a CAMPO public hearing. Hundreds of people testify. The Travis County Commissioners Court moves to withdraw support for SH 45SW.
- 2011:** CAMPO Board votes to leave SH 45SW in its transportation plans. Hays County Commissioners pledge \$5 million for construction.
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- 2013:** Travis County Commissioners vote to reinstate support of SH 45SW.
- 2014:** Travis County and Hays County Commissioners vote to appropriate \$15 million and \$5 million, respectively, for SH 45SW construction.

