

Public Meetings

February 2018

Meeting Objectives

- Review transportation projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funding
- Provide input on your priority projects.
- Review projects currently in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Capture concerns regarding any of the roadway and transit projects submitted for funding consideration or any of the projects currently in the TIP

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

Sid Martinez, Executive Director, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

2. Overview of the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Development

Linda Vela, Planning/Public Involvement Program Manager, AAMPO

3. Exhibits & Prioritization Exercise Open House

Linda Vela, Planning/Public Involvement Program Manager, AAMPO

Please let your friends, family and colleagues know they can participate online through February 28, 2018 at www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

A Metropolitan Planning Organization, also known as an MPO, is an agency created by federal law to provide local input for transportation planning and the allocation of federal transportation funding to urban areas with populations greater than 50,000. The Alamo Area MPO's boundary includes the counties of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and a portion of Kendall County.

What is the MPO's mission?

The MPO's mission is to provide a cooperative, continuous and comprehensive transportation planning process for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods consistent with the region's overall economic, social and environmental goals. The MPO places a special emphasis on providing equal access to a variety of transportation choices and effective public involvement in the transportation planning process.

What does the MPO do?

The MPO is responsible for conducting the transportation planning process in order to receive over \$200 million annually in federal and state transportation funding. This planning process is accomplished primarily through three related activities and documents: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** — The UPWP outlines the MPO's work products for a two-year period. The UPWP identifies tasks which are to be accomplished and presents the budget to accomplish those tasks. The UPWP can therefore be viewed as the MPO's operating budget.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** — The MTP is a 25-year, long-range plan and the basic framework for all of the MPO's transportation planning. The MTP is a guide used to plan for future mobility needs in the MPO study area and the expenditure of federal, state, and local funds that become available for these projects. The current plan, Mobility 2040 was approved in December 2014 and identified over \$17.2 billion worth of transportation improvements through 2040.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** — The TIP is a four-year financially constrained list of transportation projects that have been approved for federal and state funding by the MPO Transportation Policy Board. This short-range plan is updated every two years and amended quarterly.

Why are the MPO and TIP important to me?

Transportation planning is important to everyone. The MPO gives the public an opportunity to identify transportation needs to ensure that tax dollars are used for the greater good of the community. The construction and improvement of roadways and transportation facilities listed in the TIP will have a positive impact on mobility throughout the region. These transportation improvement projects can be expected to decrease crashes, provide travel options, reduce congestion, reduce air pollution, conserve energy, enhance quality of life and maintain a transportation system beneficial to the entire area.

How can I help?

The MPO is in the process of updating the TIP for fiscal years 2019-2022. For more information, please contact Linda Alvarado-Vela at (210) 230-6929 or at alvarado-vela@alamoareampo.org, or visit us at www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove.