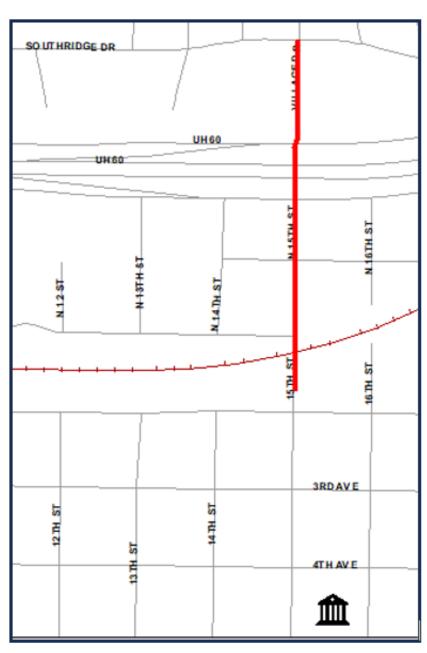
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# **Amarillo Area MPO Project Spotlight!**



First phase of a multiphase project in Canyon, Tx. This project will provide pedestrian access from the Hunsley Hills neighborhood to the downtown courthouse area. This project will provide sidewalks and streetscape.

This project is scheduled to let in 2027. It is funded with \$2 million in Category 7 funds and local match.

Is there something you'd like to see in our newsletter? Please e-mail Devin Jones at <a href="mailto:devin.jones@amarillo.gov">devin.jones@amarillo.gov</a>

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## Amarillo Area MPO Federal Certification Review

The Amarillo Area MPO Staff underwent the Federal Certification Review with representatives from FTA, FHWA, and TxDOT last week, on July 23-24. There was a great number of representatives for each of the entities

that the MPO services in attendance at the Round Table Discussion, as well as a member of the public that spoke out, answering questions that the Federal Certification Review board had for those working closely with our Amarillo Area MPO Staff.

The MPO Staff would like to thank the representatives that joined us for this review, both for their service to the betterment of coordinated transportation as well as for making the review a smooth process. Their levity assisted the Amarillo Area MPO staff in being confident and at ease for our first review. It was a pleasure and a joy to work with them, discussing how our MPO runs here in the panhandle, and finding ways to make what we do better for everyone involved. They asked many thought provoking questions and provided much needed guidance and clarifications for our staff. The MPO Staff would also like to thank everyone involved in the round table discussion who spoke frankly and helped the MPO know best how to help them in their endeavors, and provided input to assist the MPO in growing as an organization.

The MPO staff has received a draft of the observations noted in this review, and have already made steps to begin correcting and updating all of the documents, processes, and observations made. The full review document will be completed within three to four months from the date of the Certification Review stating the levels of each of these observations. The Amarillo Area MPO is happy to boast that there were only 8 observations given to us, and that none of these items were truly unexpected on our part. All in all this review was a wonderful experience of coordination on the part of all of the entities we as Amarillo Area MPO Staff serve, as well as the Federal departments that ensure things run properly and smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to speak with the representatives while they were here. We hope to continue making the Amarillo Area MPO one of the best there is!

See if you can spot Axel, our Toad on the Road in the photo on this page!

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#### **MPO Updates**

September 11th, Policy Board Workshop Simms Building Room 275, 1:30 PM

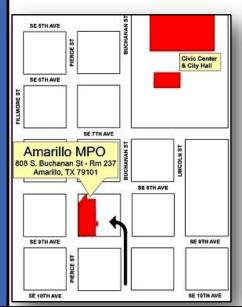
PATH Community Bike Ride—2nd Sunday of Every month at 2pm. Contact Chris Pittman with PATH for more details at 806-223-7677.

The next bike ride will be August 10th meeting in the Canyon Town Square

#### **MPO Staff Current Projects:**

- Travel Demand Model
- Functional Classification Changes
- New Public Outreach Ideas
- Informational Brochures
- Coordinating with Transit on their Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan





### **Federal Certification Review**

The public input linked here is used by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Texas Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTW Region VI) as part of their formal TMA Federal Certification Review of the transportation planning process in the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) metropolitan planning area that was held on July 23-24, 2025. While the Review of staff has been conducted already, these organizations would still like to hear any feedback that might be given. As such this comment form will remain up on the Amarillo Area MPO's website for at least 30 days after the end of the review.

# Find our Federal Certification Review Information and input form here!

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