

*February 2026 Newsletter*

# Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization



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AMARILLO AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
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## Category 7 and 9 Project Selection and Discussion

The Amarillo Area MPO Staff had the chance to meet with all of the entities to discuss the Category 7 and 9 projects submitted during our recent call for projects. It was an enlightening experience to say the least. We learned quite a bit about spaces in the Amarillo and Canyon area that have a need for these multimodal funding sources.

Category 7 and 9 funding is a relatively new funding source for our MPO due to becoming a Transit Management Area after the 2020 census designated our area as having over a 200,000 population. These funding sources are specifically to encourage more multimodal construction and identifying gaps in the current pedestrian and alternative transportation thoroughfares.

The Amarillo Area MPO will be meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee to solidify the suggested prioritization of these submitted projects, and it will be presented to the Policy Board at the March Workshop, and will be voted on at the regularly scheduled Policy Board Meeting in April.



*Is there something you'd like to see in our newsletter? Please e-mail Devin Jones at [devin.jones@amarillo.gov](mailto:devin.jones@amarillo.gov)*

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### MPO Updates

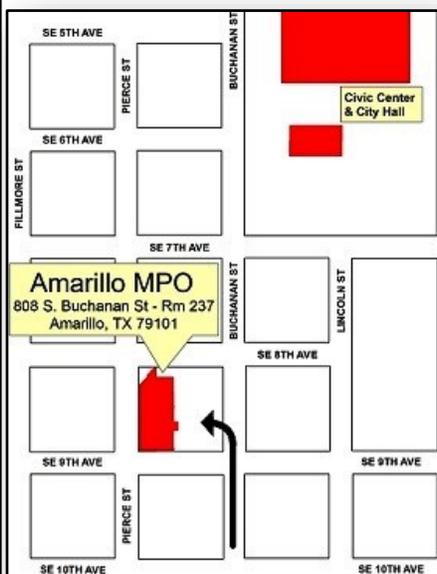
**March 12th—Policy Board Workshop** Simms Municipal Building Room 275, 1:30 PM

**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 March 8th meeting in the Canyon Town Square

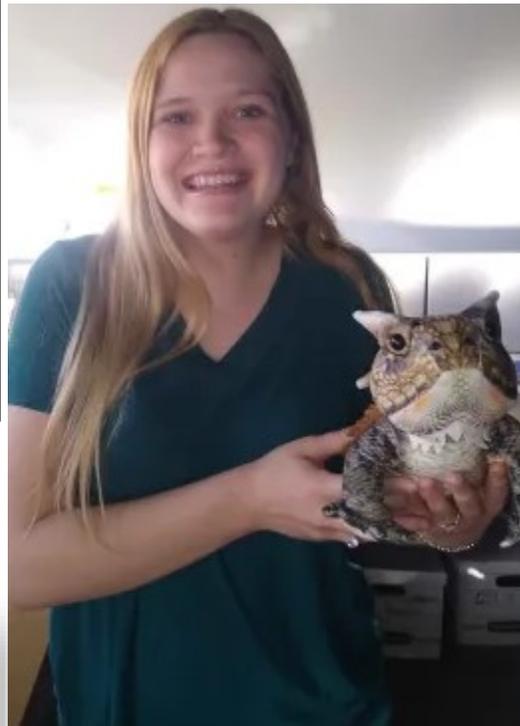
### **MPO Staff Current Projects:**

- 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan update
- Category 7 and 9 Projects for FY 26
- Updating Resiliency Improvement Plan and Congestion Management Program
- Roadway Functional Classification Update



## Get to Know the MPO Staff!

The Amarillo MPO is happy to welcome Kara Parkhurst as the new MPO Intern! Kara has been very excited to get started working with the MPO and has shown great interest in transportation planning! She has begun assisting with research for the Congestion Management Program, and



working on the Category 7 and 9 Priority lists. She is a current student at WTAMU and her degree is in International Business. She is scheduled to graduate in December. Kara also assists coaching High School Pole Vaulting during her off time.

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