

AMARILLO AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Establish a setting and involve the public:

Establish a fair & impartial setting for effective regional transportation decision-making. Involve the general public and other stakeholders in the process.

Prepare and maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

Develop and update a **long-range transportation plan** for the metropolitan area covering a planning horizon of at least twenty years that fosters (1) mobility and access for people & goods, (2) efficient system performance & preservation, and (3) good quality of life.

Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Develop a **short-range program** (four-year) of transportation improvements based on the long-range transportation plan. The TIP is designed to achieve the area's goals, using spending, regulating, operating, management, and financial tools.

Develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

Prepared annually, the UPWP identifies and administers federal/state funds for transportation planning activities during the year . . . the MPO's budget.

What is an MPO?

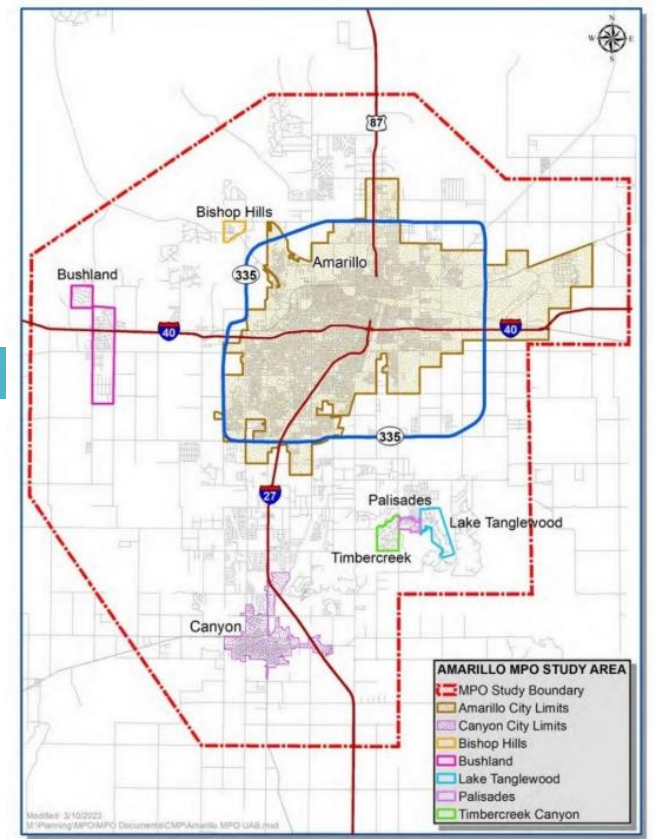
A Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO, is a regional transportation planning body made up of local governments and transportation partners. Its role is to work collaboratively to plan for roads, transit, walking, and biking in a way that is safe, efficient, and coordinated across city and county boundaries. The MPO sets regional transportation priorities, allocates federal transportation funding, and ensures that transportation projects reflect community needs, support economic growth, and comply with federal requirements.

What does an MPO DO!?

- Plans for roads, transit, walking, and biking across the region
- Brings cities, counties, and transportation agencies together
- Decides how certain FEDERAL transportation funds are invested locally
- Helps prioritize projects that improve safety and mobility
- Ensures transportation decisions are coordinated and publicly accountable

What is a TIP?

- A four-year plan of transportation projects in our region
- Lists projects that are funded and expected to move forward
- Covers roads, transit, walking, and biking projects
- Required by federal law to receive federal transportation funds
- Updated regularly to reflect priorities, funding and readiness



What a TIP includes...

... And what it doesn't.

- **Includes:** Projects that use FEDERAL transportation funds
- **Includes:** Projects that are funded and scheduled within the next four years
- **Includes:** Regionally significant non-federally funded projects
- **Does NOT Include:** Every local street repair or maintenance project
- **Does NOT Include:** Projects that are only ideas or without funding
- **Does NOT Include:** Day-to-day construction decisions or timelines

Why Public Input Matters!

- Helps identify transportation needs and priorities
- Improves project design and community fit
- Ensures investments reflect LOCAL concerns and values
- Supports fair and transparent decision-making
- It's a required part of the MPO planning process



What happens next?

- Public comments are collected and reviewed
- The MPO updates the draft TIP based on input and funding availability
- The TIP is reviewed and approved by the MPO Policy Board
- The approved TIP is coordinated with TxDOT and FHWA/FTA
- Projects move forward based on the plan into design, construction, and implementation