

# amarillo mpo inter-agency memo

**TO:** MPO Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Travis Muno, Senior Transportation Planner  
**DATE:** March 23, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** MPO Policy Committee Workshop

The Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee will meet **Thursday, March 29, 2018**, at **1:30 P.M.**, in **Conference Room 306 of City Hall**. I am sending you the agenda and information packet for the meeting.

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# AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

## AGENDA

**PLACE:** Room 306, City Hall, 509 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**DATE:** March 29, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 PM

**ITEMS:**

- Item 1: Review and Discussion of the Project Priority List-TxDOT
- Item 2: Discussion of the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) and Suggested Improvements- MPO Staff
- Item 3: Update on MPO Review-MPO Staff
- Item 4: Adjournment.

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**March 29, 2018 Project Priority List**

## **Agenda Item 1 – Briefing**

The project priority list from last year is shown below. The table has some additional columns. The first is on the left hand side. This is the ranking for this year. The next column is the ranking from last year. The third column is where the project info starts. Then after the projects description columns are the columns showing the project cost. The first cost column is the construction cost in 2017. The next column is the construction cost in 2018. Then the third cost column is the construction cost inflated to the year the project is scheduled to let. The list as shown only has some minor changes which will be discussed in the workshop for input.

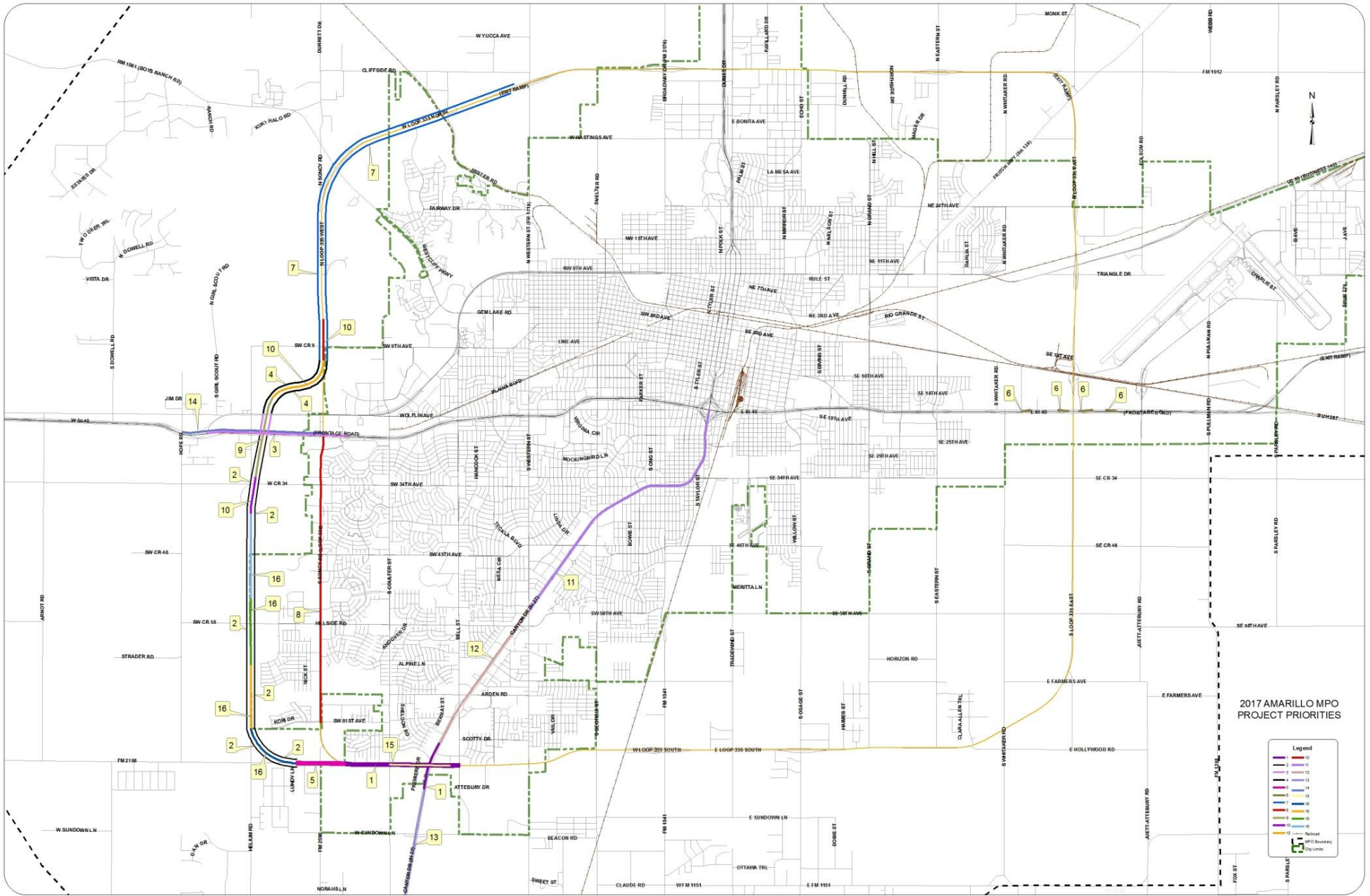
The second page is a map showing the location of the projects. This map is based on the project priority ranking from last year. TxDOT will have a presentation on this at the workshop.

# Recommended MPO Priority Projects

Recommended 2018 Amarillo MPO Priority Projects March 2018

2018 Priority	2017 Priority	SL 335 Segment	Hwy	County	Limits	Laymans Description	Length (mi)	Construction (2017,\$M)	Construction (2018,\$M)	Inflated Construction (\$M)*	Current Let Date
NA	1	B-1	SL 335	RANDALL	WEST OF COULTER TO BELL	B-1 PHASE I: FRONTAGE ROADS AND GRADE SEPARATION AT COULTER; RECONSTRUCT IH 27 2ND LEVEL MAINLANE BRIDGE	1.50	\$42.38	NA	NA	July 2017
1	2	B-2	VA (SL335)	RANDALL	FM 2590 TO POTTER COUNTY LINE	B-2 PHASE I : CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROADS	5.40	\$40.00	\$47.50	\$49.50	March 2019
				POTTER	RANDALL COUNTY LINE TO IH 40		0.29	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.04	
2	3	B-2	IH 40	POTTER	BIH-40-D TO SONCY	B-2 PHASE II : RECONSTRUCT IH 40 2ND LEVEL MAINLANE BRIDGE AT SL 335 AND FRONTAGE ROAD BOX	2.00	\$24.60	\$21.40	\$23.20	March 2020
	4		SL335	POTTER	IH 40 TO SW 9th		B-2 PHASE II : CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROADS	1.83	\$19.00	\$20.40	
3	5	B-1	SL 335	RANDALL	FM 2590 TO WEST OF COULTER	B-1 PHASE II : CONSTRUCT MAINLANES AND FRONTAGE ROADS	1.00	\$19.70	\$23.20	\$26.10	Jan 2021
NA	6		IH 40	POTTER	AT SL 335 EAST (LAKESIDE)	IH 40 RAMP IMPROVEMENTS, RAMP REVERSALS	2.00	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$4.50	Jan 2018
4	7	C-1	SL 335	POTTER	SW 9th TO FM 1719 (WESTERN)	C-1 PHASE I: UPGRADE TO 4-LANE DIVIDED FROM SW 9th FM 1061 UPGRADE TO FREEWAY FROM FM 1061 TO FM 1719	5.30	\$40.30	\$67.80	\$82.50	Jan 2023
5	9	B-2	SL 335	POTTER	AT IH 40 AND BI 40-D (AMA BLVD)	B-2 PHASE III: SL 335 3RD LEVEL MAINLANE BRIDGE AT IH 40 AND BI 40-D MAINLANE BRIDGE AND RAMPS (STA 290+00 TO STA 355+00)	1.23	\$38.10	\$35.50	\$44.90	Jan 2024
				RANDALL			-				
6	10	B-2	SL 335	POTTER	AT N SONCY & SW 9th	B-2 PHASE IV: CONSTRUCT MAINLANES, GRADE SEP'S AND RAMPS (34TH AREA - STA 255+00 TO STA 290+00)(9TH AREA - STA 355+00 TO STA 415+00)	TA	\$30.50	\$21.00	-	-
				RANDALL	AT 34th		0.76		\$22.00	-	
7	11		IH 27	RANDALL	WESTERN TO IH 40	IH 27 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS (SUCH AS: RAMP REVERSALS, RAMP IMPROVEMENTS)	2.50	\$9.70	\$9.70	\$10.90	Jan 2022
8	8	Soncy	SL 335	RANDALL	SONCY - IH 40 TO 81ST	SL 335 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS (SUCH AS: ACCESS CONTROL, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, TURN LANES)	4.30	\$5.50	\$6.20		Jan 2021
9	12		IH 27	RANDALL	WESTERN TO SL 335	IH 27 UPGRADE TO 6-LANE FACILITY	2.64	\$69.70	\$96.20	-	-
10	13		IH 27	RANDALL	SL 335 TO US 60 SPLIT	IH 27 UPGRADE TO 6-LANE FACILITY	5.90	\$83.50	\$108.00	-	-
11	14		IH 40	POTTER	HOPE TO SONCY	IH 40 CONVERT FRONTAGE ROADS TO URBAN SECTION	2.65	\$38.10		-	-
12	14		IH 40	POTTER	HOPE TO SONCY	IH 40 UPGRADE TO 6-LANE FACILITY	2.65			-	-
13	15	B-1	SL 335	RANDALL	AT IH 27	B-1 PHASE III: SL 335 3RD LEVEL MAINLANE BRIDGE AT IH 27	0.70	\$17.00	\$19.70	-	-
14	16	B-2	SL 335	RANDALL	B-2 (MAINLANES)	B-2 PHASE AT FM 2186 - (STA 35+00 TO STA 80+00)	0.85	\$10.50	\$13.60	-	-
						B-2 PHASE AT ARDEN RD - (STA 80+00 TO STA 135+00)	1.04	\$10.50	\$16.10	-	-
						B-2 PHASE AT HILLSIDE RD - (STA 135+00 TO STA 190+00)	1.04	\$10.50	\$17.90	-	-
						B-2 PHASE AT VICINITY OF 45TH AVE - (STA 190+00 TO STA 255+00) - No Grade Separation at 45th	1.23	\$7.50	\$8.60	-	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST; (\$M) =</b>								<b>\$522.08</b>	<b>\$560.40</b>	<b>\$264.74</b>	
* - ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST INFLATED TO SCHEDULED YEAR OF PROJECT LETTING; INFLATION ASSUMED AT 4% ANNUALLY											

See Handout



2017 AMARILLO MPO PROJECT PRIORITIES

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Road  
 MPO Boundary  
 City Limits



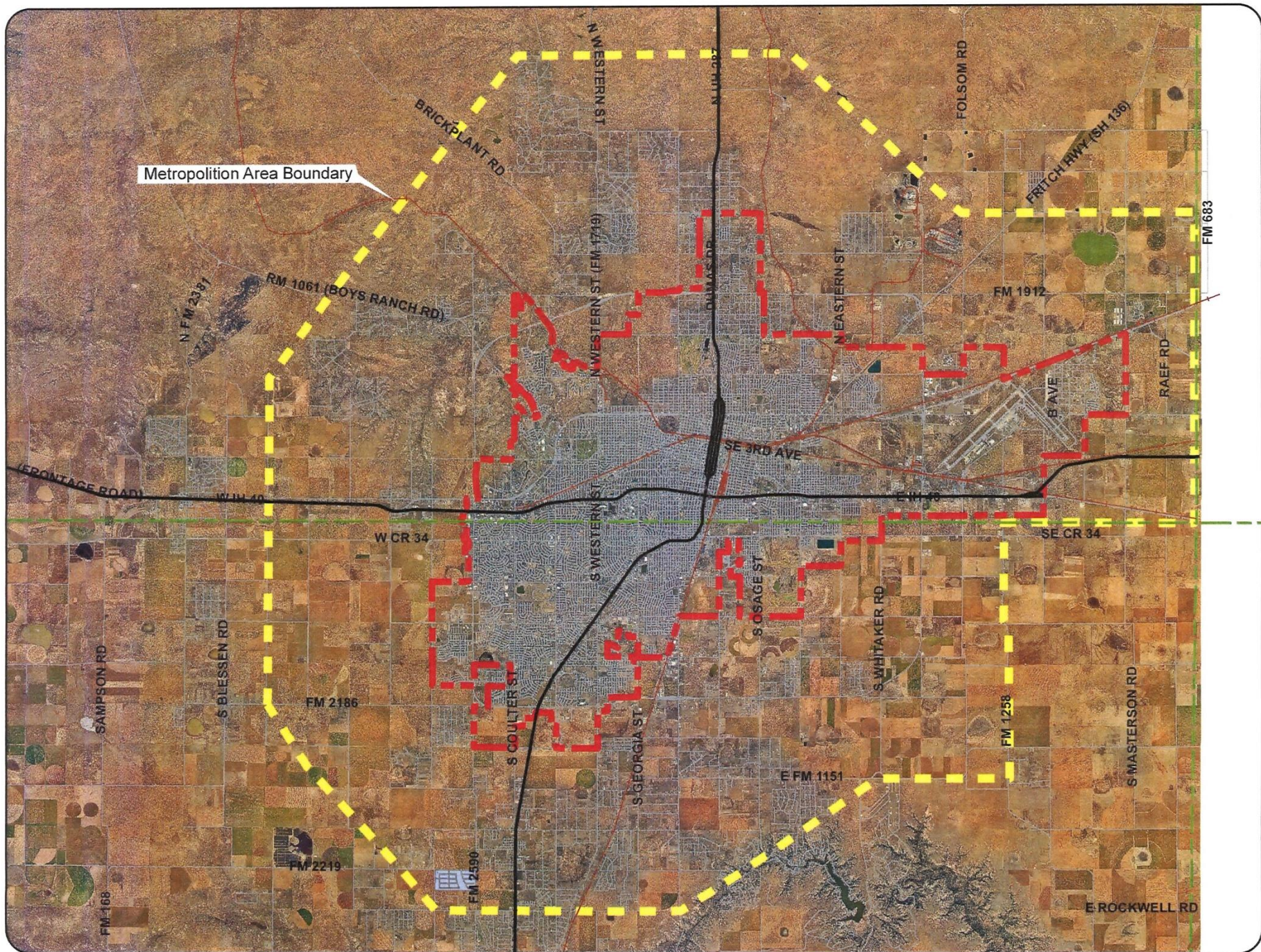
## **Agenda Item 2 – Briefing**

The Amarillo MPO was established in the early 1970's. The current MPO area boundary (MAB) was established then and has never been changed. This means the current boundary has not been changed in approximately 45 years. In looking to update this boundary, the MAB by definition at a minimum should include the entire urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized in a 20 year forecast period. In considering changing the MAB the Technical advisory board looked at where the growth that has occurred in recent years, the areas where growth is planned in the coming years, and the travel patterns from a regional perspective. There are many areas near Amarillo that contribute to the traffic patterns in the MPO. Some of these areas are Bishop Hills, Bushland, Canyon, Timbercreek, Palisades, Lake Tanglewood, and the Mescalero urban area (which is located between Amarillo and Canyon).

Changing the MAB could result in many benefits for the MPO. It would allow for planning for an appropriate area. Travel among the nearby areas already exists and is interacting with the traffic in the MPO. Since the use of federal planning funds is almost completely limited to within the MAB, expanding the boundary would allow for better analysis and more thorough solutions. A second benefit would be to provide the most accurate data to be included in funding formulas. Since population and total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) are the two biggest components of the Category 2 funding formula. We need to provide as accurate data as possible. Another benefit is it will get us out ahead of TMA status, which would be coming with the 2020 census.

Expanding the boundary would also have some impacts to the MPO. It would bring the City of Canyon in as a voting member of the policy board. This change would require bylaw changes and possibly and rebalancing of the Policy board and Technical advisory board. It would also require planning for a larger geographic area.





Metropolitan Area Boundary

BRICKPLANT RD

N WESTERN ST

N HILL 287

FOLSOM RD

FRITCH HWY (SH 136)

FM 683

N FM 2387

RM 1061 (BOYS RANCH RD)

N WESTERN ST (FM 1719)

DALLAS RD

N EASTERN ST

FM 1912

RAEF RD

FRONTAGE ROAD

W HILL 40

SE 3RD AVE

FM 48

SE CR 34

W CR 34

S WESTERN ST

S OSAGE ST

S WHITAKER RD

SAMPSON RD

S BLESSEN RD

FM 2186

S COULTER ST

S GEORGIA ST

S MASTERSON RD

FM 1258

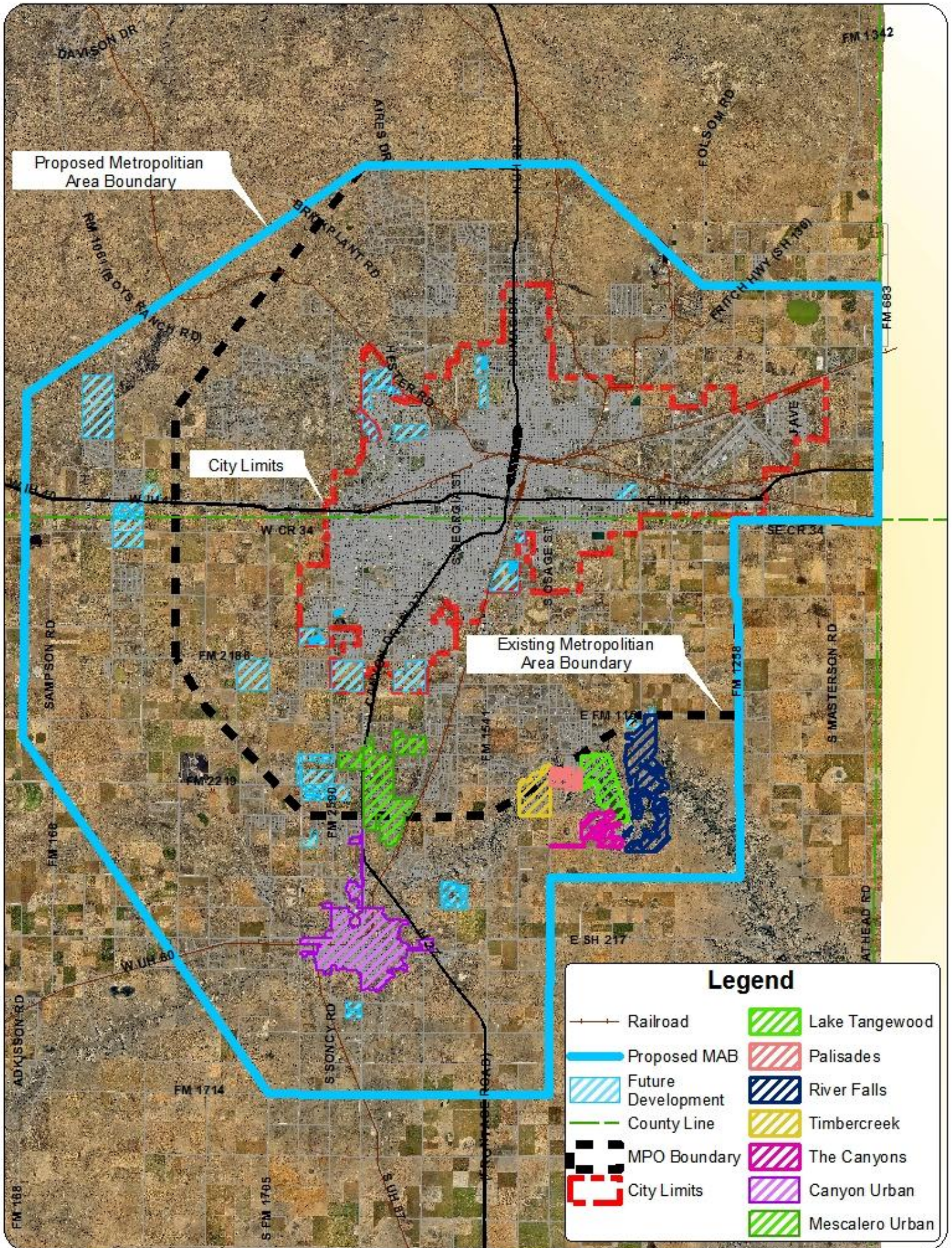
FM 1151

FM 2219

FM 2590

E ROCKWELL RD

FM 168



Proposed Metropolitan Area Boundary

City Limits

Existing Metropolitan Area Boundary

### Legend

Railroad	Lake Tangewood
Proposed MAB	Palisades
Future Development	River Falls
County Line	Timbercreek
MPO Boundary	The Canyons
City Limits	Canyon Urban
	Mescalero Urban



## **Agenda Item 3 – Briefing**

The MPO review is just an update on items currently being discussed.

Over the last couple of months the group has been discussing the MTP. We have been discussing everything from public involvement including who should be involved, where to hold meetings and activities to get citizens involved. We have looked at performance measures, Fast Act requirements and the Metropolitan Area Boundary and the things that come with it.