

April 2024 Newsletter

# Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization



## What is an MPO?

A Metropolitan Transportation Organization (MPO) is a “forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the metropolitan area.” The Amarillo Area MPO strives to meet regional transportation needs through planning and programming, while being responsive to community interests and local policies. The MPO works with Amarillo, Potter & Randall Counties, TxDOT, PRPC, and the City of Amarillo and Canyon communities to plan for the region's future transportation needs.

## What is an MTP?

A Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a fiscally constrained 20+ year plan that identifies how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multimodal transportation system including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and ADA accessible transportation. An MTP outlines how the area plans to allocate federal, state, and local transportation funding for regionally sig-



## How to Get Involved

Citizens are crucial to the success of a transportation system. As the MPO strives to meet the transportation needs of a growing area, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning process through the MPO's public involvement process. By getting involved with the MPO you will be at the forefront of key decisions as they are being made in the community, and will provide valuable input in shaping the future of transportation in the Amarillo Area MPO boundaries.



## CITY FACTS

POPULATION: 203,466  
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME: \$58,425

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Annual police services	83,961
Annual fire services	23,164
Number of fire stations	13
Number of fire hydrants	4,594

### PHYSICAL

Miles of streets	1,059.45
Number of street lights	10,894
Signalized intersections	274
Miles of storm sewers	163.79

### AIRPORT

Number of airlines	3
Scheduled daily flights	17
Annual passengers	396,166

### CULTURE & RECREATION

Number of libraries	5
Civic Center (sq ft)	410,000
Globe News Center (sq ft)	70,000
Park acreage	2,935
Municipal swimming pools	4
Tennis courts	26
Tennis Center attendance	10,889
Soccer fields	18
Jogging trail mileage	33.24
Rifle Range attendance	3,667

### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Residential customers	71,840
Commercial customers	5,179
Landfill acreage	662
Tons of waste collected	157,716
Tons of waste landfill	281,096

### MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

Average daily prod. (gal)	43,299,000
Water distribution miles	1,208.89
Number of water wells	140
Wastewater plants	2

### TRANSIT

Number of buses/vans	28
Miles of fixed route	447,038
Fixed route passengers	179,744
Demand response passengers	45,571

### PURCHASING

Number of purchase orders	2,409
Local businesses utilized	33%

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## MPO Updates

**March-October**  
MTP Project Identification and Prioritization

**May 21 (Tuesday) 4:30-7:00**  
Amarillo Central Library Board Room  
413 SE 4th Ave

**May 23 (Thursday) 4:30-7:00**  
Canyon Cole Community Center  
300 16th St  
Canyon, Texas

**July 11 (Thursday) 1:30 PM**  
MPO Policy Committee Meeting  
Simms Municipal Building  
808 S Buchanan St  
Room 275

**September 12 (Thursday) 1:30 PM**  
MPO Policy Committee Meeting  
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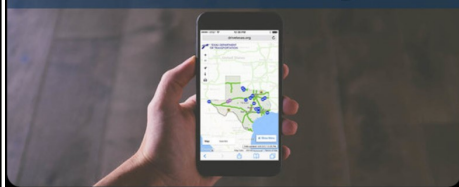
## NOTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 21

1. The Policy Board Committee discussed designating the City of Amarillo as the recipient for FTA funds.
2. Conflicts have created the need to move the Policy Board meetings to the 2nd Thursday at 1:30.
3. The MPO logo was approved so look for the logo on MPO documents and plans.
4. An additional Planner was approved by the committee.
5. Category 7 & 9 projects priority list was discussed and reviewed.
6. The Committee reviewed the Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

## NOTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 18

1. The Policy Board Committee discussed Category 7 & 9 Oversight and priority listing, including the let date, estimates, milestones, AFA, ROW, and other required agreements. The Committee approved the recommended priority list and oversight.
2. MPO presented a revision to the FY 2024 UPWP.
3. The Policy Board Committee adopted the 2025-2028 TIP.

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