

May 2024 Newsletter

# Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization



## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation plans are developed by collaboration between multiple agencies at different levels of government – the City of Amarillo, the City of Canyon, Potter & Randall Counties, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and the Texas Department of Transportation.

**How do these agencies work together to create a cohesive network, and how can residents get involved?**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) advisory board includes elected and appointed representatives, all responsible for some aspects of transportation within the region and bring collective knowledge to plan regional transportation projects. The MPO is the regional transportation decision-making board when federal and state funds are involved. Individual agencies are responsible for designing and executing projects for their respective roadways and infrastructure. With that being said, the MPO public input is one way TxDOT and other agencies gain local feedback so projects align with the area's needs.

The MPO's guiding document is the **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**, a 25-year plan that gets updated every five years. The newest version is being developed this year, and resident input ensures that the MPO and its member agencies meet residents' needs for the next five years and beyond. The MTP touches on every aspect of transportation in Amarillo: not just street projects but bicycle and pedestrian safety features and public transportation. It includes changes that not only help residents get around safely but help to support economic growth.

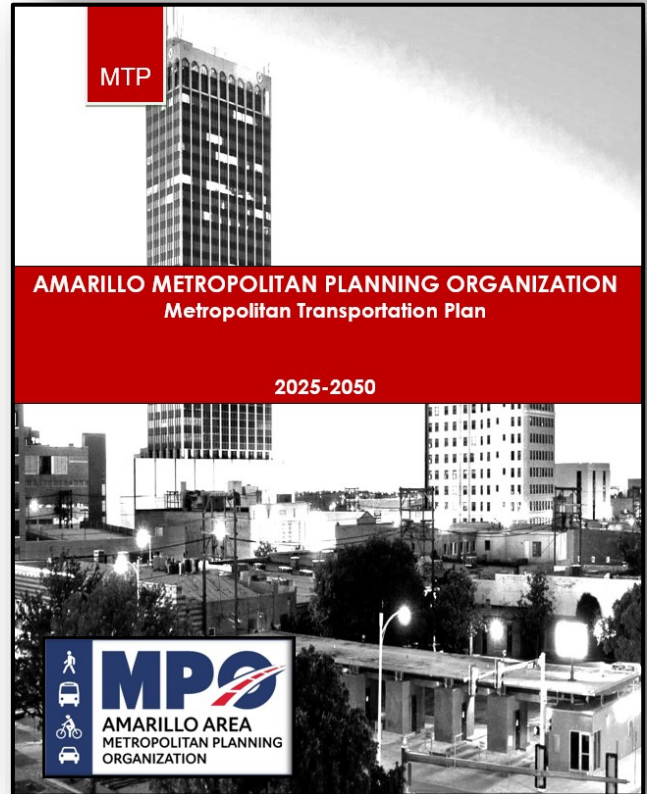
Community input is a crucial component of a strong and functional MTP. The MPO member agencies have many data sources that play into decision-making, but community input is the secret ingredient that helps to tailor the MTP to local needs. The MTP public outreach is in the first phase of gathering community input by responding to questions to determine priorities for improving transportation.

Once the plan is adopted, it will be five more years before the MPO creates a new one, so community input is essential! To learn more about the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, visit [Metropolitan Planning Organization | City of Amarillo, TX](#).

### PUBLIC MEETING DETAILS

Join us to discuss the future of regional transportation  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at**  
Amarillo Central Library at 413 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Amarillo, Texas  
5:00-7:00pm  
**Thursday, May 23, 2024, at**  
Cole Community Center at 301 16th Street, Canyon, Texas  
5:00-7:00pm.

The stakeholder input will drive the direction of the MTP!



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## MPO Updates

### March-October

MTP Project Identification and Prioritization

### May 21 (Tuesday) 5:00-7:00

Amarillo Central Library Board Room  
413 SE 4th Ave

### May 23 (Thursday) 5:00-7:00

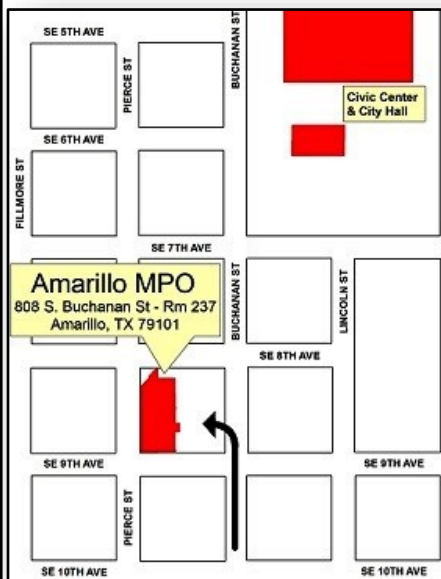
Canyon Cole Community Center  
300 16th St  
Canyon, Texas

### 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  
Simms Municipal Building  
808 S Buchanan St  
Room 275



## What we've heard about transportation so far...



- A citizen asked about the possibility to use TXDOT grant funds for multimodal and multi-use zoning
- Residents advocate using funds for bike lanes and walking paths, and to reduce traffic through downtown Amarillo
- Access for underprivileged riders
- Residents in Hamlet and North Heights would like to receive information about meetings
- Transit passengers would like Transit routes for underprivileged
- Bus routes are hard to find on internet
- Some bus passengers find riding buses in Amarillo difficult to maneuver, especially finding which route to get on
- Construction along I-27 between Canyon & Amarillo needs to be completed
- Citizens requested more multi-modal options along I-27 between Amarillo and Canyon, like bike lanes and walking paths



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