

# Transportation

Transportation is vital to our quality of life. A good transportation system provides travel choices that serve the entire community. These choices make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

Your involvement in the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) transportation planning process will help ensure that our community is meeting the region's growing mobility needs while:

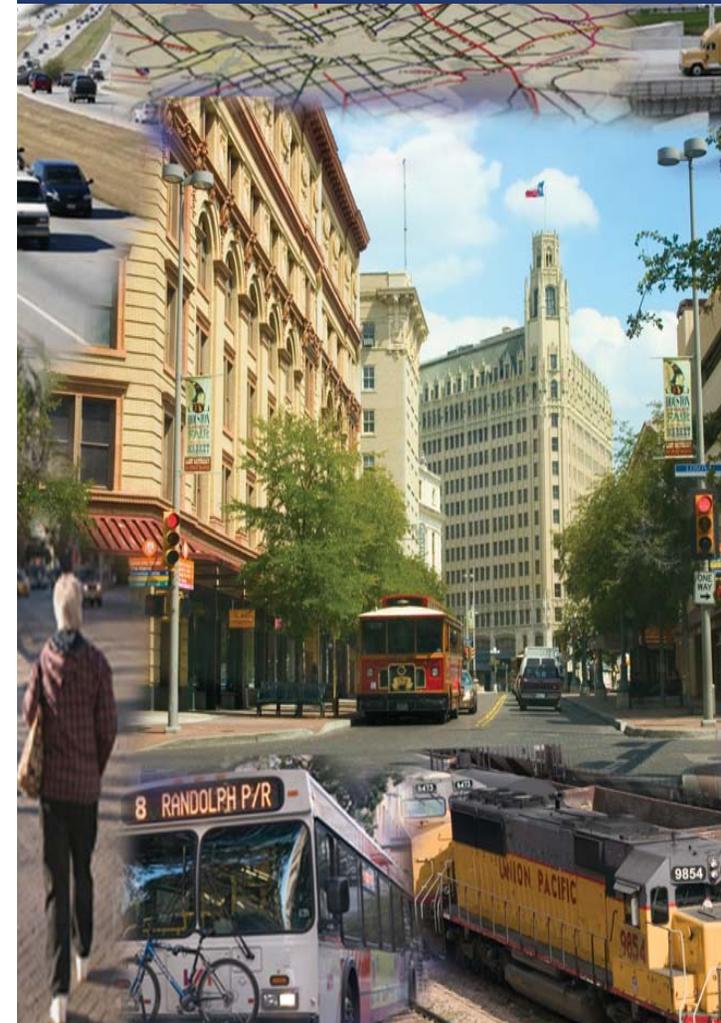
- enhancing the safety of the traveling public;
- ensuring preservation of the existing system;
- advancing alternative modes of transportation;
- ensuring environmental quality;
- fostering appropriate land use patterns; and
- increasing accessibility for all users.



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The Technical Advisory Committee provides support to the Transportation Policy Board by overseeing the MPO's technical planning efforts and making recommendations as appropriate to the Transportation Policy Board.



The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee participates in the MPO's transportation planning process to encourage walking and compliance with Federal Title VI (non-discrimination) and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.



The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee participates in the MPO's transportation planning process to help make the region more bicycle-friendly.



The Strategic Geospatial Coordination Committee is a group of geographic information system users that encourage sharing data between agencies and establishing mapping standards to promote consistency between public agencies.



## What is an MPO?

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are created by federal law to provide a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous transportation planning process for urban areas with a population of 50,000 or greater. This planning process enables our region to receive over \$200 million annually in state and federal transportation funds for road, transit, rideshare, bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects.

The AAMPO's mission is to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods consistent with the region's overall economic, social, and environmental goals. Special emphasis is placed on providing equal access to a variety of transportation choices and ensuring effective public involvement throughout the planning process.



**Alamo Area MPO Study Area**

## What does an MPO do?

The MPO performs its mission through three related activities and documents —the long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the short range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the two-year planning budget also called the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The MTP is the blueprint for our future transportation system. The long range plan estimates how much funding we can expect to receive over the next 25 years and how it will be distributed among the various modes of transportation. Public input is critical to creating a visionary transportation plan.

The TIP is our four-year list of funded transportation improvement projects. Types of improvement projects include adding lanes, road reconstruction and rehabilitation, traffic operational improvements, rideshare, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The UPWP is our work plan and budget. The MPO's transportation planning activities are funded by federal planning dollars at about \$2.5 million per year. The work plan lists all the transportation studies, demographic forecasting, travel demand modeling, and air quality planning data collection activities for a two-year period.

### Title VI/Nondiscrimination Statement

The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AA MPO), as a recipient of Federal funding and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age or disability be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against by any AAMPO program or activity.

## Who is the Alamo Area MPO?



The AAMPO's Transportation Policy Board consists of 21 elected and appointed voting members representing Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties, and a portion of Kendall county, the Cities of New Braunfels, San Antonio and Seguin, the Advanced Transportation District, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, the Northeast Partnership, the Texas Department of Transportation and VIA Metropolitan Transit.

Five ex-officio (non-voting) members represent the Alamo Area Council of Governments, Federal Highway Administration, Texas Department of Transportation, San Antonio Mobility Coalition, and VIA Metropolitan Transit.

