

# Policy 2

# Public Participation Plan and

# Current Public Engagement Efforts

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# What is the Public Participation Plan?

**The Public Participation Plan (PPP)** is AAMPO's guide for actively engaging the public and stakeholders in the **3Cs** transportation planning process. It outlines goals, procedures, and strategies for two-way communication and collaboration throughout the public involvement process.

## Policy 2: Public Participation Plan

This text is the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) plan to involve the public. It is called a Public Participation Plan (PPP) and is required by law. People were able to comment on the plan for 45 days. This comment period took place before the plan was approved.

### Purpose of the Public Participation Plan

This plan provides a guide for how MPO staff can involve the public. It includes goals, procedures, and tools the MPO will use. It also includes metrics used to measure and evaluate plan performance.

### MPO's Commitment to Public Participation

People should have a say in transportation decisions that affect their lives. To help make this possible, the MPO commits to:

1. Welcome all people into the planning process.
2. Identify people affected and involve them in the process.
3. Get people involved early and keep them involved throughout the process.
4. Provide people with a variety of ways to participate.
5. Hold meetings at convenient dates, times, and locations.
6. Hold meetings at accessible places (see attachment 1).
7. Make meetings accessible for people with disabilities.
8. Provide interpreters (spoken or sign) if requested at least five (5) working days in advance of a meeting.
9. Use information and graphics that are easy to understand.
10. Talk to people and record their comments.
11. Consider comments in the planning process.

# What is Required in the PPP?

Federal transportation law states an MPO will...

“Develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process”

Other requirements include:

- **45-day** public review and comment period
- Developed **collaboratively** with the public and stakeholders, and is **comprehensive**.
- Framing the **strategies** for public and stakeholder communication and collaboration for **all phases of the planning process**.

# Why are we updating the PPP?



- At a minimum, the PPP will be reviewed, revised if necessary, and adopted **every three (3) years**.
- March 28, 2025, will be three years since last update.
- Updates are needed to reflect current efforts.

# Improvements

- Revised sections and appendices
- Better overall flow and structure
- Improve transparency and clarity



Proposed improvements are based on consultant recommendation, current PPP assessment, federal regulations, peer review, experience with public participation and industry best practices.

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# Public Participation Goals

## Goal 1

Engage and inform

## Goal 2

Encourage participation from all community members, including traditionally underserved groups

## Goal 3

Facilitate ongoing two-way dialogue

## Goal 4

Collaborate with other transportation agencies

## Goal 5

Continuous assessment and improvement

# AAMPO Audiences

**Government and  
Public Agencies**

**Transportation  
Providers and  
Users**

**Community  
Organizations**

**Traditionally  
Underserved and  
Vulnerable  
Populations**

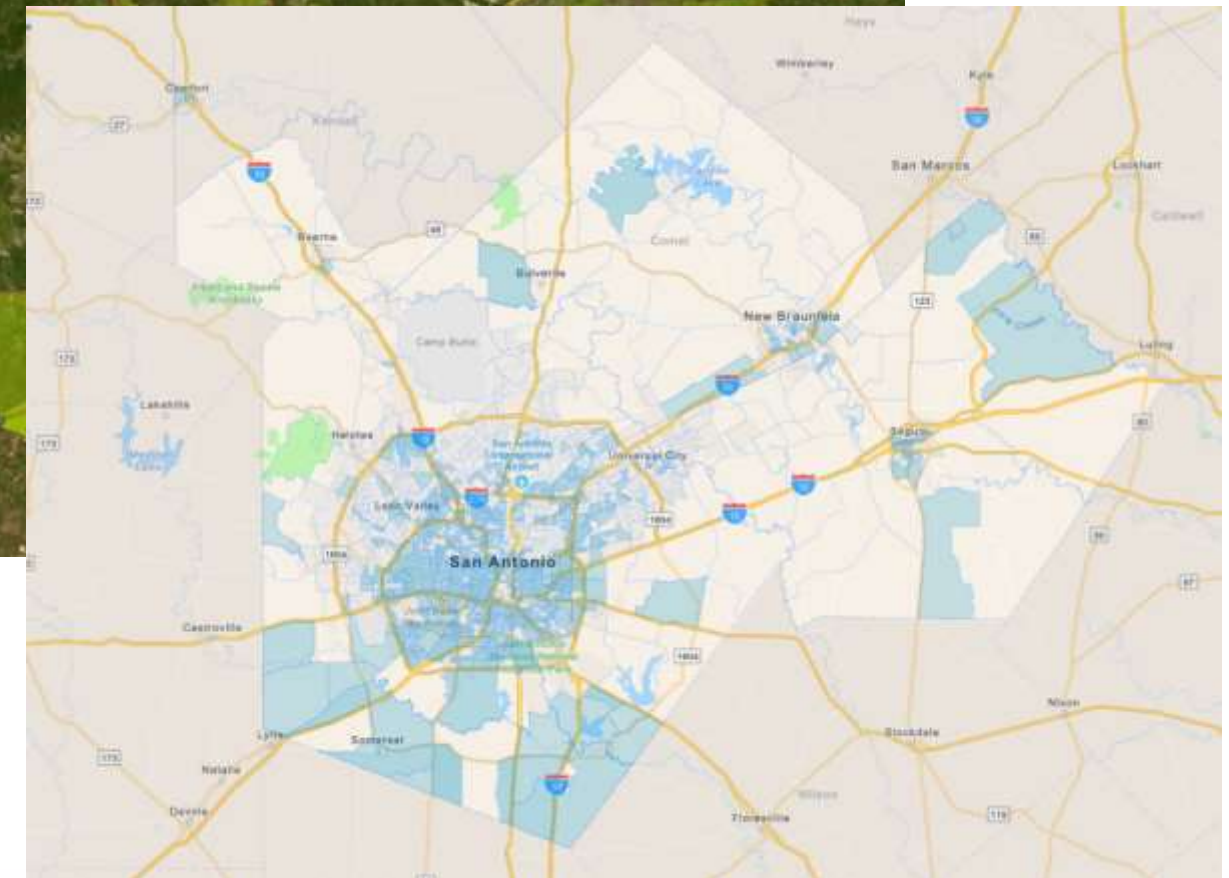
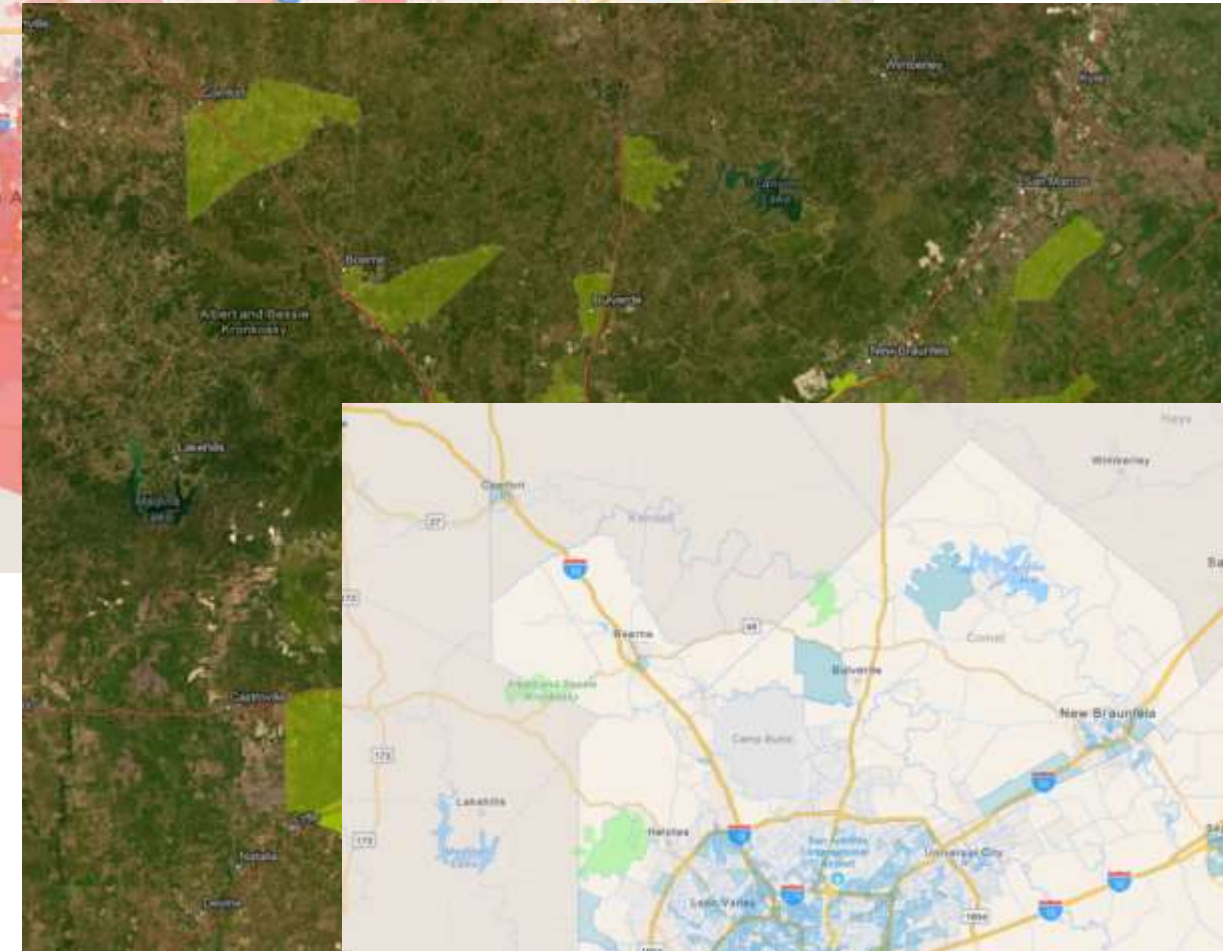
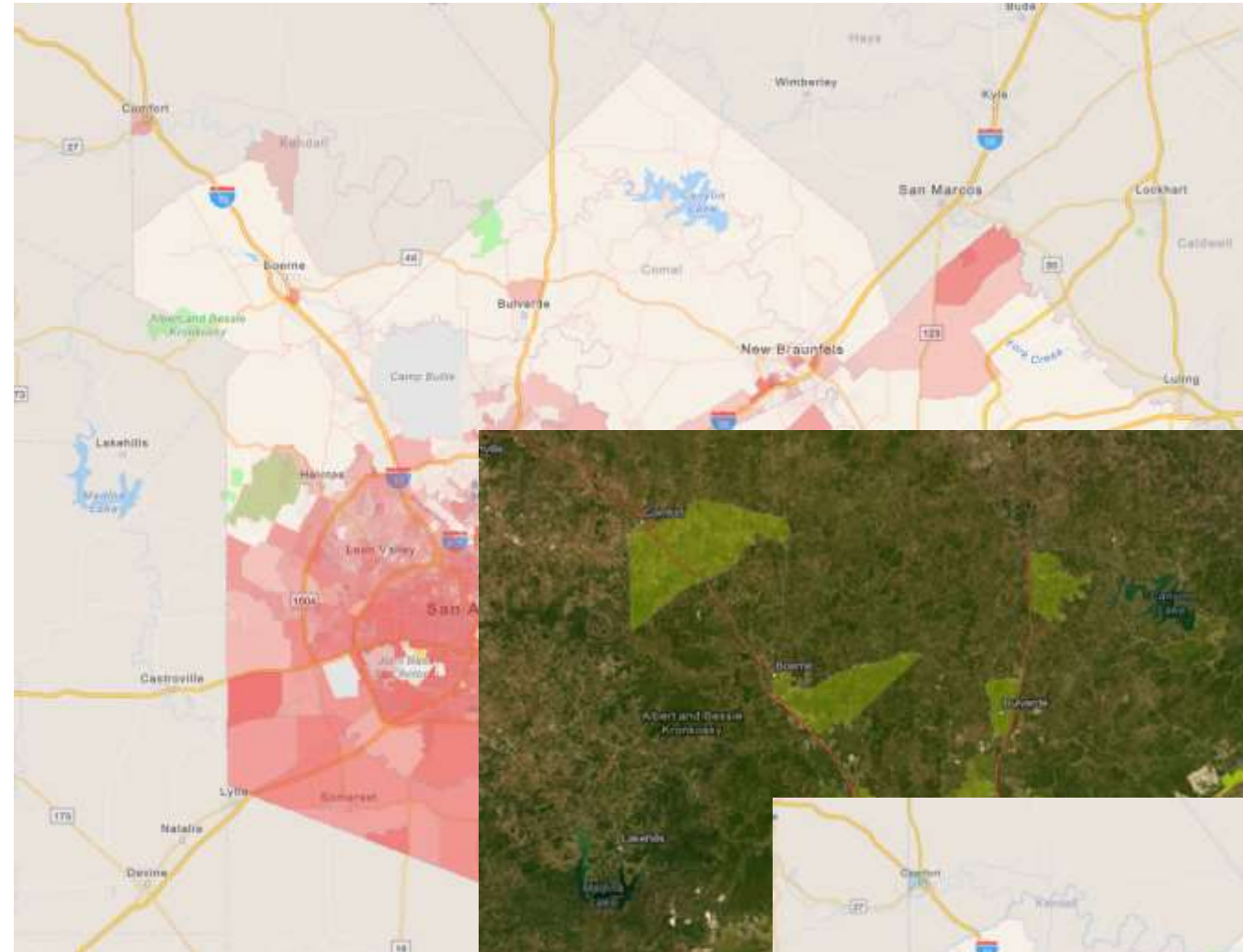
**Academic and  
Educational  
Institutes**

**Other**



# Diversity and Inclusion

AAMPO is committed to **fostering an inclusive transportation planning process** by identifying and addressing the needs of traditionally underserved populations.



## Strategies and Demographic Analysis

Minorities

Low Income

Older Adults

People with Disabilities

Limited English Proficiency

Low Literacy

Zero Car Households

# Boards and Committees

AAMPO's board and committee meetings are open to the public, providing a platform for community involvement in transportation planning and decision-making.

## Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

- Governing body
- Makes policy decisions and allocates federal funding
- Meets 4th Monday at 1:30 p.m. at VIA Metro Center or livestream (view-only)

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Reviews planning studies
- Ranks projects for funding
- Meets 1st Friday at 1:30 p.m. at TxDOT District Office or online

## Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

- Advises on biking, walking, and safety initiatives
- Meets 2nd Wednesday at 3 p.m. at AAMPO Office or online

### Transparency and Accessibility

- Adhere to Open Meetings Act
- Accessibility accommodations available by request (call 210-227-8651 at least 5 days in advance).

# Plans and Programs Public Participation Procedures

## Public Input is Key.

AAMPO's major planning documents require public input and community consensus to ensure transparency and inclusivity.

### Documents Requiring Public Input

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Transportation Conformity Determination

### Approval Processes

- Two-Step Process
- Expedited One-Step Process
- One-Step Process

### Public Notice Methods

- Agendas
- Social media
- E-newsletters
- AAMPO website
- Newspaper ads
- Press releases
- Public meetings

# Public Participation Strategies

## Diverse Outreach and Engagement Strategies

- **In Person:** Public meetings, presentations, hosted events, and attendance at community gatherings.
- **Online:** Website, e-newsletters, social media, and interactive tools like surveys.
- **Print:** Flyers, handouts, and direct mailers distributed at events or high-traffic areas.
- **Media & Advertisements:** Digital ads, press releases, and interviews shared through traditional and digital media



# How to Get Involved

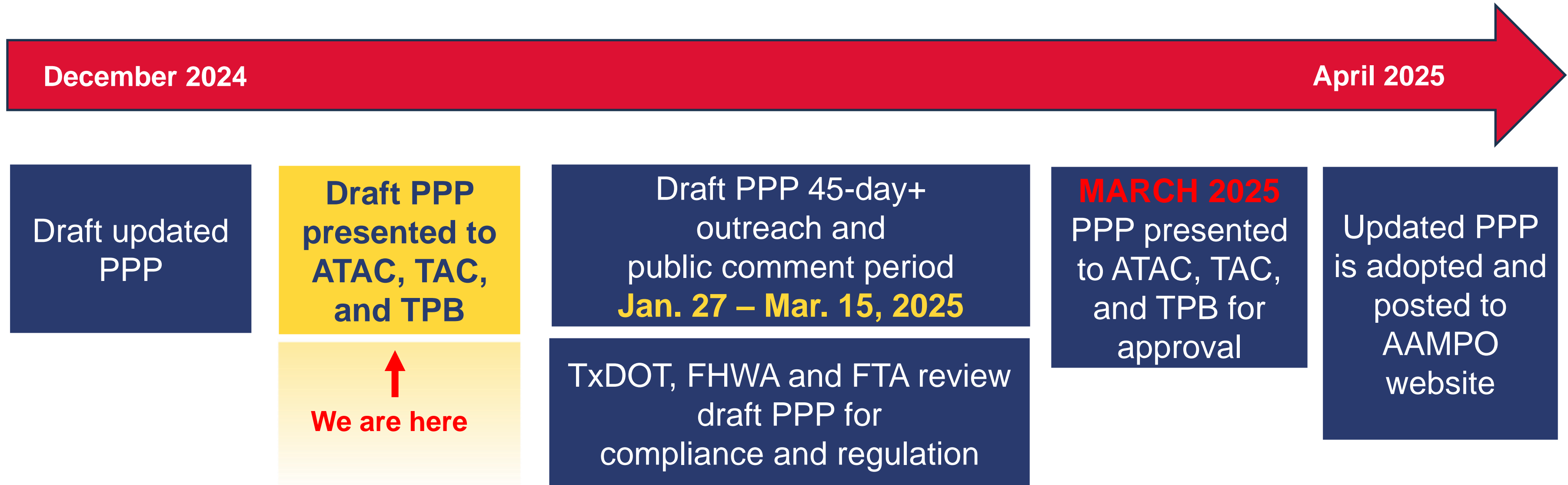
## How to Get Involved

1. Follow **@alamoareampo** on Facebook, Instagram, and X.
2. Sign up to receive our bi-weekly e-newsletter, **AAMPO AveNEWS**, on our website, [alamoareampo.org/news](http://alamoareampo.org/news).
3. Sign up for our next **Street Skills** class by filling out this form or on our website, [alamoareampo.org/streetskills](http://alamoareampo.org/streetskills).
4. Attend the next **Transportation Policy Board (TPB), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) or Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) meeting**. Learn more details about how to attend a meeting at [alamoareampo.org/committees](http://alamoareampo.org/committees).
5. Contact us by calling **(210) 227-8651**, e-mailing [aampo@alamoareampo.org](mailto:aampo@alamoareampo.org), or writing via U.S. Postal Service or visiting us at **825 South Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205**, to get more information or express your opinions, desires, or concerns.

# Appendix

- **Federal Regulations**
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
  - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
  - The Age Discrimination Act of 1975
  - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
  - Executive Order 13166 – Limited English Proficiency
  - Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice
  - Executive Order 13175 – Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments
- **Meeting Notices**
- **Public Comments**
- **Policies Regarding Electronic Communications (Social Media and Section 508 Compliant Website)**
- **Disclaimers**

# Process and Timeline

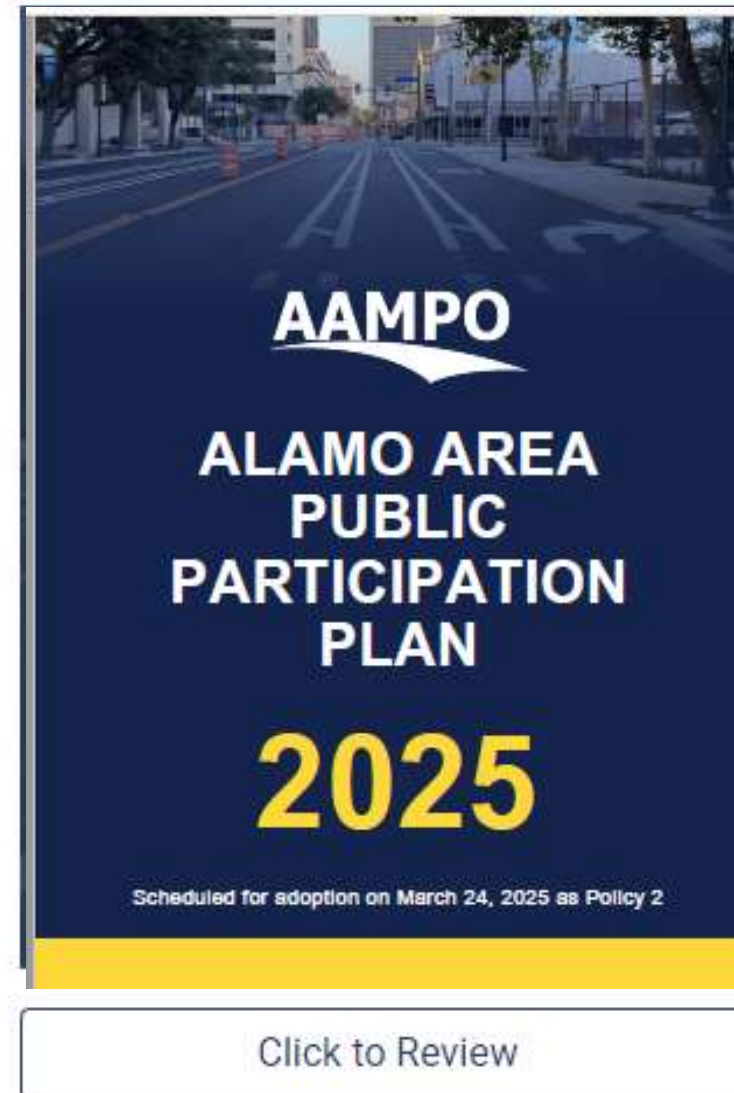


# Public Engagement for PPP

Visit [AlamoAreaMPO.org/PPP](https://AlamoAreaMPO.org/PPP)

- Learn more about the plan
- Review the draft plan
- Share your thoughts through a 5-minute survey

## Review draft plan.



## Provide your input.

### Public Input Survey for the Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). Your input helps ensure that our transportation planning process is transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of our community. This survey will take about 5 minutes to complete.

[aampotx@gmail.com](mailto:aampotx@gmail.com) [Switch account](#)

Not shared



# Public Engagement for Draft PPP



# Current Public Engagement

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## ! YOUR MOVE

Connect. Collaborate. Change.

1. Learn		2. Participate		3. Results	
October 2024	Fall 2024 - Summer 2025	June 2025	August/September 2025	March 2026	April/May 2026
Call for Projects begins	Public comment for the MTP	Public comment for TIP projects and MTP update	Policy Board information and action on Call for Projects *	MTP, TIP, and Conformity Determination public comment period	Policy Board information and action on TIP, MTP, and Conformity Determination *

\* Public comments accepted during all TPB, TAC, and ATAC monthly meetings.

### Your Input Matters

Transportation decisions affect the daily lives of everyone in our community. Whether it's improving traffic flow, enhancing public transit, or creating safer streets, we need your input to shape the future of transportation in the Alamo Area. Your feedback is important to ensure transportation improvements align with the community's needs and priorities.

We invite you to share your opinion in two ways: by **completing a survey** and by **using our interactive map** to provide input on AAMPO initiatives and pinpoint areas of concern. Click "Participate" to get started. If you need assistance accessing the survey or the map, please contact us at (210) 227-8651.

Your input helps shape the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Plan Program (TIP), and the 2026 Transportation Conformity Determination.

[Learn more about the plans](#)

# It's Your Move!

**Your Move** is a tool to **gather public input**, available in Spanish and English, open from November 2024 **until summer 2025**.

There are two ways to participate:

**(1) complete the survey and (2) use the interactive map.**

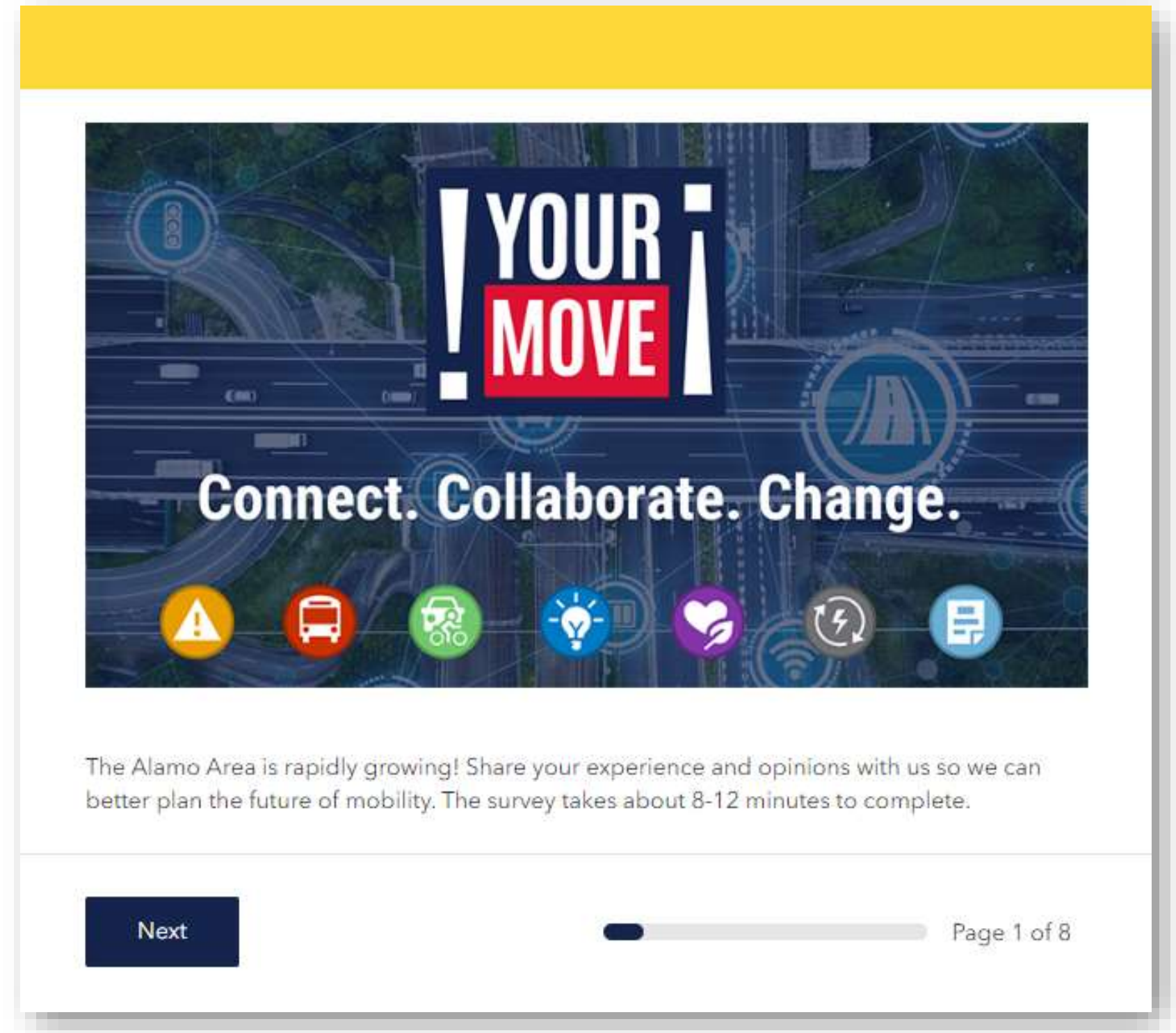
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***The site includes a link to the PPP public engagement and will be updated to include proposed projects for FY 27-30 TIP and the draft documents.***








# Your Move Survey

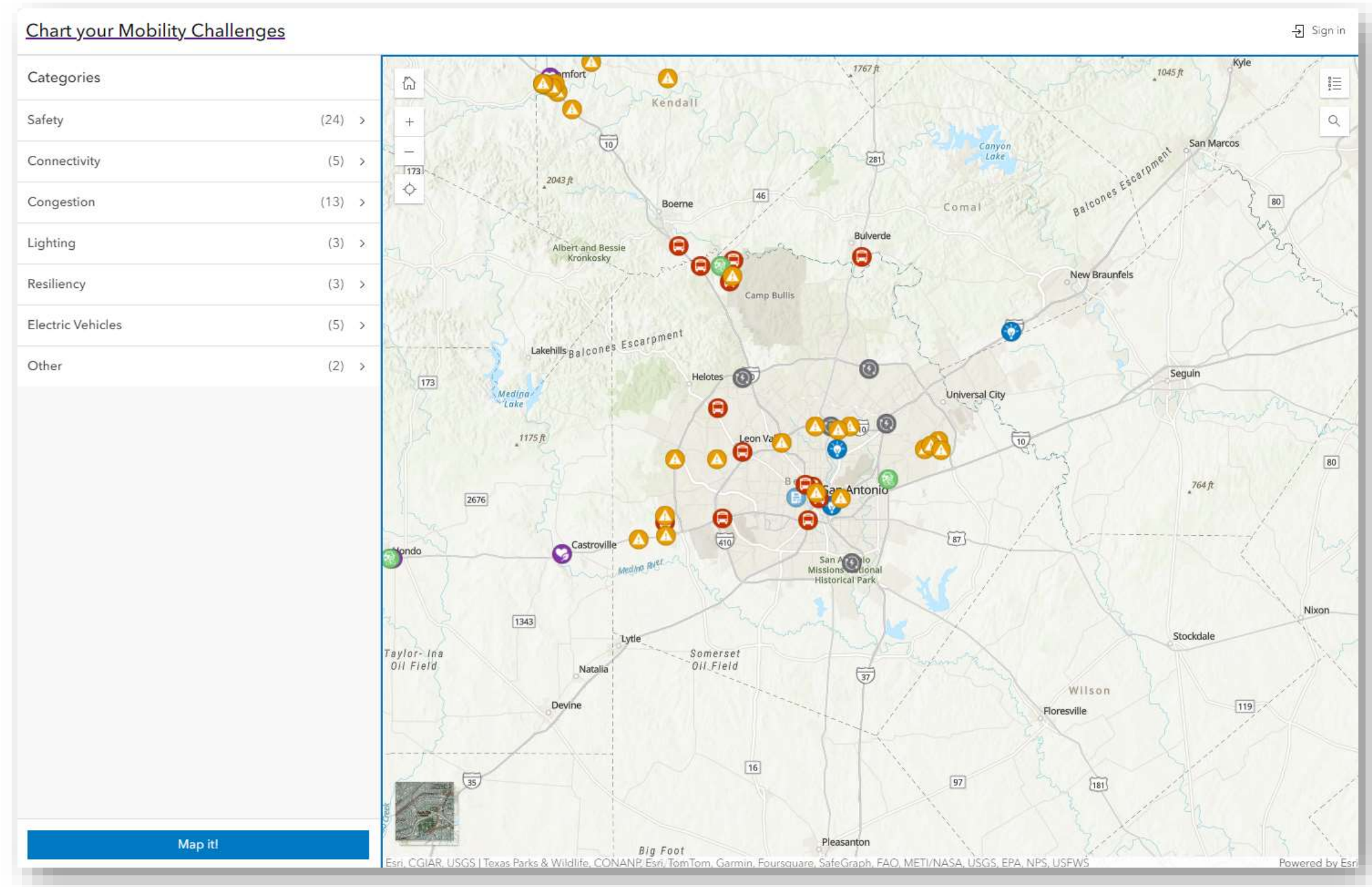
- Takes **8-12 minutes** to complete
- **Topics correspond with the MTP and TIP**
  - Emerging Technologies and Services
  - Resiliency and Climate Preparedness
  - Safety and Accessibility
  - Congestion and Connectivity
  - Environmental Impact and Sustainability
- **Optional demographic data**
  - Zip code
  - Age
  - Race/ethnicity
  - Gender identity
  - Disability status
  - Income level



# Interactive Map

- **Pinpoint areas on the map** where mobility improvements are needed
- **Topics correspond with the MTP and TIP**

-  **Safety**  
What areas could benefit from safety improvements?
-  **Congestion**  
Where are you experiencing delays or traffic jams?
-  **Connectivity**  
Where are the gaps in our network? What areas need better connections?
-  **Lighting**  
Where are areas that could benefit from improved lighting?
-  **Resiliency**  
Where are areas that create mobility issues during extreme weather or emergencies?
-  **Electric Vehicles**  
Where would you like to see electric vehicle (EV) charging stations?
-  **Other**  
What and where are areas that need attention to improve regional mobility?



# How To Use



- About Us
- Board & Committees
- Get Involved
- Planning
- Data & Resources
- En Español



## Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

We plan to keep you moving!

Stay Informed!



### Upcoming Meetings

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)  
Monday, December 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

[Click to Attend Online](#)




We Need Your Input!



We Are Hiring!



AAMPO Resiliency Study

 <https://www.alamoareampo.org/index.html#>

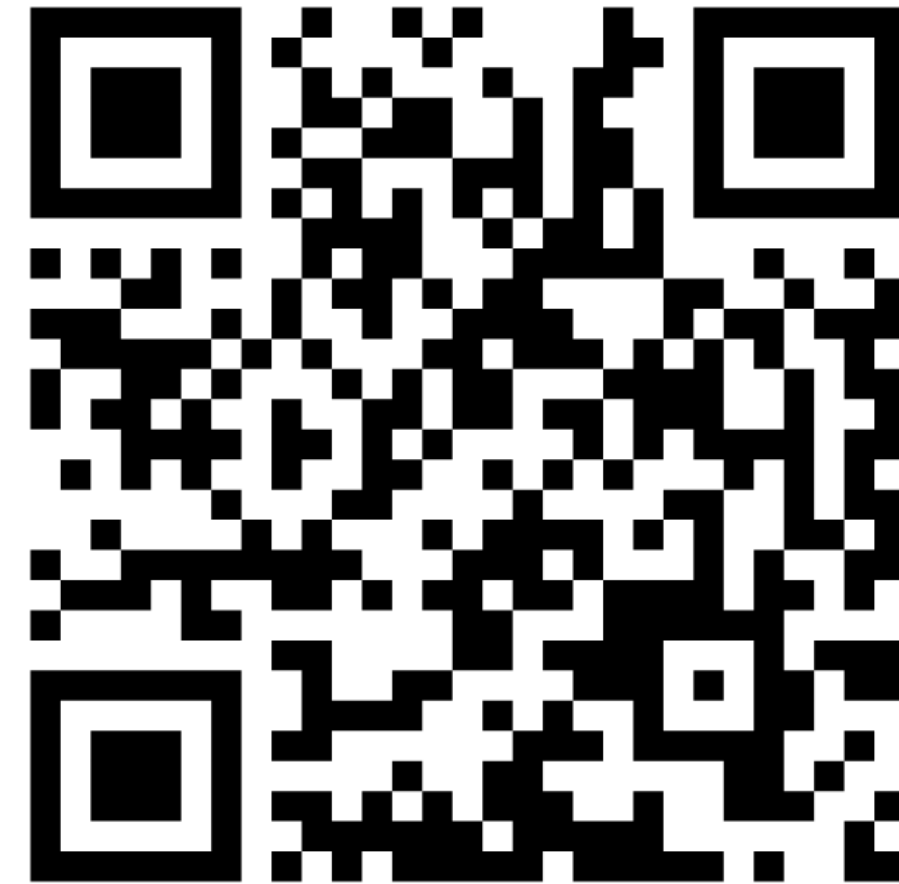
Please Share!

## Your Move!



[www.AlamoAreaMPO.org/yourmove](http://www.AlamoAreaMPO.org/yourmove)

## Public Participation Plan



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The public comment period closes on March 15, 2025.

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## Discussion/Questions

Action is anticipated at the March ATAC meeting.

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