

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 to engage the public transportation planning process.

Notable requirements:

- Develop and use a documented participation plan
- 45-day public review and comment period (Jan. 27 – Mar. 15, 2025)
- Comprehensive
- Developed collaboratively
- Frames the public engagement strategies at all phases of the planning process

Timing

The PPP must be adopted, at minimum every three years, with the next due by March 28, 2025.

Improvements

Improvements include revised sections and appendices, better flow, and increased transparency and clarity.

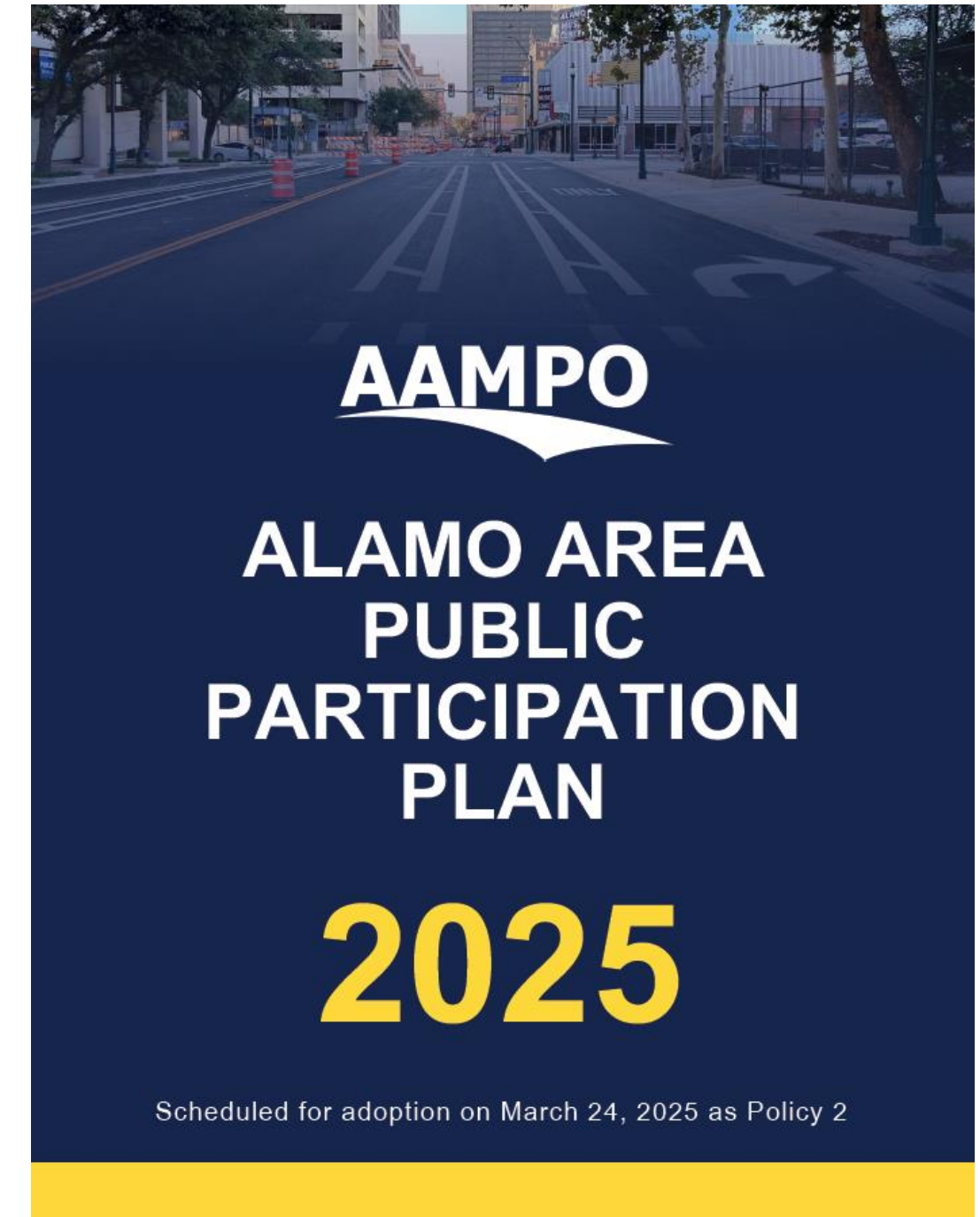


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Public Participation Revisions

Goals
Revised

Audiences
Revised and organized

**Board and
Committees**
Revised and organized

**Plans and
Programs**
Revised, organized and more
details added

Strategies
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How to Get Involved

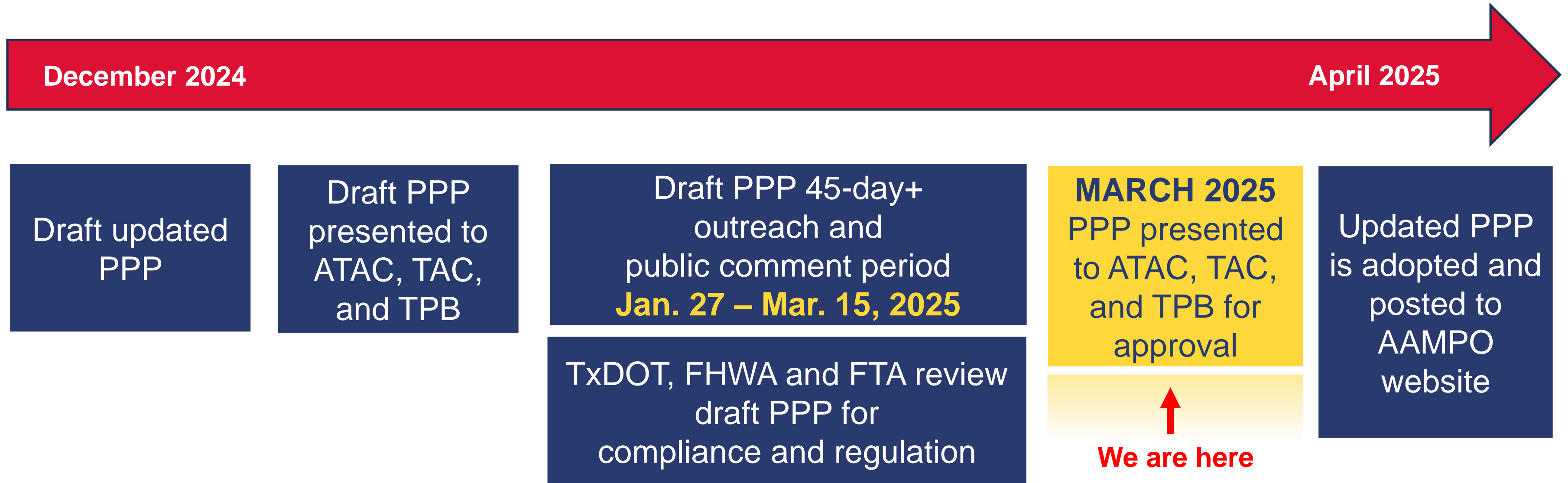
How to Get Involved

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.
3. Sign up for our next **Street Skills** class by filling out this form or on our website, 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.
5. Contact us by calling **(210) 227-8651**, e-mailing **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 [Seeking guidance from FHWA on Executive Orders]**
 - 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



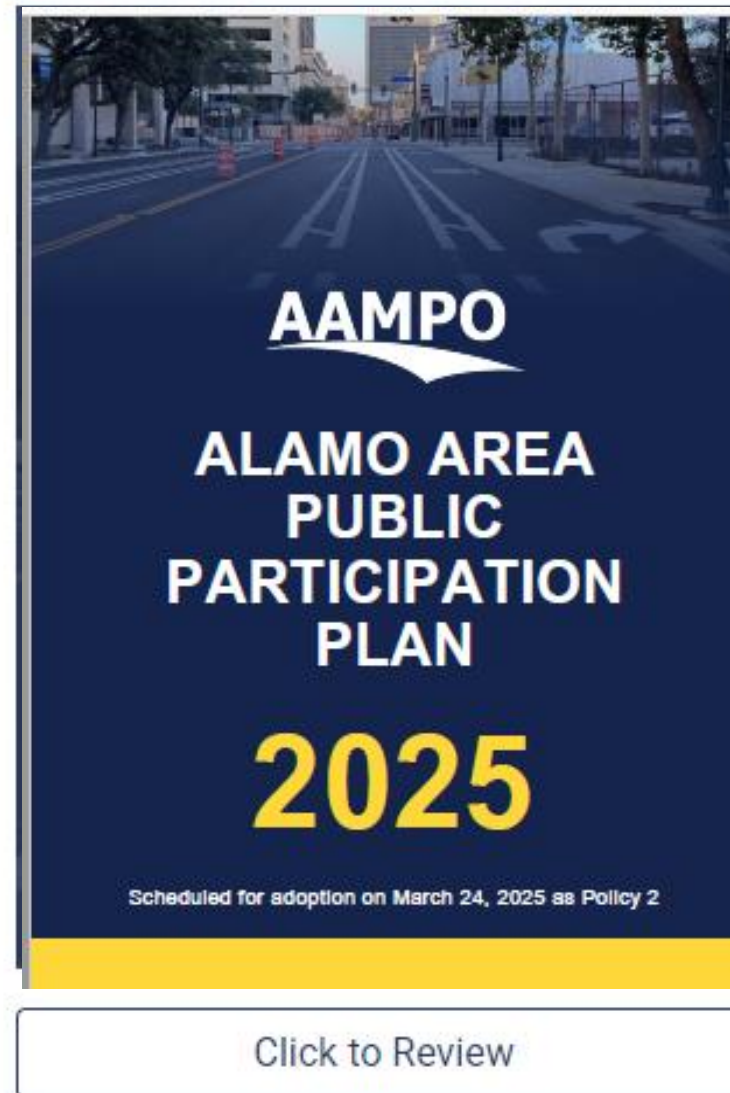
Public Engagement for PPP

We sought public input through a public survey (in English and Spanish) which was shared via

- Website
- E-Newsletter
- Social media
- Flyer
- Advertising
- Community events and meetings

The survey will remain open until March 15.

Review draft plan.



Provide your input.

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

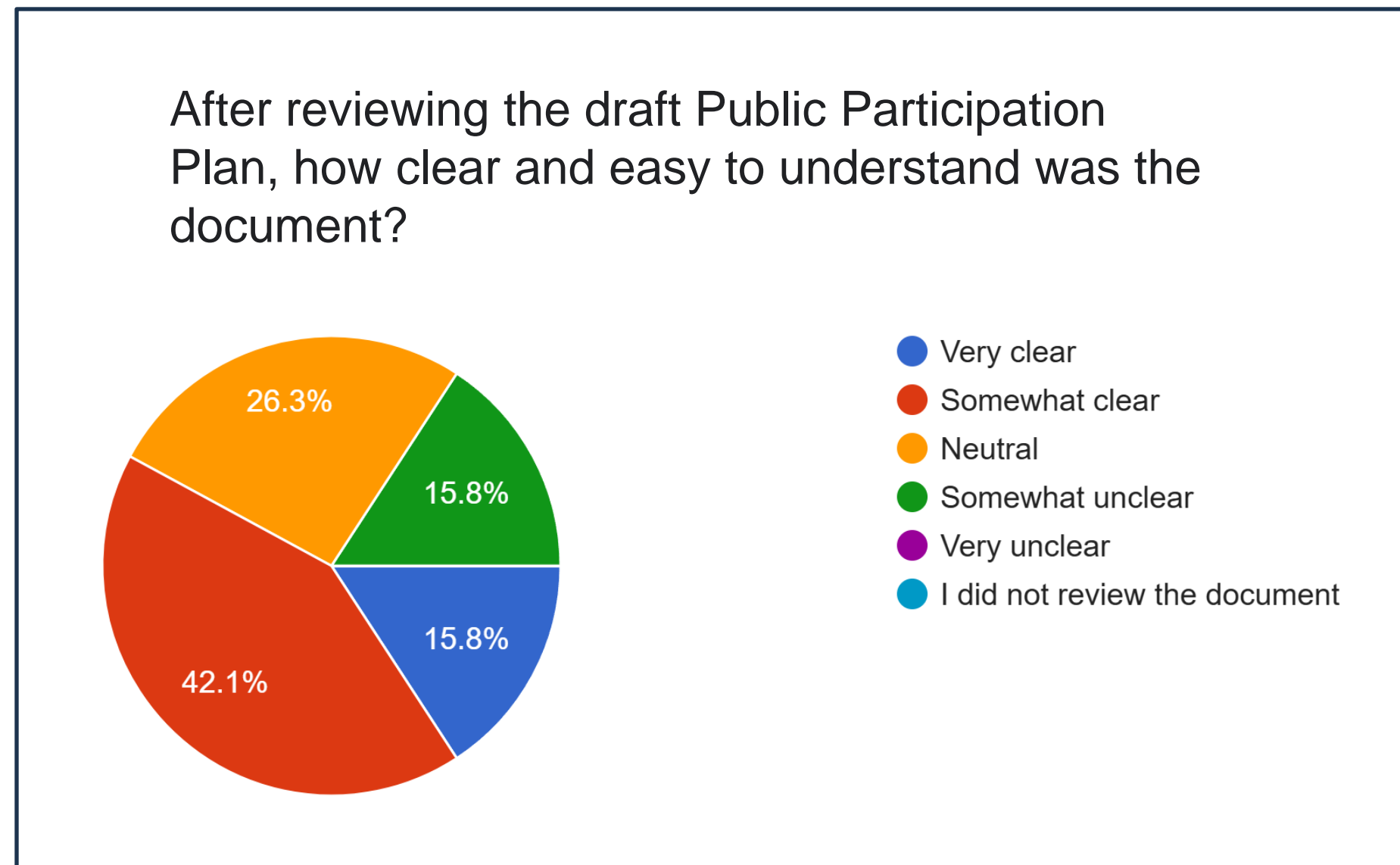
Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). Your input helps ensure that our transportation planning process is transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of our community. This survey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

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

Not shared

Public Engagement Results for PPP

Thus far, we have received 19 responses to the survey.
84.2% of respondents said the document was clear or neutral.



Public Engagement Results for PPP

Question:

Are there any areas or topics in the draft Public Participation Plan that stood out to you as particularly important or well done or areas or topics you feel need more attention or improvement?

Responses:

Public Engagement – Positive feedback on in-person outreach and efforts for underserved populations.

Readability – Appreciation for accessible language.

Skepticism of DEI and Environmental Justice – Some opposition to these topics in the plan.

Several had no opinion.

Question:

Are there any areas or topics in the draft Public Participation Plan that you feel are missing?

Responses:

General Satisfaction – Most felt nothing was missing.

Support for DEI – Some want DEI practices retained.

Public Awareness – Suggestion to increase local news coverage, TV ads, and outreach at high-traffic locations.

Concerns About Plan Substance – One felt the draft was too much like a template.

Opposition to DEI – Some viewed it as exclusionary to groups who are non-minorities and not vulnerable populations. “Discriminates against people who don’t fit into your categories.”


Revisions and Additions for Final Policy

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) required revisions

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed and requested revisions based on the new administration's initiative to end Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Chapter to be renamed accordingly.

Internal Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) Spectrum

The Public Participating Spectrum, developed by the IAP2, defines the public's role in any public participation process. It walks through each of the five stages: Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate, and Empower and the public participation goal and promise to the public for each.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION 					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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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: (details on next slide)

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

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Public meeting information coming soon!

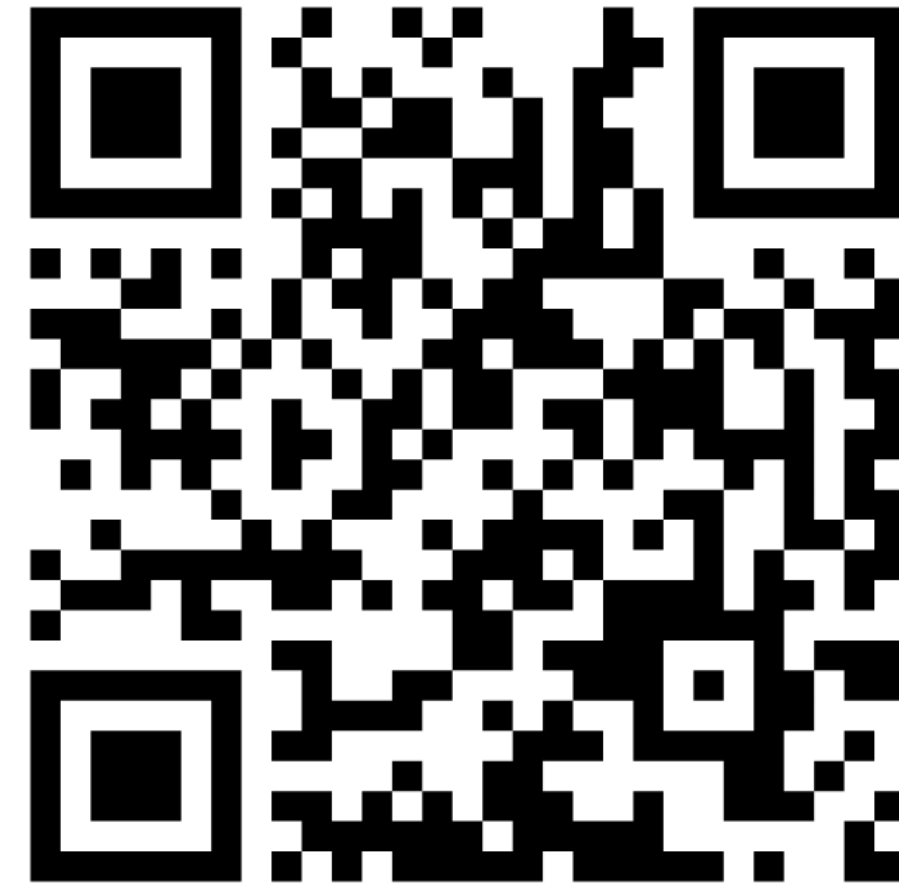
Please Share!

Your Move!



www.AlamoAreaMPO.org/yourmove

Public Participation Plan



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The public comment period closes on March 15, 2025.

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*Motion to recommend the adoption of AAMPO's Policy 2
Public Participation Plan to the Transportation Policy Board.*

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