



AGENDA OF THE ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025
City Council Chambers, Abilene City Hall
555 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene (MPO Chairperson)
Mayor Weldon Hurt, City of Abilene (MPO Vice-Chairperson)
Judge Phil Crowley, Taylor County
Mr. Jeremy Dearing, TxDOT District Engineer
Judge Dale Spurgin, Jones County

Vision Statement: To provide cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing short and long-range transportation planning which promotes safe and reliable movement of people and goods in the Abilene Metropolitan Area.

1. Call to Order.
Public comment on any item on the agenda.
2. Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting.
3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
5. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
6. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on an amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
7. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
8. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).
9. Discussion and review of transportation projects.
(TxDOT Staff, City Staff, CityLink Staff)
10. Discussion and review of reports:
 - Financial Status
 - Operation Report
 - Tasks
 - Training Sessions
 - Meetings

- Director's Report
 - Work Tasks
 - MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion Update
 - TxDOT/MPO/COA Planning Agreement
- 11. Opportunity for members of the Public to make comments on MPO issues.
- 12. Opportunity for Board Members, Technical Advisory Committee Members, or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.
- 13. Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any item on the agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about real property) 551.073 (Deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (Personnel matters), and 551.076 (Deliberations about security devices). After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin boards of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2025 at _____ (a.m./p.m.)

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1. Call to Order.

Public comment on any item on the agenda.

2. Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting.



MINUTES OF THE ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD February 18, 2025

The Abilene MPO Transportation Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the City Council Chambers, Abilene City Hall, 555 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas.

Policy Board Members Present:

Judge Phil Crowley, Taylor County (*in @ 1:35 pm – start of Agenda Item #5*)
Mayor Weldon Hurt, City of Abilene (Policy Board Vice-Chairman)
Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene (Policy Board Chairman)
Judge Dale Spurgin, Jones County

Policy Board Members Absent:

Mr. Greg Cedillo, P.E., Interim TxDOT Abilene District Engineer

Staff of Member Agencies in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Duebner, City of Abilene, Assistant Director Public Works
Ms. Nellie Doneva, City of Abilene, Videographer
Mr. Michael Haithcock, P.E., TxDOT, Transportation Planning & Development Director
Mr. Richard Harbert, P.E., City of Abilene, Public Works, Professional Engineer I
Mr. Max Johnson, City of Abilene, Public Works Director
Ms. Kelley Messer, City of Abilene, First Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Jennifer Pacheco, City of Abilene, Storm water Education and Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator
Mr. Michael Rice, City of Abilene, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Randee Shields, P.E., TxDOT, Director of Transportation Operations
Ms. Lauren Stevens, City of Abilene, CityLink, General Manager
Mr. Bryce Turentine, P.E., TxDOT Abilene Area Engineer

MPO Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Cory Harris, Abilene MPO, Transportation Planner I
Ms. Rita Ryan, Abilene MPO, Office Assistant III
Ms. E'Lisa Smetana, Abilene MPO, Executive Director

Others in Attendance:

Mr. James Condry, Citizen

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He announced that public comments would be taken on any item on the agenda.

2. Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting.

Judge Spurgin made a *motion to approve* the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting, with a *second* by Mayor Hurt. *Motion Carried (3-0).*

3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the FY 2025 Safety Performance Measure (PM 1).

Ms. Smetana noted the full report is available in the packet. This report is due 180 days after TxDOT adopted their targets, and is due February 26, 2025. She noted the full report is available in the packet. She noted the information in the report was provided by TxDOT. Ms. Smetana pointed out that TxDOT is using the same performance measures they utilized in FY 2024 for FY 2025.

Ms. Smetana spoke on the 2025 Targets from Trendlines, advising these are the numbers contained in the resolution. She addressed the 2025 Target totals and percentages for: Fatalities; Fatality Rate per 100 MVMT (Million Vehicle Miles Traveled); Serious Injuries; Serious Injury Rate per 100 MVMT; and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. She discussed the resolution and the five safety performance measures established by TxDOT including the modified numbers from the trendlines that is pending on a request submitted by TxDOT to FHWA. She reiterated that the resolution includes both the 2025 information and the pending request of the trendlines numbers.

Ms. Smetana stated that during the January 28, 2025 TAC meeting, the TAC recommended approval to the Policy Board of the resolution for the FY 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure (PM 1) as presented.

Ms. Smetana said the action requested is: 1) Any changes/recommendations and 2) Approval of the resolution for the FY 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure (PM 1).

Mayor Hurt made a *motion* to *approve* the FY 2025 Safety Performance Measure (PM 1), with a *second* by Judge Spurgin. *Motion Carried (3-0)*.

4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the FY 2024 Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures (PM 2).

Ms. Smetana explain this agenda item also includes a resolution. This resolution pertains to the FY 2024 Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures (PM 2). The report is done on a two year basis. She said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved TxDOT's Mid Performance Period (MPP) Progress Report.

Ms. Smetana said the only difference from the previous Policy Board approved resolution is the one change TxDOT made to the PM-2 targets: increasing the Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition 4-year target from 1.5% to 2.5%. She stated the MPOs may adopt and support the State's updated PM-2 target or develop their own in coordination with TxDOT. The MPOs have until March 30, 2025 to adopt an updated PM-2 target. Ms. Smetana discussed the effect of the change and the various other performance measure criteria on the Summary of Performance Measures and Targets.

Ms. Smetana stated that during the January 28, 2025 TAC meeting, the TAC recommended approval to the Policy Board of the resolution for the Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure (PM 2) as presented.

Ms. Smetana said the action requested is: 1) Any changes/recommendations and 2) Approval of the resolution for the Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure (PM 2) as presented.

Judge Spurgin made a *motion* to *approve* the FY 2024 Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures (PM 2), with a *second* by Mayor Hurt. *Motion Carried (3-0)*.

**5. Discussion and review of transportation projects.
(TxDOT Staff, City Staff, CityLink Staff)**

TxDOT – Mr. Turentine discussed Current Construction: *1)* FM 18 Rehabilitate Existing Roadway from SH 36 to Callahan County Line, overlay projects at various locations and he noted he was happy to share that they have finished the paving on FM 2833 (East Lake Road); *2)* SL 322 Install Intelligent Vehicle Highway System at various locations inside the Abilene MPO Boundary, project has let and should begin in March when the ordered materials are scheduled to be delivered; Projects *3)* and *4)* are the same project - Hazard Elimination & Safety project (median barrier) *3)* SL 322 from North 10th Street to Lytle Creek; *4)* Us 83 from Business 83 Interchange to 1300' north of Ambler Road. Mr. Turentine stated the Winters Freeway portion is complete with only one rung to

be completed in the north bound direction; 5) FM 89 Widen Road - Add Lanes from near Bettes Lane to just north of US 83 – (Buffalo Gap Road) – all the lanes have been opened but there is still some miscellaneous work to do which is dependent upon some seasonal temperatures; 6) South 14th Street - Construct Pedestrian infrastructure from Pioneer Drive to Barrow Street, the job is closing out; 7) Bus 20 replace railroad crossings and signals at various locations, going slower than we would like; 8) US 83 Widen Road - Add Shoulders from Jones County Line to Taylor County Line; and 9) FM 3034 Widen Road - Add Shoulders from US 83 to FM 600, - both project 8 and 9 have started and they are working on a detour currently and the widening of FM 3034; 10) FM 1082 Construct New Road from West of Cheyenne Circle to East of Dam, the work is complete except for some punch list items; 11) FM 1082 Surfacing/Road Restoration from East of Dam to FM 3522, currently working on the spillway; 12) SH 351 Preventive Maintenance from Abilene City Limits to Shackelford County, the project has let but not yet begun.

Mr. Turentine began with stating that the Planned Projects were the same as his last presentation to the board and asked if they would like him to go through those again or if there were any questions.

Chairman Price asked the board if they want Mr. Turentine to go through the projects or if there were any questions. The Policy Board members each answer no and no questions.

City of Abilene – Public Works – Mr. Harbert began his presentation with Projects under Construction: 1) Maple Street from Carriage Hills to Loop 322, 94% complete, estimated completion one month; 2) Five Points Roadway Improvements, Fulwiler Road and Marigold Street, 93% complete, we are on the punch list; 3) South 14th Street Walkability Project (Sidewalks/Pedestrian Bridges), 100% complete, we have passed the inspection and just have a few closeout documents with TxDOT; 4) South 27th Signal Improvements from Treadaway Blvd. to Catclaw Drive, 20% complete, beginning phase; 5) Cypress Street Reconstruction, 50% complete, currently working on North 3rd Street, utility improvements; 6) Antilley Road and Memorial drive, Traffic Signal Improvements, 30% complete, signal poles are in place and wired; 7) North 18th St. from Grape Street to Mockingbird Lane (Includes North 18th Street & Kirkwood Street intersection), 20% complete, the Kirkwood intersection has been completed; 8) South 7th Street from Danville Drive to Pioneer Street, 0% complete, tentatively scheduled to start in March 2025; 9) Glen Abbey Storm Sewer Replacement, the pipe has been placed in the ground and covered.

Mr. Harbert discussed the Projects in Design: 1A) Maple Street from South 27th Street to East-South 11th Street, 95% Designed; 1B) Maple Street from Loop 322 to South 27th Street, 95% Designed; 2) South 7th Street at Lytle Estates, 40% Designed; 3) S10B (C.W. Gill Park), 30% Designed; 4) Rebecca Lane, Phase I, from Catclaw Drive to Buffalo Gap Road, 30% Designed; 5) South 14th Street, Phase II, from Willis Street to Sayles Blvd., 40% Designed; 6) North 18th Street from Willis Street to Mockingbird Lane, 40% Designed; 7) Andy Street, Culvert, 50% Designed; 8) Old Anson Road, Walkability Project, 10% to 30% Designed.

CityLink – Ms. Steven provided an update on the following items: Employee restroom repairs and remodel project: three employee restrooms in different stages: 1st restroom – finishing touches, project, 100% complete; 2nd restroom – 60%, now 90% complete; and 3rd restroom – pending start date upon completion of 1st & 2nd restroom, scheduled to start tomorrow, February 19, 2025 (supplies have been delayed). Shop exhaust fans: 90%, now 100% complete, no more fumes inside the building. Strategic Study for Micro transit conversion of the Fixed Route system: The consultant, KFH Group; 1st request for data December 2024; and 1st On-Site visit – gather more data, January 29th & 30th.

Chairman Price asked if there was an expected timeline. Ms. Stevens said she believes we will receive a rough draft in March or April 2025, noting consultants do have until August 2025 to provide the rough draft.

Chairman Price asked if CityLink had any issues with drivers. Ms. Stevens stated there is always an issue with drivers. Chairman Price asked if that was impacting the Micro Transit or the regular fixed transit. Ms. Stevens shared that we have everything covered except for the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Service. She said the ADA service has been hindered and CityLink recently put a temporary hold on all BA2 (Extended Service Area – Buffer Area 2) service with the exception of medical and dialysis. Ms. Stevens said they do currently have five people in training specifically for the ADA department and we have one more behind the wheel who started yesterday. She acknowledged it is a challenge to get people to apply, pass background checks and pass the drug test. Chairman Price stated it was good to hear that we do have some in training.

6. Discussion and review of reports:

- **Financial Status** – Ms. Smetana stated the report is available in the packet. She referred to the FY 2024 Budget Information – Carryover FY 2024 of \$314,386.49 and noted this has not yet been received. She stated that for FY 2025 we have received Work Order #1 for \$107,627.11 on 01/23/2025. We have since received three Billings for October 2024 - \$10,938.31, November 2024 - \$65,483.95, and December 2024 – \$27,302.31 for a total expenditure of \$103,724.57 which leaves us with a remaining balance of \$3,902.54. Ms. Smetana noted we are eagerly awaiting our next authorization so we do not fall back into the red. She said TxDOT has assured us to just submit the bills and they will take care of them.
- **Operation Report** - Ms. Smetana spoke on some of the highlights of the Operation Report from December 11, 2024 through February 10, 2025 and noted the complete report is available in the packet.

Reports and Plans: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER). Training Sessions: Numerous planning training sessions in person and online GIS training classes.

- **Director's Report -**

- **Work Tasks**

- **MPO Planning Area Boundary Update:** On November 20, 2024, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's legal staff is reviewing and we should know something shortly on the approval. On January 7, 2025, the latest update is that the Governor's office had some questions about the Texas Administrative Code and the United States Code references in the documents. Those responses were given to them on December 23, 2024 by TxDOT and they acknowledged receipt of that information but did not provide any additional information on a timeframe for completion.
 - **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:** The Policy Board at their December 17, 2024 meeting approved the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). After information was added about the public participation process, the consultants submitted the final plan to the MPO on December 20, 2024. This was then submitted to TxDOT on January 9, 2025. We are waiting for acknowledgement from TxDOT, FHWA, and FTA on the document.
 - **FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update:** On December 18, 2024 we received notification that FHWA placed exceptions on some of the projects so those were not approved. MPO staff was waiting on the final MTP so that the exceptions could be lifted. On January 16, 2025 the final MTP was uploaded into the STIP portal, FHWA reviewed the information, and the exceptions were lifted from all projects.

- **ADA and Title VI Plans:** On December 19, 2024, the MPO staff had a webinar with TxDOT on Title VI plans. On December 20, 2024 a follow-up meeting pertaining to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was set-up by TxDOT. The consensus from these two webinars were that the MPO's Title VI Plan needed to be updated and we needed to create an ADA plan. Staff will be working on these two items in the future.

7. Opportunity for members of the Public to make comments on MPO issues.

No comments.

8. Opportunity for Board Members, Technical Advisory Committee Members, or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.

No comments.

9. Adjournment.

Chairman Price thanked all in attendance and said the next meeting would be on April 15, 2025.

Chairman Price *adjourned* the meeting at *1:54 p.m.*

3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Supplemental Agenda Information**

3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Background

The FYs 2025-2028 was approved by the Policy Board on April 16, 2024. It was due into the STIP Portal by COB on July 1, 2024. It was subsequently administratively amended on May 13, 2024 and July 31, 2024. Statewide there was a November 2024 revision to the STIP.

The FYs 2025-2028 Initial Statewide Electronic TIP (ESTIP) was approved on October 18, 2024. On December 18, 2024 we received notification that FHWA placed exceptions on some of the Abilene projects so those were not approved. MPO staff was waiting on the final MTP so that the exceptions could be lifted. On January 16, 2025 the final MTP was uploaded into the ESTIP portal, FHWA reviewed the information, and the exceptions were lifted from all projects on January 16, 2025. The STIP team received the formal joint-approval letter from FHWA and FTA on February 19.

Current Situation

The FYs 2025-2028 TIP needs to be amended to update the project and funding information. This will be for a ESTIP May amendment which currently is due on May 14.

This document went out for public review in the Abilene Reporter News on April 4, 2025. The document and comment forms were placed on the Abilene MPO website for ease of access. Written comments were accepted thru 12 p.m. on April 14 and could be emailed to abilenempo@abilenetx.gov. Comments will also be received at the MPO Policy Board meeting held on April 15, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

More information will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC at their March 18, 2025 meeting recommended approval to the Policy Board of the amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented.

Action Requested

1. Any suggestions/recommendations.
2. Approval of the amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



ABILENE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2025-2028



APPROVED BY THE MPO POLICY BOARD: April 16, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT 1: May 13, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT 2: July 31, 2024

AMENDMENT 3: April 15, 2025 (Pending Approval)

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This Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is prepared in compliance with the Statewide Planning/Metropolitan Planning Rules jointly issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (23 CFR Part 450) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (49 CFR Part 613).

Disclaimer

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INTRODUCTION

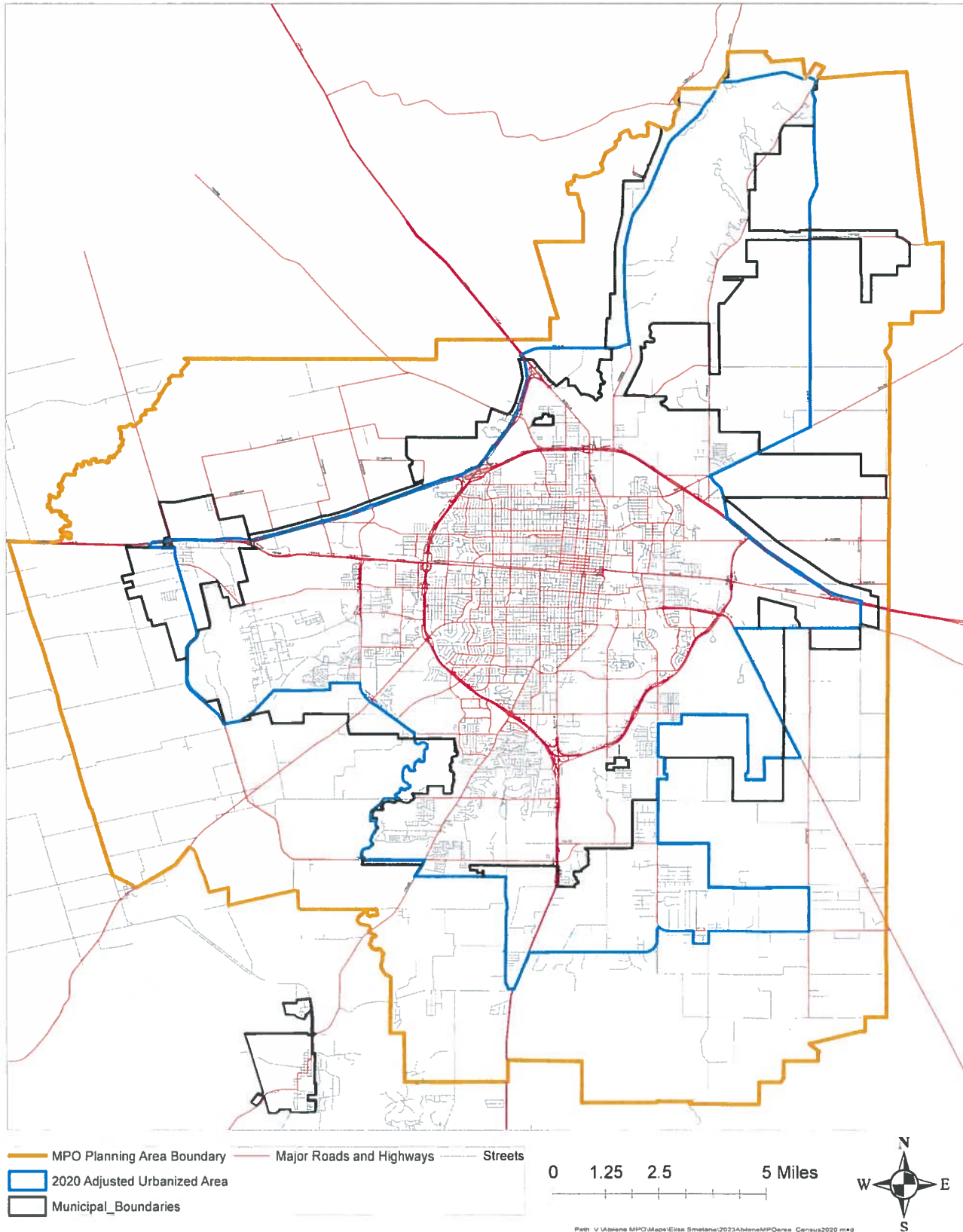
The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the programming document for transportation projects in our area. The TIP identifies those projects from our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that are being worked on during this time. The TIP is mandated by the metropolitan planning requirements set forth by Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 450, Subpart C, §326 which states that the MPO, in cooperation with the State and any affected public transportation operator(s), shall develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Metropolitan Planning Area. The TIP shall cover a period of no less than four years, be updated at least every four years, and be approved by the MPO and the Governor. The TIP may be updated more frequently, but the cycle for updating the TIP must be compatible with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) development and approval process. The TIP expires when the FHWA/FTA approval of the STIP expires. Copies of any updated or revised TIPs must be provided to the FHWA and the FTA.

The TIP includes capital and non-capital surface transportation projects (or phases of projects) within the boundaries of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area that are proposed for funding including transportation enhancements, Federal Lands Highway program projects, safety projects included in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, trails projects, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle facilities. It contains a prioritized list of surface transportation improvement projects that are expected to begin in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) plus the next three (3) FFY program years. These projects are planned to develop, improve, and maintain an integrated transportation system for the Abilene Metropolitan Area. The program is intended to efficiently use resources to improve the mobility of people and goods within and through the urbanized area and minimize transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area is the area in and around the City of Abilene that is currently considered urbanized or, by Federal definition, the contiguous geographic area likely to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period. The U.S. Census Bureau shows the Abilene area covers 106.79 square miles. This includes the Cities of Abilene, Impact, and Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi, some rural area in Taylor County adjacent to the Abilene city limits plus the entire Lake Fort Phantom area in the southeastern corner of Jones County. The 2020 Census reported the population of Abilene was 125,182, for Taylor County 143,208, and for Jones County 19,663.

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



**Texas Transportation Commission Approved
(Based on the 2020 Census Data)**

HISTORY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Federally required long-range transportation planning began with the passage of the Federal Highway Transportation Act of 1962. This act created a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) regional transportation planning process for urban areas. The legislation required urban areas of more than fifty thousand in population to create and implement transportation plans in order to receive federal highway funds. Late in 1964, a study of transportation in the Abilene urban area was begun with respect to existing facilities, existing deficiencies, and future needs. Completion of the initial phase of study covering ten (10) basic study elements resulted in the publication of a two-volume report: the Abilene Urban Transportation Plan, Origin-Destination Survey, Volume 1, 1965 published in 1966; and the Abilene Urban Transportation Plan: 1965-1985 Transportation Plan, Volume 2, published in 1968.

For the purpose of keeping Abilene's transportation plan up to date, an agreement between the City of Abilene and the State of Texas was executed on January 23, 1969. This was superseded on March 30, 1973 by a revised agreement that included Taylor County as a party. This revised agreement provided the guidelines for the organization and functioning of the continuing phase of the Abilene Urban Transportation Study. It also assigned the primary responsibility for each of the basic study elements to the city, state or county.

On July 2, 1974, the Governor of Texas designated the City of Abilene as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which, in cooperation with the State, would have overall transportation planning responsibilities for the urbanized area. The designation was repeatedly renewed until 1988 when the designation became continuous. A series of agreements between the State of Texas and the City of Abilene have assigned individual and joint responsibilities to the State and the City of Abilene in the conduct of transportation planning activities to fulfill the requirements of Federal and State law.

The 1973 agreement established a group structure to provide overall transportation policy guidance for the planning activities. Initially, the group structure contained two committees, a Policy Advisory Committee consisting of area legislators and elected officials of local governments, and a Steering Committee consisting of other elected officials and key transportation planning staff personnel. The group structure evolved in response to changes in legislation and contractual agreements, becoming a single Abilene Urban Transportation Planning Committee with both voting and non-voting members. The group adopted the name Abilene MPO Transportation Policy Board in 1993 and continued to act as the forum for cooperative transportation planning, decision-making, and to provide overall transportation policy guidance to the MPO. In 2010, the MPO underwent a management review and as a result a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established. The TAC provides professional and technical support to the Policy Board.

Over the years additional legislation enforced the need for coordinated planning: Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005 (the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II extended the time of SAFETEA-LU until September 30, 2012). SAFETEA-LU required the Metropolitan Planning Organizations provide for consideration of projects and strategies in their UPWPs that will serve to advance eight (8) transportation planning factors:

1. Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was signed into law on July 6, 2012 and reinforces the eight planning factors listed in SAFETEA-LU. MAP-21 is a milestone for the U.S. economy and the surface transportation program through its ability to guide the system's growth and development. MAP-21 creates a streamlined and performance based surface transportation program and builds on many of the highway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian programs and policies that were established in 1991. It is based on the principles of creating jobs, simplifying programs, supporting safety, promoting innovation, strengthening systems, and establishing a performance based federal program.

MAP-21 took effect on October 1, 2012 and originated a new set of performance measure requirements that transformed Federal highway programs and provided a means to more efficient investment of Federal transportation funds by focusing on national transportation goals, increasing the accountability and transparency of the Federal highway programs, and improving transportation investment decision-making through performance based planning and programming. This performance based system will establish national performance goals to achieve the following: 1) Safety—to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads; 2) Infrastructure condition—to maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair; 3) Congestion reduction—to achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System (NHS); 4) System reliability—to improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system; 5) Freight movement and economic vitality—to improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development; 6) Environmental sustainability—to enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment; 7) Reduced project delivery delays—to reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was enacted—the first federal law in over a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, safety, public transportation, rail, research, technology, and statistics programs. The FAST Act improves mobility on the highways, creates jobs and supports economic growth, and accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation. The FAST Act took the 8 planning factors of SAFETEA-LU and added two additional ones:

9. Improve the transportation system's resiliency and reliability and reduce or mitigate storm-water impact of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

In addition to these ten (10) planning factors, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) which took effect on October 1, 2012 originated a new set of performance measure requirements. This performance based system established national performance goals to achieve the following:

1. Safety—to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads;
2. Infrastructure condition—to maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair;
3. Congestion reduction—to achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System (NHS);
4. System reliability—to improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system;
5. Freight movement and economic vitality—to improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development;
6. Environmental sustainability—to enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
7. Reduced project delivery delays—to reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

In addition to the national goals listed above performance measures also apply to transit systems regarding state of good repair status for those systems receiving federal funding. This state of good repair is assessed and targets are set through the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan.

Once federal rules have been adopted, state departments of transportation (DOT) then set state-wide performance targets for each measure. Following this, MPOs must then make a choice to set their own targets or agree to support the targets established by the State. The Abilene MPO has taken action on the following:

(PM1) Safety

(PM2) Infrastructure Condition

(TAM) Transit Assets

(PM3) System Reliability

A narrative describing adopted performance measures, the use of performance measures in project selection, and the anticipated contribution of planned projects to the attainment of local and state-wide goals/targets selected is contained in *Appendix D*. MPOs, transit agencies and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have been diligently working cooperatively to establish practices, support systems, and relationships necessary for the successful implementation of Project-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP). As this new paradigm for transportation planning evolves, the Abilene MPO will continue to adjust their planning efforts to reflect the PBPP. As new and updated data becomes available, new practices develop, and greater understanding emerges on adopted measures, the Abilene MPO will use them in a collaborative manner to support national, state and local goals. The MPO will incorporate the use of performance measures in the development, evaluation and selection of projects so as to prioritize needs, align resources and optimize system performance.

The recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021), will deliver generational investments in our roads and bridges, promote safety for all road users, help combat the climate crisis, and advance equitable access to transportation. The BIL also presents the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with a unique opportunity: to exercise our stewardship and oversight responsibilities and evolve the century-old relationship with the State departments of transportation and other stakeholders in a way that takes advantage of the tools Congress has provided and prioritizes investments that align with the underlying policies evident throughout the BIL to help our states and communities Build a Better America.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Abilene MPO has a Public Participation Plan (PPP, formerly known as the Public Involvement Policy, or PIP) which was updated on April 17, 2018 to incorporate requirements of the FAST ACT. This is the MPO's official policy for the provision of meaningful, active public participation and involvement in transportation planning and related activities. The Plan's intent is to provide guidance for a proactive and comprehensive process to reach out to the community and encourage input from citizens, advisory committees, private transportation providers, employers, agencies, and other interested parties.

The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed TIP. A Public Notice was published in the April 5, 2024 Abilene Reporter-News announcing that the draft FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would be available for the public to review and comment on at the April 16, 2024 Policy Board meeting. The notice also stated that signed, written comments would be received through April 15, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. No comments were received.

The MPO supports early and continuous public involvement, open public meetings, open access to the transportation planning and decision-making process, and effective involvement processes that are designed to be responsive to local conditions. Project request forms and planning documents are distributed at meetings and are available at our website. Comments and suggestions on any metropolitan transportation issue are solicited at every meeting of the Policy Board providing opportunity for public comments on the Transportation Improvement Program.

Additional information about the MPO's *Transportation Improvement Program* and the *Public Participation Plan* can be found on the MPO website. The site also contains downloadable copies of current plans and programs including the TIP, notices of meeting dates, and MPO contact information. This site is designed to ensure that the public is informed about transportation issues and to allow adequate opportunities to discuss projects. Citizens are encouraged to contact the MPO staff with their questions, comments, and concerns on any metropolitan transportation issue by mail, e-mail, phone call, visiting our office or contacting staff at any of our meetings, and to join our mail or e-mail lists for notification about upcoming meetings and events.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND THE TIP

As a Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 recipient, the City of Abilene's transit system must follow a Public Participation Plan (PPP). The FTA allows the City of Abilene to rely on a locally adopted public participation plans for the submittal of their projects in lieu of a separate Program of Projects (POP) if the

grantee has coordinated with the MPO and ensured that the public is aware that the MPO's plan is being used to satisfy the POP public participation requirements. To comply with this requirement, it will be specifically stated in the TIP and in legal notices that *"This public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's Program of Projects (POP) requirements"*.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP

There may be instances during the scheduled cycle where administrative amendments are required. Not all TIP revisions require a formal amendment process. As a general rule, significant changes to the design concept, cost, scope and schedule of a project listing require a major amendment, whereas minor changes in fund sources, description, lead agency, funding years, etc. may be processed through administrative or minor change amendments. Revisions are submitted quarterly and major amendments must be approved by the Policy Board, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Administrative amendments are approved through the Abilene MPO Policy Board.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Projects are selected for inclusion in the TIP by advancing projects from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or MTP. The MTP is the MPO's overall long-range plan and is federally required to be updated every five (5) years. Projects are selected cooperatively using a formal process in accordance with identified needs and available funding, taking into account the implementation priorities expressed by local public officials and citizens' groups as well as the priorities of the MPO, the needs and capabilities of TxDOT and established national transportation goals. The MPO's adopted Project Selection Process was approved at the December 18, 2018 meeting. This process was used in the evaluation of projects for inclusion in the latest MTP. Projects were emphasized which relieve existing system congestion, provide appropriate access to the transportation system, or ensure continuity of regional and national transportation systems through the metropolitan area. Candidate projects for rehabilitation, maintenance, and safety projects are selected for inclusion in the TIP by identifying needs. Projects are emphasized that preserve the existing system, improve the safety and operating efficiency of the transportation system, enhance system resiliency, minimize intermodal conflicts, accommodate environmental conditions, increase mobility and accessibility for people and freight and enhance travel and tourism. Projects are listed in the TIP according to priority and funding availability. Those projects with the highest priority are placed in the earliest year in which they may be implemented. Thus, the projects in the first year are the projects with the highest priority. Projects are normally advanced according to the original TIP, but the TIP may have interim revisions to add new projects that have gained funding or that have cleared planning or environmental review obstacles.

AIR QUALITY

The Abilene Metropolitan Area is in attainment with all National Ambient Air Quality Standards in all categories.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

All projects considered for funding, regardless of the source, will take into account provisions for meeting the needs of people with disabilities. The MPO will continue its efforts to identify and aid those with mobility needs.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Unless otherwise specified, costs involving capital facilities, such as roadways, transit terminals, and transit maintenance facilities are calculated by adding the estimated construction cost to the standard 10% of construction cost for preliminary engineering expenses and 15% of construction cost for right-of-way or other real estate. These estimates are based on averages and actual costs for individual projects may vary significantly.

PROGRESS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other projects annually let to contract can be found on the MPO's website at <http://www.abilenempopo.org/documents.html>. This will continue to be updated periodically on the website. To request a copy please contact the MPO staff by telephone at 325-437-9999, by fax at 325-676-6398, by mail or in person at 209 South Danville, Suite B-212, Abilene, Texas 79605, or by email at abilenempopo@abilenetx.com.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

TXDOT UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) FUNDING CATEGORIES **TXDOT FUNDING SOURCES BY UTP CATEGORY**

12 FUNDING CATEGORIES	FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	OTHER STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS
1. Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Yes	Yes	No
2. Metro and Urban Area Corridors	Yes	Yes	No
3. Non-Traditionally Funded Projects	No	Yes	Yes
4. Statewide Connectivity Corridors	Yes	Yes	No
5. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality*	Yes	No	No
6. Structures Replacement (Bridges)	Yes	Yes	No
7. Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation*	Yes	No	No
8. Safety	Yes	Yes	No
9. Transportation Alternatives*	Yes	No	No
10. Supplemental Transportation Projects	Yes	Yes	No
11. District Discretionary	Yes	Yes	No
12. Strategic Priority	Yes	Yes	No

Source: TxDOT, 2022 Unified Transportation Program, pg. 27

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CATEGORIES

SECTION	DESCRIPTION
5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grants
5339	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program

PROJECT LISTINGS

	DESCRIPTION
CSJ	Control Section Job Number - TXDOT assigned number for projects entered into the Project Development Program (PDP)
PROJ ID	Project Identification - Code assigned by the MPO for local tracking/identification used to relate projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

PROJECT PHASES

E	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
ROW	RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION
C	CONSTRUCTION
SWDA	STATEWIDE DESIGN AUTHORITY

FUNDED HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization								
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program								
Highway Projects FY 2025								
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOECOST	
ABILENE	TAYLOR				ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT		
LIMITS FROM:						REVISION DATE:		
LIMITS TO:						MPO PROJ. NUM:		
PROJECT:						FUNDING CAT(S):		
DESCRIPTION:								
REMARKS:					PROJECT HISTORY:			
P7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/S SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:				FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCHASE:			CAT 2U:			\$ -	\$ -	
CONST COST:		COST OF APPROVED PHASES	CAT 1:			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONST ENG:								
CONTINGENCIES:								
INDIRECT COSTS:								
BOND FINANCING			TOTAL:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PT CHG ORD:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST:								

FORM INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK - NO PROJECTS FOR 2025

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Projects FY 2026

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST		
ABILENE	TAYLOR	0006-06-109	IH 20	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	TxDOT/MPO	\$ 104,765,616.00		
LIMITS FROM:	FM 600					REVISION DATE:	11/2023		
LIMITS TO:	SH 351					MPO PROJ. NUM:	S020-E25-CA		
PROJECT:	IH 20 SIX LANES NEAR JUDGE ELY TO SH 351					FUNDING CAT(S):	12, 2U		
DESCRIPTION:	ADD TWO MAIN LANES FOR A SIX LANE FREEWAY AND CONSTRUCT OVERPASS STRUCTURES								
REMARKS:	ESTIMATED LET DATE 06/2026				PROJECT HISTORY:	ADDED INTO FY 2023-2026 TIP (PARTIAL PROJECT FROM MTP) - (UPDATED DESCRIPTION, LET DATE, AND MTP 02/23); CHG 10/23 LET DATE/FUNDING			
P 7:									
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 5,050,334.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL	
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 17,170,000.00		CAT 12:	\$ 67,812,493.00	\$ 16,953,123.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,765,616.00	
CONST COST:	\$ 104,765,617.08		CAT 2U:	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000.00	
CONST ENG:	\$ -								
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 6,296,010.64								
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 3,103,933.25								
BOND FINANCING	\$ -			TOTAL:	\$ 85,812,493.00	\$ 18,953,123.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,765,616.00
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -								
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 136,385,894.97								

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Projects FY 2026

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST	
ABILENE	TAYLOR	0699-01-067	FM 89	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT	\$ 5,400,000.00	
LIMITS FROM:	ELM CREEK					REVISION DATE:		
LIMITS TO:	FM 707					MPO PROJ. NUM:	S0089-F10-01	
PROJECT:	FM 89 ADD TURN LANES ELM CRK TO FM 707					FUNDING CAT(S):	2U	
DESCRIPTION:	ADD CONTINUOUS CENTER TURN LANES AND RIGHT TURN LANES AT INTERSECTION							
REMARKS:	ESTIMATED LET DATE 03/2026				PROJECT HISTORY:	Added into FY2025-2028 TP		
P 7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 260,411.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL	
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ -		CAT 2U:	\$ 4,320,000.00	\$ 1,080,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,400,000.00
CONST COST:	\$ 5,400,000.00							
CONST ENG:	\$ -							
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 271,500.00							
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 152,873.50							
BOND FINANCING	\$ -		TOTAL:	\$ 4,320,000.00	\$ 1,080,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,400,000.00
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -							
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 6,084,784.50							

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Projects FY 2027

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST	
ABILENE	TAYLOR	0033-08-045	BU83 D	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT	\$ 5,600,000.00	
LIMITS FROM:	AT					REVISION DATE:		
LIMITS TO:	PINE ST					MPO PROJ. NUM:	S0083-F9-RM	
PROJECT:	BU83D AT PINE ST INTERSECTION UPGRADE					FUNDING CAT(S):	2U	
DESCRIPTION:	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING LANE REALIGNMENT, TURN LANES, SIGNALS							
REMARKS:	ESTIMATED LET DATE 05/2027				PROJECT HISTORY:	Added into FY 2025-2018 TP		
P 7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 255,682.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ -		CAT 2U:	\$ 4,480,000.00	\$ 1,120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600,000.00
CONST COST:	\$ 5,600,000.00							
CONST ENG:	\$ -							
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 226,074.07							
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 156,926.51							
BOND FINANCING	\$ -		TOTAL:	\$ 4,480,000.00	\$ 1,120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600,000.00
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -							
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 6,238,682.58							

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Projects FY 2027

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST	
ABILENE	TAYLOR	2398-01-062	SL322	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT	\$ 10,800,000.00	
LIMITS FROM:	NORTH OF SH 36 (BI20)					REVISION DATE:		
LIMITS TO:	FM 1750					MPO PROJ. NUM:	S0322-F8-01	
PROJECT:	SL322 AND SH 36 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS					FUNDING CAT(S):	2U	
DESCRIPTION:	SL322 IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING SH 36 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT							
REMARKS:	ESTIMATED LET DATE 05/2027				PROJECT HISTORY:	ADDED INTO FY 2025-2028 TIP		
P 7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 511,364.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES	CAT 2U:	\$ 8,640,000.00	\$ 2,160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,800,000.00
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ -							
CONST COST:	\$ 10,800,000.00							
CONST ENG:	\$ -							
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 436,000.00		\$ 10,800,000.00					
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 302,644.00							
BOND FINANCING	\$ -							
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -							
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 12,050,008.00							

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Projects FY 2028

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST		
ABILENE	TAYLOR	0663-01-024	FM 707	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT	\$	14,493,440.00	
LIMITS FROM:	FM 89 (BUFFALO GAP ROAD)					REVISION DATE:			
LIMITS TO:	US 83					MPO PROJ. NUM:	S0707-F1-CA		
PROJECT:	FM 707 FM89 TO US 83					FUNDING CAT(S):	2		
DESCRIPTION:	REHAB AND WIDEN ROADWAY								
REMARKS:	ESTIMATED LET DATE 06/2028				PROJECT HISTORY:	ADDED INTO FY 2025-2028 TIP			
P 7:									
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE						
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 364,574.70	COST OF APPROVED PHASES		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL	
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 6,904,100.00		CAT 2U:	\$ 11,594,752.00	\$ 2,898,688.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,493,440.00	
CONST COST:	\$ 14,493,440.00								
CONST ENG:	\$ -								
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 813,961.92		\$ 14,493,440.00						
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 398,881.45								
BOND FINANCING	\$ -			TOTAL:	\$ 11,594,752.00	\$ 2,898,688.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,493,440.00
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -								
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 22,974,958.07								

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Abilene MPO

FY 2025 - 2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Funding by Category

Funding Category	Description	FY 2025		FY 2026		FY 2027		FY 2028		Total FY 2025 - 2028	
		TIP Programmed	UTP Authorized	TIP Programmed	UTP Authorized	TIP Programmed	UTP Authorized	TIP Programmed	UTP Authorized	TIP Programmed	UTP Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Metropolitan & Urban Area Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3 DB	Design Build (DB)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	Urban and Regional Connectivity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Structures - Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Metro Mobility & Rehab	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8 R	Rail-Highway Crossing Set-Aside Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	TA Set-Aside Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 CRBN	Carbon Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 FB	Ferry Boat Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 SCP	Seaport Connectivity Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 ITS	Information Technology Systems (ITS)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 FLA	Federal Lands Access Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 TPW	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 GR	Green Ribbon Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 ADA	ADA Pedestrian Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 LIA	Landscape Incentive Award	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 RR	Railroad Grade Crossing and Replanning Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 RSMP	Railroad Signal Maintenance Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 BSIF	Border State Infrastructure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	District Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 EN	Energy Sector	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 [Safety]	Safety (District Discretionary)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 CO/CO	Cost Overruns / Change Orders	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12 SP	Strategic Priority	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12 TCL	Texas Clear Lanes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SW PE	Statewide Budget PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SW ROW	Statewide Budget ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$0	\$0	\$110,165,616	\$110,165,616	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$14,493,440	\$14,493,440	\$141,059,056	\$141,059,056

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Total FY 25-28
Federal	\$0	\$90,132,493	\$13,120,000	\$11,594,752	\$114,847,245
State	\$0	\$20,033,123	\$3,280,000	\$2,898,688	\$26,211,811
Local Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Local Contributions (LC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - DB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 14 Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Texas Mobility Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Vehicle Registration Fees - VTR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - RTR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - PTF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - TDC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enter "Other" Project Type (if highlighted)					
Statewide Budget PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statewide Budget ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$110,165,616	\$16,400,000	\$14,493,440	\$141,059,056

FYs 2025-2028 TIP Highway Projects Amendment 3

2025

No Projects

2026

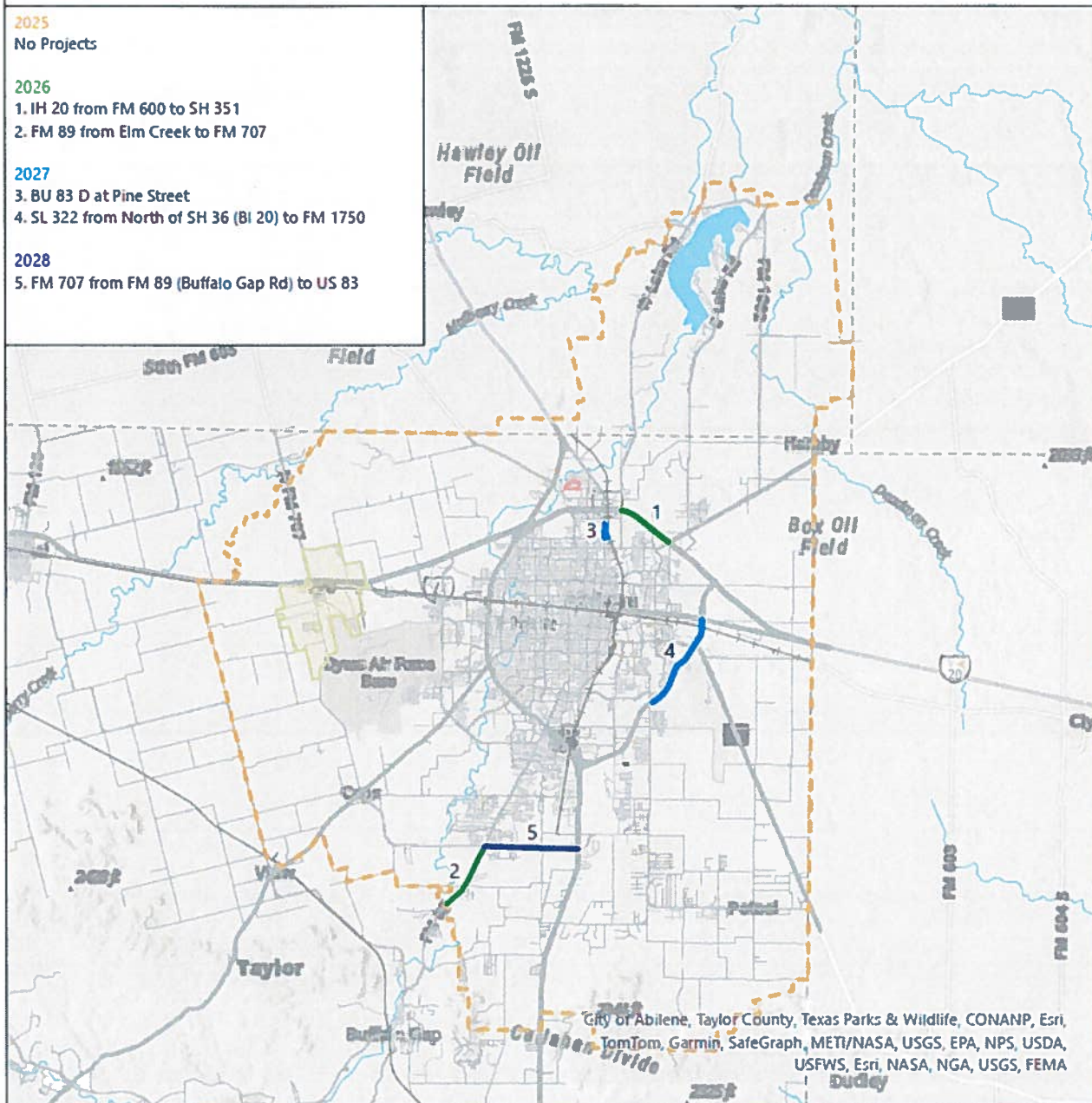
1. IH 20 from FM 600 to SH 351
2. FM 89 from Elm Creek to FM 707

2027

3. BU 83 D at Pine Street
4. SL 322 from North of SH 36 (BI 20) to FM 1750

2028

5. FM 707 from FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd) to US 83



Highway Projects

- 2025
- 2026
- 2027
- 2028

MPO

Boundary

Municipalities

- Tye
- Abilene
- Impact

Railroads

Railroad

Roads

- Freeway
- Highway
- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Local



0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

GROUPED PROJECTS CSJs (HIGHWAY)

All state and federal funds used for roadway purposes in the Abilene Metropolitan Area are in categories of funds that are constrained on a statewide basis. The Abilene MPO adopts the use of statewide groupings of non-capacity projects in the listed categories for all qualifying projects except those that are specifically listed on an individual basis in the document.

Grouped Projects include a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program Project called the South 14th Street Walkability Project that extends from Pioneer St. to Barrow St. The Federal Funds awarded are \$1,749,126 and a local match of \$437,281 for a total of \$2,186,407.

Table 1

GROUPED PROJECT CSJs

Definition of Grouped Projects for use in the STIP
Revised February 23, 2021

PROPOSED CSJ	GROUPED PROJECT CATEGORY	DEFINITION
5000-00-950	PE-Preliminary Engineering	Preliminary Engineering for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and research activities; grants for training; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic, and environmental effects can be assessed.
5000-00-951	Right of Way	Right of Way acquisition for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes relocation assistance, hardship acquisition and protective buying.
5000-00-952	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Projects to include pavement repair to preserve existing pavement so that it may achieve its designed loading. Includes seal coats, overlays, resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation done with existing ROW. Also includes modernization of a highway by reconstruction, adding shoulders or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking, weaving, turning, climbing, passing, non-added capacity) or drainage improvements associated with rehabilitation [See Note 3].
5000-00-957		
5000-00-958		
5000-00-953	Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation	Projects to replace and/or rehabilitate functionally obsolete or structurally deficient bridges.
5000-00-954	Railroad Grade Separations	Projects to construct or replace existing highway-railroad grade crossings and to rehabilitate and/or replace deficient railroad underpasses, resulting in no added capacity.
5800-00-950	Safety	Projects to include the construction or replacement/rehabilitation of guard rails, median barriers, crash cushions, pavement markings, skid treatments, medians, lighting improvements, highway signs, curb ramps, railroad/highway crossing warning devices, fencing, intersection improvements (e.g., turn lanes), signalization projects and interchange modifications. Also includes projects funded via the Federal Hazard Elimination Program, Federal Railroad Signal Safety Program, or Access Managements projects, except those that result in added capacity.

Table 1

GROUPED PROJECT CSJs

Definition of Grouped Projects for use in the STIP
Revised February 23, 2021

PROPOSED CSJ	GROUPED PROJECT CATEGORY	DEFINITION
5000-00-956	Landscaping	Project consisting of typical right-of-way landscape development, establishment and aesthetic improvements to include any associated erosion control and environmental mitigation activities.
5800-00-915	Intelligent Transportation System Deployment	Highway traffic operation improvement projects including the installation of ramp metering control devices, variable message signs, traffic monitoring equipment and projects in the Federal ITS/IVHS programs.
5000-00-916	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Projects including bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities (e.g., sidewalks, shared use paths, side paths, trails, bicycle boulevards, curb extensions, bicycle parking facilities, bikeshare facilities, etc.). Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure related activities (e.g. enforcement, tools, and education programs).
5000-00-917	Safety Rest Areas and Truck Weigh Stations	Construction and improvement of rest areas, and truck weigh stations.
5000-00-918	Transit Improvements and Programs	Projects include the construction and improvement of small passenger shelters and information kiosks. Also includes the construction and improvement of rail storage/maintenance facilities bus transfer facilities where minor amounts of additional land are required and there is not a substantial increase in the number of users. Also includes transit operating assistance, preventative maintenance of transit vehicles and facilities, acquisition of third-party transit services, and transit marketing, and mobility management/coordination. Additionally includes the purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet [See Note 4].
5000-00-919	Recreational Trails Program	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), Equestrian, Recreational Water/Paddling Trails and related facilities; Recreational Trails related education and safety programs.

Note 1: Projects eligible for grouping include associated project phases (Preliminary Engineering, Right-Of-Way and Construction).

Note 2: Projects funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding require a Federal eligibility determination, and are not approved to be grouped.

Note 3: Passing lanes include "SUPER 2" lanes consistent with TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual.

Note 4: In PM10 and PM2.5 nonattainment or maintenance areas, such projects may be grouped only if they are in compliance with control measures in the applicable implementation plan.

Note 5: Projects funded as part of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program consistent with the grouped project category definitions may be grouped. RTP or TA funded projects that are not consistent with the grouped project category definitions must be individually noted in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Road diet projects may not be grouped.

FUNDED TRANSIT PROJECTS

NOTE: On February 29, 2012, TxDOT issued a Memorandum to all MPOs with less than 200,000 population NOT to include any projects in the respective TIPs that contain FTA funding from Section 5310 (Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities), Section 5316 (Jobs Access and Reverse Commute, or JARC), and Section 5317 (New Freedom) grants. TxDOT is the recipient of these funds and will program and administer these funds for projects they will include in their State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This allows TxDOT to program the projects on a broader, more regional basis.

FY 2025 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS
ABILENE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O1-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 1,658,378.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 370,988.00
		Other Funds	\$ 786,264.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies.	Total Project Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year changed, May 2025 amounts & apportionment year changed		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P1-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$ 15,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year changed, May 2025 amounts changed		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital - Preventive Maintenance (TR-PM1-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 722,213.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 180,554.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 902,767.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 902,767.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added PM		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 143,300.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 35,825.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 179,125.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allow able under Capital.	Total Project Cost	\$ 179,125.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year changed, May 2025 amounts & apportionment year changed		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C7-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 471,162.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 471,162.00
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$ 471,162.00
Brief Project Description	Bus Replacement	TDCs Requested	\$ 94,235.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ 94,235.00
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added		May 18, 2021

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 CARES
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C4-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 494,286.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 494,286.00
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$ 494,286.00
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction/rehab, restrooms, bus equipment replacement, other miscellaneous transit equipment		
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added, May 2025 project description & amounts changed		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 CARES
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P2-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 200,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 200,000.00
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$ 200,000.00
Brief Project Description	Strategic Evaluation of Fixed-Route System		
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C3-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 185,308.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2018	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 185,308.00
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$ 185,308.00
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction/rehab, restrooms, bus equipment replacement		
		TDCs Requested	\$ 37,061.60
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ 37,061.60
	May 2024 Apportionment year & funding info changed, May 2025 description & amounts changed		
Amendment Date & Action			October 11, 2021
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C5-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 32,897.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 32,897.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Software and cashing system.		
		Total Project Cost	\$ 32,897.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 6,579.40
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ 6,579.40
	May 2024 Added		
Amendment Date & Action			January 29, 2020
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C6-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 267,005.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 267,005.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction/rehab, breakroom, restrooms, bus/equipment replacement.		
		Total Project Cost	\$ 267,005.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 53,401.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C8-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 237,713.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, cashing system, surveillance/security (bus), Route mapping signage facility & transfer lanes, other miscellaneous transit equipment		
		Total Project Cost	\$ 237,713.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 40,042.60
Sec 5309 ID Number	NA	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C9-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 244,910.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, surveillance/security (bus), office equipment, other miscellance transit equipment		
		Total Project Cost	\$ 244,910.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 41,482.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	NA	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		

FY 2026 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS
ABILENE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O1-2026)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 1,573,212.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 370,988.00
		Other Funds	\$ 786,264.00
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 2,730,464.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies.	Total Project Cost	\$ 2,730,464.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P1-2026)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 59,455.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 14,864.00
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 74,319.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$ 74,319.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital - Preventive Maintenance (TR-PM1-2026)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 15,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added PM		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2026)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 812,004.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 203,001.00
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 1,015,005.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allow able under Capital.	Total Project Cost	\$ 1,015,005.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C8-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 237,713.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, cashing system. surveillance/security (bus).	Total Project Cost	\$ 237,713.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 40,042.60
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C9-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 244,910.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, surveillance/security (bus). office	Total Project Cost	\$ 244,910.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 41,482.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		

FY 2027 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS
ABILENE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O1-2027)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 1,658,378.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 370,988.00
		Other Funds	\$ 786,264.00
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies.	Total Project Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P1-2027)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital - Preventive Maintenance (TR-PM1-2027)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 722,213.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 180,554.00
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 902,767.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 902,767.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added PM		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2027)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 143,300.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 35,825.00
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 179,125.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable under Capital.	Total Project Cost	\$ 179,125.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C8-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 237,713.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, cashing system, surveillance/security (bus)	Total Project Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ 40,042.60
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C9-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 244,910.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, surveillance/security (bus), office	Total Project Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ 41,482.00
		TDCs Awarded	\$ -
		(Date & Amount)	
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		

FY 2028 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS
ABILENE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O1-2028)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 1,658,378.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 370,988.00
		Other Funds	\$ 786,264.00
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies.	Total Project Cost	\$ 2,815,630.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P1-2028)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital - Preventive Maintenance (TR-PM1-2028)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 722,213.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 180,554.00
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 902,767.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 902,767.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 added PM		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2028)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 143,300.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ 35,825.00
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 179,125.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable under Capital.	Total Project Cost	\$ 179,125.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 apportionment year changed and funding		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C8-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 237,713.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, cashing system, surveillance/security (bus), Route mapping signage facility &	Total Project Cost	\$ 237,713.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ 40,042.60
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C9-2025)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 244,910.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	<30 ft bus replacement, surveillance/security (bus), office	Total Project Cost	\$ 244,910.00
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ 41,482.00
		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2025 Added		

TRANSIT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Transit Financial Summary Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization FYs 2025 - 2028 Transportation Improvement Program

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (VOE) Dollars

Current as of 03/11/25

Transit Program	FY 2025			FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total
1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	\$3,701,339	\$1,376,631	\$5,077,970	\$2,456,671	\$1,378,117	\$3,834,788	\$2,535,891	\$1,376,631	\$3,912,522
3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary			\$0			\$0			\$0
4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities			\$0			\$0			\$0
5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula			\$0			\$0			\$0
6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized			\$0			\$0			\$0
9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized			\$0			\$0			\$0
12 Other FTA 5339	\$967,833	\$0	\$967,833	\$482,623	\$0	\$482,623	\$482,623	\$0	\$482,623
13 Regionally Significant or Other			\$0			\$0			\$0
Total Funds	\$4,669,172	\$1,376,631	\$6,045,803	\$2,939,294	\$1,378,117	\$4,317,411	\$3,018,514	\$1,376,631	\$4,395,145
Transportation Development Credits									
Requested			19			\$81,525			\$81,525
Awarded			37.8			\$0			\$0

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (VOE) Dollars

Transit Programs	FY 2028			FY 2025-2028 Total		
	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total
1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	\$2,535,891	\$1,376,631	\$3,912,522	\$11,229,792	\$5,508,010	\$16,737,802
3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12 Other FTA 5339	\$482,623	\$0	\$482,623	\$2,415,702	\$0	\$2,415,702
13 Regionally Significant or Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funds	\$3,018,514	\$1,376,631	\$4,395,145	\$13,645,494	\$5,508,010	\$19,153,504
Transportation Development Credits						
Requested			561.5			\$463,974
Awarded			\$0			\$0

APPENDIX A: MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION – ATTAINMENT AREA

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.336, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Abilene Urbanized Area, hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR 450 subpart C;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in US DOT-funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and (49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38);
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Abilene District
Texas Department of Transportation

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Chairperson

Mr. Thomas G. Allbritton, P.E.
District Engineer

Councilman Shane Price
Policy Board Chairperson

Date

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APPENDIX B: HISTORY OF THE TIP AND TIP AMENDMENTS

The Policy Board approved the Abilene MPO's FYs 2025-2028 TIP on **April 16, 2024**.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT 1: Updated the Highway Project History as appropriate to show "ADDED INTO FY 2025-2028 TIP" on **May 13, 2024**.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT 2: Added Appendix F: Listing of Regionally Significant Projects on **July 31, 2024**.

AMENDMENT 3: Updated the highway projects and the transit projects at the **April 15, 2025 Policy Board Meeting (Pending Approval)**. The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the amendment to the TIP. A Public Notice was published in the April 4, 2025 Abilene Reporter-News announcing an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would be available for the public to review and comment on at the April 15, 2025 Policy Board meeting. The notice also stated that signed, written comments would be received through April 14, 2025 until 12:00 pm. comments were received.

APPENDIX C: ACRONYMS

ACP	Asphalt-Concrete-Pavement
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BU	Business
CAT	Category
CMAQ	Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality
CSJ	Control Section Job Number
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
LCL	Local
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
PPP	Public Participation Plan
PROJ ID	Project Identification Number
PDP	Project Development Program
PROP 12	Proposition 12 (The first special bond issue for transportation projects)
PROP 14	Proposition 14 (The second special bond issue for transportation projects)
ROW	Right of way
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act – A Legacy for Users
STP	Surface Transportation Program
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century
TDC	Transportation Development Credits
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
UAB	Urban Area Boundary
YOE	Year of Expenditure

APPENDIX D: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PROJECT-BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING (PBPP)

In order to provide more transparency in the selection and prioritization of transportation projects, federal legislation beginning with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and continuing to the current Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), stipulate that a performance measurement framework must be used in the development of the TIP and MTP. Performance measures are data driven and are intended to create a platform for decision making which allows for reasonable comparison of investment options while maintaining adequate flexibility to adapt these investment strategies to unique state, regional, and local needs and conditions. Performance measures at the federal level are focused on the following national goals:

- Safety (PM1)
- Congestion reduction
- Environmental sustainability
- Freight movement and economic vitality (PM3)
- Infrastructure condition (PM2)
- System reliability (PM3)
- Reduced project delivery delays

In addition to the national goals listed above, performance measures also apply to transit systems regarding state of good repair status for those systems receiving federal funding. This state of good repair is assessed and targets are set through the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan.

Once federal rules have been adopted, state departments of transportation (DOT) then set state-wide performance targets for each measure. Following this, MPOs must then make a choice to set their own targets or agree to support the targets established by the State. The Abilene MPO has taken initial action on the following:

(PM1) Safety	(PM2) Infrastructure Condition
(TAM) Transit Assets	(PM3) System Reliability

Recipients of federal highway and transit funds such as State DOTs and MPOs must now track various performance measures, set data-driven targets for these, identify links in investment strategies, projects, or programs to targets or contributions toward the achievement of desired state-wide outcomes, and finally recipients must develop Transit Asset Management plans for specified transit resources. MPOs, transit agencies and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have been diligently working cooperatively to establish practices, support systems, and relationships necessary for the successful implementation of PBPP. As this new paradigm for transportation planning emerges and we gain valuable experience in the strengths and limitations of various elements, adjustments are likely to be required.

Transportation Improvement Program Project Analysis to Performance Measures

When working to select and program projects, the Abilene MPO incorporates a variety of elements into the selection process including elements directly related to factors addressed in adopted performance measures. Although the achievement of specific performance outcomes through formalized scoring or evaluation tools tied to those outcomes have not historically been utilized, the Abilene MPO has nonetheless considered information on safety, accidents, injuries, fatalities, congestion, connectivity, system reliability, operational efficiency and the costs and benefits to the local economy and to various populations as these relate to proposed projects.

The MPO has a formal project selection process which has been specifically designed to ensure relevant data and features associated with required performance measures are incorporated into the consideration of potential project options. Agencies, organizations or citizens can forward project suggestions which are then evaluated. Projects which are determined to be adequately described and sufficiently detailed are evaluated based on their potential to satisfy five goal areas. Insufficiently developed project suggestions are documented for potential future action. Goal areas are directly tied to relevant performance measures and national/state goals.

Upon adoption of the FAST Act, a direct correlation between performance measures and project selection as reflected in the TIPs needed to occur. This TIP was reviewed and an analysis developed that shows how projects are helping to achieve the performance measures.

Safety (PM 1)

The Texas Department of Transportation established the statewide targets to support the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Once the State of Texas set their safety targets, MPOs within Texas were required to either adopt the Texas targets or set their own that would help achieve the statewide target. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has established targets for five (5) Safety Performance measures expressed as a five year average.

- 1) Number of Fatalities. (The total number of persons suffering fatal injuries in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year).
- 2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). (The ratio of total number of fatalities to the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT expressed in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year).
- 3) Number of Serious Injuries. (The total number of persons suffering at least one serious injury in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year).
- 4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT. (The ratio of total number of serious injuries to the number of VMT (VMT expressed in 100 Million VMT) in a calendar year).
- 5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious injuries. (The combined total number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle during a calendar year).

The Abilene MPO elected to adopt the TxDOT targets. Listed below is the Safety (PM-1) adopted by the Policy Board on February 18, 2025.



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TxDOT Updated Safety Performance Targets for FY 2025

2024 Safety Targets	Number of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)	Rate of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)	Number of Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)	Serious Injury Rate (CRIS DATA)	Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)
2021	4,486	1.70	19,434	7.35	2,628
2022	3,272	1.25	17,539	6.70	2,321
2023	3,159	1.20	17,819	6.77	2,340
2024	3,046	1.14	18,242	6.77	2,360
2025	3,046	1.14	18,242	6.77	2,360
2025 Target expressed as 5-Year Average:	3,567	1.36	17,062	6.39	2,357
2025 Targets from trendlines	4,358	1.56	17,679	6.16	2,651

PROJECTS:

- Widening IH 20 to Six Lanes from near Judge Ely to SH 351
- FM 89 Add Turn Lanes from Elm Creek to FM 707
- BU 83D at Pine St Intersection Upgrade
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements
- FM 707 from FM 89 to US 83 Rehab and Widen Roadway

Infrastructure Condition (PM2)

The Pavement and Bridge performance rule (PM2) establishes performance requirements to assess the condition of pavements and bridges designated on the National Highway System (NHS). Reporting and target setting are required for both Interstate Highways (IH) and Non-Interstate (Non-IH) National Highway System (NHS) designated facilities. The purpose of these performance measures and targets is to guide funding prioritization toward appropriate levels of maintenance in order to further the national goal of strategically and systematically maintaining the nation's transportation system in a good condition.

Pavement Performance

Federal measures require reporting of the percentage of pavement which is found to be "Good" or "Poor" based on established criteria. Statewide targets for Interstate Highways (IH) are set on a 4-year basis (2022). Non-Interstate (Non-IH) targets are established for a 2-year and 4-year point in time. Pavement conditions are assessed each $\frac{1}{10}$ (one tenth) of a mile utilizing certain metrics depending upon the specific pavement type present. Metrics used include:

- International Roughness Index (IRI)
- Cracking Percentage
- Rutting
- Faulting

The regulations have also established a minimum level that stipulates that the percentage of lane miles on the Interstate System in "poor" condition cannot exceed five percent. If the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) makes a determination that a state DOT has not made "significant progress" toward meeting the minimum level or its adopted targets for NHS pavement conditions, the state DOT may be subject to fiscal penalties that would require it to obligate and transfer portions of its federal aid highway apportionments to meet these performance requirements.

Bridge Performance

Federal measures require reporting of the percentage of Bridge Deck Area which is found to be "Good" or "Poor" based on established criteria. All bridges on the National Highway System (NHS) are included. Targets are established for a 2-year and a 4-year point in time. Bridge ratings are determined by the lowest rating among the components. Although bridge conditions are reported as being a measure of "bridge deck area" the assessment of these facilities includes the following components:

- Deck
- Substructure
- Superstructure
- Culvert

Federal regulations have also established a "minimum level" that stipulate that not more than 10 percent of the total deck area of the NHS bridges in a state can be classified as structurally deficient (i.e., poor or worse condition). If FHWA makes a determination that a state DOT has not made "significant progress" towards meeting the "minimum level" or its adopted targets for NHS bridge conditions, the state DOT may be subject to penalties that would require it to obligate and transfer portions of its federal-aid highway apportionments to meet these performance requirements.

On February 9, 2023, TxDOT took executive action adopting state-wide performance measure targets for pavement and bridge condition. On February 18, 2025, the Abilene MPO adopted the State established measures for infrastructure condition.



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TxDOT Updated (PM2) Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure Targets October 1st, 2024

Performance Measure	Statewide Baseline	2 Year Target	4 Year Target
Pavement on Interstate System			
1) % in "Good" condition	64.5%	63.9%	63.6%
2) % in "Poor" condition	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Pavement on Non-Interstate National Highway System			
3) % in "Good" condition	51.7%	45.5%	46.0%
4) % in "Poor" condition	1.3%	1.5%	2.5%
National Highway System Bridge Deck Condition			
5) % in " Good" condition	49.2%	48.5%	47.6%
6) % in " Poor" condition	1.1%	1.5%	1.5%

PROJECTS:

- Widening IH 20 to Six Lanes from near Judge Ely to SH 351
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements

System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (PM3)

The System Performance rule (PM3) establishes performance measure requirements to assess the performance of the National Highway System (NHS) and to assess freight movement on the Interstate System. These measures focus on evaluating travel time reliability and travel delay on interstate, freeway and principal arterial class facilities to determine whether the magnitude of travel time variability is considered unreasonable. The objective of the rule is to ensure efforts to improve unreasonable travel delay and expedite the movement of people and goods, furthering the national goal of improving the efficiency of the surface transportation system. The current means of assessing performance for these aspects of the transportation system is through measures known as the level of travel time reliability

(LOTTR or TTR) and Level of truck travel time reliability (LOTTTR or TTTR). Both of these measures are primarily calculated using the National Performance Management Research Dataset (NPMRDS).

Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR or TTR)

All congestion has social, economic, and environmental impacts. The recently established LOTTR measure however assumes that congestion which is inconsistent and difficult to predict has greater negative impacts than congestion which can be readily anticipated. With this in mind, this measure focuses on the reliability and predictability of travel as opposed to an absolute measures of congestion. Reliability references the level of consistency of transportation service over a specific time period. It assumes that this definition of reliability is an important attribute for travelers.

This measure is evaluated in terms of the “person miles” traveled on the National Highway System which are considered “reliable”. “Normal” travel time is defined as the time needed to transit a specific roadway which is found to be at the 50th percentile of all trips. A reliable trip is one which does not exceed 1.5 of this “normal” trip time. The Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR), in any given geographic area is calculated as the ratio of the summation of the 80th percentile of travel time to the 50th percentile of travel time.

Level of Truck Travel Time Reliability (LOTTTR or TTTR)

Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) is very similar in most respects to passenger vehicle TTR. Once again, reliability and predictability are the key features. Reliability again references the level of consistency in transportation service over a specific period of time for transportation on certain system segments within a defined region. A value of 1.0 indicates that congestion or other factors affecting travel time in a region is consistent and predictable. A key difference is that TTTR only applies to interstate highways. Additionally, this measure is based on a single vehicle and there is no adjustment for the number of passengers. The formula for determining TTTR is the ratio of the 95th percentile of travel time to the 50th percentile of travel time. A value of 1.0 indicates that congestion or other factors affecting travel time in an area are consistent and predictable. As values increase above 1 predictability and reliability decrease. This means that additional travel time will likely be needed when passing through such areas to ensure the likelihood of “on time” delivery.

On February 9, 2023, TxDOT took executive action adopting state-wide performance measure targets for System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (PM 3) using TTR and TTTR.

On June 20, 2023, the Abilene MPO adopted the State established measures for System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality.



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**TxDOT Updated (PM 3) System Performance Measure Targets
February 09, 2023**

Performance Measure	Statewide Baseline	2 Year Target	4 Year Target
National Highway System Travel Time Reliability			
1) Percentage of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable	84.6%	70%	70%
2) Percent of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable	90.3%	70%	70%
3) Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.39	1.55	1.55

PROJECTS:

- Widening IH 20 to Six Lanes from near Judge Ely to SH 351
- FM 89 Add Turn Lanes from Elm Creek to FM 707
- BU 83D at Pine St Intersection Upgrade
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements
- FM 707 from FM 89 to US 83 Rehab and Widen Roadway

Transit Asset Management (TAM)

As part of the FAST act, qualifying transit agencies are required to establish performance-driven and outcome-based performance measures using Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets for facilities, rolling stock and equipment. Final Rules were published giving transit providers a requirement to set performance targets for a state of good repair by January 1, 2017 with their respective MPO's having until June 30, 2017 to establish applicable targets. The CityLink system operated by the City of Abilene under management of First Transit is the only transit provider within the Abilene MPO Planning area subject to these federal standards.

CityLink currently has only one qualifying facility. This is a single site in in the central part of Abilene which serves as both a station for passengers and a maintenance shop for its vehicles. Unlike larger transit systems therefore CityLink will either be fully compliant or fully non-compliant with any targets set depending on how this facility is rated in any given year. Should this facility fall below the standards,

repair or replacement options to bring the CityLink system into compliance will be evaluated based on system resources and impacts.

For rolling stock CityLink Transit will utilize TXDOT Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) of 120% of the Altoona Age category of rolling stock to determine good working condition for revenue vehicles. The age of a vehicle in years is the basis for this measurement. Replacement of revenue vehicles exceeding this standard will be the primary means of meeting the fleet performance target.

On June 20, 2017, the Abilene MPO Policy Board in cooperation with CityLink approved a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan supporting and incorporating the CityLink standards. This was subsequently updated on December 15, 2020. As the tools and methods for evaluating and managing transit assets evolve modification and updates to standards, targets and plans will be made when appropriate. CityLink prepared an updated TAM Plan as of August 9, 2023. The Policy Board approved a resolution in support on October 17, 2023.

Performance Targets & Measures

Agency Name	Asset Category	Asset Class	2023 Target	2024 Target	2025 Target	2026 Target	2027 Target	2028 Target
City of Abilene	Equipment	Other Rubber Tire Vehicles		100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
City of Abilene	Equipment	Non Revenue/Service Automobile		0%	0%	25%	0%	0%
City of Abilene	Facilities	Passenger Facilities		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
City of Abilene	Facilities	Maintenance		50%	0%	0%	0%	0%
City of Abilene	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus		11%	11%	0%	0%	0%
City of Abilene	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus		20%	5%	0%	5%	5%
City of Abilene	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus		20%	5%	0%	0%	0%

PROJECTS:

- Rolling Stock (Revenue Vehicles) - Replacement of vehicles exceeding the standard will be the primary means of meeting the fleet performance target.
- Facilities - Bus facility construction/rehab, breakroom, restrooms, bus/equipment replacement.
- Equipment (Non-Revenue Vehicles) - Replacement of non-revenue vehicles exceeding the standard will be the primary means of meeting the fleet performance target.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

In compliance with MAP-21 and the FAST Act, FTA promulgated a Public Transportation Safety Program on August 11, 2016 that adopted SMS as the foundation for developing and implementing a Safety Program. FTA is committed to developing, implementing, and consistently improving strategies and processes to ensure that transit achieves the highest practicable level of safety. SMS helps organizations improve upon their safety performance by supporting the institutionalization of beliefs, practices, and procedures for identifying, mitigating, and monitoring safety risks.

There are several components of the national safety program, including the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP), that FTA published to provide guidance on managing safety risks and safety hazards. The Transit Asset Management Plan is one component, which was developed and implemented across the industry in 2018. The subject of this document is the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) rule, 49 CFR Part 673, and guidance provided by FTA.

Safety is a core business function of all public transportation providers and should be systematically applied to every aspect of service delivery. At CityLink Transit, all levels of management, administration and operations are responsible for the safety of their clientele and themselves. To improve public transportation safety to the highest practicable level in the State of Texas and comply with FTA requirements, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has developed this Agency Safety Plan (ASP) in collaboration with the City of Abilene and CityLink Transit (CityLink).

The Abilene MPO Policy Board took action and acknowledged the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for CityLink on June 15, 2021. The Abilene MPO Policy Board at their October 17, 2023 meeting acknowledged an addendum to the PTASP.

APPENDIX E: LISTING OF GROUPED PROJECTS

GROUPED PROJECTS - FYs 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

CSJ	Fiscal Year	ROADWAY	FROM	TO	PROJECT CLASS	ESTIMATE LET DATE	ESTIMATE	LET_TYPE_D	PROJ_STG	PROJECT_ID	PROJ_STAT	MPO	DISTRICT	COUNTY
0006-05-129	2025 IH 20	SOUTH FRONTAGE RD NEAR N WILLIS	NEAR CATCLAW CREEK		Overlay	02/06/2025	\$ 700,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00195425	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0006-06-117	2025 IH 20	NEAR CATCLAW CREEK	GRAPE STREET		Overlay	02/06/2025	\$ 600,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00195426	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0011-01-040	2025 SH 351	ABILENE CITY LIMITS	CALLAHAN CO LINE		Overlay	12/03/2024	\$2,250,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00139487	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-06-120	2025 US 83	1300 FT N OF AMBLER	N 10TH ST		Safety Improvement Projects	04/03/2025	\$ 701,339	Statewide Let	PS&E	A00184285	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-06-126	2025 US 83	NEAR N WILLIS	AMBLER AVENUE		Rehabilitation of Existing Road	02/06/2025	\$ 700,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00195424	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0034-01-140	2025 US 83	BU 322	SOUTH END OF FRONTAGE RDS		Seal Coat	12/03/2024	\$ 415,228	Statewide Let	PE	A00139472	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0181-01-067	2025 SH 36	BU 83D	FM 1750		Pedestrian, Sidewalks & Curb Ramps	07/01/2025	\$ 880,837	Statewide Let	PS&E	A00183298	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0407-06-049	2025 US 277	US 83	FM 3438		Overlay	04/03/2025	\$2,500,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00195451	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0663-03-031	2025 FM 1235	CR 306	US 277		Widen Non-Freeway	04/03/2025	\$4,610,000	Statewide Let	PS&E	A00140690	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0908-33-112	2025 Old Anson Rd	W STAMFORD ST	AMBLER BLVD		Pedestrian, Sidewalks & Curb Ramps	08/01/2025	\$1,765,043	Local Agency Let	PE	A00197981	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
1655-01-036	2025 FM 1750	INDUSTRIAL BLVD	1200' SOUTH OF COLONY HILL RD		Safety Improvement Projects	06/04/2025	\$2,511,614	Statewide Let	PE	A00184296	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
2032-02-016	2025 FM 600	US 180	FM 1082		Seal Coat	12/03/2024	\$ 463,986	Statewide Let	PE	A00064777	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Jones
TBD	2025 FM 3438	MILITARY DRIVE	US 277		Pedestrian, Sidewalks & Curb Ramps	TBD	\$1,720,923	Statewide Let	PS&E	TBD	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-06-129	2026 US 83	US 83 SB	@ BU 84 UPRR		Bridge Maintenance	01/01/2026	\$ 100,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00207724	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-06-130	2026 US 83	US 83 NB	@ BU 84 UPRR		Bridge Maintenance	01/01/2026	\$ 100,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00207725	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0181-01-069	2026 SH 36	CR 123	CALLAHAN COUNTY		Super-2 Highway	03/01/2026	\$4,100,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00194968	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0975-02-023	2026 FM 1082	FM 1226	FM 600		Safety Improvement Projects	08/01/2026	\$4,395,620	Statewide Let	PE	A00177149	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Jones
2270-01-027	2026 FM 3438	IH 20 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD	NEAR 5 POINTS PARKWAY		Safety Improvement Projects	09/04/2025	\$ 454,715	Statewide Let	PE	A00193344	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0006-05-123	2027 IH 20	IH 20 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD	CATCLAW CREEK		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 615,714	Statewide Let	PE	A00135524	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0006-06-116	2027 IH 20	Catclaw Creek	BU 83		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 404,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00195207	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-06-127	2027 US 83	I-20	BI-20		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 930,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00200627	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0407-06-046	2027 US 277	FM 3438	SOUTH END OF BNSF BRIDGE		Overlay	11/01/2026	\$4,000,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00139502	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0677-01-024	2027 FM 707	HINES RD	US 277		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 271,073	Statewide Let	PE	A00135546	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0677-02-017	2027 FM 707	JONES CO LINE	BI 20-Q		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 120,071	Statewide Let	PE	A00135317	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
2859-01-011	2027 FM 2833	FM 1082	Taylor Co Line		Seal Coat	12/01/2026	\$ 428,430	Statewide Let	PS&E	A00135190	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Jones
0033-05-094	2028 US 83	FM 1082	0 185 MILES NORTH OF US 180		Seal Coat	12/01/2027	\$2,452,243	Statewide Let	PS&E	A00135661	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Jones
0677-01-025	2028 FM 707	FM 20Q	TAYLOR CO LINE		Overlay	03/01/2028	\$1,250,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00206925	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
2398-01-064	2028 SL 322	IH 20	US 83		Overlay	10/01/2027	\$5,000,000	Statewide Let	PE	A00206930	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor

APPENDIX F: LISTING OF REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

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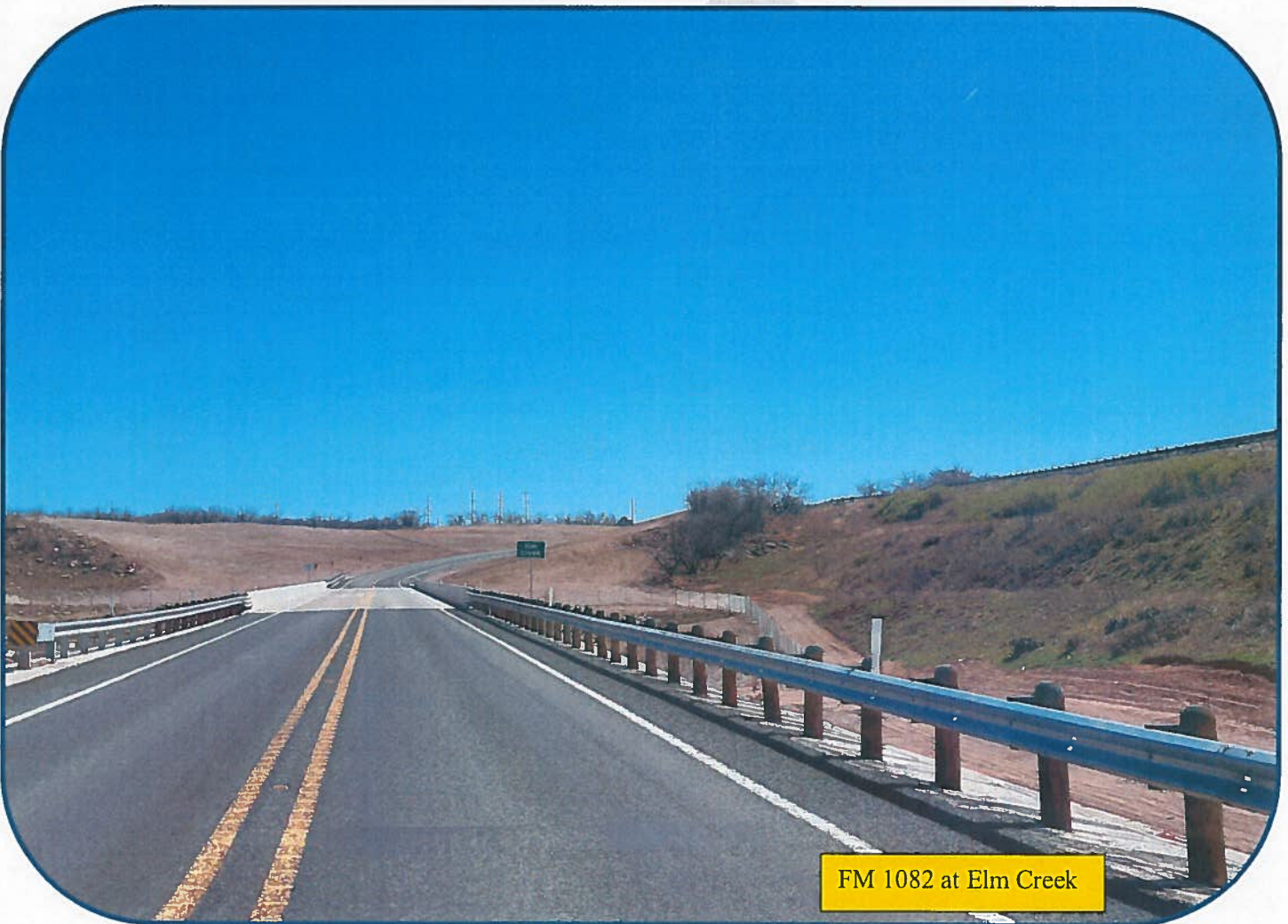
ABILENE MPO

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)



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FISCAL YEAR 2023



From October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

This report was prepared by the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with the City of Abilene, the City of Tye, the City of Impact, CityLink Transit, Taylor County, Jones County, the Texas Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.

DISCLAIMER

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South 14th at Catclaw Creek

BACKGROUND

An Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) is required for each metropolitan area (23 CFR Part 450). The purpose of this effort is to increase the transparency of government spending on transportation projects and strategies in metropolitan areas for state and local officials, and the public at large. On an annual basis, the state, public transportation operator, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year. Obligation is defined as the federal government's legal commitment to pay the federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as meeting eligibility requirements for those federal funds. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the state/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

The content of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects is consistent with the project listing in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a listing of transportation projects over a four-year period that will be funded, at least in part, with funds from the FHWA and/or FTA. The ALOP listing shall be prepared in accordance with § 450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under § 450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years. The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP. The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed ALOP. A Public Notice was published in the April 4, 2025 Abilene Reporter-News announcing that the draft FY 2023 ALOP would be available for the public to review and comment on at the April 15, 2025 Policy Board meeting. The notice also stated that signed, written comments would be received through April 14, 2025 until 12:00 pm. **comments were received.**

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ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

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SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

The total amount of federal funds obligated in Fiscal Year 2023 were **\$4,791,009** for highway projects, **\$23,030,435** for grouped projects, **\$1,402,722** for bicycle projects, and **\$3,732,811** for transit projects, for a total of obligated federal funds of **\$32,956,977**. The following tables provide additional information on the projects obligated in the Abilene Metropolitan Planning area.

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Highway Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number			
2B23134			
CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0972-03-021	S1082-F7-CA	TxDOT/MPO/CoA	C
Project Name/Facility	Limits		Funding Categories
FM 1082	From: WEST OF CHEYENNE CIRCLE		2,11,3LC
	To: East of Dam		
Project Description			
Relocate FM 1082 at Fort Phantom Dam			

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP

\$3,200,000

Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year

\$4,791,009

Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years

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FM 1082 (11-10-21)



New Roadway FM 1082 (03-24-25)



FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Grouped Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number
2021070

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0908-33-101	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C,E

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
CS 253715	From: CAT CLAW CREEK	N/A-Grouped
	To: NORTH 18TH	

Project Description
CS 253715 FROM CLAW CREEK TO NORTH 18TH

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$583,440
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

Federal-Aid Project Number
2021849

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0663-02-010	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
FM 707	From: WEST OF MAPLE ST	N/A-Grouped
	To: EAST OF MAPLE ST	

Project Description
FM 707 FROM WEST OF MAPLE STREET TO EAST OF MAPLE STREET AND FM 89 FROM SOUTH OF IBERIS ROAD TO NORTH OF IBERIS ROAD

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$829,759
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Grouped Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number			
2022147			
CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0106-06-036	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C
Project Name/Facility	Limits		Funding Categories
SH 283	From: US 380		N/A-Grouped
	To: HASKELL CO LINE		
Project Description			
SEAL COAT			

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$342,795
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

Federal-Aid Project Number			
2023260			
CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0263-06-032	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C
Project Name/Facility	Limits		Funding Categories
BS 70-G, SH 70 AND SL 322	From: ON BS 70-G		N/A-Grouped
	To: .		
Project Description			
SEAL COAT			

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$1,331,258
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Grouped Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number
2023688

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0006-18-065	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
BI 20R, US 83	From: ON BI 20R	N/A-Grouped
	To: .	

Project Description
BMIP

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$572,217
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

Federal-Aid Project Number
2023911

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0033-05-096	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
US 83, US 277 AND SL 322.	From: ON US 83	N/A-Grouped
	To: .	

Project Description
HAZARD ELIMINATION AND SAFETY

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$7,131,648
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Grouped Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number
2024063

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0006-04-080	N/A-Grouped	TxDOT	C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
IH 20	From: NOLAN COUNTY LINE	N/A-Grouped
	To: NEAR WELLS LANE (WB)	

Project Description
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$12,239,318
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects **Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization** **Bicycle Projects**

Federal-Aid Project Number			
2023787			
CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0908-33-107		TxDOT, City of Abilene	C,E
Project Name/Facility	Limits		Funding Categories
14TH ST	From: PIONEER DR		3,9
	To: BARROW ST		
Project Description			
ALONG SOUTH 14TH STREET FROM PIONEER DRIVE TO BARROW STREET			

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	MOD
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$1,402,722
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	

S 14th St. Walkability Project (S14th at Sammons)
(05-07-21)



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(03-24-25)



FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transit Projects

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects			
Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization			
Transit Projects			
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-OI-2023) TX-2023-004	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 798,666.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 228,117.00
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 965,009.03
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 1,991,792.03
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies	Total Project Cost	\$ 1,991,792.03
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2023-004 \$798,638	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 798,666.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 798,638.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ -
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O2-2023) TX-2024-00x	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 832,315.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ 195,628.00
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 1,047,755.54
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 2,075,698.54
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages fuel, supplies	Total Project Cost	\$ 2,075,698.54
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2024-092	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 832,315.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 834,377.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 512,877.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 ARP
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O3-2023) TX-2023-032	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 71,813.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 71,813.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages fuel, supplies	Total Project Cost	\$ 71,813.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2023-032	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 71,813.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 71,813.00

FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transit Projects

General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-P1-2023) - TX-2023-004	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 15,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$ 15,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2023-004	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 12,000.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 1,200.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ -
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C1-2023) - TX-2023-004	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 203,591.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 56,577.98
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 260,168.98
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Small capital equipment purchases, shop equipment, maintenance parts, Signs, farebox and fare box supplies, preventive maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 260,168.98
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2023-004	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 203,591.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 203,591.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ -
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C5-2023) - TX-2024-00x	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 650,717.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 195,919.76
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 846,636.76
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Small capital equipment purchases, shop equipment, maintenance parts, Signs, farebox and fare box supplies, preventive maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 846,636.76
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2024-092	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 650,717.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 650,717.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 197,259.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2023) - TX 2022-018-00	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 21,900.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 5,475.00
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 27,375.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable under Capital	Total Project Cost	\$ 27,375.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2022-018	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 21,900.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 21,900.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ -

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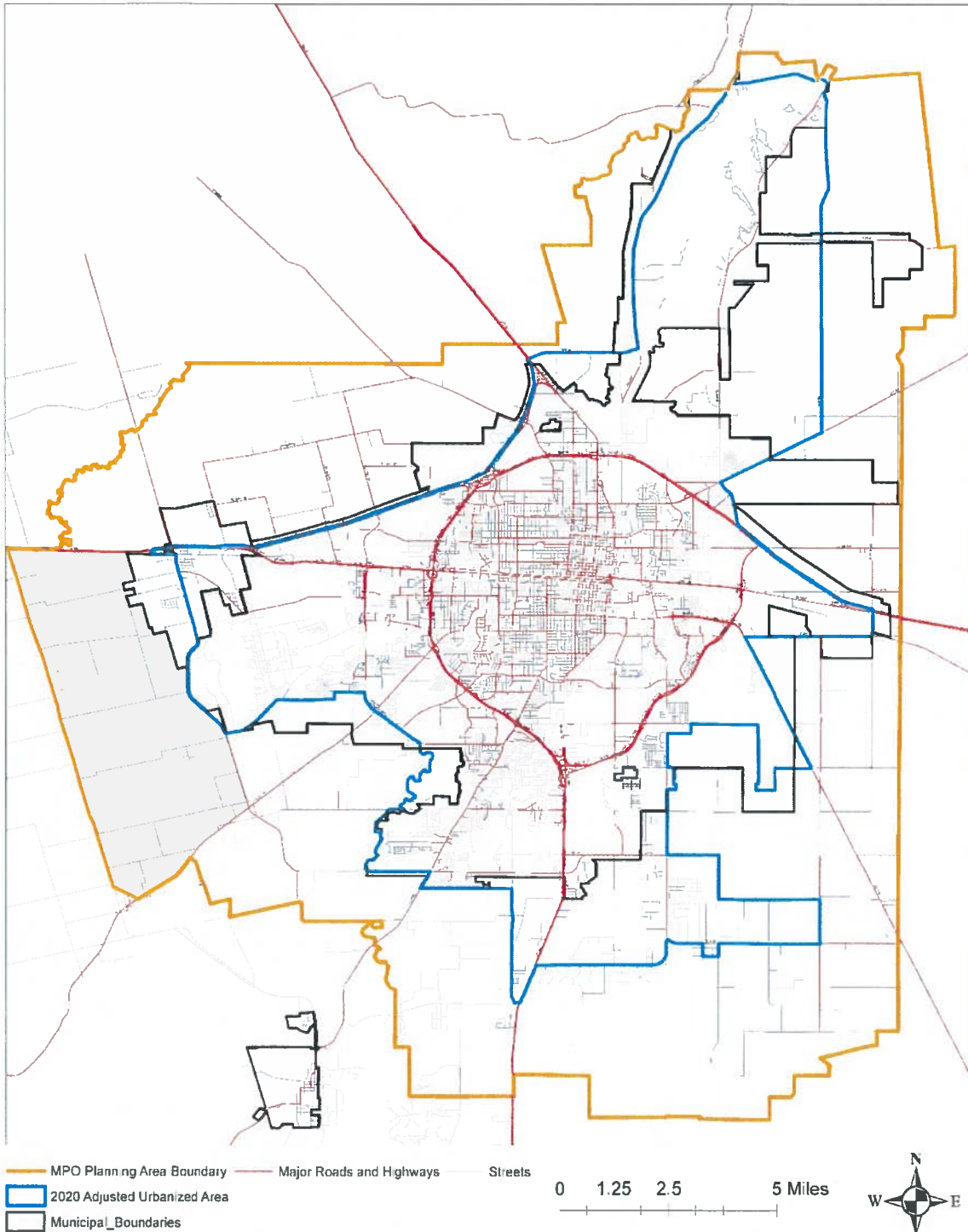
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Transit Projects

General Project Information		Funding Information (VOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C4-2023) - TX-2023-004-00	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 154,100.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 38,525.00
Apportionment Year	2021	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 192,625.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable under Capital	Total Project Cost	\$ 192,625.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2023-004	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 154,100.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 154,100.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 27,300.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (VOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 CARES
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C6-2023) - TX-2020-0154-01	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 66,237.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 66,237.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction/rehab, bus equipment, repair bus lanes	Total Project Cost	\$ 66,237.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2020-0154-01	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 66,237.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 66,237.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ -
General Project Information		Funding Information (VOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C3-2023) - TX- 2020-013	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 87,642.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 87,642.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction/rehab, breakroom, restrooms, bus/equipment replacement.	Total Project Cost	\$ 87,642.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 17,528.40
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2020-013	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 87,642.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 87,642.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 32,897.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (VOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C7-2023) - TX-2021-124	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 914,409.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2018	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 914,409.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility construction rehab, breakroom, voice annunciator system, bus/equipment replacement.	Total Project Cost	\$ 914,409.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 182,881.80
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2021-124-00	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 914,409.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 914,409.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 209,686.00
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 3,813,390.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 3,732,811.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 1,051,832.00

APPENDIX A
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY MAP
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVED
(Based on the 2020 Census Data)

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



ACRONYMS

ALOP	Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
BI	Business Interstate
BU/BS	Business US Highway
C	Construction Phase
CAT	Category
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CSJ	Control Section Job Number
E	Engineering
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FM	Farm to Market
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
IH	Interstate Highway
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
LC	Local
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NBML	Northbound Main Lane
PROJ ID	Project Identification Number
ROW	Right of Way Phase
SBML	Southbound Main Lane
SH	State Highway
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
T	Transfer (Transit transfer facility)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
US	United States
U.S.C.	United States Code

TxDOT FUNDING CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation
2	Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects (2M or 2U)
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects
5	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)
6	Structures Replacement and Rehabilitation (Bridge)
7	Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation
8	Safety
9	Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
10	Supplemental Transportation Programs
11	District Discretionary
12	Strategic Priority
SBPE	Strategic Budget Preliminary Engineering

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Section 5307	Federal Transit Admin. Urbanized Area Formula Program
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**ANNUAL LISTING
OF OBLIGATED PROJECTS (ALOP)**



FM 3034 at US 83 (Facing North)

Report covers October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

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BACKGROUND

An Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) is required for each metropolitan area (23 CFR Part 450). The purpose of this effort is to increase the transparency of government spending on transportation projects and strategies in metropolitan areas for state and local officials, and the public at large. On an annual basis, the state, public transportation operator, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year. Obligation is defined as the federal government's legal commitment to pay the federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as meeting eligibility requirements for those federal funds. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the state/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

The content of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects is consistent with the project listing in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a listing of transportation projects over a four-year period that will be funded, at least in part, with funds from the FHWA and/or FTA. The ALOP listing shall be prepared in accordance with § 450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under § 450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years. The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP. The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed ALOP. A Public Notice was published in the April 4, 2025 Abilene Reporter-News announcing that the draft FY 2023 ALOP would be available for the public to review and comment on at the April 15, 2025 Policy Board meeting. The notice also stated that signed, written comments would be received through April 14, 2025 until 12:00 pm. comments were received.

The ALOP was developed using data provided by the Texas Department of Transportation, City of Abilene, and CityLink Transit.

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area is the area in and around the City of Abilene that is currently considered urbanized or that is expected to become urbanized by the year 2050. The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area contains portions of Taylor County and Jones County including the City of Abilene; the City of Impact; the City of Tye; the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi; and some adjacent rural area. A map of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area can be found under Appendix A.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

The total amount of federal funds obligated in Fiscal Year 2024 were **\$23,773,487** for highway projects, **\$2,544,233** for grouped projects, **\$0** for bicycle projects, and **\$751,788** for transit projects for a total of obligated federal funds of **\$27,069,508**. The following tables provide additional information on the projects obligated in the Abilene Metropolitan Planning area.

FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Highway Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number			
2B24277			
CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0033-05-089	S0083-B2-01	TxDOT	C
Project Name/Facility	Limits		Funding Categories
US 83	From: 1.0 miles north of FM 3034		4U
	To: Taylor County Line		
Project Description			
Construct new overpass (2 Lanes each direction)			

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	MOD
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$23,773,487
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	

FM 3034 (Facing West towards US 83 in vicinity of new overpass) (11-10-21)



FM 3034 (Facing North in vicinity of new overpass) (03-24-25)



FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Grouped Projects

Federal-Aid Project Number
2024302

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
0407-06-047	N/A-Grouped		C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
US 277	From: SOUTH END OF BNSF BRIDGE To: 3.7 MI SW OF FM 1235	N/A-Grouped

Project Description
MILL AND OVERLAY

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$1,387,275
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

Federal-Aid Project Number
2024477

CSJ Number	MPO Project ID	Sponsor	Phase of Work
1655-01-035	N/A-Grouped		C

Project Name/Facility	Limits	Funding Categories
FM 1750	From: 1200' SOUTH OF COLONY HILL RD To: 0.6 Miles North of FM 204	N/A-Grouped

Project Description
Seal Coat

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP	Grouped-Not in the TIP
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year	\$141,754
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years	N/A-Grouped

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Federal-Aid Project Number
2024844

CSJ Number
2398-01-055

MPO Project ID
N/A-Grouped

Sponsor

Phase of Work
C

Project Name/Facility
SL 322

Limits
From: Lytle Creek
To: US 83

Funding Categories
N/A-Grouped

Project Description
INSTALL PRECAST CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER

Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP

Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year

Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years

Grouped-Not in the TIP

\$1,015,204

N/A-Grouped

FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transit Projects

FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects				
Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization				
Transit Projects				
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)		
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307	
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O2-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$	514,939.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$	102,865.00
		Local/Other Funds	\$	521,691.00
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$	1,139,495.00
Project Phase				
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies	Total Project Cost	\$	1,139,495.00
		TDCs Requested	\$	-
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added			
Grant Number	TX-2024-092-00	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$	-
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$	514,939.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$	512,877.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$	-
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)		
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307	
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations (TR-O1-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$	1,389,869.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$	308,597.00
		Local/Other Funds	\$	1,410,126.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$	3,108,592.00
Project Phase				
Brief Project Description	Operations-Operating expenses for full transit modes-fixed route/ADA. Includes wages/fuel, supplies	Total Project Cost	\$	3,108,592.00
		TDCs Requested	\$	-
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed			
Grant Number	not yet programmed in TRAMS	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$	-
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$	1,389,869.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$	-
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$	1,389,869.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)		
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307	
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Planning (TR-PI-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$	12,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$	-
		Local/Other Funds	\$	3,000.00
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$	15,000.00
Project Phase				
Brief Project Description	Planning-Activities and wages for employees conducting planning.	Total Project Cost	\$	15,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$	-
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed			
Grant Number	TX-2024-092-00	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$	-
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$	12,000.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$	12,000.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$	-

FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

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Transit Projects

General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C4-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 183,385.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 45,847.00
Apportionment Year	2022	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 229,232.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Small capital equipment purchases, shop equipment, maintenance parts, Signs, farebox and fare box supplies, preventive maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 229,232.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2024-092-00	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 183,385.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 148,700.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 32,700.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C1-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 722,213.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 180,552.00
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 902,765.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Small capital equipment purchases, shop equipment, maintenance parts, Signs, farebox and fare box supplies, preventive maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 902,765.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	not yet programmed in TRAMS	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 722,213.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 722,213.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C2-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 220,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ 44,000.00
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 264,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable under Capital	Total Project Cost	\$ 264,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	not yet programmed in TRAMS	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 220,000.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 220,000.00

FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

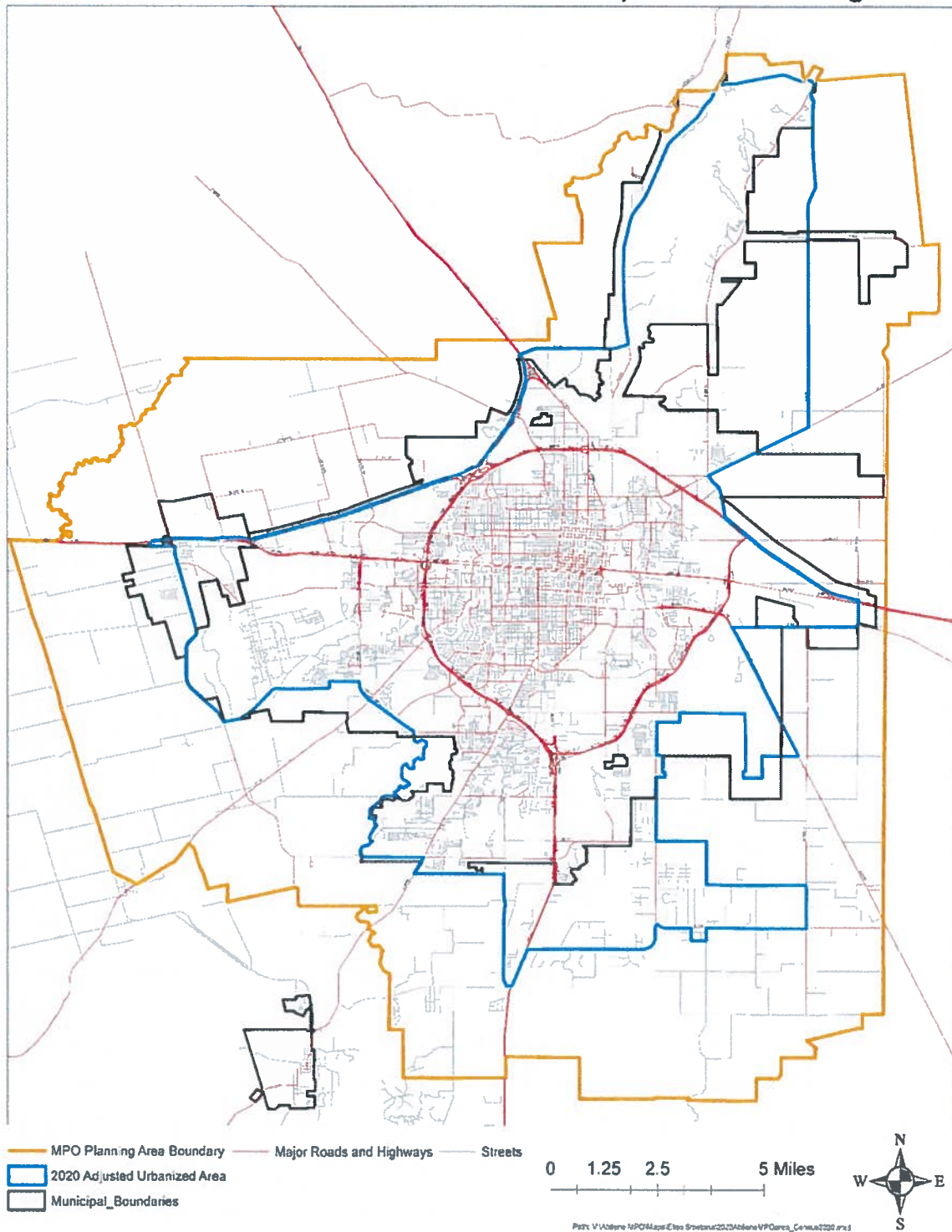
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Transit Projects

General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 CARES
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C5-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 435,000.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2020	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 435,000.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility rehab/improvement, restrooms, fan system, electrical lines, parking improvement	Total Project Cost	\$ 435,000.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ -
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2020-0154-01	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 435,000.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 16,828.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 694,286.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C3-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 185,308.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2018	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 185,308.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Bus facility rehab/improvement, restrooms, bus shelters	Total Project Cost	\$ 185,308.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 37,061.60
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year and funding info changed		
Grant Number	TX-2021-124	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 185,308.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 61,383.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 148,303.00
General Project Information		Funding Information (YO E)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C6-2024)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$ 32,897.00
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$ -
		Local/Other Funds	\$ -
Apportionment Year	2017	Fiscal Year Cost	\$ 32,897.00
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Software and cashing system	Total Project Cost	\$ 32,897.00
		TDCs Requested	\$ 6,579.40
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
Grant Number	TX-2020-013-00	TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 32,897.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ -
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 32,897.00
Amount of Federal Funding Programmed in MPO TIP			\$ 3,695,611.00
Amount of Federal Funding Obligated in Fiscal Year			\$ 751,788.00
Amount of Federal Funding Remaining and Available for Subsequent Years			\$ 3,240,268.00

APPENDIX A
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY MAP
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVED
(Based on the 2020 Census Data)

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



ACRONYMS

ALOP	Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
BI	Business Interstate
BU/BS	Business US Highway
C	Construction Phase
CAT	Category
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CSJ	Control Section Job Number
E	Engineering
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FM	Farm to Market
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
IH	Interstate Highway
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
LC	Local
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NBML	Northbound Main Lane
PROJ ID	Project Identification Number
ROW	Right of Way Phase
SBML	Southbound Main Lane
SH	State Highway
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
T	Transfer (Transit transfer facility)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
US	United States
U.S.C.	United States Code

TxDOT FUNDING CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation
2	Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects (2M or 2U)
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects
5	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)
6	Structures Replacement and Rehabilitation (Bridge)
7	Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation
8	Safety
9	Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
10	Supplemental Transportation Programs
11	District Discretionary
12	Strategic Priority
SBPE	Strategic Budget Preliminary Engineering

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Section 5307	Federal Transit Admin. Urbanized Area Formula Program
Section 5339	Federal Transit Admin. Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program
Section 5307 ARP	Federal Transit Admin. American Rescue Plan
Section 5307 CARES	Federal Transit Admin. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

6. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on an amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Supplemental Agenda Information**

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Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, period for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. The Unified Planning Work Program is the MPO's budget. All the work task of the MPO are included within the document. In addition, transit planning conducted by CityLink and any outside consultant work are included as part of the UPWP.

Current Situation

The Unified Planning Work Program needs to be amended to incorporate the following changes: (Under Subtask 3.3, 4.1, 4.3,5.4 added funds, added in Subtask 5.6 and funds). Updated the cover page, table of contents, link in Planning Issues and Emphasis, PB and TAC membership, Boundary map, and amendments page.

Changes will be explained at the meeting.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC at their March 18, 2025 meeting recommended approval to the Policy Board of the amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented.

Action Requested

1. Any changes or suggestions.
2. Approval of the amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

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UPWP 2024 - 2025

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

FYs 2024 & 2025

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Program covers October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025



Approved by the Abilene MPO Policy Board: June 20, 2023

Administrative Amendment: August 2, 2023

Amendment 1: December 19, 2023

Amendment 2: February 20, 2024

Amendment 3: April 15, 2025 (Pending Approval)

Federal Approval: September 7, 2023

Non-Transportation Management Area (Non-TMA)

Air Quality Status: Attainment

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I. INTRODUCTION

Federally required long-range transportation planning began with the passage of the Federal Highway Transportation Act of 1962. This act created a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) regional transportation planning process for urban areas. The legislation required urban areas of more than fifty thousand in population to create and implement transportation plans in order to receive federal highway funds. For the purpose of keeping Abilene's transportation plan up to date, an agreement between the City of Abilene and the State of Texas was executed on January 23, 1969 which established what is now known as the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The Abilene MPO is the transportation planning body for the City of Abilene, the City of Impact, the City of Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi; along with some adjacent rural areas. The Abilene MPO consists of federal, state and local agencies working together to avoid conflicting plans, duplicated projects or funding conflicts between transportation priorities in the metropolitan planning area. The mission of the MPO is to provide cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing short and long-range transportation planning which promotes safe and reliable movement of people and goods in the Abilene metropolitan area. The MPO's role is to develop and maintain the necessary transportation plans for the area to ensure that federal funds support locally developed plans and that the projects are part of a credible planning process that meets the local priorities.

The process of planning, maintaining, and improving the area's surface transportation system is a demanding, ongoing, and complex operation which requires the collaboration and coordination of the State and local government agencies, transportation providers, local businesses, and the residents of this region to make the process a success.

A. PURPOSE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning and related activities to be conducted within the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries that are funded by Federal, State, and local sources. In other words, the UPWP outlines the budget and work tasks required to sustain the transportation planning process. There are five tasks listed in the UPWP: Task I - Administration and Management, Task II - Data Development and Maintenance, Task III - Short Range Planning, Task IV - Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Task V - Special Studies.

Over the years, legislation has enforced the need for coordinated planning. These include the following: *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)*, *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)* in 1998, *the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* in 2005 (*the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II extended the time of SAFETEA-LU until September 30, 2012*), *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* in July 2012, and in December of 2015 *the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST)*. The FAST Act was set to expire on September 30, 2020 but Congress approved a one-year extension to September 30, 2021. On November 15, 2021 the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* was signed. The IIJA provides infrastructure funding for fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for roads, bridges, mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and broadband.

With the passage of this transportation legislation, different strategies and processes emerged. SAFETEA-LU required Metropolitan Planning Organizations to provide for consideration of projects and strategies in their UPWPs that will serve to advance eight (8) transportation planning factors. This UPWP includes tasks that will allow on-going evaluation of the area's needs in relation to these eight broad goals:

1. Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was enacted—the first federal law in over a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, safety, public transportation, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. The FAST Act improves mobility on the highways, creates jobs and supports economic growth, and accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation. The FAST Act took the eight planning factors of SAFETEA-LU and added two additional ones:

9. Improve the transportation system's resiliency and reliability and reduce or mitigate storm-water impact of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added to the ten (10) planning factors listed above with the following 2021 Planning Emphasis Areas.

1. Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future
2. Equity and Justice in Transportation Planning
3. Complete Streets
4. Public Involvement
5. Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/US Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
6. Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination
7. Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)
8. Data in Transportation Planning

The Abilene MPO will be looking at ways to incorporate all the planning factors/areas into some aspect of the transportation planning process throughout this UPWP. This could include planning for more bicycle and pedestrian access to points of interest, developing complete streets efforts, transitioning to cleaner energy methods, and planning towards the future of multimodal and autonomous transportation opportunities.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) which took effect on October 1, 2012 originated a new set of performance measure requirements. This performance-based system will establish national performance goals to achieve the following:

1. Safety—to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads;
2. Infrastructure condition—to maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair;

3. Congestion reduction—to achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System (NHS);
4. System reliability—to improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system;
5. Freight movement and economic vitality—to improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development;
6. Environmental sustainability—to enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
7. Reduced project delivery delays—to reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

In addition to the national goals listed above performance measures also apply to transit systems regarding state of good repair status for those systems receiving federal funding. This state of good repair is assessed and targets are set through the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan. Once federal rules have been adopted, state departments of transportation (DOT) then set statewide performance targets for each measure. Following this, MPOs must then make a choice to set their own targets or agree to support the targets established by the State. MPO's, transit agencies and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have been diligently working cooperatively to establish practices, support systems, and relationships necessary for the successful implementation of Project-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP).

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area is the area in and around the City of Abilene that is currently considered urbanized or, by Federal definition, the contiguous geographic area likely to become urbanized within the 20-year forecast period covered by the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The U.S. Census Bureau shows the Abilene area covers 106.79 square miles. This includes the Cities of Abilene, Impact, and Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi, some rural area in Taylor County adjacent to the Abilene city limits plus the entire Lake Fort Phantom area in the southeastern corner of Jones County. The 2010 Census reported the population of Abilene was 117,063 and the population of the entire MPO area is approximately 125,000. As of July 1, 2022, the population of Abilene is estimated at 127,385, Taylor County at 145,163, and Jones County at 19,935 according to the Census Bureau.

C. ORGANIZATION

The Abilene MPO (MPO) consists of a Policy Board (PB), a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the MPO Staff. The Policy Board is the governing and policy-making body of the MPO. They provide direction and guidance for transportation planning in the MPO boundaries. The Policy Board is responsible for ensuring conformance with Federal regulations requiring that highways, mass transit, and other transportation facilities and services are properly deployed and developed in relation to the overall plan for urban development. In November 2010, the Policy Board was reorganized from seventeen members to five voting members and the Technical Advisory Committee was established. The MPO Policy Board is comprised of the following five voting members: City of Abilene Mayor, City of Abilene Council Member, Jones County Judge, Taylor County Judge, and the TxDOT Abilene District Engineer. Three elected State and Federal legislators are represented as non-voting members. These include the U.S. Representative District 19, State Senator District 28, and the State Representative District 71.

The Technical Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Transportation Policy Board on all technical matters and on any other issues assigned to it by the Policy Board. The Technical

Advisory Committee consists of representation from the cities of Abilene, Tye, and Impact; the counties of Taylor and Jones; the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Dyess Air Force Base; CityLink Transit; Abilene Chamber of Commerce; the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG); and the Abilene MPO. The Technical Advisory Committee's non-voting members includes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), TxDOT MPO Coordinator, and the TxDOT Public Transportation Coordinator.

The MPO staff is authorized for two full-time and one part-time employees who are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the MPO including information gathering and assembling of documents that correspond to transportation issues within the MPO boundary. The Executive Director is responsible for the direction of responsibilities and administration of the MPO. The Transportation Planner and Office Assistant provide valuable planning, technical resources, and clerical assistance for the MPO.

D. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

The MPO will be using the knowledge and expertise of the Technical Advisory Committee that includes members who are part of the private sector. The MPO may find it necessary to obtain legal and professional services to supplement MPO staff planning efforts for such tasks as the Travel Demand Model, Transit/Bicycle/Multimodal Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Special Studies, and other planning efforts.

E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

The Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) were updated on December 30, 2021 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Offices of Planning. The PEAs are listed below and the full description can be found at

https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/FTA_Planning_Emphasis_Areas_for_Planning_and_Research_Work_Programs_12-30-2021.pdf

- Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future
- Equity and Justice⁴⁰ in Transportation Planning
- Complete Streets
- Public Involvement
- Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination
- Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)
- Data in Transportation Planning

Additional planning issues and emphasis that are important in the Abilene MPO includes coordination efforts and maintaining existing documents. Also regional coordination efforts of collaborating with community organizations to focus on a need to understand the dynamics of the transit providers along with the needs of transit users and matching those to the needs of the traveling community. Another important factor is to update and maintain the Travel Demand Model. Lastly working to ensure the performance based planning efforts are sufficient to maintain their incorporation into the planning process.

The Abilene MPO will be looking at ways to incorporate the PEAs in all aspects of the work program as the year progresses. In addition, the Abilene MPO is committed to the ongoing practice of public participation in all aspects of the transportation planning process. The Abilene MPO has a Public Participation Plan (PPP). The purpose of the PPP is to provide an opportunity for meaningful, active, ongoing public participation and involvement for citizens, groups, agencies, and private providers of

transportation. This allows citizens the opportunity to be included in every facet of transportation planning and related activities, especially at key decision-making times. As we look at ways to implement strategies, the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be an important element since it outlines the opportunities for citizens' input into the transportation planning activities of their community and helps provide a more distinct picture of how future transportation decisions will affect the general population. The Abilene MPO utilizes their website www.abilenempower.org along with Facebook, Twitter, news media, public meetings, and other means to notify the citizens of ways to comment and become involved in the process.

II. TASK 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this task is to provide administrative support to the transportation planning process for our area, secure necessary tools to ensure success, provide opportunities for public input, and to facilitate interagency cooperation and coordination. This task addresses general operations of the MPO, as well as administrative and managerial activities, financial management, interagency coordination, travel, procurement, transportation planning, development of Title VI implementation, and miscellaneous administrative support.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS:

Maintain the operations of the MPO, including financial management, personnel, and the procurement of equipment and supplies needed for operations. Provide trained and knowledgeable staff by using various training and technical opportunities. Conduct a proactive public outreach approach to transportation planning. Obtain and maintain the necessary computer hardware, software, and technical support necessary to sustain functional operations. Technical assistance and support. Completion of all reports, certifications, and administrative documentation necessary to meet legal and regulatory requirements and ensure the continuity of the planning process. Provide support to the MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee. Public information materials including emails, letters, brochures, website, surveys, videos, social media, etc. Promote staff development through training, meetings, information sharing, and educational opportunities.

C. PREVIOUS WORK:

Created PowerPoint presentations, meeting handouts, agenda packets, project maps, detailed spreadsheets, and a variety of materials for the MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee. Prepared the monthly billing statements. MPO administrative and fiscal operations. Staff attendance at workshops, meetings, conferences, and training sessions. Development of monthly, quarterly, and annual reports as required by State and Federal agencies. Acquisition of supplies and minor office equipment. Completed required reports. Staff hiring and training.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 1.1 Program Support and Administration

- Management of the MPO to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Maintain and update the UPWP as needed to reflect current plans, programs, and regional priorities, and develop the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).
- Develop and update the FYs 2024-2025 UPWP.
- Coordination and monitoring of the transportation planning activities including compliance with the Federal and State requirements. This could include preparing and submitting reports,

documents, and correspondence; maintaining and updating records; administering planning funds and financial information; maintaining the transportation grants - timesheet and billing submittal, budgeting, and financial planning; ensuring the development and delivery of required reports for transit and transportation activities.

- Providing support and facilitating the Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Board meetings, and other committees/subcommittees. This could include providing food and non-alcoholic beverages, pending TxDOT approval, at meetings and events when deemed appropriate.
- Prepare, and administer contracts, or agreements between the MPO, local agencies, and private consultants.
- Engage in staff supervision, personnel administration, and other miscellaneous administrative tasks that support the function of the MPO.
- Purchase or lease of office supplies, materials, furniture, equipment, computers, monitors, printers, plotters, support/maintenance agreements, and related computer software/equipment along with insurance, advertising, meeting facilities, etc. as necessary to provide transportation planning for the MPO area. A Plotter HP Designjet might need to be replaced for the printing of large maps with a cost around \$10,000. New computers for MPO staff may be needed at an estimated cost of \$12,000. Equipment and software purchases over \$5,000 per unit require prior State and Federal approval.
- Facilitation of program activities through acquisition of long-term working and meeting space readily accessible to the general public and other public agencies including but not limited to the following: lease of workspace, electric and water utilities, acquisition, repair, and maintenance of office furnishings and non-computer equipment appropriate to program needs, local and long-distance telephone utilities, janitorial services.
- Indirect Cost Allocation Plan - City of Abilene staff and independent auditors will do the following work with TPF funding: financial, administrative, and managerial support functions of the fiscal agent necessary for the financial oversight and facilitation of the planning activities, including both internal and independent audits. The City of Abilene has a Cost Allocation Plan for indirect services provided by central departments. This plan is the product of an independent firm acting on the request of the City of Abilene. Actual expenditure information is obtained from the City's financial statements for the year-end. Statistics used to allocate costs are taken by performing one-hundred percent counts or in some cases conducting a representative sample period count.

Subtask 1.2 Professional Development Training and Travel

- MPO staff will attend meetings, workshops, seminars, and conferences to develop and maintain a professional and competent staff. This training may entail regional, state, or national conferences conducted by the American Planning Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Texas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Texas Department of Transportation, National Highway Institute, GIS software including ESRI User Conference, ArcGIS South Central Area Users' Group (SCAUG), ESRI training workshops, and other related organizations as deemed necessary or mandated for professional development purposes. This task may include travel costs of elected officials. The MPO will obtain prior approval from TxDOT for out-of-state travel.
- Participation in meetings including but not limited to City Council and County Commissions; along with boards and commissions; other stakeholders meetings; business associations and developers' meetings; and many others both local and regional to keep informed and disseminate information and/or data on transportation emerging trends and patterns. This task may also include attendance at meetings and trainings that coordinate with the Department of Defense (DOD) on the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) that connects to DOD

facilities and coordination with the Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads/transportation services that connect to Federal lands.

Subtask 1.3 Public Participation, Education, Title VI, and Environmental Justice

- Maintain and keep updated the Public Participation Plan.
- Conduct public outreach and provide support for public meetings. Includes publishing legal notices, press releases, advertisements, along with securing meeting arrangements, producing materials and data for distribution.
- Provide newsletters, update MPO website, use of social media, workshops, and development of pertinent publications to disseminate information and educate on programs. Work toward more virtual public involvement possibilities.
- Continue to identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process and identify strategies to better reach minority and low-income groups.
- Continue to strive towards consistent and systematically fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals throughout the planning process.
- Continue to share as much data as possible to improve the policy and decision making of all parties involved in transportation planning.
- MPO staff will maintain the MPO website and provide updates to enhance public participation in the MPO processes. This is a continual project that will evolve as technology changes to provide the best possible use of resources.

Subtask 1.4 Transit Planning Management

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Participation with the Citizen's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities as a vehicle for public involvement.
- Review and analysis of any future fare changes or route planning.
- Continue employee development through training courses and certification of both supervisory staff and employees.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Task 1 – Funding Summary Table FY 2024 and FY 2025

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹		FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS		LOCAL FUNDS		FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	
1.1	MPO/CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000							\$ 260,000
1.2	MPO	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000							\$ 30,000
1.3	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000							\$ 20,000
1.4	CITYLINK			\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
TOTAL		\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320,000

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

III. TASK 2 – DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this task is to support those planning activities that generate or collect critical transportation data. Transportation planning requires the development of detailed databases and maps that describe the primary aspects of the transportation system and maintenance of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to aid in data development and tracking. This data is used in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and many other reports and studies.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS:

Mapping of roadway networks necessary to support transportation planning activities. Geodatabase development for presentation of maps for MPO, transit, and other planning purposes. Geographic Information System (GIS), and data development analysis of various transportation elements. Develop and analyze transportation growth, trends, and needs, utilize traffic counts, land use and development data, and collision location data. To use socioeconomic data for travel demand forecasting. To maintain a database of useful planning tools to facilitate map creation. To generate, collect, and analyze detailed transportation data to develop and implement regional transportation plans and projects. To explore collection methods that enhances the ability to perform regional and corridor planning and analysis.

C. PREVIOUS WORK:

Updated a sidewalk layer map using Google Earth imagery, aerial imagery, as well as some physical site verifications as needed. Maps were prepared related to current project listings. MPO staff utilized base layer maps provided by the City of Abilene's GIS Division. In addition, the GIS division worked closely with MPO GIS staff on various mapping items throughout the fiscal year. Updated the website with pertinent information as needed such as minutes, board meeting notices, public meeting notices, reports, project picture updates, upcoming MPO events, and many other items. Performance measures were updated and used as applicable. CityLink captured daily and monthly statistics and data in order to provide periodic reporting to the City, State and Federal entities as required. CityLink also had ongoing data analysis that provided opportunities to improve services, implement minor fixed route changes, and complete bus stop/bus shelter placement recommendations. CityLink has redesigned its bus stop signs and is continuing to install them in compliance with the necessary requirements.

D. SUBTASKS:

Subtask 2.1 Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Development

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from the City of Abilene and/or a consultant to complete.

- Maintenance of physical inventories along with on-going data gathering, updates, and maintenance of databases and maps related to transportation planning.
- Management and organization of internal internet GIS data, enhance the GIS resources available to the public, advance the mapping functionality, and augment the use of GIS visualization techniques.
- Evaluation/analysis of the existing and planned transportation system with regard to issues related to emergency evacuation, hazardous materials transportation, and other emergency response situations. Coordination with the STRAHNET and with FLMA will help promote a

useful planning network that shows connections to Federal lands and advocates for the best use of resources.

- Identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process by focusing on enhancing analytical capability for assessing impact distributions by utilizing Census data and other means for production of maps of minority, elderly, and low-income persons along with striving to minimize adverse effects of transportation projects on the human environment by using these identifying factors.
- Analysis and mapping of the environmental and economic areas (Planning and Environmental Linkages - PEL) which will help ensure that the needs of our community are met while avoiding/minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

Subtask 2.2 Performance Measures

- The MPO will monitor and update performance measures/targets as needed. Continue implementation of the performance-based planning and programming process including working with TxDOT to monitor and evaluate the performance measures.

Subtask 2.3 Travel Demand Model

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Travel Demand Model (TDM) maintenance.
- Review of data, socioeconomic data collection, roadway network analysis, alternative analysis, and other work associated with the TDM.
- Updates to the GIS data pertaining to the Travel Demand Model including roadway network database development, Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) structure development, monitoring of regional growth through data collection of new residential development, acquisition of employer information, acquiring land-use data, and creating organized databases for this data for transportation and land-use analysis, and demographic database development to obtain and maintain a working model.

Subtask 2.4 Transit Planning Data

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Provision of monthly operational and statistical and financial reports.
- Development and incorporation of information, data and statistical analysis to address short range transit needs as it relates to fare changes, route changes, bus stop evaluations, and bus stop amenities.
- Compile data for the Triennial Review.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Task 2 – Funding Summary Table FY 2024 and FY 2025

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹		FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS		LOCAL FUNDS		FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	
2.1	MPO	\$ 70,000	\$ 80,000							\$ 150,000
2.2	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000							\$ 20,000
2.3	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000							\$ 40,000
2.4	CITYLINK			\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
TOTAL		\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,000

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

IV. TASK 3 – SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is to undertake planning activities both local and regional that are associated with short range or immediate implementation. This could include facilitating the implementation of transportation projects and programs in the TIP; providing for multimodal planning to improve the overall system; and supporting the development of short-range planning.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Updates to the Transportation Improvement Program. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Provide support to the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Committee. More coordinated efforts among public transportation providers in the planning and development of transit related activities.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Report was submitted. MPO staff and CityLink staff work on a variety of projects throughout the year including the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), Annual Report of Obligated Projects, and many others. The MPO participated in the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan (RCTP) Stakeholders Group. CityLink staff have completed extensive planning including: General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) data monitoring and revisions as needed; utilization of Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) software and planned migration to new version; utilization of bus location/arrival software application for passenger use and continued monitoring; monitoring of data to aid in making effective changes to routes and improved services; plans for bus shelter placement in cooperation with the Eagle Scouts; planning activities for fleet replacement; Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan update; implement new demand response scheduling software and development of passenger application; planning activities for the implementation of automated voice announcement system; planning activities for the implementation of a new microtransit service zone; planning activities for the implementation of mobile trip scheduling platform for new microtransit service zone. CityLink purchased four cutaway buses as part of its fleet replacement program. They also provided funding projection information and budgetary planning data for inclusion in the TIP and UPWP as needed. CityLink Staff continues to participate in the Regional Coordination transportation planning process since the agency serves as the Lead Agency for West Central Texas Region 7 to assist TXDOT in their statewide coordination of transportation services.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 3.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The MPO will monitor and amend the current TIP as needed and conduct project development meetings/presentations to educate and receive public participation as needed. Provide support, review and incorporate transit activities for more coordinated transit efforts.
- Development of the new TIP for FYs 2025-2028.
- Development of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.

Subtask 3.2 Transit, Bicycle, and Multimodal Planning

- Work with public transportation providers to coordinate transportation efforts and participate

in the regional planning process of the multi-county regional planning area.

- Work with transit providers, the City of Abilene, and others on continuation of the Multimodal Terminal planning for the Abilene area.
- Continue to work with CityLink Transit to ensure efficient operations and planning.
- Conduct planning activities as needed to evaluate traffic patterns, needs analysis, and service standards on transit services.
- Provide support for the implementation of planning activities in the City of Abilene's Bicycle Plan.
- Work with local government and community organizations to access grants and other funding opportunities to develop bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation.
- Work with the local transit agency to incorporate a more congruent transit, bicycle, and pedestrian method of transportation.
- Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities. This may include a complete streets holistic approach in planning efforts and it could provide safe and accessible transportation options to our community. Ensure at a minimum that 2.5% of PL funds will be used to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as described in Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Subtask 3.3 Short-Term Transit Planning

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Short range planning projects needed to meet federal/state requirements.
- Provide funding projections and budgetary planning for incorporation of transit projects in the TIP and UPWP.
- Bus Stop identification, GIS database compiling and integration, inventory, and shelter locations.
- Analysis of effectiveness of routes.
- Mobile fare applications and improved payment systems analysis.
- Participate in the Regional Planning Process.
- Continue Lead Agency duties for the Regional Coordination Planning efforts through quarterly stakeholder meetings. (FTA Section 5304)

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Task 3 – Funding Summary Table FY 2024 and FY 2025

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹		FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS		LOCAL FUNDS		FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	
3.1	MPO	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000							\$ 50,000
3.2	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000							\$ 20,000
3.3	MPO/CITYLINK			\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 18,950	\$ 1,500	\$ 28,450
TOTAL		\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 18,950	\$ 1,500	\$ 98,450

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

V. TASK 4 – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

A. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this task is to encompass all activities associated with maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP identifies long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary for a 25-year horizon. To develop, monitor, adopt, and publish the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Provide updates to the Ten-Year Plan. Identify long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary. To focus on having an integrated multimodal transportation system. To incorporate performance measures into the plan.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS:

Analysis of the current MTP and Ten-Year Plan to ensure needs are being met along with more coordination and planning activities among public transportation providers, bicyclist, pedestrians, and other modes of transportation.

C. PREVIOUS WORK:

The current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) FYs 2020-2045 was amended by the Policy Board at their December 14, 2021 meeting. The Project Selection Process (PSP) was approved at the December 18, 2018 meeting and no updates have been made to it. The PSP used the Performance Measures as a guideline for incorporation into the document. The approved PSP streamlines project evaluation while providing a formal means for the use of performance measures, data, and other detailed information important in considering the merits of proposals. This PSP is intended to provide a practical and balanced approach to project decision making, meeting federal and state standards, while providing a reasonable amount of flexibility for adaption to local needs and changing conditions.

The Policy Board approved the Ten-Year Plan at their December 12, 2016 meeting. In order to capture project situations and to ensure that projects are ready to move forward in the projected phases, the Ten-Year Plan was amended numerous times. The MPO through a partnership with TxDOT worked with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on a MPO Boundary Expansion. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) subcommittee was formed to evaluate where and how the expansion would be needed. CityLink has purchased and installed an Automated Voice Annunciator system for its fixed-route buses. This system makes audible routine stop announcements, in addition to other service announcements, as a method of way-finding for passengers and to improve their transportation experience. This software system will also allow CityLink to maintain compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. In partnership with the City Parks and Recreation department, CityLink implemented a transportation program for Senior Citizens, previously provided by the City of Abilene, using an FTA 5310 grant and matching funds from the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) Area Agency on Aging. This was an opportunity to partner with other agencies to address a transit need. As the Lead Agency and with the assistance of a consultant, CityLink facilitated the update to the Region 7 5-year plan for the Regional Coordination Planning program.

D. SUBTASKS:

Subtask 4.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Ongoing MPO support of the social and economic vitality of the metropolitan area through any needed updates or revisions to the current MTP. Focus on incorporating performance measures into the MTP. Focus on a proactive public participation along with assessment of the social impacts of transportation projects in low-income and minority areas to make certain that Title VI and Environmental Justice guidelines are met.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.
- Develop and maintain the FYs 2025-2050 MTP.

Subtask 4.2 Long-Range Transit Planning

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Provide support for long-term planning projects.
- Focus on modernization of the transit system, facilities and fleet through the Transit Asset Management Plan.
- As the Lead Agency for Region 7, facilitate the 5-year Plan update for the Regional Coordination Planning program. (FTA Section 5304)

Subtask 4.3 Complete Streets

Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities. This may include a complete streets holistic approach in planning efforts and it could provide safe and accessible transportation options to our community. Ensure at a minimum that 2.5% of PL funds will be used to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as described in Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- Staff will compile and share data and information on active transportation.
- Evaluate active transportation system to understand system performance needs to identify regional activities.
- Hold public outreach sessions to share information and encourage active transportation.
- Work with other interested parties to advance and improve the program.
- Look for innovative ways to optimize funding for active transportation projects.
- Support and align statewide and regional active transportation strategies and actions.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Task 4 – Funding Summary Table FY 2024 and FY 2025

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹		FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS		LOCAL FUNDS		FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	
4.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 178,000	\$ 70,000							\$ 248,000
4.2	MPO/CITYLINK			\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 15,400	\$ 400	\$ 40,600	\$ -	\$ 59,600
4.3	MPO	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000							\$ 40,000
TOTAL		\$ 193,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 15,400	\$ 400	\$ 40,600	\$ -	\$ 347,600

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

VI. TASK 5 – SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this task is special studies of transportation and transportation related topics that support the development and maintenance of the planning process. Activities might include consultant contracting, research and data analysis. Documents produced in this task are intended to supplement information for other tasks as well as contribute to the revision of the MTP and help in prioritizing transportation improvement projects. It involves special one-time planning activities and major corridor analyses.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS:

Comprehensive planning analysis.

C. PREVIOUS WORK:

Comprehensive Transportation Corridor Study: Loop 322/SH 36; Comprehensive Growth Scenario Transportation Study: MPO Boundary Expansion; and Transit Multimodal Facility.

D. SUBTASKS:

Subtask 5.1 Comprehensive Growth Scenario Transportation Study - MPO Boundary Expansion

This task is a carryover from the previous UPWP. It will use MPO staff and a consultant to complete. Evaluate potential MPO Boundary expansion to capture transportation needs.

Subtask 5.2 Resiliency Plan

The MPO, in cooperation with TxDOT, FHWA, and local planning partners along with the possibility of a consultant will develop a plan to make the local transportation network resilient to natural disasters with an emphasis on network redundancy during extreme weather events.

Subtask 5.3 Transit Multimodal Facility

CityLink staff with FTA funding will complete the following task. A consultant will be used. This study will determine how a multimodal facility could help urban and rural transit providers to better serve their passengers and operate more efficiently. It will include the Planning and Scoping phase of the project all the way through Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, and initial Design phase of the project. (*FTA Section 5304*)

Subtask 5.4 Safety Action Plan

MPO staff will work with TTI to document the types of data and information the MPO uses for safety planning activities; how the MPO works with partner agencies and stakeholders to communicate safety-related information to decision makers and the public; and current and planned initiatives, projects, strategies, and counter measures to address transportation safety in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Subtask 5.5 Microtransit Services Study

CityLink staff with FTA funding will complete the following task. A consulting firm will conduct a strategic evaluation of fixed-route to microtransit system conversion. The primary aim of this

evaluation is to explore the feasibility of transitioning from the City's current fixed-route transit system to a more flexible and efficient microtransit system. This analysis is crucial in determining the best approach to adapt and enhance the City's transit services to better align with the evolving transportation needs of the community. The primary goals are to optimize existing microtransit services, further improve operational efficiency, and develop a strategic, comprehensive plan for the expansion and refinement of microtransit services throughout the City.

Subtask 5.6 Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

The MPO along with the help of a consultant will develop a plan to ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclist, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles (Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). Funding includes 2.5 percent of the amounts made available to the MPO under section 104(d) of Title 23, United States Code.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Task 5 – Funding Summary Table FY 2024 and FY 2025

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹		FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS		LOCAL FUNDS		FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	
5.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 5,000	\$ -							\$ 5,000
5.2	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000							\$ 60,000
5.3	CITYLINK/CONSULTANT			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,200	\$ -	\$ 238,200
5.4	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000							\$ 100,000
5.5	CITYLINK/CONSULTANT			\$ 200,000						\$ 200,000
5.6	MPO/CONSULTANT		\$ 200,000							\$ 200,000
TOTAL		\$ 75,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,200	\$ -	\$ 803,200

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

VII. BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET SUMMARY – ABILENE UPWP FISCAL YEAR 2024

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
1	ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	\$ 155,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 160,000
2	DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 800		\$ 104,000
3	SHORT RANGE PLANNING	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 18,950	\$ 62,950
4	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 193,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 15,400	\$ 40,600	\$ 250,600
5	SPECIAL STUDIES	\$ 75,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 238,200	\$ 513,200
TOTAL		\$ 563,000	\$ 212,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 297,750	\$ 1,090,750

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

Combined Transportation Planning Funds²	\$308,202.51
Estimated Unexpended Carryover³	\$351,472.60
TOTAL TPF	\$659,675.11

² As of May 26, 2023

³ Total under (over) programmed based on current level of expenditures **\$96,675.11**

BUDGET SUMMARY – ABILENE UPWP FISCAL YEAR 2025

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
1	ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	\$ 155,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000
2	DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 110,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 114,000
3	SHORT RANGE PLANNING	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 800	\$ 1,500	\$ 35,500
4	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 95,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 97,000
5	SPECIAL STUDIES	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,000
TOTAL		\$ 680,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 696,500

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

Combined Transportation Planning Funds²	\$375,000.00
Estimated Unexpended Carryover³	\$314,386.49
TOTAL TPF	\$689,386.49

² Estimate based on prior years' authorizations

³ Total under (over) programmed based on current level of expenditures **\$9,386.49**.

APPENDIX A MEMBERSHIP

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
CROWLEY, Phil	County Judge (elected)	Taylor County
DEARING, Jeremy	P.E., District Engineer	TxDOT, Abilene District
HURT, Weldon (Vice-Chairman)	Mayor (elected)	City of Abilene
PRICE, Shane (Chairman)	City Councilman (elected)	City of Abilene
SPURGIN, Dale	County Judge (elected)	Jones County

Non-Voting Members (All Elected)	Member's Title	Representing
Representative Jodey Arrington	U.S. Representative District 19	U.S. Congress
Representative Stan Lambert	State Representative District 71	State of Texas
Senator Charles Perry	State Senator District 28	State of Texas

*The City of Abilene Council Member position shall be occupied by the Council Member designated by action of the City Council. All other positions on the Transportation Policy Board shall be occupied by the individuals who hold the positions.

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
COLLETT, Danny	Commissioner Jones County	Jones County
GREEN, Don	Transportation Director	City of Abilene
HAITHCOCK, Michael	P.E., Transportation Planning & Development Director	TxDOT
JOHNSON, Max	Public Works Director	City of Abilene
LITTLEJOHN, Tim	Planning & Development Services Director	City of Abilene
SHIELDS, RANDEE	P.E., Director of Transportation Operations	TxDOT
SMETANA, E'Lisa (Chairperson)	Executive Director	Abilene MPO
SMITH, Preston "Conrad"	Community Planner	Dyess Air Force Base
STEVENS, Lauren	General Manager	City of Abilene CityLink
SUMNER, PJ	Environmental Program Coordinator	West Central COG
TREADWELL, Greg	Mayor	City of Tye
TURENTINE, Bryce	P.E., Abilene Area Engineer	TxDOT
WILLIAMS, Randy (Vice-Chairperson)	Commissioner Taylor County	Taylor County
WILLIAMSON, Doug	Director of Government Affairs, Community Partnerships, Military Affairs	Abilene Chamber of Commerce
VACANT	City Engineer, P.E.	City of Abilene
VACANT	Traffic Engineer	City of Abilene
VACANT	Mayor Pro-Tem (elected)	City of Impact
VACANT	Public Works Director	City of Tye
Non-Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
HAWKINS, Shannon	Metropolitan Transportation Planner - TxDOT TPP Division	TxDOT
OLIPHANT, Marc	Community Planner (Review Office)	FTA Region VI
PENA, Jessica	PTN Coordinator	TxDOT
TAYLOR, Michael	Regional Director	TCEQ
TUGBOBO, Babatunde	Transportation Planner	FHWA

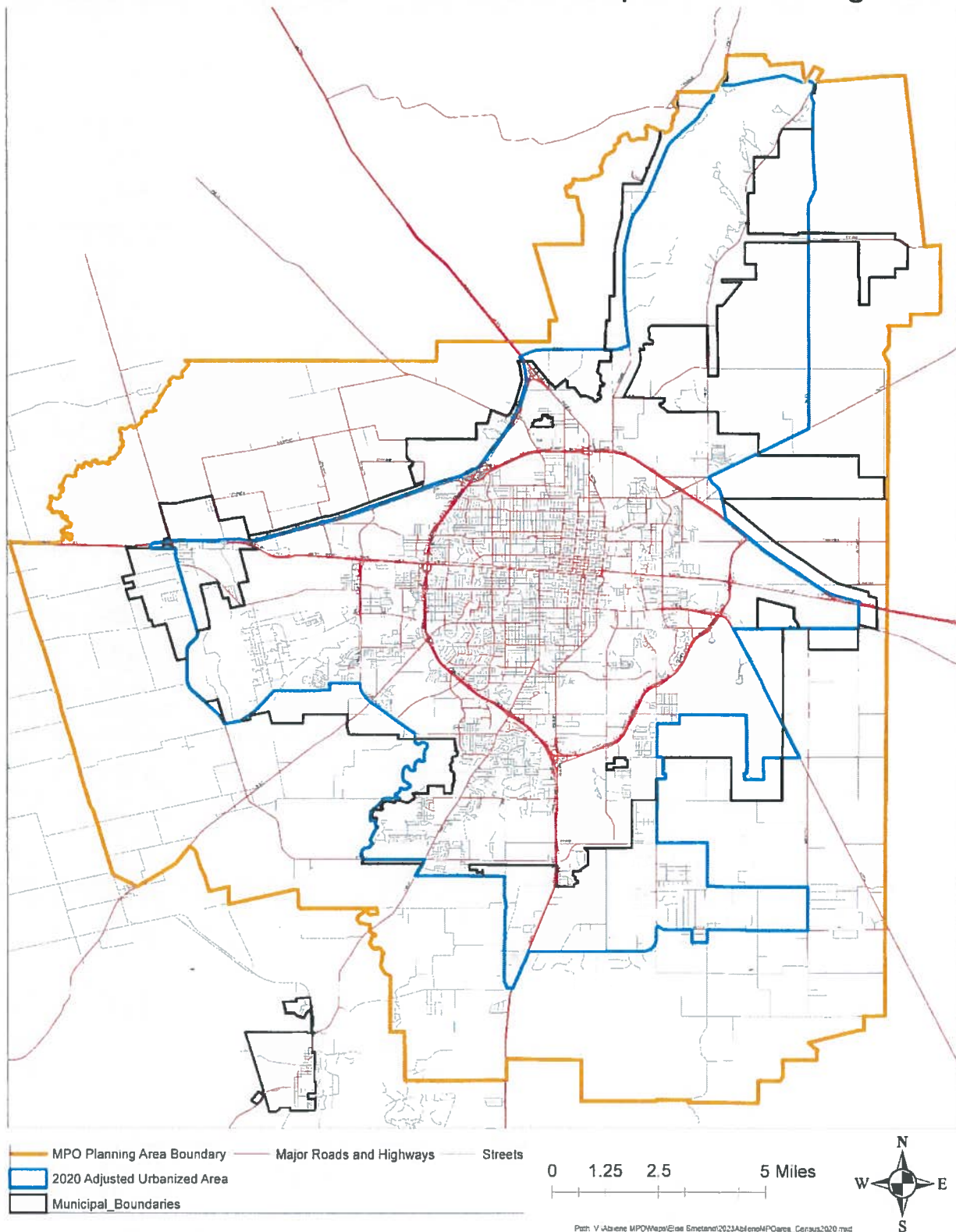
ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF MEMBERS

Member's Name	Member's Title
SMETANA, E'Lisa	MPO Executive Director
HARRIS, Cory	Transportation Planner I
RYAN, Rita	Office Assistant III

APPENDIX B METROPOLITAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP

(GOVERNOR OR GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE APPROVED) (Based on the 2020 Census Data)

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



APPENDIX C DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

(Negotiated Contracts)

- (1) The **Abilene MPO** as **CONTRACTOR** certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the **CONTRACTOR** is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such **CONTRACTOR** shall attach an explanation to this certification.

**federal, state or local*

Signature – Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

MPO Chairman - Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Title - Agency

Date

APPENDIX D LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclosure accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature – Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

MPO Chairman - Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Title - Agency

Date

APPENDIX E CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I, Shane Price, Abilene City Council Member and Policy Board Chairman,
(Name and Position, Typed or Printed)

a duly authorized officer/representative of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization,
(MPO)

do hereby certify that the contract and procurement procedures that are in effect and used by the
forenamed MPO are in compliance with 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost
Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as it may be revised or superseded.

Signature – Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

MPO Chairman - Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
Title - Agency

Date

Attest:

E'Lisa Smetana
Executive Director – Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX F CERTIFICATION OF INTERNAL ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

I, Shane Price, Abilene City Council Member and Policy Board Chairman,
(Name and Position, Typed or Printed)

a duly authorized officer/representative of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization,
(MPO)

do hereby certify that the forenamed MPO has adopted and does enforce an internal ethics and compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent violations of law, including regulations and ethical standards applicable to this entity or its officers or employees and that the internal ethics and compliance program satisfies the requirements of by 43 TAC § 31.39 “Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” and 43 TAC § 10.51 “Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” as may be revised or superseded.

Signature – Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

MPO Chairman - Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization
Title - Agency

Date

Attest:

E’Lisa Smetana
Executive Director – Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX G UPWP AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Submission of the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – May 30, 2023

Adoption of the Final Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – June 20, 2023

Administrative Amendment – August 2, 2023 (Added IIJA, removed STP, STS, and D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition to the List of Acronyms per FHWA)

Amendment 1 – December 19, 2023 (Under Subtask 2.1 Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Development, added in City of Abilene or consultant). Updated the cover page date. Updated the TAC member's page.

Amendment 2 - February 20, 2024 (Under Subtask 4.1 added funds from 2023 into 2024, under Subtask 5.4 updated funding under 2024 and 2025, and added Subtask 5.5.) Updated the cover page, table of contents, TAC membership, and amendments page.

Amendment 3 – April 15, 2025 (Pending Approval) (Under Subtask 3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 5.4 added funds, added in Subtask 5.6 and funds). Updated the cover page, table of contents, link in Planning Issues and Emphasis, PB and TAC membership, Boundary map, and amendments page.

APPENDIX H LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ALOP	Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
APER	Annual Performance and Expenditure Report
ARCGIS	Aeronautical Reconnaissance Coverage Geographic Information System
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOT	Department of Transportation
D.R.I.V.E.	Decisions, Responsibilities, Initiatives, Visions, Education Safe Coalition
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
HB	House Bill
HP	Hewlett Packard
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NHS	National Highway System
PEA	Planning Emphasis Area
PPP	Public Participation Plan
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users
SCAUG	South Central Area Users' Group
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century
TDM	Travel Demand Model
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPF	Transportation Planning Funds
TTI	Texas Transportation Institute
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
US	United States
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
WCTCOG	West Central Texas Council of Governments

7. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Supplemental Agenda Information**

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Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, period for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. The Unified Planning Work Program is the MPO's budget. All the work task of the MPO are included within the document. In addition, transit planning conducted by CityLink and any outside consultant work are included as part of the UPWP.

Current Situation

On February 7, 2025 TxDOT submitted a revised UPWP template. The draft UPWP is due to TxDOT on May 1, 2025 with the final to be submitted by July 15, 2025. After approval, the FYs 2026-2027 UPWP will start on October 1, 2025.

On April 7, staff received a TxDOT Checklist for the UPWP. Staff has been working on confirming compliance with the checklist. More information will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC at their March 18, 2025 meeting recommended approval to the Policy Board of the amendment to the FYs2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented with the notation that some of the items in yellow (pertaining to public participation, planning issues/emphasis link, etc.) would be updated.

Action Requested

1. Any changes/recommendations.
2. Approval of the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

FY 2026 and FY 2027

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)



TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA) STATUS:

Non-Transportation Management Area (Non-TMA)

AIR QUALITY STATUS:

Attainment

The preparation of this report has been financed in part through grant(s) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), under the State Planning and Research Program, Section 505 [or Metropolitan Planning, Section 104(d)] of Title 23, U.S. Code. The contents of this report do not necessarily reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

This UPWP complies with federal and state requirements, is true and correct, and is approved by

Abilene MPO Policy Board: Provide original approval date

Federal Approval: Provide original FHWA approval date

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The tasks located within the document fall during the time period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area is the area in and around the City of Abilene that is currently considered urbanized or, by Federal definition, the contiguous geographic area likely to become urbanized within the 20-year forecast period covered by the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The U.S. Census Bureau shows the Abilene area covers 106.79 square miles. This includes the Cities of Abilene, Impact, and Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi, some rural area in Taylor County adjacent to the Abilene city limits plus the entire Lake Fort Phantom area in the southeastern corner of Jones County. In early 2022, the MPO began a process of reviewing its MPA boundary in partnership with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). In September 2023, AECOM was recruited to provide support to the Abilene MPO to finish the boundary revision process. When the revised boundary gets approved by the Governor, the expansion will include Callahan County, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Clyde, City of Hawley, City of Lawn, City of Merkel, and City of Tuscola.

There are five tasks listed in the UPWP: Task I - Administration and Management, Task II - Data Development and Maintenance, Task III - Short Range Planning, Task IV - Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Task V - Special Studies. Each of these Tasks have Subtasks under them. These include: 1.1: Program Support and Administration, 1.2: Professional Development Training and Travel, 1.3: Public Participation and Education, 1.4: Transit Planning Management, 2.1: Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Development, 2.2: Performance Measures, 2.3: Title VI Civil Rights/Environmental Justice (EJ)/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 2.4: Travel Demand Model, 2.5: Transit Planning Data, 3.1: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 3.2: Transit, Bicycle, and Multimodal Planning, 3.3: Short-Term Transit Planning, 4.1: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), 4.2: Long-Range Transit Planning, 4.3: Complete Streets, 5.1: Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options, 5.2: Resiliency Plan, 5.3: Safety Action Plan, and 5.4: Microtransit Services Study.

The document follows the goals listed for the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as shown in detail in this UPWP.

The funding sources listed in the document are the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Transportation Planning Funds - TPF) which includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Funds. Transit funding for CityLink includes FTA 5307 (urban area), 5304 (statewide planning) funds, and local funds provided by the City of Abilene. The total funds included in the UPWP are as follows for the two-year period: TPF funding \$1,064,000, FTA 5307 funding \$224,000, and local funding \$405,000. Currently there are no FTA 5304 funds included but these amounts and funding sources change through amendments as the years progress.

INTRODUCTION

Federally required long-range transportation planning began with the passage of the Federal Highway Transportation Act of 1962. This act created a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) regional transportation planning process for urban areas. The legislation required urban areas of more than fifty thousand in population to create and implement transportation plans in order to receive federal highway funds. For the purpose of keeping Abilene's transportation plan up to date, an agreement between the City of Abilene and the State of Texas was executed on January 23, 1969 which established what is now known as the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The Abilene MPO is the transportation planning body for the City of Abilene, the City of Impact, the City of Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi; along with some adjacent rural areas. The Abilene MPO consists of federal, state and local agencies working together to avoid conflicting plans, duplicated projects or funding conflicts between transportation priorities in the metropolitan planning area. The mission of the MPO is to provide cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing short and long-range transportation planning which promotes safe and reliable movement of people and goods in the Abilene metropolitan area. The MPO's role is to develop and maintain the necessary transportation plans for the area to ensure that federal funds support locally developed plans and that the projects are part of a credible planning process that meets the local priorities.

The process of planning, maintaining, and improving the area's surface transportation system is a demanding, ongoing, and complex operation which requires the collaboration and coordination of the State and local government agencies, transportation providers, local businesses, and the residents of this region to make the process a success.

A. PURPOSE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning and related activities to be conducted within the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries that are funded by Federal, State, and local sources. In other words, the UPWP outlines the budget and work tasks required to sustain the transportation planning process. There are five tasks listed in the UPWP: Task I - Administration and Management, Task II - Data Development and Maintenance, Task III - Short Range Planning, Task IV - Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Task V - Special Studies. The tasks located within the document fall during the time period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

Over the years, legislation has enforced the need for coordinated planning. These include the following: *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)*, *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)* in 1998, *the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* in 2005 (*the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II extended the time of SAFETEA-LU until September 30, 2012*), *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* in July 2012, and in December of 2015 *the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST)*. The FAST Act was set to expire on September 30, 2020 but Congress approved a one-year extension to September 30, 2021. On November 15, 2021 the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* was signed. The IIJA provides infrastructure funding for fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for roads, bridges, mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and broadband.

With the passage of this transportation legislation, different strategies and processes emerged. SAFETEA-LU required Metropolitan Planning Organizations to provide for consideration of projects and strategies in their UPWPs that will serve to advance eight (8) transportation planning factors. This UPWP includes tasks that will allow on-going evaluation of the area's needs in relation to these eight broad goals:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

2. Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was enacted—the first federal law in over a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, safety, public transportation, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. The FAST Act improves mobility on the highways, creates jobs and supports economic growth, and accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation. The FAST Act took the eight planning factors of SAFETEA-LU and added two additional ones:

9. Improve the transportation system's resiliency and reliability and reduce or mitigate storm-water impact of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added to the ten (10) planning factors listed above with the following 2021 Planning Emphasis Areas.

1. Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future
2. Equity and Justice in Transportation Planning
3. Complete Streets
4. Public Involvement
5. Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/US Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
6. Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination
7. Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)
8. Data in Transportation Planning

The Abilene MPO will be looking at ways to incorporate all the planning factors/areas into some aspect of the transportation planning process throughout this UPWP. This could include planning for more bicycle and pedestrian access to points of interest, developing complete streets efforts, transitioning to cleaner energy methods, and planning towards the future of multimodal and autonomous transportation opportunities.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) which took effect on October 1, 2012 originated a new set of performance measure requirements. This performance-based system will establish national performance goals to achieve the following:

1. Safety—to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads;

2. Infrastructure condition—to maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair;
3. Congestion reduction—to achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System (NHS);
4. System reliability—to improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system;
5. Freight movement and economic vitality—to improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development;
6. Environmental sustainability—to enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
7. Reduced project delivery delays—to reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

In addition to the national goals listed above performance measures also apply to transit systems regarding state of good repair status for those systems receiving federal funding. This state of good repair is assessed and targets are set through the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan. Once federal rules have been adopted, state departments of transportation (DOT) then set statewide performance targets for each measure. Following this, MPOs must then make a choice to set their own targets or agree to support the targets established by the State. MPO's, transit agencies and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have been diligently working cooperatively to establish practices, support systems, and relationships necessary for the successful implementation of Project-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP).

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area is the area in and around the City of Abilene that is currently considered urbanized or, by Federal definition, the contiguous geographic area likely to become urbanized within the 20-year forecast period covered by the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The U.S. Census Bureau shows the Abilene area covers 106.79 square miles. This includes the Cities of Abilene, Impact, and Tye, the communities of Caps, Elmdale, Hamby, and Potosi, some rural area in Taylor County adjacent to the Abilene city limits plus the entire Lake Fort Phantom area in the southeastern corner of Jones County.

In early 2022, the MPO began a process of reviewing its MPA boundary in partnership with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). In September 2023, AECOM was recruited to provide support to the Abilene MPO to finish the boundary revision process. The Policy Board took action to approve the changes at their April 16, 2024 meeting. On June 25, 2024, the technical memo and revised boundary information was submitted to TxDOT. We were notified on October 3, 2024 that TxDOT has submitted the boundary expansion request to the Governor's Office and they are in the process of reviewing the submittal and providing the final sign-off. On November 20, 2024, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's legal staff is reviewing the documents. When the revised boundary gets approved, the expansion will include Callahan County, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Clyde, City of Hawley, City of Lawn, City of Merkel, and City of Tuscola.

The 2020 Census reported the population of Abilene was 125,182, for Taylor County 143,208, for Jones County 19,663 and for Callahan County 13,708.

C. ORGANIZATION

The Abilene MPO (MPO) consists of a Policy Board (PB), a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the MPO Staff. The Policy Board is the governing and policy-making body of the MPO. They provide direction and guidance for transportation planning in the MPO boundaries. The Policy Board is responsible for ensuring conformance with Federal regulations requiring that highways, mass transit, and other

transportation facilities and services are properly deployed and developed in relation to the overall plan for urban development. In November 2010, the Policy Board was reorganized from seventeen members to five voting members and the Technical Advisory Committee was established. The MPO Policy Board is comprised of the following five voting members: City of Abilene Mayor, City of Abilene Council Member, Jones County Judge, Taylor County Judge, and the TxDOT Abilene District Engineer. Three elected State and Federal legislators are represented as non-voting members. These include the U.S. Representative District 19, State Senator District 28, and the State Representative District 71.

The Technical Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Transportation Policy Board on all technical matters and on any other issues assigned to it by the Policy Board. The Technical Advisory Committee consists of representation from the cities of Abilene, Tye, and Impact; the counties of Taylor and Jones; the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Dyess Air Force Base; CityLink Transit; Abilene Chamber of Commerce; the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG); and the Abilene MPO. The Technical Advisory Committee's non-voting members includes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), TxDOT MPO Coordinator, and the TxDOT Public Transportation Coordinator.

The MPO staff is authorized for two full-time and one part-time employees who are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the MPO including information gathering and assembling of documents that correspond to transportation issues within the MPO boundary. The Executive Director is responsible for the direction of responsibilities and administration of the MPO. The Transportation Planner and Office Assistant provide valuable planning, technical resources, and clerical assistance for the MPO.

In order to assist with the mutual responsibility of carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, a memorandum of understanding has been executed with several of the organization's members (the MPO, TxDOT, and the City of Abilene as the Public Transit Operator of CityLink Transit) that clearly defines the roles of each entity in regard to transportation planning in our area. This memorandum facilitates a clear path towards ensuring that the development of major planning documents met the needs of our citizens' today and for future generations.

D. NON-MPO INVOLVEMENT

The MPO will be using the knowledge and expertise of the Technical Advisory Committee that includes members who are part of the private sector. The MPO may find it necessary to obtain legal and professional services to supplement MPO staff planning efforts for such tasks as outlined throughout the document as using the help of consultants.

E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

The Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) were updated on December 30, 2021 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Offices of Planning. The PEAs are listed below and the full description can be found at the following link:

https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/FTA_Planning_Emphasis_Areas_for_Planning_and_Research_Work_Programs_12-30-2021.pdf

- Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future
- Equity and Justice40 in Transportation Planning
- Complete Streets
- Public Involvement
- Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination

- Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)
- Data in Transportation Planning

Additional planning issues and emphasis that are important in the Abilene MPO includes coordination efforts and maintaining existing documents. Also regional coordination efforts of collaborating with community organizations to focus on a need to understand the dynamics of the transit providers along with the needs of transit users and matching those to the needs of the traveling community. Another important factor is to update and maintain the Travel Demand Model. Lastly working to ensure the performance-based planning efforts are sufficient to maintain their incorporation into the planning process.

The Abilene MPO will be looking at ways to incorporate the PEAs in all aspects of the work program as the year progresses. In addition, the Abilene MPO is committed to the ongoing practice of public participation in all aspects of the transportation planning process. The Abilene MPO has a Public Participation Plan (PPP). The purpose of the PPP is to provide an opportunity for meaningful, active, ongoing public participation and involvement for citizens, groups, agencies, and private providers of transportation. This allows citizens the opportunity to be included in every facet of transportation planning and related activities, especially at key decision-making times. As we look at ways to implement strategies, the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be an important element since it outlines the opportunities for citizens' input into the transportation planning activities of their community and helps provide a more distinct picture of how future transportation decisions will affect the general population. The Abilene MPO utilizes their website www.abilenempopo.org along with Facebook, Twitter (X), news media, public meetings, and other means to notify the citizens of ways to comment and become involved in the process.

I. TASK 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

REMINDERS:

- 1) Equipment purchases over \$10,000 must comply with 2 CFR §200.439: “Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.”
- 2) Out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by TxDOT according to 43 TAC §16.52(b): “The department will approve proposed travel outside the State of Texas by MPO staff and other agencies participating in the MPO planning processes if the travel is funded with federal transportation planning funds. The MPO must receive approval prior to incurring any costs associated with the actual travel (e.g., registration fee). This provision will not apply if the travel is at the request of the department. Travel to the State of Arkansas by the Texarkana MPO staff and travel to the State of New Mexico by the El Paso MPO staff shall be considered in-state travel.”

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is to provide administrative support to the transportation planning process for our area, secure necessary tools to ensure success, provide opportunities for public input, and to facilitate interagency cooperation and coordination. This task addresses general operations of the MPO, as well as administrative and managerial activities, financial management, interagency coordination, travel, procurement, transportation planning, and miscellaneous administrative support.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Maintain the operations of the MPO, including financial management, personnel, and the procurement of equipment and supplies needed for operations. Provide trained and knowledgeable staff by using various training and technical opportunities. Conduct a proactive public outreach approach to transportation planning. Obtain and maintain the necessary computer hardware, software, and technical support necessary to sustain functional operations. Technical assistance and support. Completion of all reports, certifications, and administrative documentation necessary to meet legal and regulatory requirements and ensure the continuity of the planning process. Provide support to the MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee. Public information materials including emails, letters, brochures, website, surveys, videos, social media, etc. Promote staff development through training, meetings, information sharing, and educational opportunities. All products are expected to be completed during the appropriate fiscal year.

PREVIOUS WORK

Created PowerPoint presentations, meeting handouts, agenda packets, project maps, detailed spreadsheets, and a variety of materials for the MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee. Prepared the monthly billing statements. MPO administrative and fiscal operations. Staff attendance at workshops, meetings, conferences, and training sessions. Development of monthly, quarterly, and annual reports as required by State and Federal agencies. Acquisition of supplies and minor office equipment. Completed required reports. Staff hiring and training. Maintained the Abilene MPO Facebook and Twitter (X) accounts and compiled pertinent information to be disseminated. Created and posted MPO Insider Newsletters.

C. SUBTASKS

For all tasks not specified elsewhere, the MPO will be conducting the work.

Subtask 1.1: Program Support and Administration

- Management of the MPO to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Maintain and update the UPWP as needed to reflect current plans, programs, and regional priorities.
- Develop the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).

- Develop the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP).
- Develop and update the FYs 2026-2027 UPWP.
- Coordination and monitoring of the transportation planning activities including compliance with the Federal and State requirements. This could include preparing and submitting reports, documents, and correspondence; maintaining and updating records; administering planning funds and financial information; maintaining the transportation grants - timesheet and billing submittal, budgeting, and financial planning; ensuring the development and delivery of required reports for transit and transportation activities.
- Providing support and facilitating the Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Board meetings, and other committees/subcommittees. This could include providing food and non-alcoholic beverages, pending TxDOT approval, at meetings and events when deemed appropriate.
- Prepare, and administer contracts, or agreements between the MPO, local agencies, and private consultants.
- Engage in staff supervision, personnel administration, and other miscellaneous administrative tasks that support the function of the MPO.
- Purchase or lease of office supplies, materials, furniture, equipment, computers, monitors, printers, plotters, support/maintenance agreements, and related computer software/equipment along with insurance, advertising, meeting facilities, etc. as necessary to provide transportation planning for the MPO area. A Plotter HP Designjet might need to be replaced for the printing of large maps with a cost around \$15,000.
- Facilitation of program activities through acquisition of long-term working and meeting space readily accessible to the general public and other public agencies including but not limited to the following: lease of workspace, electric and water utilities, acquisition, repair, and maintenance of office furnishings and non-computer equipment appropriate to program needs, local and long-distance telephone utilities, janitorial services.
- Indirect Cost Allocation Plan - City of Abilene staff and independent auditors will do the following work with TPF funding: financial, administrative, and managerial support functions of the fiscal agent necessary for the financial oversight and facilitation of the planning activities, including both internal and independent audits. The City of Abilene has a Cost Allocation Plan for indirect services provided by central departments. This plan is the product of an independent firm acting on the request of the City of Abilene. Actual expenditure information is obtained from the City's financial statements for the year-end. Statistics used to allocate costs are taken by performing one-hundred percent counts or in some cases conducting a representative sample period count.

Subtask 1.2: Professional Development Training and Travel

- MPO staff will attend meetings, workshops, seminars, and conferences to develop and maintain a professional and competent staff. This training may entail regional, state, or national conferences conducted by the American Planning Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Texas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Texas Department of Transportation, National Highway Institute, GIS software including ESRI User Conference, ArcGIS South Central Area Users' Group (SCAUG), ESRI training workshops, and other related organizations as deemed necessary or mandated for professional development purposes. This task may include travel costs of elected officials. The MPO will obtain prior approval from TxDOT for out-of-state travel.
- Participation in meetings including but not limited to City Council and County Commissions; along with boards and commissions; other stakeholders meetings; business associations and developers' meetings; and many others both local and regional to keep informed and disseminate information and/or data on transportation emerging trends and patterns. This task may also include attendance at meetings and trainings that coordinate with the Department of Defense (DOD) on the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) that connects to DOD facilities and coordination with the Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) on

infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads/transportation services that connect to Federal lands.

Subtask 1.3: Transit Planning Management

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Participation with the Citizen's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities as a vehicle for public involvement.
- Review and analysis of any future fare changes or route planning.
- Continue employee development through training courses and certification of both supervisory staff and employees.

D. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 1 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ²	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ³
1.1	MPO/CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -
1.2	MPO	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ -
1.3	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 154,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 159,000	\$ -

Table 1b: Task 1 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁴	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁵
1.1	MPO/CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -
1.2	MPO	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
1.3	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 165,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

II. TASK 2 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is to support those planning activities that generate or collect critical transportation data. Transportation planning requires the development of detailed databases and maps that describe the primary aspects of the transportation system and maintenance of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to aid in data development and tracking. This data is used in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and many other reports and studies.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Mapping of roadway networks necessary to support transportation planning activities. Geodatabase development for presentation of maps for MPO, transit, and other planning purposes. Geographic Information System (GIS), and data development analysis of various transportation elements. Develop and analyze transportation growth, trends, and needs, utilize traffic counts, land use and development data, and collision location data. To use socioeconomic data for travel demand forecasting. To maintain a database of useful planning tools to facilitate map creation. To generate, collect, and analyze detailed transportation data to develop and implement regional transportation plans and projects. To explore collection methods that enhances the ability to perform regional and corridor planning and analysis. Establishment and maintenance of performance measures to coincide with the federal regulations. Development of the Title VI Civil Rights, Environmental Justice (EJ), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Updates and Implementation. All products are expected to be completed during the appropriate fiscal year.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Continued update to a sidewalk layer map using Google Earth imagery, aerial imagery, as well as some physical site verifications as needed. Maps were prepared related to current project listings. Updated the website with pertinent information as needed such as minutes, board meeting notices, public meeting notices, reports, project picture updates, upcoming MPO events, and many other items. Performance measures were updated and used as applicable. CityLink captured daily and monthly statistics and data in order to provide periodic reporting to the City, State and Federal entities as required. CityLink also had ongoing data analysis that provided opportunities to improve services (microtransit zones, ZipZones, and on-call service areas), implement minor fixed route changes, and complete bus stop/bus shelter placement recommendations.

D. SUBTASKS

For all tasks not specified elsewhere, the MPO will be conducting the work.

Subtask 2.1: Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Development:

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from the City of Abilene and/or a consultant to complete.

- Maintenance of physical inventories along with on-going data gathering, updates, and maintenance of databases and maps related to transportation planning.
- Management and organization of internal internet GIS data, enhance the GIS resources available to the public, advance the mapping functionality, and augment the use of GIS visualization techniques.
- Evaluation/analysis of the existing and planned transportation system with regard to issues related to emergency evacuation, hazardous materials transportation, and other emergency response situations. Coordination with the STRAHNET and with FLMA will help promote a

useful planning network that shows connections to Federal lands and advocates for the best use of resources.

- Identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process by focusing on enhancing analytical capability for assessing impact distributions by utilizing Census data and other means for production of maps of minority, elderly, and low-income persons along with striving to minimize adverse effects of transportation projects on the human environment by using these identifying factors.
- Analysis and mapping of the environmental and economic areas (Planning and Environmental Linkages - PEL) which will help ensure that the needs of our community are met while avoiding/minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

Subtask 2.2: Performance Measures:

- The MPO will monitor and update performance measures/targets as needed. Continue implementation of the performance-based planning and programming process including working with TxDOT to monitor and evaluate the performance measures.

Subtasks 2.3: Title VI Civil Rights/Environmental Justice (EJ)/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from a consultant to complete.

- Continue to identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process and identify strategies to better reach minority and low-income groups.
- Continue to strive towards consistent and systematically fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals throughout the planning process.
- Continue to share as much data as possible to improve the policy and decision making of all parties involved in transportation planning.

Subtask 2.4: Travel Demand Model:

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Travel Demand Model (TDM) maintenance.
- Review of data, socioeconomic data collection, roadway network analysis, alternative analysis, and other work associated with the TDM.
- Ongoing updates to the GIS data pertaining to the Travel Demand Model including roadway network database development, Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) structure development, monitoring of regional growth through data collection of new residential development, acquisition of employer information, acquiring land-use data, and creating organized databases for this data for transportation and land-use analysis, and demographic database development.

Subtask 2.5: Transit Planning Data:

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Provision of monthly operational and statistical and financial reports.
- Development and incorporation of information, data and statistical analysis to address short range transit needs as it relates to fare changes, route changes, bus stop evaluations, and bus stop amenities.
- Compile data for the Triennial Review.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 2a: Task 2 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ⁷	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁸
2.1	MPO/CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -
2.2	MPO	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
2.3	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -
2.4	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
2.5	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 4,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 130,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 134,000	\$ -

Table 2b: Task 2 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ⁹	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁰
2.1	MPO/CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -
2.2	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
2.3	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
2.4	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
2.5	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 4,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 100,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 104,000	\$ -

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

III. TASK 3 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is to undertake planning activities both local and regional that are associated with short range or immediate implementation. This could include facilitating the implementation of transportation projects and programs in the TIP; providing for multimodal planning to improve the overall system; and supporting the development of short-range planning.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Updates to the Transportation Improvement Program. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Provide support to the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Committee. More coordinated efforts among public transportation providers in the planning and development of transit related activities. All products are expected to be completed during the appropriate fiscal year.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

MPO staff and CityLink staff work on a variety of projects throughout the year including the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), and many others. The MPO participated in the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan (RCTP) Stakeholders Group. CityLink staff have completed extensive planning. CityLink Staff participated in the Regional Coordination transportation planning process.

D. SUBTASKS

For all tasks not specified elsewhere, the MPO will be conducting the work.

Subtask 3.1: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- The MPO will monitor and amend the current TIP as needed and conduct project development meetings/presentations to educate and receive public participation as needed. Provide support, review and incorporate transit activities for more coordinated transit efforts.
- Data gathering and preparation of the FYs 2027 – 2030 TIP.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.

Subtask 3.2: Transit, Bicycle, and Multimodal Planning:

- Work with public transportation providers to coordinate transportation efforts and participate in the regional planning process of the multi-county regional planning area.
- Work with transit providers, the City of Abilene, and others on continuation of the Multimodal Terminal planning for the Abilene area.
- Continue to work with CityLink Transit to ensure efficient operations and planning.
- Conduct planning activities as needed to evaluate traffic patterns, needs analysis, and service standards on transit services.
- Provide support for the implementation of planning activities in the City of Abilene's Bicycle Plan.
- Work with local government and community organizations to access grants and other funding opportunities to develop bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation.
- Work with the local transit agency to incorporate a more congruent transit, bicycle, and pedestrian method of transportation.

- Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities.

Subtask 3.3: Public Participation and Education

- Maintain and keep updated the Public Participation Plan.
- Conduct public outreach and provide support for public meetings. Includes publishing legal notices, press releases, advertisements, along with securing meeting arrangements, producing materials and data for distribution.
- Provide newsletters, update MPO website, use of social media, workshops, and development of pertinent publications to disseminate information and educate on programs. Work toward more virtual public involvement possibilities.
- MPO staff will maintain the MPO website and provide updates to enhance public participation in the MPO processes. This is a continual project that will evolve as technology changes to provide the best possible use of resources.

Subtask 3.4: Short-Term Transit Planning:

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Short range planning projects needed to meet federal/state requirements.
- Provide funding projections and budgetary planning for incorporation of transit projects in the TIP and UPWP.
- Bus Stop identification, GIS database compiling and integration, inventory, and shelter locations.
- Analysis of effectiveness of routes.
- Mobile fare applications and improved payment systems analysis.
- Participate in the Regional Planning Process.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 3a: Task 3 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹²	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹³
3.1	MPO	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,000
3.2	MPO	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
3.3	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
3.4	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 4,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 55,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 59,000	\$ 5,000

Table 3b: Task 3 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹⁴	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁵
3.1	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,000
3.2	MPO	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
3.3	MPO	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
3.4	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 4,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 25,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 29,000	\$ 5,000

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

IV. TASK 4 - METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is to encompass all activities associated with maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP identifies long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary for a 25-year horizon. To develop, monitor, adopt, and publish the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Provide updates to the Ten-Year Plan. Identify long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary. To focus on having an integrated multimodal transportation system. To incorporate performance measures into the plan.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Analysis of the current MTP and Ten-Year Plan to ensure needs are being met along with more coordination and planning activities among public transportation providers, bicyclist, pedestrians, and other modes of transportation. All products are expected to be completed during the appropriate fiscal year.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

The current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) FYs 2050 was approved at the December 17, 2024 Policy Board meeting. Consultants and MPO staff worked throughout the year on the document. CityLink conducted long-term planning activities including discussions relating to feasibility studies, land acquisition and use of current property. Numerous aspects of the complete streets were covered under other avenues including TxDOT and the City of Abilene striving to place sidewalks, multi-use paths, and bicycle facilities within their projects.

D. SUBTASKS

For all tasks not specified elsewhere, the MPO will be conducting the work.

Subtask 4.1: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Ongoing MPO support of the social and economic vitality of the metropolitan area through any needed updates or revisions to the current MTP. Focus on incorporating performance measures into the MTP. Focus on a proactive public participation along with assessment of the social impacts of transportation projects in low-income and minority areas to make certain that Title VI and Environmental Justice guidelines are met.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.
- Maintain the FYs 2025-2050 MTP.
- Continue updates to the MPO's Ten-Year Plan.

Subtask 4.2: Long-Range Transit Planning:

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Provide support for long-term planning projects.
- Focus on modernization of the transit system, facilities and fleet through the Transit Asset Management Plan.

Subtask 4.3: Complete Streets:

Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities. This may include a complete streets holistic approach in planning efforts and it could provide safe and accessible transportation options to our community. Ensure at a minimum that 2.5% of PL funds will be used to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as described in Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- Staff will compile and share data and information on active transportation.
- Evaluate active transportation system to understand system performance needs to identify regional activities.
- Hold public outreach sessions to share information and encourage active transportation.
- Work with other interested parties to advance and improve the program.
- Look for innovative ways to optimize funding for active transportation projects.
- Support and align statewide and regional active transportation strategies and actions.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 4a: Task 4 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹⁷	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁸
4.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
4.2	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 2,000	\$ -
4.3	MPO	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL		\$ 35,000	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 37,000	\$ 15,000

Table 4b: Task 4 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ¹⁹	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁰
4.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -
4.2	CITYLINK	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 2,000	\$ -
4.3	MPO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 25,000	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 27,000	\$ -

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

V. TASK 5 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this task is special studies of transportation and transportation related topics that support the development and maintenance of the planning process. Activities might include consultant contracting, research and data analysis. Documents produced in this task are intended to supplement information for other tasks as well as contribute to the revision of the MTP and help in prioritizing transportation improvement projects. It involves special one-time planning activities and major corridor analyses.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Comprehensive planning analysis. All products are expected to be completed during the appropriate fiscal year.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

MPO Boundary Expansion, Transit Multimodal Facility, Safety Action Plan, and Microtransit Services Study.

D. SUBTASKS

For all tasks not specified elsewhere, the MPO will be conducting the work.

Subtask 5.1: Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

The MPO along with the help of a consultant will develop a plan to ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclist, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles (Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). Funding includes 2.5 percent of the amounts made available to the MPO under section 104(d) of Title 23, United States Code.

Subtask 5.2: Resiliency Plan

The MPO, in cooperation with TxDOT, FHWA, and local planning partners along with the possibility of a consultant will develop a plan to make the local transportation network resilient to natural disasters with an emphasis on network redundancy during extreme weather events.

Subtask 5.3: Safety Action Plan

MPO staff will work with TTI to document the types of data and information the MPO uses for safety planning activities; how the MPO works with partner agencies and stakeholders to communicate safety-related information to decision makers and the public; and current and planned initiatives, projects, strategies, and counter measures to address transportation safety in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Subtask 5.4: Microtransit Services Study

CityLink staff with FTA funding will complete the following task. A consulting firm will conduct a strategic evaluation of fixed-route to microtransit system conversion. The primary aim of this evaluation is to explore the feasibility of transitioning from the City's current fixed-route transit system to a more flexible and efficient microtransit system. This analysis is crucial in determining the best approach to adapt and enhance the City's transit services to better align with the evolving transportation needs of the community. The primary goals are to optimize existing microtransit services, further improve operational efficiency, and develop a strategic, comprehensive plan for the expansion and refinement of microtransit services throughout the City.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 5a: Task 5 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ²²	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²³
5.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
5.2	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
5.3	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
5.4	CITYLINK/CONSULTANT	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 70,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ 30,000

Table 5b: Task 5 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ²⁴	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁵
5.1	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5.2	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5.3	MPO/CONSULTANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5.4	CITYLINK/CONSULTANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Table 6a: Funding Summary - FY 2026

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ²⁶	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁷
1	ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	\$ 154,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 159,000	\$ -
2	DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 130,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 134,000	\$ -
3	SHORT RANGE PLANNING	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 59,000	\$ 5,000
4	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 37,000	\$ 15,000
5	SPECIAL STUDIES	\$ 70,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ 30,000
TOTAL		\$ 444,000	\$ 212,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 659,000	\$ 50,000

Table 6b: Funding Summary - FY 2027

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) ²⁸	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁹
1	ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	\$ 165,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -
2	DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 104,000	\$ -
3	SHORT RANGE PLANNING	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 29,000	\$ 5,000
4	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 27,000	\$ -
5	SPECIAL STUDIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 315,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 5,000

Combined TPF Allocations (WO 1 and WO 2) for FY 2026 and FY 2027	\$750,000.00
Estimated Unexpended TPF Carryover (WO 3) from FY 2025	\$9,386.49
TOTAL TPF for FY 2026 and FY 2027	\$759,386.49

TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

APPENDIX A

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
CROWLEY, Phil	County Judge (elected)	Taylor County
DEARING, Jeremy	P.E., District Engineer	TxDOT, Abilene District
HURT, Weldon (Vice-Chairman)	Mayor (elected)	City of Abilene
PRICE, Shane (Chairman)	City Councilman (elected)	City of Abilene
SPURGIN, Dale	County Judge (elected)	Jones County

Non-Voting Members (All Elected)	Member's Title	Representing
Representative Jodey Arrington	U.S. Representative District 19	U.S. Congress
Representative Stan Lambert	State Representative District 71	State of Texas
Senator Charles Perry	State Senator District 28	State of Texas

*The City of Abilene Council Member position shall be occupied by the Council Member designated by action of the City Council. All other positions on the Transportation Policy Board shall be occupied by the individuals who hold the positions.

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
COLLETT, Danny	Commissioner Jones County	Jones County
GREEN, Don	Transportation Director	City of Abilene
HAITHCOCK, Michael	P.E., Transportation Planning & Development Director	TxDOT
JOHNSON, Max	Public Works Director	City of Abilene
LITTLEJOHN, Tim	Planning & Development Services Director	City of Abilene
SHIELDS, RANDEE	P.E., Director of Transportation Operations	TxDOT
SMETANA, E'Lisa (Chairperson)	Executive Director	Abilene MPO
SMITH, Preston "Conrad"	Community Planner	Dyess Air Force Base
STEVENS, Lauren	General Manager	City of Abilene CityLink
SUMNER, PJ	Environmental Program Coordinator	West Central COG
TREADWELL, Greg	Mayor	City of Tye
TURENTINE, Bryce	P.E., Abilene Area Engineer	TxDOT
WILLIAMS, Randy (Vice-Chairperson)	Commissioner Taylor County	Taylor County
WILLIAMSON, Doug	Director of Government Affairs, Community Partnerships, Military Affairs	Abilene Chamber of Commerce
VACANT	City Engineer, P.E.	City of Abilene
VACANT	Traffic Engineer	City of Abilene
VACANT	Mayor Pro-Tem (elected)	City of Impact
VACANT	Public Works Director	City of Tye
Non-Voting Members	Member's Title	Representing
HAWKINS, Shannon	Metropolitan Transportation Planner - TxDOT TPP Division	TxDOT
OLIPHANT, Marc	Community Planner (Review Office)	FTA Region VI
PENA, Jessica	PTN Coordinator	TxDOT
TAYLOR, Michael	Regional Director	TCEQ
TUGBOBO, Babatunde	Transportation Planner	FHWA

ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF MEMBERS

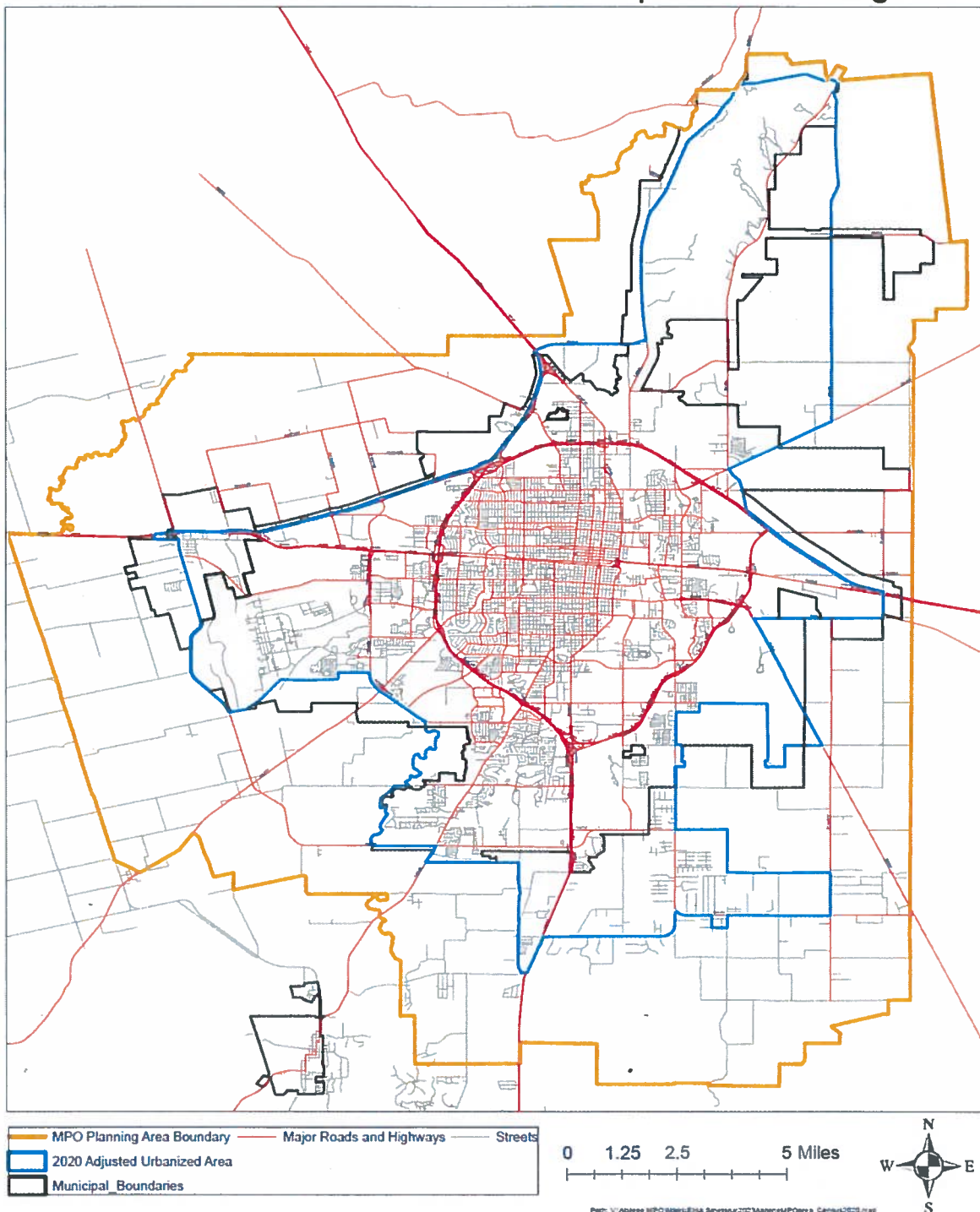
Member's Name	Member's Title
SMETANA, E'Lisa	MPO Executive Director
HARRIS, Cory	Transportation Planner I
RYAN, Rita	Office Assistant III

APPENDIX B

Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map

(GOVERNOR OR GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE APPROVED – OCTOBER 17, 2006) (Based on the 2020 Census Data)

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



APPENDIX C

Debarment Certification

(Negotiated Contracts)

(1) The Abilene MPO as **CONTRACTOR** certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the **CONTRACTOR** is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such **CONTRACTOR** shall attach an explanation to this certification.

**federal, state or local*

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

Date

Policy Board – Chair

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX D

Lobbying Certification

The undersigned certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

Date

Policy Board – Chair

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX E

Certification of Contract and Procurement Procedures Compliance

I, Shane Price, Abilene City Council Member and Policy Board Chair,

a duly authorized officer/representative of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

do hereby certify that the contract and procurement procedures that are in effect and used by the forenamed MPO are in compliance with 2 CFR §200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as it may be revised or superseded.

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

Date

Policy Board – Chair

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attest:

E'Lisa Smetana

Executive Director – Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX F

Certification of Internal Ethics and Compliance Program

I, Shane Price, Abilene City Council Member and Policy Board Chair

a duly authorized officer/representative of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

do hereby certify that the forenamed MPO has adopted and does enforce an internal ethics and compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent violations of law, including regulations and ethical standards applicable to this entity or its officers or employees and that the internal ethics and compliance program satisfies the requirements of 43 TAC § 31.39 “Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” and 43 TAC § 10.51 “Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” as it may be revised or superseded.

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

Date

Policy Board – Chair

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attest:

E’Lisa Smetana

Executive Director – Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPENDIX G

Amendment Summary

Abilene MPO

FY 2026 and 2027 UPWP Amendment Summary

Policy Board Action DATE	Federal Approval DATE	UPWP Amendment Resolution Number	UPWP Page #(s)	CIV Reporting- DBE Goal	UPWP Amendment Summary

APPENDIX H

Completed UPWP Checklist (Optional)

MPO Name	Received On	Returned On	UPWP Duration	UPWP Fiscal Year(s)
Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization	X/X/XXXX	X/X/XXXX	1 Yr. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FY: 2026-2027
Reviewed By	TMA Status		Air-Quality Status	
	<input type="checkbox"/> TMA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-TMA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance	

Instructions

This checklist is designed to assist the MPO Coordinator in reviewing MPO Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). After review by the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) MPO Coordinator, the checklist may be included in the appendix of the UPWP. Initial comments by TxDOT MPO Coordinators should be made in RED, and comments in reply by MPOs should be made in BLUE. Select the appropriate Style under the "Home" tab in MS Word to make comments in the corresponding colors. Comments made by TxDOT MPO Coordinators should be categorized in the following ways:

Mandatory (M) – These comments MUST be addressed to meet state and federal approval requirements. Reviewers should cite the specific policy, regulation, or procedure the UPWP does not currently align with.

Advisory (A) – These comments improve the document's overall quality but will not inhibit TPP's referral to FHWA for approval (e.g., grammar, spelling, formatting, clarity, graphical enhancements, or other refinements).

Comments should include the UPWP page number, a designation of mandatory (M) or advisory (A), and sufficient detail to allow the MPO to make updates. See the following examples:

Pg. 7 – (M) Add details at the subtask level for the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside per the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law §11206 and TxDOT policy.
Updated subtask to include details about set-aside.

Pg. 10 – (A) Task 3 Budget Summary table title has incorrect year.
Updated table title to correct year.

UPWP Checklist

Cover Page			Comments	
Item	Check			
Identifies UPWP duration with either FY XXXX – or – FY XXXX & FY XXXX.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	[Pg. # - (M/A) insert comment here]	
Provides Document Name (Unified Planning Work Program) and MPO Name.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Indicates MPO TMA status.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Indicates MPO Air Quality Status.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Identifies the MPO policy-making body's name and the UPWP approval date (if draft, can be placeholder).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If amendment: Provides original FHWA approval date and approval dates when amended.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

At least one Subtask addresses the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside of PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. §11206(b) of BIL	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Each Task includes a Task Funding Summary Table by subtask, responsible agency, funding source, and any funding for the required 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside that matches the narrative and with total amounts consistent with the Budget Summary. 23 CFR 450.308(c)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
All Task work is within the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary. If no: MPO provides acceptable explanation of the impact the work outside the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary has on the transportation system within the boundary. Only data collection and analysis activities are eligible. 43 TAC §16.52(b)(2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task-Specific Requirements		
Item	Check	Comments
Task 1: Administration and Management		
Task states that equipment costing more than \$10,000 requires prior approval by the federal agency. 2 CFR 200.439(b)2	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	[Pg. # - (M/A) insert comment here]
Task states that out-of-state travel requires prior approval by TxDOT. 43 TAC 16.52(b)3	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Subtask addresses work and maintenance of UPWP.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task addresses employee time, including sick and vacation hours. External Audit Report	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If applicable, subtask addresses staff training, education, and travel (including out-of-state travel).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Subtask provides information about Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Subtask provides information about Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task 2: Data Development & Maintenance		

Subtasks address collection and maintenance of data to support the metropolitan planning process, such as population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, economic activity, safety, performance measures, and transportation demand.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task 3: Short Range Planning		
Subtasks identify work related to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Subtasks identify work related to the public participation plan (PPP).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task 4: Metropolitan Transportation Plan		
Subtasks identify work related to MTP.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Task 5: Special Studies		
Subtasks identify work related to special studies, if any.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget Summary		
Item	Check	Comments
Budget follows the standard format. If no , justification was provided and accepted by TxDOT.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	[Pg. # - (M/A) insert comment here]
Budget does not exceed available funding.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget reflects the correct Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) breakdown, including the 2.5% Safety Set-Aside of PL funds.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
The total funding for the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside amounts to <i>at least</i> 2.5% of total PL funds.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget lists combined authorized TPF for the duration of the UPWP.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget lists Estimated Unexpended Carryover for the upcoming FY and reasons for unexpended carryover.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget reflects the correct State Funds amount (Transportation Development Credits & Explanation).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
The budget is broken down by year.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Appendices		
Item	Check	Comments
Includes policy-making body membership, Technical Advisory Committee membership, MPO staff.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Includes MPA Boundary Map with a revision date.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

8. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Supplemental Agenda Information**

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Background

Every year the Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER) is due by December 31st to FHWA and FTA to ensure compliance. TxDOT requests that the reports be given to them by December 15th to allow time for their review.

The APER was submitted to TxDOT on Monday, December 16, 2024. TxDOT submitted the report to FHWA on February 7, 2025 with a recommendation of acceptance. We received notification on February 13, 2025 that FHWA had a couple of comments on the submitted FY 2024 APER along with a thank you for a well done FY 2024 APER. Those comments were addressed by the MPO on February 13. We received acknowledgement on February 18 that FHWA did not have any additional comments on the document. On February 19, 2025 we received acknowledgement from FTA that they did not have any comments but did state that the report was very detailed and great job on using the FTA planning funding.

Current Situation

Per 23 CFR 420.117, suitable reports that document the results of activities performed with FHWA planning and research funds must be prepared by the State DOT or subrecipient and submitted for approval by the FHWA Division Administrator prior to publication. The FHWA Division Administrator may waive this requirement for prior approval. The FHWA's approval of reports constitutes acceptance of such reports as evidence of work performed but does not imply endorsement of a report's findings or recommendations.

With the acknowledgements from TxDOT, FHWA, and FTA the report is now ready for publication.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

N/A.

Action Requested

1. Approval/Acknowledgement of the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).



Abilene Metropolitan Planning
Organization

Annual Performance and Expenditure Report

FY 2024



OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

POLICY BOARD APPROVAL: April 15, 2025 (Pending Approval)



Report Prepared for DECEMBER 15, 2024
Administrative Amendment February 13, 2025

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

The City of Abilene
The City of Impact
The City of Tye
CityLink Transit
Jones County
Taylor County
The Texas Department of Transportation

IN COOPERATION WITH:

The Federal Highway Administration
The Federal Transit Administration
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Task 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

TASK SUMMARY

Task 1 – Administration and Management

The purpose of this task is to provide administrative support to the transportation planning process for our area, secure necessary tools to ensure success, provide opportunities for public input, and to facilitate interagency cooperation and coordination. This task addresses general operations of the MPO, as well as administrative and managerial activities, financial management, interagency coordination, travel, procurement, transportation planning, development of Title VI implementation, and miscellaneous administrative support

Subtask 1.1 - Program Support and Administration

- Management of the MPO to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Maintain and update the UPWP as needed to reflect current plans, programs, and regional priorities, and develop the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).
- Develop and update the FYs 2024-2025 UPWP.
- Coordination and monitoring of the transportation planning activities including compliance with the Federal and State requirements. This could include preparing and submitting reports, documents, and correspondence; maintaining and updating records; administering planning funds and financial information; maintaining the transportation grants - timesheet and billing submittal, budgeting, and financial planning; ensuring the development and delivery of required reports for transit and transportation activities.
- Providing support and facilitating the Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Board meetings, and other committees/subcommittees. This could include providing food and non-alcoholic beverages, pending TxDOT approval, at meetings and events when deemed appropriate.
- Prepare, and administer contracts, or agreements between the MPO, local agencies, and private consultants.
- Engage in staff supervision, personnel administration, and other miscellaneous administrative tasks that support the function of the MPO.
- Purchase or lease of office supplies, materials, furniture, equipment, computers, monitors, printers, plotters, support/maintenance agreements, and related computer software/equipment along with insurance, advertising, meeting facilities, etc. as necessary to provide transportation planning for the MPO area. A Plotter HP Design jet might need to be replaced for the printing of large maps with a cost around \$10,000. New computers for MPO staff may be needed at an estimated cost of \$12,000. Equipment and software purchases over \$5,000 per unit require prior State and Federal approval.
- Facilitation of program activities through acquisition of long-term working and meeting space readily accessible to the general public and other public agencies including but not limited to the

following: lease of workspace, electric and water utilities, acquisition, repair, and maintenance of office furnishings and non-computer equipment appropriate to program needs, local and long-distance telephone utilities, janitorial services.

- Indirect Cost Allocation Plan - City of Abilene staff and independent auditors will do the following work with TPF funding: financial, administrative, and managerial support functions of the fiscal agent necessary for the financial oversight and facilitation of the planning activities, including both internal and independent audits. The City of Abilene has a Cost Allocation Plan for indirect services provided by central departments. This plan is the product of an independent firm acting on the request of the City of Abilene. Actual expenditure information is obtained from the City's financial statements for the year-end. Statistics used to allocate costs are taken by performing one-hundred percent counts or in some cases conducting a representative sample period count.

Work Performed and Status: Management of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was completed in compliance with State and Federal requirements. The Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was amended on December 19, 2023 and February 20, 2024. The FY 2023 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) was completed and submitted to TxDOT on December 15, 2023. We received comments back from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on January 25, 2024. Those comments were addressed on January 29, 2024 and final acceptance was received from FHWA/FTA on January 30, 2024. This was presented and acknowledged at the February 20, 2024 Policy Board meeting.

The City of Abilene, along with MPO Staff, prepared TxDOT monthly billings, financial status updates, and reviewed/reconciled budget information including purchasing cards, bills, and updated the daily budget. The MPO prepared information, conducted meetings, and evaluated transportation needs brought to the attention of the MPO staff throughout the fiscal year.

In regards to the internal City of Abilene's budget process, the following were accomplished: closed out FY 2023 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) budget reports and moved them to storage; compiled, revised, and began the close-out of the FY 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) budget spreadsheets; created, compiled, and submitted the FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025) budget thru the City's process. Staff updated the FY 2025 budget forms, added in the new Tyler Budget Codes, and compiled the accounting information needed to track bills, payments, and other miscellaneous items.

The MPO created PowerPoint presentations, meeting handouts, agenda packets, project maps, detailed spreadsheets, and a variety of materials for the MPO Policy Board (PB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Additional data was provided as requested. Meeting minutes were taken and recorded. All the PB meetings were livestreamed; recordings of those meetings are on the City's website for ease of access at the following link <https://abilenetx.gov/561/Live-Archived-Video>. The MPO website was updated with pertinent information as needed. Documentation requested by the Policy Board was prepared, including - but not limited to - information on the MPO budget, staffing and job descriptions, project updates, and work tasks. The MPO also researched, prepared documentation, coordinated speakers, and hosted a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Delphi Panel and a combined Policy Board/Technical Advisory

Committee (PB/TAC) Workshop. The purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages for the MPO meetings, Delphi Panel, and the workshop were done in accordance with TxDOT policies.

Abilene MPO PB/TAC Workshop – August 20, 2024



An Abilene MPO fully staffed would be represented by a part-time office assistant, a transportation planner, and an executive director. Going as far back as 2010 under a MPO Management Review, three full-time staff members were recommended. The MPO has looked at hiring three full-time staff members due to the continually increasing workload. This was researched and presented in 2022 to the Policy Board but currently there is not sufficient annual funding to sustain three full-time employees. Personnel administration has been a challenge, same as it has been in the past reports, due to lack of staff. The Transportation Planner position has been vacant since June 10, 2022. That job was posted on the City of Abilene, Texas MPOs, Association of MPOs, Texas Municipal League (TML), and Strategic Government Resources (SGR) websites. It was also posted on the Handshake platform and information was submitted to Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, Texas State Technical College, McMurry University, and Cisco College. Over that two-plus year timeline, we interviewed numerous applicants for the position and made a job offer to a few. Those applicants declined the position due to better pay/benefits/acceptance elsewhere. We revised the job description to include on-the-job training for the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and TransCAD software applications. We received more applications and interviewed numerous applicants. In October 2024, we offered the Transportation Planner position to an applicant, and it was accepted with a start date of November 4, 2024. All information and documentation related to staffing was completed, including Human Resources (HR) paperwork for the transportation planner position.

The MPO purchased miscellaneous and general office supplies necessary for the day-to-day efficient operation of the MPO. No single purchase for equipment exceeding \$5,000 was made. A purchase of a Dell 38" curved monitor was made in May 2024. The MPO renewed the Liability and Property Insurance for the office location as required by the lease agreement. The building lease was extended for a one-year term on June 20, 2024 and will expire on June 30, 2025. The landlord is discontinuing janitorial services for individual offices in all new building leases thus the MPO became responsible for disposing of trash and cleaning their offices.

The MPO's website was maintained, including renewal of the Deluxe Linux website hosting, Managed Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certification, and the domain names renewal. The MPO did not purchase legal services, nor were the rental of meeting facilities/equipment needed. Internet,

rent, copier, and phone services continue to be monthly charges. All purchases were in accordance with the MPO and City of Abilene purchasing procedures. The MPO paid for advertising of public meetings and required notices as needed according to the Public Participation Plan.

The City of Abilene provided budget and financial information to auditors, but the MPO was not officially audited during this report period. The auditors rotate their selection of grants every year. The City of Abilene has a Cost Allocation Plan for indirect services provided by central departments. This plan is the product of an independent firm acting at the request of the City of Abilene. Actual expenditure information is obtained from the City's financial statements for the year-end. Statistics used to allocate costs are taken by performing one-hundred percent counts or, in some cases, conducting a representative sample period count. For Fiscal Year 2024, the amount of indirect cost charged to the MPO was \$5,000. Shown in the chart below are the indirect costs charged from 2011 to 2024.

YEAR	INDIRECT COST
2011	\$8,055
2012	\$19,544
2013	\$21,615
2014	\$31,920
2015	\$31,921
2016	\$23,090
2017	\$7,310
2018	\$4,780
2019	\$2,890
2020	\$1,850
2021	\$3,800
2022	\$4,310
2023	\$4,750
2024	\$5,000

Subtask 1.2 - Professional Development Training and Travel

- MPO staff will attend meetings, workshops, seminars, and conferences to develop and maintain a professional and competent staff. This training may entail regional, state, or national conferences conducted by the American Planning Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Texas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Texas Department of Transportation, National Highway Institute, GIS software including ESRI User Conference, ArcGIS South Central Area Users' Group (SCAUG), ESRI training workshops, and other related organizations as deemed necessary or mandated for professional development purposes. This task may include travel costs of elected officials. The MPO will obtain prior approval from TxDOT for out-of-state travel.
- Participation in meetings including but not limited to City Council and County Commissions; along with boards and commissions; other stakeholders meetings; business associations and developers' meetings; and many others both local and regional to keep informed and

disseminate information and/or data on transportation emerging trends and patterns. This task may also include attendance at meetings and trainings that coordinate with the Department of Defense (DOD) on the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) that connects to DOD facilities and coordination with the Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads/transportation services that connect to Federal lands.

Work Performed and Status: MPO Staff participated in the following trainings.

DATES	COURSE	LOCATION	STAFF PRESENT
November 3, 2023	Tyler Training - Purchasing Card- Remote with City Finance	Google Meet	2
November 16, 2023	Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition Meeting	Webinar	1
November 30 and December 1, 2023	Texas MPO (TEMPO) Meeting	Austin	1
December 14, 2023	Texas Motorcycle Coalition Meeting	Webinar	1
January 18, 2024	Texas Cybersecurity Awareness Training - KnowBe4	Webinar	2
February 6, 2024	Paradigm First Responder Pipeline Training	Abilene	2
February 8, 2024	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Exception Review	Webinar	1
February 8, 2024	FHWA Performance Measures (PM) Proposed Rulemaking	Webinar	1
March 21, 2024	TxDOT Safety Planning Meeting	Austin	1
March 21-22, 2024	TEMPO Meeting	Austin	1
April 1, 2024	Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) 2023 Traffic Monitoring Information Session	Webinar	1
April 3, 2024	Code Red Tornado Drill	N/A	2
April 22, 2024	Travel Survey Information Session	Webinar	2
June 28, 2024	TEMPO Virtual Meeting	Webinar	2
September 3-5, 2024	Transportation Planning Conference - Dallas	Dallas	1
September 5-6, 2024	TEMPO Meeting - Arlington	Arlington	1
September 26, 2024	Decision Lens Information Training	Webinar	1
September 26, 2024	2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Roundtable Discussion Series (Integrating Safety into the Planning Process)	Webinar	2

MPO Staff Total Training Hours: 73.5 (for two employees)

The MPO also participated in city council, county commissioners, and school board meetings as needed to disseminate information. The Dyess Air Force Base has members that are part of the

TAC and keep the MPO informed on the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET). Additional meetings and training opportunities that staff attended are listed under the next task.

Subtask 1.3 - Public Participation, Education, Title VI, and Environmental Justice

- Maintain and keep updated the Public Participation Plan.
- Conduct public outreach and provide support for public meetings. Includes publishing legal notices, press releases, advertisements, along with securing meeting arrangements, producing materials and data for distribution.
- Provide newsletters, update MPO website, use of social media, workshops, and development of pertinent publications to disseminate information and educate on programs. Work toward more virtual public involvement possibilities.
- Continue to identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process and identify strategies to better reach minority and low-income groups.
- Continue to strive towards consistent and systematically fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals throughout the planning process.
- Continue to share as much data as possible to improve the policy and decision making of all parties involved in transportation planning.
- MPO staff will maintain the MPO website and provide updates to enhance public participation in the MPO processes. This is a continual project that will evolve as technology changes to provide the best possible use of resources.

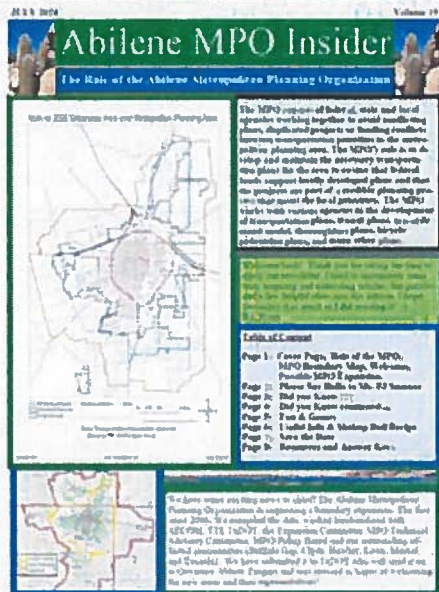
Work Performed and Status: The Public Participation Plan was not updated during this period. The plan was evaluated and various needed updates were recognized such as adding in a virtual meeting option and clarification on newspapers of mass circulation. Due to lack of staffing, this was not completed during this period. Staff will begin working on those updates in the future.

The MPO worked with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), West Central Texas Council of Government (WCTCOG), Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, CityLink, City of Abilene, City of Tye, Taylor County, Jones County, citizens, and others on the coordination of bicycle/pedestrian planning, regional transit coordination, overall planning coordination, and other transportation information sharing events through one-on-one meetings, group meetings, and public meetings. Public outreach was conducted throughout the year for various projects and media events. At each of the Policy Board meetings project information was disseminated and updates were provided by TxDOT, City of Abilene Public Works, and CityLink Transit. This allowed the Policy Board and citizens to ask questions about ongoing and future projects at each meeting. All required legal notices were published in the Abilene Reporter News. All meeting locations were through partnerships, so no funding outlay was required. Some of the Technical Advisory Committee meetings were conducted through Google Meet which allowed more participation for the members.

Abilene MPO Insider Newsletters were published in December 2023 and July 2024. Each of the newsletters spotlights a member of the Policy Board or the Technical Advisory Committee to encourage the public to get to know them better. The newsletters are interactive to capture interest and engage the community in our planning efforts. They discuss topics that pertain to work the

MPO is performing or events that are happening. The MPO has a X (Twitter) account and Facebook page to disseminate information as needed. X and Facebook have been used to share project updates, public participation opportunities, and other items of interest.

Abilene MPO Insider Newsletter – July 2024

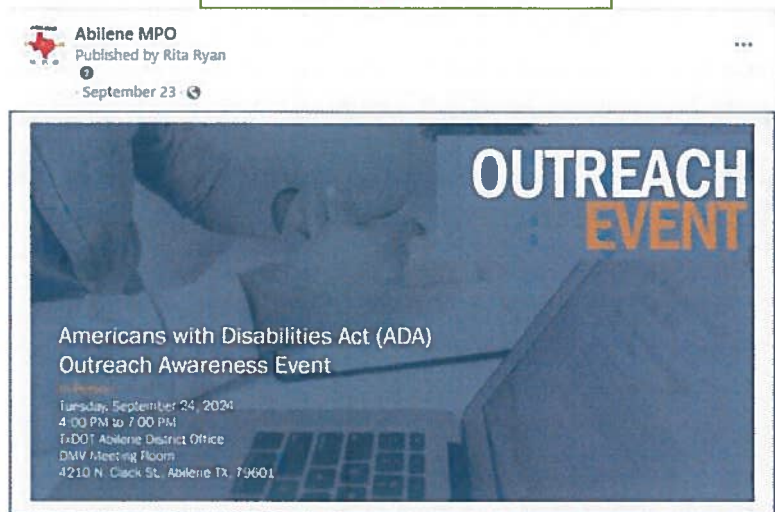


Abilene MPO X (Twitter)



The MPO website has a Google Translator that allows the site to be converted to various languages. This is extremely helpful for our Limited English Proficiency Plan and is another step to ensure communication is not unreasonably impaired as a result of the limited English proficiency of our constituents.

Abilene MPO Facebook



The MPO participates with various committees (Disability in Action, Citizen's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities, and the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan) discussing the transportation needs of the disabled community and participates in forums listening to concerns and issues that might arise. The MPO is a member of the Decisions, Responsibilities, Initiatives, Visions, Education (D.R.I.V.E.) Safe Coalition, which is made up of a diverse group of individuals from many different organizations whose mission is "to create a partnership to raise public awareness and reduce the number of traffic related incidents throughout our communities." The MPO has been a part of this coalition since its inception in 2013.

As part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the consultants put together maps of minority, low income, Limited English Proficiency, and low automobile ownership areas. As part of the planning process, outreach was attempted to those areas through emails, online mapping, surveys, and public meetings.

Abilene MPO Website Google Translator



We worked with our community partners on the “Share the Road” Ride of Silence that was held on May 15th at McMurry University. This is an event hosted by Steamboat Cycling Club with many partners including the Abilene Police Department, Bike Town, TxDOT D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition, McMurry University, Abilene Bicycle Club, and the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization. It honors those cyclists who have lost their lives in cycling-related accidents in Taylor and Jones Counties. The Ride of Silence is a free ride that asks its cyclists to ride between 10-12 mph on a short route and remain silent during the entire ride. The ride hopes to raise awareness during National Bicycle Month to all motorists that we share the road. This event has been held every year in Abilene since 2016 (except for 2020). On May 9, 2024, we appeared before the Abilene City Council with some of our partner agencies and received a proclamation for “Bicycle Awareness Month and Ride of Silence Day.” This Ride of Silence event garnered excellent media coverage throughout our area. There were numerous media events leading up to the ride (both radio and television) including an appearance on KTAB 4U which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Tw4AihWjI>

Ride of Silence Event May 15, 2024 McMurry University



**Ride of Silence Event - May 15, 2024
McMurry University**



**Ride of Silence Event
Cumulus Radio - May 10, 2024
Mark Spurlock – Steamboat Cycling Club
(Photo courtesy of TxDOT)**



The Ride to Work is an event that advocates and supports the use of motorcycles for transportation and provides awareness that we all share the road so “Look Twice, Save a Life”. Ride to Work has been held in Abilene every year since 2012 (except for 2020). This year’s event was held on June 21, 2024 with a ride from Taylor County Expo Center to Kent’s Harley Davidson for a free lunch (sponsored by Kent’s). Many partners came together to make this event possible: D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition, Kent’s Harley Davidson, Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Abilene, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene Police Department, Abilene Safety Instruction, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Expo Center of Taylor County. The Abilene Police Department provided an escort throughout the Ride to Work route and did a wonderful job of keeping everyone together and safe. The ride highlighted great partnerships that really displayed the power of a positive message and an outstanding group coming together for a cause.

Sergeant Marc Couch with the Texas DPS worked with Brooks Hansen, the owner of Abilene Safety Instruction, to take the Motorcycle Safety Course as part of the Ride to Work event. The media actively covered the safety course and allowed

**Ride to Work Event
Abilene City Council Proclamation - June 13, 2024**



**THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

*~ To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings:
Know this proclamation is presented in recognition of:
Motorcycle & Scooter Ride to Work Day*

WHEREAS, Ride to Work Day promotes safety awareness to “Share the Road. Look Twice for Motorcycles” and advocates motorcycling as a viable transportation alternative; and

WHEREAS, millions of citizens worldwide travel to work daily via motorcycles and scooters, demonstrating the efficiency and usefulness of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles and scooters reduce traffic congestion, encourage fun commutes, lower fuel consumption, and free up parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, on average, one motorcyclist dies in a crash on Texas roads every day, and in 2022, 562 riders lost their lives, & 2,422 were seriously injured; and

WHEREAS, more than half of fatal motorcycle crashes result from collision with other vehicles, and one in three motorcycle fatalities happen at a roadway intersection; and

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Abilene I do hereby proclaim Friday, June 21, 2024 “Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day” in the City and encourage all scooter and motorcycle riders to ride to work on that day

*In testimony whereof, witness my hand
and the Seal of the City of Abilene
this the 13th day of June, 2024*

Weldon Hurt
Weldon Hurt, Mayor



potential attendees to see what it was all about. The hope was that this would encourage more riders to take the course and get their motorcycle license.

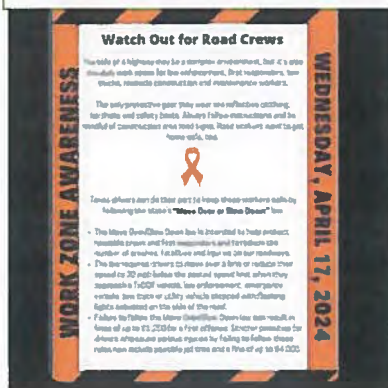
**Ride to Work Event - Motorcycle Safety Course
Sergeant Couch (Texas DPS) and Brooks Hansen (Abilene Safety Instruction)**



**Ride to Work Event – June 21, 2024
Taylor County Expo Center**



**Work Zone Safety Press
Conference – April 15, 2024
Abilene MPO X (Twitter)**



The MPO worked with TxDOT in the “End the Streak Texas” Campaign in November 2023 through press releases and social media outlets. This was part of an awareness and safety campaign throughout the entire TxDOT district.

TxDOT invited the MPO and other community partners to participate in a Work Zone Safety Press Conference on April 15, 2024 in an effort to get travelers to slow down, stay alert, and watch out for road crews, tow truck drivers, and safety personnel in the roadways.

The MPO participated in the D.R.I.V.E. Safe Car Seat Check-up Event and Resource Fair on September 21 at Goodwill West Texas. This event provided instructions on correctly placing a child in a child safety seat, assisted parents/caregivers with installation of their

child's safety seat, offered tips on the child's safety seat based on their child's age, height, and weight, and ensured that the child's safety seat had not been recalled or expired. There were 32 car seats checked and 12 car seats discarded due to having a recall or being expired. Numerous community booths provided valuable information on public resources. This included Goodwill West Texas, BCFS Health and Human Services, First Care Health Plans, Wellpoint, Big Country Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Alliance for Women and Children, 2Ingage, Abilene Recovery Council, and Maximus Inc.

The MPO updated the website with pertinent information, such as minutes, board meeting notices, public meeting notices, reports, upcoming MPO events, and many other items, in an effort to keep the public involved in our process and generate interest in the MPO. Draft documents were posted on the website to allow better access by the public. The MPO prepared information, conducted meetings, and evaluated transportation needs brought to the attention of the MPO staff. Citizens with traffic count requests were directed to the interactive map that is available through the MPO website.

D.R.I.V.E. Safe Car Seat Check-up Event and Resource Fair - September 21, 2024



To coordinate planning efforts, the MPO participated in, presented at, or hosted the following events:

EVENT	DATES
Abilene 2050 Forecast Model Meeting	10/11/23
Abilene Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Expansion	10/11/23, 11/01/23, 11/27/23, 12/06/23, 12/20/23, 01/03/24, 02/07/24, 02/14/24, 03/01/24, 03/13/24, 03/27/24, 04/11/24, 04/24/24, 05/08/24
Abilene MPO – Census Urban Area Review with TxDOT - Austin and FHWA	10/12/23
D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition Meeting	10/17/23, 11/21/23, 03/19/24, 04/16/24, 05/21/24, 06/18/24, 07/16/24, 8/20/24, 9/17/24
Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting	10/17/23, 12/19/23, 02/20/24, 04/16/24
City Administrator Field Meeting - Public Works Meeting	11/01/23
Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) Meetings	11/08/23, 02/14/24, 05/08/24, 08/14/24
TxDOT, City, MPO Projects Meeting	11/21/23

Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings	11/28/23, 01/30/24, 03/26/24, 06/30/24, 9/24/24
Subcommittee TAC Boundary Expansion Meeting	12/12/23, 01/12/24, 01/30/24
City of Tye and MPO Meeting	01/08/24
Friends of the Safety Committee – Texas	01/25/24
IH 20 Project Stakeholder Meeting	02/07/24
IH 20 Project Public Meeting	02/08/24
Transit Information Meeting	02/13/24
Carbon Reduction Projects Meeting	02/20/24
Old Anson Walkability Project Meeting	02/27/24
STIP Workshop Teams Meeting	03/05/24
Abilene Bike Route Map Meeting	03/08/24
MPO Project Selection Subcommittee Meeting	03/08/24
Bike/Pedestrian Planning Meeting	03/13/24
City of Abilene GIS meeting	03/19/24
Mid-West Texas Rural Transportation Council (MWTRTC) name change to Texas Midwest Rural Transportation Council Meeting (TMRTC)	04/04/24, 07/17/24
MPO MTP Consultant Meeting	04/08/24
Abilene Carbon Reduction Projects Meeting	04/09/24
Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Review	04/11/24
Ride of Silence Planning Meeting	04/19/24
Travel Survey Meeting	04/22/24
Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP) Multimodal Integration Working Group Meeting	04/25/24, 07/15/24
Ride to Work Planning Meeting	04/26/24
MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) FYs 2025-2050 Bi-Weekly Meeting	04/29/24 kickoff meeting, 05/16/24, 05/30/24, 06/17/24, 07/11/24, 07/22/24, 08/08/24, 08/15/24, 9/19/24
MPO Information Technology/Geographic Information Systems (IT/GIS) Meeting	05/02/24, 05/15/24, 07/26/24, 08/01/24, 08/07/24
Employee Planning Committee Meeting	05/03/24, 05/25/24
Abilene City Council – Proclamation Ride of Silence	05/09/24
Cumulus Radio Media Interview-Ride of Silence	05/10/24
KEAN Radio Media Interview – Ride of Silence	05/14/24
KTAB 4U Media Interview –Ride of Silence	05/14/24
Ride of Silence Event	05/15/24
Ride to Work Planning Meeting	05/29/24
Ride to Work Proclamation	06/13/24

KEAN Radio Media Interview – Ride to Work	06/13/24
KTAB 4U Media Interview – Ride to Work	06/14/24, 06/20/24
Cumulus Radio Media Interview – Ride to Work	06/20/24
Ride to Work Event	06/21/24
Planning at WCTCOG for Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Delphi Meeting	06/18/24, 06/24/24
MTP FYs 2025-2050 Delphi Panel Meeting	06/25/24
MTP FYs 2025-2050 Public Meeting	06/25/24
STIP Meeting	07/24/24
Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition Meeting	07/30/24
Abilene MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Workshop	08/20/24
FHWA/FTA/TxDOT 2024 Enhanced Planning Review Audit	08/21/24
TxDOT and MPO Senior Leadership Meeting (Austin, TX)	08/22/24
MPO/GIS Meeting	08/26/24, 09/17/24
City of Abilene (COA) Insurance Meetings	08/27/24
TxDOT Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan (SMTP) Meeting	09/09/24
COA Active Working Group Information Sharing Meeting	09/18/24
TxDOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Outreach Awareness Meeting	09/24/24
FHWA/TxDOT/MPO monthly Meeting	09/25/24
Statewide Active Transportation Plan Meeting	09/25/24

Subtask 1.4 - Transit Planning Management

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Participation with the Citizen's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities as a vehicle for public involvement.
- Review and analysis of any future fare changes or route planning.
- Continue employee development through training courses and certification of both supervisory staff and employees.

Work Performed and Status: CityLink continues to attend and participate in quarterly scheduled meetings of the Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities.

There were no fare or route changes during this fiscal year.

CityLink employees continue to attend training opportunities on an individual basis in addition to group and classroom activities.

Task 1 - Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
Transportation Planning Funds (PL 112 & FTA 5303)*	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 124,828.17	\$ 30,171.83	80.53%
Local Planning Funds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5307	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
STP MM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 129,828.17	\$ 30,171.83	81.14%

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Task 2 – DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Task 2 – Data Development and Maintenance

The purpose of this task is to support those planning activities that generate or collect critical transportation data. Transportation planning requires the development of detailed databases and maps that describe the primary aspects of the transportation system and maintenance of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to aid in data development and tracking. This data is used in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and many other reports and studies.

Subtask 2.1 - Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Development

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from the City of Abilene and/or a consultant to complete.

- Maintenance of physical inventories along with on-going data gathering, updates, and maintenance of databases and maps related to transportation planning.
- Management and organization of internal internet GIS data, enhance the GIS resources available to the public, advance the mapping functionality, and augment the use of GIS visualization techniques.
- Evaluation/analysis of the existing and planned transportation system with regard to issues related to emergency evacuation, hazardous materials transportation, and other emergency response situations. Coordination with the STRAHNET and with FLMA will help promote a useful planning network that shows connections to Federal lands and advocates for the best use of resources.
- Identify and analyze Title VI Civil Rights in the planning process by focusing on enhancing analytical capability for assessing impact distributions by utilizing Census data and other means for production of maps of minority, elderly, and low-income persons along with striving

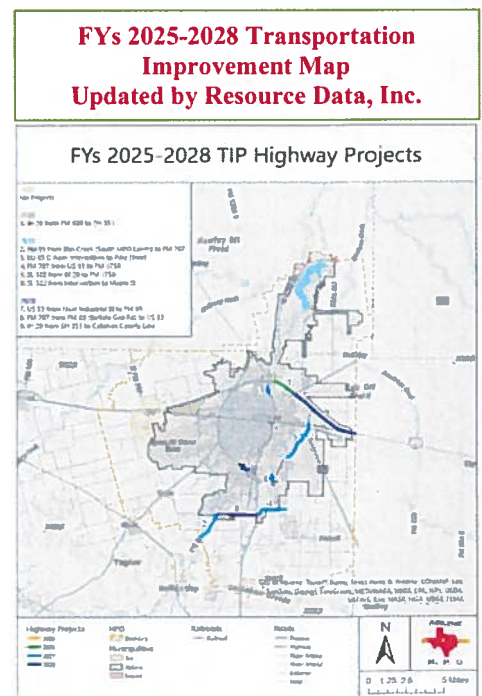
to minimize adverse effects of transportation projects on the human environment by using these identifying factors.

- Analysis and mapping of the environmental and economic areas (Planning and Environmental Linkages - PEL) which will help ensure that the needs of our community are met while avoiding/minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

Work Performed and Status: From October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, due to the vacancy of a Transportation Planner, mapping updates and creation of maps were very limited and done on an as needed basis. Staff created, researched, and produced maps and other documents related to the following:

- Thoroughfare Map
- Urban Area Boundary Map
- Adjusted Urban Area Boundary Map
- FYs 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Map
- Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary
- Census 2020 Adjusted Urban Areas
- Updates to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Funded, Unfunded, and All Projects Maps
- Comparisons of the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map and Travel Demand Model Maps
- Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Maps
- Comparisons of the 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
- Thoroughfare Map
- Ride to Work Route Map
- Pedestrian map (citizen)
- Traffic Count Map (citizen)
- Sidewalk Map
- Bicycle Facilities Map
- Transit Map
- TIP FYs 2023-2026 Projects Map

The City of Abilene hired a consultant (Resource Data, Inc.) to replace the vacancies in their Geographic Information Systems' (GIS) staffing. As part of this process, due to the lack of a MPO GIS Transportation Planner, the MPO was able to use that contract to add a Scope of Work for GIS needs. The MPO staff began working with the City of Abilene's Information Technology (IT) Department and the consultants (Resource Data, Inc.) to get a GIS specialist on board to help compile maps for the MPO. This included creating a Scope of Work for FY 2024 and for FY 2025. MPO staff worked on composing data



for mapping needs. The consultants (Resource Data, Inc.) compiled numerous maps including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2025-2028 Project map, updated the online FYs 2021-2022 Traffic Count Data Map, and began updating the Sidewalk Layer Map.

MPO staff worked on compiling mapping information for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the consultants (Huitt-Zollars, Inc.) for sidewalks, bicycle, parks plan, MPO boundary, bus routes, projects, etc.

Subtask 2.2 - Performance Measures

- The MPO will monitor and update performance measures/targets as needed. Continue implementation of the performance-based planning and programming process including working with TxDOT to monitor and evaluate the performance measures.

Work Performed and Status: The MPO currently has all the performance measures up-to-date and they have been incorporated into the planning documents as needed. The FY 2024 Safety Performance Measure (PM 1) resolution was presented and approved at the December 19, 2023 Policy Board meeting. The Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Measure (PM 2) was presented and approved at the Policy Board May 1, 2023 meeting. The System Performance Measures pertaining to the National Highway System Travel Time Reliability, Freight Movement, and Traffic Congestion (PM 3) was presented and approved at the Policy Board June 20, 2023 meeting.

The Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan was presented and approved/acknowledged at the Policy Board October 17, 2023 meeting. CityLink's most recent Public Transportation Safety Plan was adopted on June 25, 2020. The MPO Policy Board acknowledged the plan at their June 15, 2021 meeting, and on October 17, 2023, the Policy Board acknowledged an Addendum to the Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan that demonstrated compliance with the public safety committee meeting requirement.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan FYs 2025-2050 has a chart that shows how the projects affect the performance measures. The transportation projects are evaluated in relationship to each of the performance measures and ranked per those same set of standards with our Project Selection Process along with using the Decision Lens software.

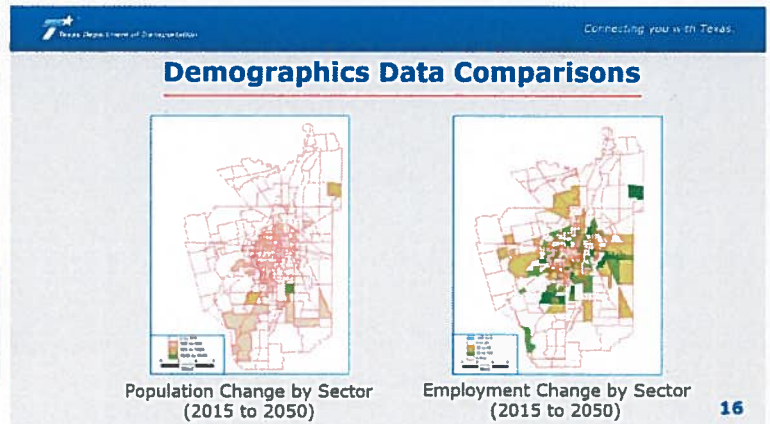
Subtask 2.3 – Travel Demand Model

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Travel Demand Model (TDM) maintenance.
- Review of data, socioeconomic data collection, roadway network analysis, alternative analysis, and other work associated with the TDM.
- Updates to the GIS data pertaining to the Travel Demand Model including roadway network database development, Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) structure development, monitoring of regional growth through data collection of new residential development, acquisition of employer information, acquiring land-use data, and creating organized databases for this data for transportation and land-use analysis, and demographic database development to obtain and maintain a working model.

Work Performed and Status: Through a TxDOT contract, a team was put together that consisted of: Ardurra Group, Inc., CDM Smith, and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) – Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research (IDSER) along with TxDOT staff. This team assisted with our Travel Demand Model update. The work began in the previous fiscal year and continued into the 2024 fiscal year. MPO staff looked at all 461 Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) for the 2050 TAZ level demographic forecasts, 2050 area type estimates, and 2050 master network development. The Household and Employment data for each of those TAZs were researched and updated as needed. There were multiple Teams meetings with the TDM team. Data was checked and compiled numerous times. The model was completed on October 31, 2023 by the team and submitted to TxDOT for their review and calibration. TxDOT delivered a 2050 Forecast Travel Demand Model to the MPO in March 2024. On August 20, 2024, at the MPO Policy Board/Technical Advisory Committee (PB/TAC) Workshop, the final TDM was presented.

**Abilene MPO Travel Demand Model
Presentation by TxDOT at the MPO PB/TAC Workshop August 20, 2024**



Subtask 2.4 – Transit Planning Data

CityLink staff with FTA Section 5307 funding will do the following work:

- Provision of monthly operational and statistical and financial reports.
- Development and incorporation of information, data and statistical analysis to address short range transit needs as it relates to fare changes, route changes, bus stop evaluations, and bus stop amenities.
- Compile data for the Triennial Review.

Work Performed and Status: CityLink captures daily and monthly statistics and data to provide periodic reporting to the City, State, and Federal entities as required.

Ongoing data analysis has provided opportunities to improve services, implement minor fixed route changes, and complete bus stop/bus shelter placement recommendations. Installation of new bus shelters have been completed.

Task 2 - Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
Transportation Planning Funds (PL 112 & FTA 5303)*	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 49,874.54	\$ 50,125.46	49.87%
Local Planning Funds	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5307	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	100.00%
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
STP MM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 53,874.54	\$ 50,125.46	51.80%

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TASK 3 – SHORT RANGE PLANNING

Task 3 – Short Range Planning

The purpose of this task is to undertake planning activities both local and regional that are associated with short range or immediate implementation. This could include facilitating the implementation of transportation projects and programs in the TIP; providing for multimodal planning to improve the overall system; and supporting the development of short-range planning.

Subtask 3.1 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The MPO will monitor and amend the current TIP as needed and conduct project development meetings/presentations to educate and receive public participation as needed. Provide support, review and incorporate transit activities for more coordinated transit efforts.
- Development of the new TIP for FYs 2025-2028.
- Development of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.

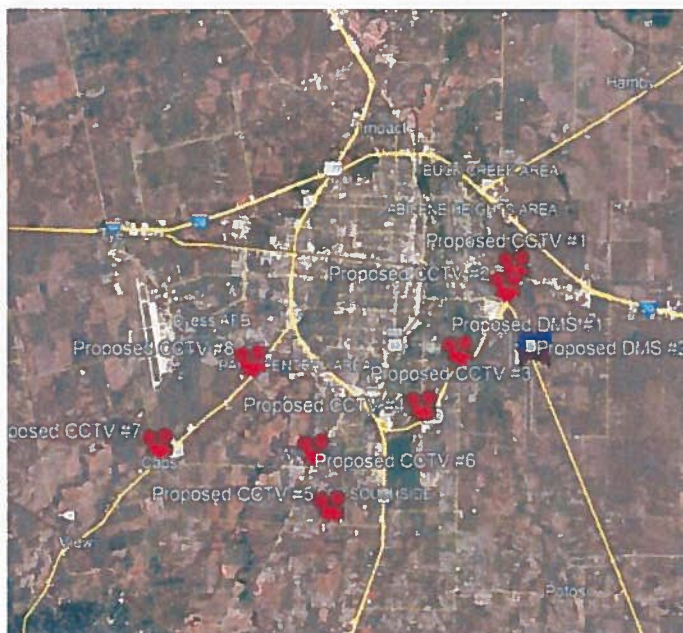
Work Performed and Status: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2023-2026 was amended on October 17, 2023, administratively amended on February 1, 2024, and amended on April 16, 2024. The FYs 2025-2028 TIP was created and then subsequently approved at the April 16, 2024. It was administratively amended on May 13, 2024 and July 31, 2024. The forms were uploaded into the Electronic Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (ESTIP) portal and submitted. All public participation aspects were completed. At each of the MPO Policy Board meetings, project updates are given to the citizens and board members with the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the current projects. In addition, these project updates are included in the

board packets and available via the online video archives. The MPO supports early and continuous public involvement, open public meetings, open access to the transportation planning and decision-making process, and effective involvement processes that are designed to be responsive to local conditions. Project request forms and planning documents are distributed at meetings and are available on our website. Comments and suggestions on any metropolitan transportation issue are solicited at every meeting of the Policy Board thus providing opportunity for public comments on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) was due on December 15, 2023 to TxDOT. Data for the highway projects is compiled by TxDOT. On July 31, 2024, information was provided by TxDOT on the FY 2022 ALOP and information requested by August 31st. The MPO sent in the FY 2022 ALOP information with the FHWA approval to TxDOT. We are still waiting for the FY 2023 information to complete that year-end report.

The Abilene MPO has been working on greenhouse gas reductions and cleaner energy transportation options through the carbon reduction program. Numerous meetings were held with TAC and PB members on selection of projects that will involve a reduction in air emissions. A variety of projects were evaluated spanning different categories including sidewalks/bicycle paths, intelligent transportation systems, and green buses. For the FYs 2022-2024 Carbon Reduction Program funding, the MPO Policy Board at their October 17, 2023 meeting selected intelligent transportation systems as the carbon reduction project. Numerous locations throughout the MPO area received closed-circuit television cameras and dynamic message signs. This was through a partnership with TxDOT implementing the projects.

**Abilene MPO Carbon Reduction Program (FYs 2022-2024)
Closed-Circuit Television Cameras and Dynamic Message Signs**



- 8 CCTV Cameras
- 2 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)
- Associated poles, mounting trusses, electrical services, etc.

For the FYs 2025-2028 funding, the MPO PB at their April 16, 2024 meeting, approved a shared use path on Dub Wright (FM 3438) from US 277 to Military Drive as Phase I. The full project scope for the path will eventually run from US 277 to IH 20 to connect to a proposed path along IH 20. This will provide a much-needed connection to Dyess Air Force Base and allow other options for personnel to access the base.

**Abilene MPO Carbon Reduction Program (FYs 2025-2028)
Dub Wright (FM 3438) Shared Use Path**



Subtask 3.2 - Transit, Bicycle, and Multimodal Planning

- Work with public transportation providers to coordinate transportation efforts and participate in the regional planning process of the multi-county regional planning area.
- Work with transit providers, the City of Abilene, and others on continuation of the Multimodal Terminal planning for the Abilene area.
- Continue to work with CityLink Transit to ensure efficient operations and planning.
- Conduct planning activities as needed to evaluate traffic patterns, needs analysis, and service standards on transit services.
- Provide support for the implementation of planning activities in the City of Abilene's Bicycle Plan.

- Work with local government and community organizations to access grants and other funding opportunities to develop bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation.
- Work with the local transit agency to incorporate a more congruent transit, bicycle, and pedestrian method of transportation.
- Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities. This may include a complete streets holistic approach in planning efforts and it could provide safe and accessible transportation options to our community. Ensure at a minimum that 2.5% of PL funds will be used to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as described in Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Work Performed and Status: The MPO participated in the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan (RCTP) Stakeholders Group. Quarterly meetings were held – some within the MPO offices. The MPO provided input on the Multimodal Terminal planning, that CityLink was undertaking, as needed. MPO and CityLink staff worked on a variety of projects throughout the year. These included the Regional Coordination Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and many others. In addition, the MPO participated in the Citizens Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities as they were held throughout the year. At these meetings, transit numbers, questions/concerns, and other topics were discussed.

Throughout the year, the MPO has been working with numerous entities on an active transportation network. Data pertaining to the City of Abilene's Bicycle Plan has been shared and disseminated. The MPO has a sidewalk layer map created utilizing Google aerial imagery to capture sidewalks located in the MPO area. The GIS consultants, Resource Data, Inc., has begun the process of updating the sidewalk layer map for use by the MPO and the City of Abilene. The MPO has also shared the map layers with the City of Abilene to help facilitate the connectivity of the sidewalk network.

As discussed in the prior year's Annual Performance and Expenditure Report, the MPO worked with the City of Abilene, CityLink, TxDOT, and many other partners on the 2023 Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program – Old Anson Walkability Project. The City of Abilene was notified that they received the funding for the Old Anson Walkability Project on November 2, 2023.

The 2021 TA project (South 14th Street Walkability Project) is in the final stages of implementation. The last remaining portion of that project, which is a pedestrian bridge, should be completed shortly. This project runs from Barrow Street to Pioneer Drive on South 14th Street and provides a sidewalk connection to numerous shopping centers and grocery stores. It also provides a traffic island for safe passage across a very busy intersection located at Pioneer Drive and South 14th Street.

**2021 Transportation Alternatives Program
South 14th Street Walkability Project
Intersection of Pioneer Drive and South 14th Street Traffic Island**



The MPO over a span of many years, has partnered with others, including the City of Abilene, Abilene Independent School District and Wylie Independent School District to access grants and other funding opportunities to develop bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation. This has provided Safe Routes to School connections along with access to many citizens that rely on active transportation and transit as a way to access grocery stores, shopping centers, and medical facilities.

**Years 2012 - 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program
List of Projects and Safe Routes to Schools Options**

RECEIVED	TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS	PROJECTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	Abilene Independent School District and Wylie Independent School District
YES	2012 - Transportation Enhancement Program	South 11 th Street Transportation Alternatives Project (South 11 th Street from South Treadaway Blvd. to Elmwood Drive)	\$946,220	\$1,182,775	Letter of Support Dr. Burns Superintendent
NO	2015 - Transportation Alternatives Program	US 277 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project (US 277 from S. Danville Dr. to Rebecca Lane and to Cutlaw)	\$1,462,208	\$1,827,761	Resolution AISD School Board - Bassett Elementary School and Glack Middle School
YES	2017 - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program	Abilene US 83/84 Bike/Ped Improvements (US 83/84 from SH 277 to Cutlaw Road and US 277 to Texas Avenue to Corsicana Ave.)	\$504,129	\$1,008,258	Resolution AISD School Board - Reagan Elementary School, Glack Middle School, Bassett Elementary School
(NO) TxDOT picked up the project with their funds (Statewide Curb Ramp and Pedestrian Improvement Program)	2019 - Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes To Schools	Abilene South 11th Street Sidewalk Improvement (South 11th Street from S Treadaway Blvd to Oilham Lane)	\$531,820	\$652,275	Resolution AISD School Board - Bassett, Bowie, Craig, Jackson, Long, Lee, Martinez, RAC, Ortiz, Reagan, Taylor, and Ward
NO	2019 - Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes To Schools	Abilene School Zone Flasher Upgrade Program (numerous locations around Abilene)	\$487,126	\$487,126	Resolution AISD School Board - Bassett, Bowie, Craig, Jackson, Long, Lee, Martinez, RAC, Ortiz, Reagan, Taylor, and Ward Resolution Wylie School Board - Wylie Early Childhood Learning Center and Wylie Junior High School
NO	2021 - Transportation Alternatives	Old Anson Road Walkability Project (Old Anson Road from W. Stamford Street to Ambler Avenue)	\$644,266	\$805,332	Resolution AISD School Board - Ortiz Elementary School and Mann Middle School, along with the Long Early Learning Center
YES	2021 - Transportation Alternatives	South 14th Street Walkability Project (South 14th Street from Barron Street to Pioneer Drive)	\$1,749,126	\$2,186,407	Resolution AISD School Board - Reagan Elementary, Glack Middle, Austin Elementary, and Bonham Elementary
YES	2023 - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program	Old Anson Road Walkability Project (Old Anson Road from W. Stamford Street to Ambler Avenue)	\$1,957,043	\$2,445,397	Resolution AISD School Board - Ortiz Elementary School and Mann Middle School, along with the Long Early Learning Center
OVERALL TOTAL FOR 6 YEARS OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES			\$8,271,938	\$10,595,331	
OVERALL RECEIVED FUNDING			\$5,678,338	\$7,475,112	

Subtask 3.3 – Short-Term Transit Planning

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Short range planning projects needed to meet federal/state requirements.
- Provide funding projections and budgetary planning for incorporation of transit projects in the TIP and UPWP.
- Bus Stop identification, GIS database compiling and integration, inventory, and shelter locations.
- Analysis of effectiveness of routes.
- Mobile fare applications and improved payment systems analysis.
- Participate in the Regional Planning Process.
- Continue Lead Agency duties for the Regional Coordination Planning efforts through quarterly stakeholder meetings. *(FTA Section 5304)*

Work Performed and Status - CityLink staff have completed extensive planning throughout the year. Some of those planning efforts include General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) data monitoring and revisions as needed and monitoring of data to aid in making effective changes to routes and improved services. The Transit Asset Management Plan was updated. CityLink provided funding projection information and budgetary planning data for inclusion in the TIP and UPWP as needed.

CityLink staff continues to participate in the Regional Coordination Transportation Planning process by serving as the lead agency for West Central Texas Region 7. Numerous tasks have been performed in that role to assist TXDOT in their statewide coordination of transportation services including hosting meetings, providing data to participants, compiling statistics and funding information, and maintaining a regional website for access by all the partners and the riders throughout the Region 7 area.

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Task 3 - Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
Transportation Planning Funds (PL 112 & FTA 5303)*	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 19,560.33	\$ 20,439.67	48.90%
Local Planning Funds	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5307	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5304	\$ 18,950.00	\$ 18,775.00	\$ 175.00	99.08%
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
STP MM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 62,950.00	\$ 42,335.33	\$ 20,614.67	67.25%

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TASK 4 – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Task 4 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The purpose of this task is to encompass all activities associated with maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP identifies long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary for a 25-year horizon. To develop, monitor, adopt, and publish the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Provide updates to the Ten-Year Plan. Identify long-range transportation needs within the MPO boundary. To focus on having an integrated multimodal transportation system. To incorporate performance measures into the plan.

Subtask 4.1 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

This task will use MPO staff and could include assistance from TxDOT, the Transportation Institute and/or a consultant to complete.

- Ongoing MPO support of the social and economic vitality of the metropolitan area through any needed updates or revisions to the current MTP. Focus on incorporating performance measures into the MTP. Focus on a proactive public participation along with assessment of the social impacts of transportation projects in low-income and minority areas to make certain that Title VI and Environmental Justice guidelines are met.
- Working with partner agencies to plan for and to promote greenhouse gas reductions, cleaner energy transportation options, and a resiliency to extreme weather events and other disasters.
- Develop and maintain the FYs 2025-2050 MTP.

Work Performed and Status: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is due on December 17, 2024 and covers years 2025 to 2050. The Policy Board at their April 16, 2024 meeting approved Huitt-Zollars, Inc. as the consultant to complete the MTP. There have been numerous

biweekly meetings between MPO staff and the consultants. There has been data sharing with the citizens including two public meetings (June 25 and October 10) and a Delphi Panel meeting (June 25). A presentation of the MTP status was given at the August 20, 2024 workshop to the PB and TAC members. At the September 24, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the October 15, 2024 Policy Board (PB) meeting, the goals and action steps of the MTP were presented for input. The consultants, Huitt-Zollars, Inc., has compiled the MTP for public review. A notice was placed in the Abilene Reporter News on Sunday, November 24, 2024 for members of the public to review the document and make comments until midnight on December 14, 2024. It also stated that comments will be accepted and a public hearing held at the December 17, 2024 PB meeting. The TAC at their November 19, 2024 meeting went through the project listings (Funded On-System, Illustrative On-System, Off-System Projects, and Other). The Funded On-System and the Illustrative On-System projects were ranked by the TAC. These same projects were also ranked using the Decision Lens Software. The final document will be presented to the Policy Board at their December 17, 2024 meeting.

Subtask 4.2 - Long-Range Transit Planning

CityLink staff with FTA funding will do the following work:

- Provide support for long-term planning projects.
- Focus on modernization of the transit system, facilities and fleet through the Transit Asset Management Plan.
- As the Lead Agency for Region 7, facilitate the 5-year Plan update for the Regional Coordination Planning program. (*FTA Section 5304*)

Work Performed and Status: CityLink participates in the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and presents program updates for the MPO Policy Board as part of its long-term planning functions. Continuous fleet replacement planning with appropriate funding sources is another aspect of long-term planning and coincides with the Transit Asset Management Plan. Periodic system analysis is conducted to determine service effectiveness and to generate recommendations for change. CityLink continues long-term planning activities including discussions relating to feasibility studies, land acquisition and use of current property. CityLink continues the transportation program for Senior Citizens, using an FTA 5310 grant and matching funds from the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) Area Agency on Aging.

Subtask 4.3 – Complete Streets

Provide support and work with partner agencies to create a network of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, bikeways, trails, transit routes) to places of interest such as work, school, retail, recreation areas, community activity centers, and healthcare facilities. This may include a complete streets holistic approach in planning efforts and it could provide safe and accessible transportation options to our community. Ensure at a minimum that 2.5% of PL funds will be used to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as described in Section 11206(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- Staff will compile and share data and information on active transportation.
- Evaluate active transportation system to understand system performance needs to identify regional activities.
- Hold public outreach sessions to share information and encourage active transportation.

- Work with other interested parties to advance and improve the program.
- Look for innovative ways to optimize funding for active transportation projects.
- Support and align statewide and regional active transportation strategies and actions.

Work Performed and Status: Numerous aspects of the complete streets are covered under Subtask 3.1 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Subtask 3.2 - Transit, Bicycle, and Multimodal Planning. Both the City of Abilene and TxDOT strive to incorporate sidewalks, multi-use paths, and/or bicycle facilities within their projects. This project information is disseminated during TAC and PB meetings. Opportunities for grant funding for active transportation is shared via emails, social media, and at meetings with interested parties. The MPO actively engages with the Steamboat Cycling Club and the Abilene Bicycling Club through emails, meetings, and social media outlets to disseminate information on upcoming projects, plans, and ideas.

Task 4 - Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
Transportation Planning Funds (PL 112 & FTA 5303)*	\$ 193,000.00	\$ 133,217.13	\$ 59,782.87	69.02%
Local Planning Funds	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5307	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	100.00%
FTA Section 5304	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 40,225.00	\$ 375.00	99.08%
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
STP MM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 250,600.00	\$ 190,442.13	\$ 60,157.87	75.99%

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TASK 5 - SPECIAL STUDIES

Task 5 – Special Studies

The purpose of this task is special studies of transportation and transportation related topics that support the development and maintenance of the planning process. Activities might include consultant contracting, research and data analysis. Documents produced in this task are intended to supplement information for other tasks as well as contribute to the revision of the MTP and help in prioritizing transportation improvement projects. It involves special one-time planning activities and major corridor analyses.

Subtask 5.1 - Comprehensive Growth Scenario Transportation Study - MPO Boundary Expansion

This task is a carryover from the previous UPWP. It will use MPO staff and a consultant to complete. Evaluate potential MPO Boundary expansion to capture transportation needs.

Work Performed and Status: No funding was utilized for a consultant. The only expenditures were staff time captured under previous tasks. The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) currently utilizes a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary that was last revised in 2006. This existing boundary encompasses the entirety of the Abilene Urbanized Area (UZA), as designated by the US Census Bureau through the 2020 Census, which is the minimum area required to be included within the MPA under federal planning guidelines. In early 2022, the MPO began a process of reviewing its MPA boundary in partnership with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). TTI facilitated the creation of an advisory committee (Boundary Expansion Committee) for the project and hosted Committee meetings in February and March 2022. These meetings allowed the Committee to review information on how the region has changed since 2006, provide their insights on where future growth may occur, and discuss a range of potential boundary options. This process resulted in the creation of two draft boundary options. Neither of these boundary options were advanced to completion.

In September 2023, AECOM was recruited by TxDOT to provide support to the Abilene MPO to finish the boundary revision process. Further research was done to understand the changes in the region since 2006 and to engage MPO staff and the Committee in getting additional feedback on a potential new boundary. During this time, AECOM held a series of biweekly coordination meetings with MPO staff to discuss research findings and priorities for the new boundary. A Committee meeting was held on December 12, 2023, to discuss findings to-date and an initial draft boundary. The draft was then refined based on Committee feedback and shared with the Committee at a second meeting on January 12, 2024. At this meeting, the Committee provided additional comments on the draft boundary and arrived at consensus on an agreed-upon draft to be shared with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The draft boundary includes several municipalities that are not currently located within the existing MPA boundary. These include Hawley in Jones County and Buffalo Gap, Tuscola, Lawn, and Merkel in Taylor County. The draft boundary also incorporates portions of Callahan County for the first time, including the municipality of Clyde. Because Callahan County is not currently represented on the MPO's TAC and Policy Board, adding the county into the MPA boundary will require an additional seat on these bodies for a Callahan County representative. On January 30, 2024, the draft boundary was presented to the TAC for discussion and approval. It was then taken to the Policy Board at their April 16, 2024 meeting where it was approved along with a draft By-Laws amendment to incorporate the changes.

On June 25, 2024, the technical memo and revised boundary information was submitted to TxDOT. We were notified on October 3, 2024 that TxDOT has submitted the boundary expansion request to the Governor's Office and they are in the process of reviewing the submittal and providing the final sign-off. On November 20, 2024, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's legal staff is reviewing and we should know something shortly on the approval.

Subtask 5.2 - Resiliency Plan

The MPO, in cooperation with TxDOT, FHWA, and local planning partners along with the possibility of a consultant will develop a plan to make the local transportation network resilient to natural disasters with an emphasis on network redundancy during extreme weather events.

Work Performed and Status: No work was performed on a formal resilience plan during this fiscal year; however, numerous aspects of resiliency were incorporated into the planning process and documents (TIP and MTP) through the project selections.

Subtask 5.3 – Transit Multimodal Facility

CityLink staff with FTA funding will complete the following task. A consultant will be used. This study will determine how a multimodal facility could help urban and rural transit providers to better serve their passengers and operate more efficiently. It will include the Planning and Scoping phase of the project all the way through Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, and initial Design phase of the project. *(FTA Section 5304)*

Work Performed and Status: CityLink, through the City of Abilene, contracted with the Goodman Corporation for engineering and architectural activities to complete the advanced planning and preliminary engineering services to produce the conceptual design of a new multimodal facility. This project was completed in October 2024.

Subtask 5.4 – Safety Action Plan

MPO staff will work with TTI to document the types of data and information the MPO uses for safety planning activities; how the MPO works with partner agencies and stakeholders to communicate safety-related information to decision makers and the public; and current and planned initiatives, projects, strategies, and counter measures to address transportation safety in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Work Performed and Status - A new requirement for MPOs is to develop a Safety Action Plan. The funding of \$50,000 is from the Federal State Planning and Research Funds (SPR) and is to develop a Statewide Safety Plan designed with local data and priorities. The MPO started working with TxDOT and the Texas A & M Transportation Institute (TTI) on a Safety Action Plan in February of 2023. In July 2023, information was provided on the baseline Safety Plan for the Abilene MPO. In January 2024, the MPO Safety Planning Contract between TxDOT and TTI was executed. There was a kick-off meeting on March 21, 2024. In April 2024, numerous documents were uploaded into the Sharepoint Safety Planning site and a Draft Safety Plan was provided to the Abilene MPO from TTI. The continuance of this planning effort will recommence in January of 2025.

Subtask 5.5 – Microtransit Services Study

CityLink staff with FTA funding will complete the following task. A consulting firm will conduct a strategic evaluation of fixed-route to microtransit system conversion. The primary aim of this evaluation is to explore the feasibility of transitioning from the City's current fixed-route transit

system to a more flexible and efficient microtransit system. This analysis is crucial in determining the best approach to adapt and enhance the City's transit services to better align with the evolving transportation needs of the community. The primary goals are to optimize existing microtransit services, further improve operational efficiency, and develop a strategic, comprehensive plan for the expansion and refinement of microtransit services throughout the City.

Work Performed and Status – No work was completed on this task during this fiscal year. This task is projected to begin January 2025.

Task 5 - Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
Transportation Planning Funds (PL 112 & FTA 5303)*	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	0.00%
Local Planning Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
FTA Section 5307	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	0.00%
FTA Section 5304	\$ 238,200.00	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	99.08%
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
STM MM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 513,200.00	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 277,200.00	45.99%

**TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables. TPF was under 75% due to not starting the studies in this fiscal year and TxDOT helping with the studies which resulted in no MPO funds being utilized.*

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Summary

Total Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) Budgeted and Expended FY 2024

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Expended
1.0	Administration-Management	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 124,828.17	\$ 30,171.83	80.53%
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 49,874.54	\$ 50,125.46	49.87%
3.0	Short Range Planning	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 19,560.33	\$ 20,439.67	48.90%
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$ 193,000.00	\$ 133,217.13	\$ 59,782.87	69.02%
5.0	Special Studies	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL	TOTAL	\$ 563,000.00	\$ 327,480.17	\$ 235,519.83	58.17%

Local Planning Funds Budgeted and Expended FY 2024

UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Expended
1.0	Administration-Management	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	100.00%
3.0	Short Range Planning	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	100.00%
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ -	100.00%
5.0	Special Studies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	TOTAL	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	100.00%

**FTA (Sec. 5307) Funds
Budgeted and Expended FY 2024**

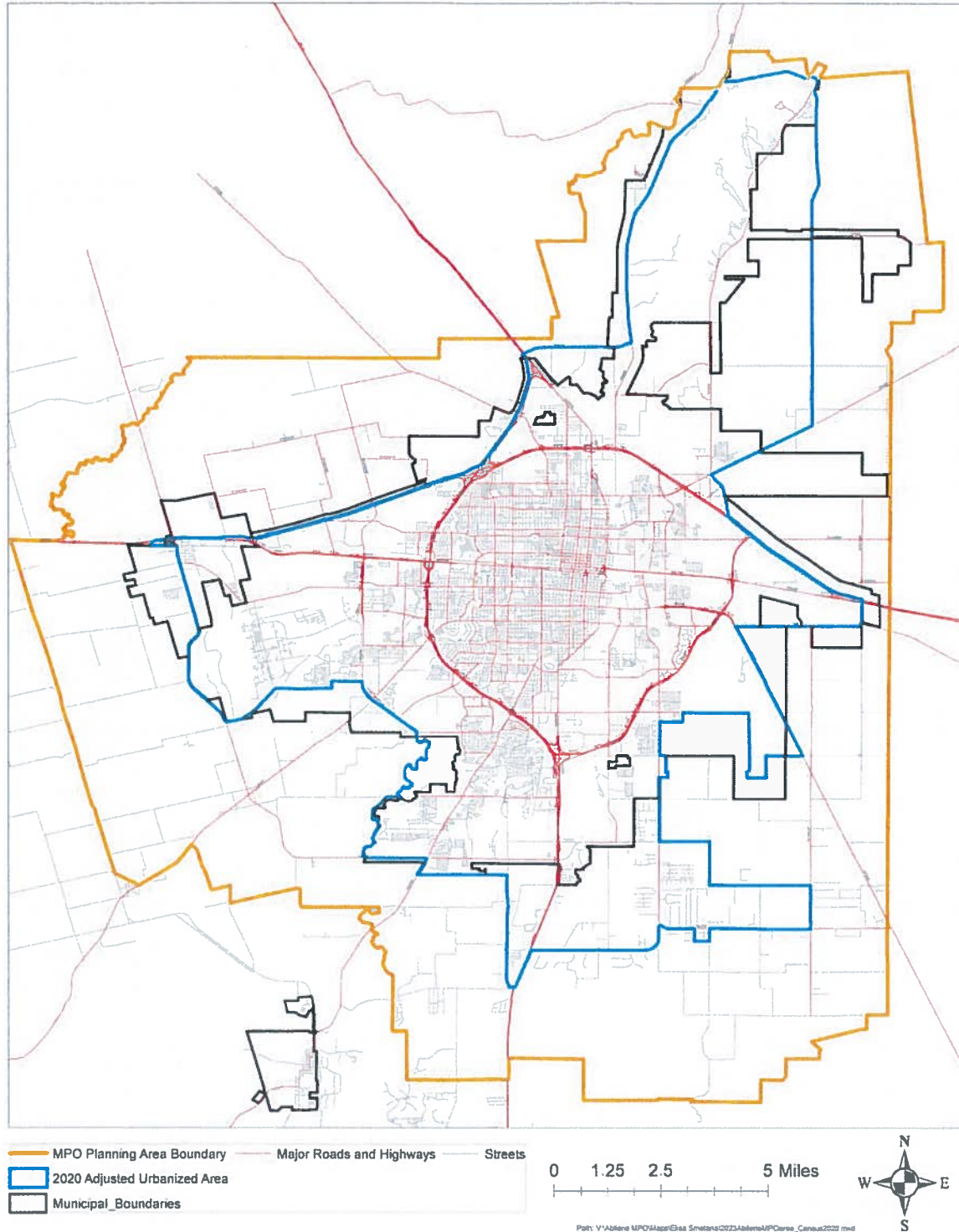
UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Expended
1.0	Administration-Management	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	100.00%
3.0	Short Range Planning	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	100.00%
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	100.00%
5.0	Special Studies	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL	TOTAL	\$ 212,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	5.66%

**FTA (Section 5304) Funds
Budgeted and Expended FY 2024**

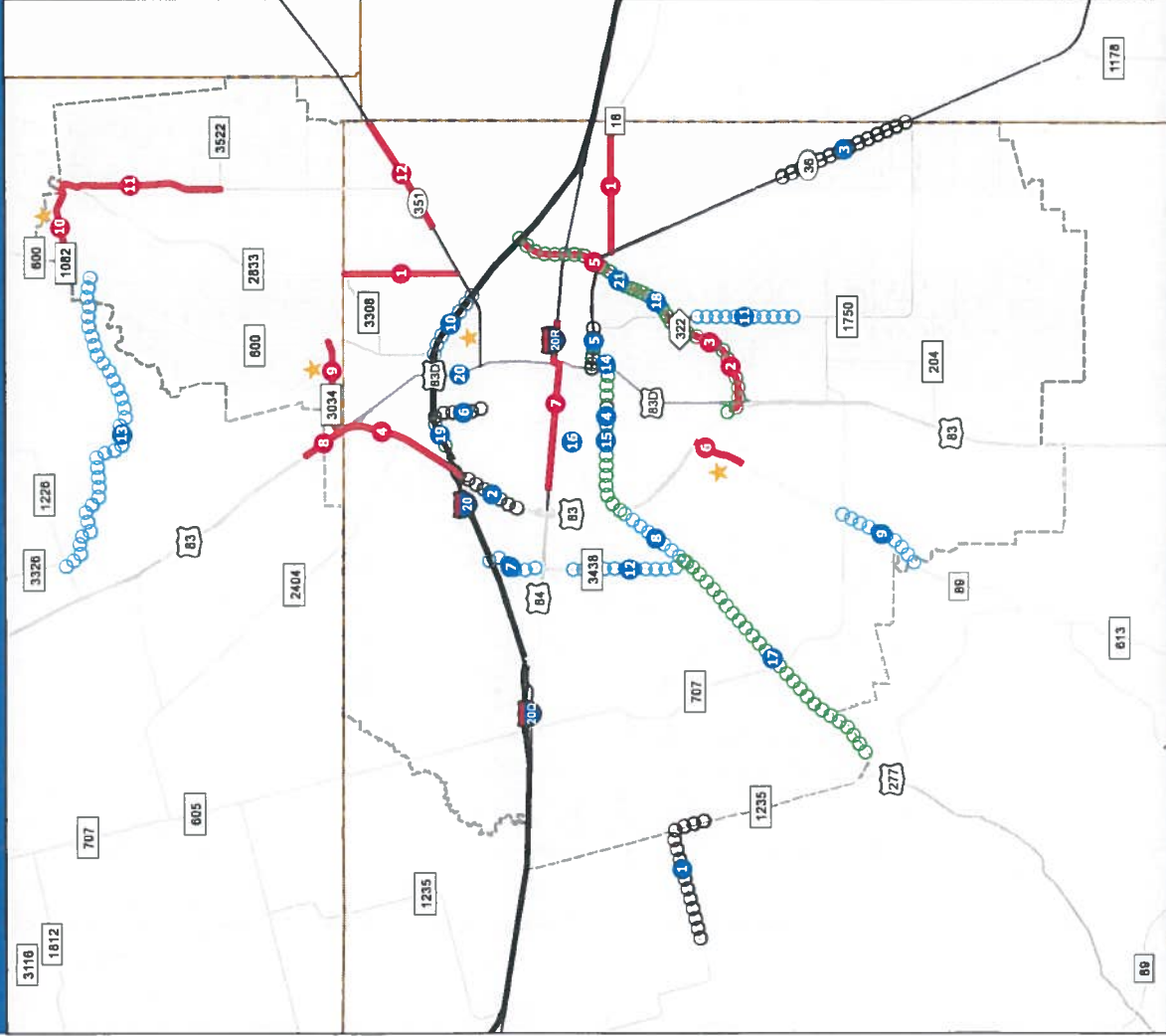
UPWP TASK	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Expended
1.0	Administration-Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
3.0	Short Range Planning	\$ 18,950.00	\$ 18,775.00	\$ 175.00	99.08%
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 40,225.00	\$ 375.00	99.08%
5.0	Special Studies	\$ 238,200.00	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	99.08%
TOTAL	TOTAL	\$ 297,750.00	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 2,750.00	99.08%

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Map

Abilene 2020 Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area



9. Discussion and review of transportation projects.
(TxDOT Staff, City Staff, CityLink Staff)



Legend

PAVEMENT PROJECTS

FY LET

- 2025
- 2026
- 2027

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

MPO Boundary

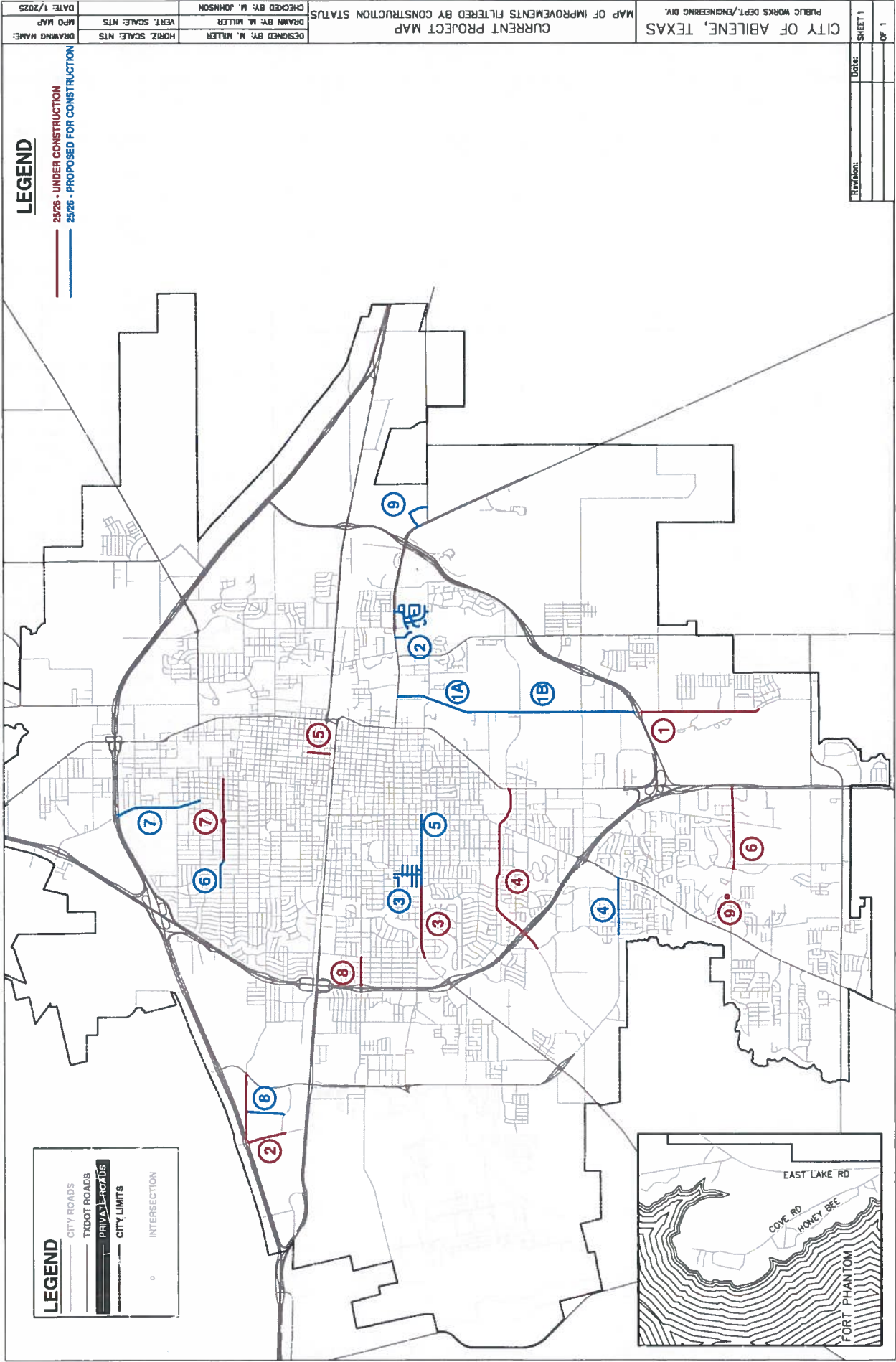
MPO Funds Included

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

SITE	CSJ	ROADWAY	TYPE OF WORK	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	CONTRACTOR
1	000410011	FM 18	REHABILITATE EXISTING ROADWAY	SH 34	CALLAHAN CO LINE	J. M. STRAIN & SONS, INC.
2	000400120	SH 322	INSTALL INTELLIGENT VEHICLE HIGHWAY SYSTEM	VARIOUS	INSIDE ABILENE MPO BOUNDARY	FLORIDA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INC.
3	239401005	SH 322	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	LYTLE CREEK	US 83	HCC FABRIK, INC.
4	003305004	US 83	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	ROUTE 81 INTERCHANGE	1500' NORTH OF ANHILER AVE	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES, INC.
5	239401004	SH 322	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	ROUTE 81 INTERCHANGE	LYTLE CREEK	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES, INC.
6	000010022	FM 88	WIDER ROAD - ADD LANES	REBECCA LAKE	JUST NORTH OF US 83	A. L. HULSMAN, INC.
7	000010022	FM 88	REPLACING THE RAIL CROSSINGS AND SIGNALS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	BRYTE SMITH'S CONSTRUCTION CO
8	000010022	FM 88	WIDER ROAD - ADD SHOULDERS	1.5 MILES NORTH OF FM 3024	INDIAN COUNTRY LINE	PRC CONSTRUCTION, INC.
9	000010022	FM 3024	WIDER ROAD - ADD SHOULDERS	REAR FM 343	FM 880	PRC CONSTRUCTION, INC.
10	000010022	FM 1802	CONSTRUCT NEW ROAD	WEST OF CHEYENNE CIRCLE	EAST OF DAM	GILVER-TERRELL, LTD.
11	000010022	FM 1802	SURFACING/ROADWAY RESTORATION	EAST OF DAM	FM 3222	J.A. STRAIN AND SONS, INC.
12	000010022	SH 351	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	ABILENE CITY LIMITS	CALLAHAN CO LINE	POUTCO PAVING COMPANY, LLC

2025-2027 PLANNED PROJECTS

SITE	CSJ	ROADWAY	TYPE OF WORK	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	FY LET
1	045200021	FM 1235	WIDER ROAD - ADD SHOULDERS	CR 304	CR 306	2025
2	003200020	US 83	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	1300' FTR OF ANHILER	N 10TH ST	2025
3	018101009	SH 36	WIDER ROAD - ADD LANES	CR 123	CALLAHAN COUNTY	2025
4	000010004	SH 14TH ST	TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS	SAVILE BOULEVARD		2025
5	018101007	SH 36	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	BU 830	FM 1750	2025
6	000010012	OLD ANSON RD	CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE	W STANFORD ST	ANHILER BLVD	2025
7	227001007	FM 3438	INSTALL ILLUMINATION	IN 30 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD	NEAR S POINTS MAINWAY	2026
8	045200049	US 277	RESURFACING ROADWAY	US 83	FM 3438	2026
9	000010007	FM 89	WIDER ROAD - ADD LANES AND SHOULDERS	ELM CREEK	FM 307	2026
10	000010009	FM 89	WIDER ROADWAY	FM 608	SH 351	2026
11	145201008	FM 1750	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS WITH RIGHT ANCHOR LEFT T	INDUSTRIAL BLVD	1300' SOUTH OF COUNTRY HILL RD	2026
12	227001009	FM 3438	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	MILITARY DR	US 277	2026
13	000010007	FM 1802	WIDER ROAD - ADD SHOULDERS	FM 1228	FM 400	2027
14	018101007	SH 36	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	MAPLE STREET	2027
15	000010015	SH 14TH ST	SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, LEDS & OPS CLOCKS	SOUTH CLACK STREET	S. TREADAWAY BLVD	2027
16	000010015	SH 14TH ST	SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, LEDS & OPS CLOCKS	AT SARGOW INTERSECTION	SOUTH END OF BRISF BRIDGE	2027
17	045200046	US 277	RESURFACING ROADWAY	FM 3438	FM 3438	2027
18	239401004	SH 322	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	AT	IN 30	2027
19	000010011	FM 30	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	WB ENTRANCE RAMP OLD ANSON RD	2027
20	000010011	FM 30	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	PH 5T	2027
21	239401002	SH 322	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	NORTH OF SH 34 (ET 20)	FM 1750	2027



City of Abilene Proposed Project for 2024/2025

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION					
	PROJECT	FUNDING SOURCE	PERCENTAGE COMPLETE	CONTRACTOR	COST ESTIMATE
1	Maple (Carriage Hills to Loop 322)	2021 Bond	96%	Epic Construction	\$ 6,837,216.50
2	Five Points Roadway Improvements (Fulweier Rd and Marigold St)	DCOA	93%	Epic Construction	\$ 3,678,849.00
3	S 14th St Walkability Project (Sidewalks/Ped Bridges)	TxDOT	100%	Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 1,369,000.00
4	S 27th Signal Improvements (Treadaway to Catclaw)	Street Maintenance Fee	21%	Willis Electric Company	\$ 738,128.40
5	Cypress Street Reconstruction	TIRZ	60%	Tienert	\$ 9,548,653.00
6	Antilley and Memorial Traffic Signal Improvements	Street Maintenance Fee	92%	Willis Electric Company	\$ 513,885.00
7	N. 18th St. Grape to Mockingbird(Includes N. 18th & Kirkwood Intersection)	Street Maintenance Fee	21%	J.H. Stain & Sons	\$ 1,214,164.20
8	S. 7th St. (Danville to Pioneer)	Street Maintenance Fee	15%	J.H. Stain & Sons	\$ 1,127,022.66
9	Glen Abbey Storm Sewer Replacement	Street Maintenance Fee/Stormwater	95%	Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 236,109.00
	GRAND TOTAL				\$ 25,263,027.76
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN DESIGN -- PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN FY 2025					
	PROJECT	FUNDING SOURCE	PERCENTAGE COMPLETE	BID YEAR	COST ESTIMATE
1A	Maple (S. 27th to ES 11th)	2021 Bond	99% Designed	2025	\$ 7,000,000.00
1B	Maple (Loop 322 to S. 27th)	2021 Bond	95% Designed	2025	\$ 6,800,000.00
2	S7 (Lytle Estates)	Street Maintenance Fee	100% Designed	2025	\$ 2,040,000.00
3	S10B (C.W. Gill Park)	Street Maintenance Fee	90% Designed	2025	\$ 1,315,000.00
4	Rebecca Ln. Phase I (Catclaw Dr. to Buffalo Gap Rd.)	Street Maintenance Fee	100% Designed	2025	\$ 2,050,000.00
5	S. 14th St. Phase II (Willis to Sayles)	Street Maintenance Fee	40% Designed	2025	\$ 2,685,000.00
6	N. 18th St. (Willis to Mockingbird)	Street Maintenance Fee	40% Designed	2025	\$ 895,000.00
7	Old Anson Rd. Walkability Project	TASA Grant	30% Designed	2025	\$ 1,900,000.00
8	Polaris Dr. Reconstruction	DCOA	100% Designed	2025	\$ 3,250,000.00
9	Great Lakes Dr. & Kinsolving Dr. Reconstruction	DCOA	100% Designed	2025	\$ 2,800,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL				\$ 30,735,000.00

CityLink Transit

(April 2025 MPO meeting)

- Employee restroom repairs and remodel project:
 - Two of the three employee restrooms have been completed
 - One item remains on the third restroom

- Strategic Study for Micro transit conversion of the Fixed Route system
 - CityLink received the first of 5 Tech Memos at the end of February

10. Discussion and review of reports:

- Financial Status
- Operation Report
 - Tasks
 - Training Sessions
 - Meetings
- Director's Report
 - Work Tasks
 - MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion Update
 - TxDOT/MPO/COA Planning Agreement

- Financial Status

Fiscal year 2025					
October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025					
Date	Transaction	Additional Data	Authorization	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
1/23/2025	Work Order #1	FTA 5303/PL-112	\$107,627.11		\$107,627.11
1/7/2025	October 2024	Billing #1		\$10,938.31	\$96,688.80
1/16/2025	November 2024	Billing #2		\$65,483.95	\$31,204.85
2/11/2025	December 2024	Billing #3		\$27,302.31	\$3,902.54
3/11/2025	January 2025	Billing #4		\$28,197.64	(\$24,295.10)
4/2/2025	February 2025	Billing #5		\$23,200.36	(\$47,495.46)
4/4/2025	Work Order #2	FTA 5303/PL-112	\$267,372.89		\$219,877.43
TOTALS			\$375,000.00	\$155,122.57	\$219,877.43

updated as of 04/08/25

outstanding carryover	\$314,386.49
2025 TOTAL FUNDING	\$689,386.49



ABILENE

Metropolitan Planning Organization
209 S Danville Dr., Suite B-212, Abilene, TX 79605

April 8, 2025

Ms. Shannon Hawkins
Texas Department of Transportation
Transportation Planning and Programming
118 E. Riverside Drive
Austin, TX 78714

Ms. Hawkins,

The Abilene MPO has reviewed the January 2025 billing in the amount of **\$28,197.64** that was prepared by the City of Abilene's Finance Department. I approve this billing for reimbursement of said amount.

Entity: Abilene MPO;
Purchase Order Number: 601CT0000036706
EIN/Payee ID: 1-7560004404-000

If you have any questions, please call me at (325) 676-6492 or email at elisa.smetana@abilenetx.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

E'Lisa Smetana
Executive Director
Abilene MPO

FHWA GRANT (Abilene Urban Transportation Study)
CITY OF ABILENE
CONTRACT 50-25XF0015

LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR January 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1 - G41-MPO-01			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	Jan Payroll	8,630.21
1	Worker's Compensation	For month Oct-Jan (\$55/mnth)	45.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month January 25	521.00
1	Vexus Fiber (NTS)	Feb Internet/Phone Service	447.72
1	CitiBank	Walmart - Supplies	83.84
1	CitiBank	Walmart - snacks - policy board	97.90
1	City of Abilene	Paper	46.82
1	Titan Towers LP	Feb Rent/Utilities	1,008.00
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Rita Ryan Dec Mileage	58.96
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	E'Lisa Smetana Dec Mileage	71.02
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Cory Harris Dec Mileage	10.72
		Per Diem - Austin, TX TxDOT TPPP Travel	
1	Cory Harris	- Dem and Model Training	132.00
TOTAL TASK 1			11,153.19
2 - G41-MPO-02			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	Jan Payroll	6,842.72
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 8	2,138.85
TOTAL TASK 2			8,981.57
3 - G41-MPO-03			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	Jan Payroll	1,520.77
3			
TOTAL TASK 3			1,520.77
4 - G41-MPO-04			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	Jan Payroll	392.11
4	Huitt-Zollars Inc	FY2025-2050 MTP	6,150.00
TOTAL TASK 4			6,542.11
GRAND TOTAL			28,197.64



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Purchase Order Number: 601CT0000036706
EIN/Payee ID: 1-7560004404-000

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LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR February 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1 - G41-MPO-01			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	February PR	13,811.68
1	Worker's Compensation	For month February 25	45.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month February 25	521.00
1	O'Kelley's	Office Supplies	299.45
1	Craft Design	TAC Name Plates - Mason Teegardin	12.50
1	Vexus Fiber (NTS)	March internet/phone/fax svcs	447.72
1	Titan Towers	March Rent/Utilities	1,008.00
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Rita Ryan Jan Mileage	51.10
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	E'Lisa Smetana Jan Mileage	44.80
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Cory Harris Jan Mileage	16.80
1	Enterprise	Vehicle for C. Harris, Travel Demand	114.95
		Fuel Travel Demand Model Training, Austin, TX, C. Harris	
1	Voyager		32.66
TOTAL TASK 1			16,405.66
2 - G41-MPO-02			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	February PR	1,094.76
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 005	2,127.45
TOTAL TASK 2			3,222.21
3 - G41-MPO-03			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	February PR	1,284.62
3			0.00
TOTAL TASK 3			1,284.62
4 - G41-MPO-04			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	February PR	2,287.87
4			0.00
TOTAL TASK 4			2,287.87
GRAND TOTAL			23,200.36

- Operation Report
 - Tasks
 - Training Sessions
 - Meetings

ABILENE MPO – OPERATION REPORT

From **February 11, 2025 through April 8, 2025**, some of the tasks completed by the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) include the following:
(Blue font is standard monthly items)

MPO Transportation/Transit Planning:

General MPO -

- Prepared agendas, packets, presentations, and minutes for the Policy Board (PB), and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Updated MPO TAC and PB follow-up meeting action items listing.
- Updated organizational forms/files/documents including: PB and TAC documentation for new member packets; attendance sheets and sign-in sheets; MPO PB and TAC website membership files; MPO members master file (PB, TAC, Staff, TAC Designees); TAC Designee Assignment forms; MPO PB and TAC checklist; and all contact lists including Citizens, PB, PB Ex-officio, TAC, TAC Designees, TAC Ex-officio, and other listings.
- General Office Duties performed including notes and minutes for all meetings (composed and summarized); food request; filing, documenting, shredding; and ordered required office supplies.
- Provided traffic counts and other data at citizen's requests.
- Prepared information, conducted meetings, and evaluated transportation needs brought to the attention of the MPO staff.
- Updated MPO website with meeting notices, links, staff members, address, documents, and other pertinent information. Updated MPO role/background information. This will be an on-going task to keep the website current.
- Provided numerous trainings on various MPO office procedures and processes.
- Received and reviewed the FHWA Planning Review Audit Report along with providing feedback and data.
- Provided pertinent information to new members on the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board.
- Final proof and submittal of the Abilene MPO Insider, Volume #16 Newsletter.
- Researched the Code of Federal Regulations and the Texas Administrative Code for updated laws pertaining to reporting at the MPO level (Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, Annual Performance and Expenditure Report, etc.).
- Took project picture for FM 1082, FM 3034, FM 89, and South 14th Street projects. Utilized the pictures and updated data in various reports.
- Began working with COA legal, TxDOT, and other MPOs on an update to the TxDOT, COA, and MPO Planning Agreement.
- Provided training and instructions on various work products to team.

Maps -

- Working with consultants (Resource Data, Inc.) on mapping needs (Sidewalk Map) and coordinating on the FY 2025 Scope of Work tasks. Utilized consultants help with location of file layers and hands-on training.
- Compiled, Created, and/or Updated Data on the following map: Updated FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3 map with assistance from Resource Data, Inc.
- Attended an online GIS training class to improve mapping skills.

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Reports and Plans-

- Compiled data, prepared a resolution, and updated the FY 2025 Safety Performance Measure (PM 1).
- Compiled data, prepared a resolution, and updated the FY 2024 Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures (PM 2).
- Researched and prepared an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including coordinated with CityLink, TxDOT, and project data pulled from TxDOT Connect. Composed the public notice, published to the website, and completed all requirements for our public participation. Will update any comments to the documents.
- Compiled data, coordinated with the City of Abilene, CityLink, and TxDOT, and prepared the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Composed the public notice, published to the website, and completed all requirements for our public participation. Will update any comments to the documents. Submitted the draft report to TxDOT per deadline.
- Compiled data, coordinated with the City of Abilene, CityLink, and TxDOT, and prepared the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Composed the public notice, published to the website, and completed all requirements for our public participation. Will update any comments to the documents. Submitted the draft report to TxDOT per deadline.
- Compiled data, coordinated with the City of Abilene and CityLink, and prepared an amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Compiled data, coordinated with the City of Abilene and CityLink, and prepared the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Currently working on confirming data according to the TXDOT checklist that was provided on April 7.
- Responded to questions from FHWA on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).
- Researched, compiled data, and began working on an amendment to the FY 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Researched, compiled data, and began working on an amendment to the Ten-Year Plan to coordinate with the Unified Transportation Program (UTP), TxDOT Connect, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Began proofing, with comparison to the regulations, the draft update of the Title VI Plan and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan.

MPO Boundary –

- Followed up with TxDOT on the status of the MPO Boundary Expansion.

Budget -

- Prepared TxDOT billings for financial status updates and reviewed/reconciled/updated budget information.
- Researched/reconciled/input data on Tyler purchasing card transactions.
- Created check requests for all incoming bills, maintained office supply accounts, and updated/reconciled information to the budget.

Collaboration -

- Submitted requests for project updates from our member agencies (TxDOT, City Link, and City of Abilene) for the PB meetings.

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- Updated Unique Entity Identification Code and Direct Deposit forms and submissions for TxDOT billings.
- Completed a D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition survey for future collaboration efforts.
- Numerous sessions with Resource Data, Inc. on GIS needs.
- Worked with TxDOT and the COA on Truck Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) information availability.
- Provided letters of support for FTA Section 5310 funding for transit providers (Central Texas Rural Transit District – City/Rural Rides and CityLink Transit)

Attended training sessions on:

- *Travel Demand Model Training - Austin TX - Harris (02/10-12/25)*
- *COA Workplace Harassment Prevention for Employees – Harris (02/17/25)*
- *Data Intake and Validation Decision Lens Training – Smetana & Harris (02/25/25)*
- *What If and Planning Execution Decision Lens Training – Harris (02/26/25)*
- *TEMPO Meeting – Austin, TX - Smetana (03/12-14/25)*
- *Human Resource Training on Performance Review - Harris (03/20/25)*
- *TIP Map screen sharing by Resource Data – Harris (03/24/25)*
- *Texas Midwest Rural Transportation Council (TMRTC) Meeting – Snyder, TX - Smetana & Harris (03/25/25)*
- *ArcGIS Pro Basics – Harris (04/02/25)*
- *Defensive Driving – Harris (04/03/25)*

Some of the meetings attended by staff:

- *Upcoming Events Discussion – MPO/TxDOT D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition (02/12/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Staff Bi-Weekly Meetings (02/17/25, 03/19/25, 04/01/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting (02/18/25)*
- *Statewide Functional Class Assessment Webinar (02/19/25)*
- *Silver Drivers Safe Texans Webinar (02/20/25)*
- *Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) TxDOT/MPO Office Hours Webinar (02/28/25)*
- *Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Leadership Forum – Leading During Times of Uncertainty (03/04/25)*
- *Shape the Future of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) #2 Webinar (03/07/25)*
- *Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition Meeting Webinar (03/20/25)*
- *D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition Meeting (02/18/25, 03/24/25)*
- *Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition Meeting (03/27/25)*
- *TxDOT Planning Agreement Office Hours Webinar (03/28/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee (03/18/25)*
- *FHWA/MPO Check-in Webinar (04/08/25)*

- Director's Report
 - Work Tasks
 - MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion Update
 - TxDOT/MPO/COA Planning Agreement

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Work Tasks

- **MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion Update:**

The Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) currently utilizes a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary that was last revised in 2006. In early 2022, the MPO began a process of reviewing its MPA boundary in partnership with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). In September 2023, AECOM was recruited to provide support to the Abilene MPO to finish the boundary revision process. There were numerous committee meetings and presentations to both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Board. We gave presentations to all the affected entities (Callahan County, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Clyde, City of Hawley, City of Lawn, City of Merkel, and City of Tuscola). The Policy Board took action to approve the changes at their April 16, 2024 meeting. On June 25, 2024, the technical memo and revised boundary information was submitted to TxDOT. We were notified on October 3, 2024 that TxDOT has submitted the boundary expansion request to the Governor's Office and they are in the process of reviewing the submittal and providing the final sign-off. On November 20, 2024, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's legal staff is reviewing and we should know something shortly on the approval. On January 7, 2025, the latest update is that the Governor's office had some questions about the Texas Administrative Code and the United States Code references in the documents. Those responses were given to them on December 23, 2024 by TxDOT and they acknowledged receipt of that information but did not provide any additional information on a timeframe for completion. As of March 12, 2025, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's office is still evaluating the boundary submittal.

- **TxDOT/MPO/COA Planning Agreement:**

On March 7, 2025, TxDOT sent out an updated version of the Metropolitan Planning Agreement template. The new template incorporates/refreshes current federal and state requirements and recommendations from recent audits. TxDOT hosted a couple of Office Hours (webinars) to discuss the changes to the agreement and let MPOs ask questions, share any concerns, and offer suggestions. The timeline for the agreement execution is as follows:

- **March 7:** DRAFT Agreement sent to MPOs
- **March 26 & 28:** Office hours
- **March 31:** Comments on DRAFT due to TPP
- **April 15:** Final template sent to MPOs
- **April-August 15:** MPO Policy Board consideration to approve the Agreement. MPOs to provide email addresses for signatories.
- **August 15:** TPP to send Agreement to Fiscal Agent and Policy Board Chair via DocuSign
- **Effective Date:** Agreement takes effect once all parties have signed
- **September 15:** Deadline for all Agreements to be fully executed
- **August 31, 2030:** End of Agreement period

A summary of the key updates to the Metropolitan Planning Agreement are aimed to enhance clarity, compliance, and efficiency. These include: add definitions and reorganize articles for cohesive progression; ensure alignment with federal and state regulations, streamline references, and eliminate redundancies; clarify responsibilities, including references to essential work items (PMs, APL, etc.); reduce the maximum number of TPF invoices submitted annually from 24 to 15; clarify process for notifying MPOs about invoice corrections; consolidate responsibilities of the MPO to include responsibilities of the MPO Policy Board and MPO Director; align the Fiscal Agent responsibilities to encompass subrecipient monitoring and risk assessment in compliance with federal requirements; and require signature of the agreement by Policy Board Chair.

Once we receive the final template on April 15, we will work through the process of getting it to the Policy Board at the June 17th meeting.

11. Opportunity for members of the Public to make comments on MPO issues.

12. Opportunity for Board Members, Technical Advisory Committee Members, or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.

13. Adjournment.