

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

**1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025**  
City Council Chambers, Abilene City Hall  
555 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas

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**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**

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***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.***

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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 April 15, 2025 meeting.
3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Ten-Year Plan.
5. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action an amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
6. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the FINAL FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
7. Presentation on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Non-Transportation Management Area Enhanced Planning Review Audit Report.
8. Discussion and review of transportation projects.  
(TxDOT Staff, City Staff, CityLink Staff)
9. 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

10. Opportunity for members of the Public to make comments on MPO issues.
11. Opportunity for Board Members, Technical Advisory Committee Members, or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. 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. 12. 551.074 (Personnel Matters) – Policy Board may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees.

551.074 (Personnel Matters) – Executive Director's Retirement

**RECONVENE**

13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Procedure And Hiring of new Executive Director.
14. Adjournment.

**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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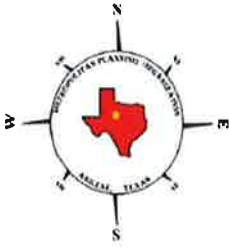
***Other than members, ex-officio members, and non-voting review/advisory members of the Transportation Policy Board or Technical Advisory Committee, each person who wishes to address the Board regarding an item on the agenda shall be limited to a five (5) minute presentation unless such person requests and receives additional time from the Chairman. The Chairman may exercise discretion in allowing or not allowing additional time to any speaker. The use of a single spokesperson to represent a group of people is encouraged. Where there are large numbers of persons who wish to address the Transportation Policy Board on a single matter, the Chairman may decrease the amount of time available to each person who wishes to address the Transportation Policy Board.***

**1. Call to Order.**

*Public comment on any item on the agenda.*

**2. Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the April 15, 2025 meeting.**





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

April 15, 2025

The Abilene MPO Transportation Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, Abilene City Hall, 555 Walnut St., Abilene Texas.

### **Policy Board Members Present:**

Judge Phil Crowley, Taylor County (*out @ 1:51 p.m. in @ 1:56 p.m. Item #9*)

Mr. Jeremy Dearing, TxDOT District Engineer

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:**

N/A

### **Staff of Member Agencies in Attendance:**

Mr. Billy Dezern, TxDOT, Advanced Planning Manager/GIS Coordinator

Ms. Nellie Doneva, City of Abilene, Videographer

Mr. Richard Harbert, P.E., City of Abilene, Professional Engineer

Ms. Max Johnson, City of Abilene, Director of Public Works

Ms. Julie Johncox, DCOA, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Jennifer Paneco, City of Abilene, Communications, Coordinator Storm Water Education, Keep Abilene Beautiful

Mr. Michael Rice, P.E., City of Abilene, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Mason Teagardin, City of Abilene, Planning Division Manager

Mr. Bryce Turentine, P.E., TxDOT Abilene Area Engineer

### **MPO Staff in Attendance:**

Mr. Cory Harris, Abilene MPO, Transportation Planner I

Mr. Rita Ryan, Abilene MPO, Office Assistant III

Ms. Elisa Smetana, Abilene MPO, Executive Director

### **Others in Attendance:**

Mr. James Condry, Citizen

#### **1. Call to Order.**

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. He stated public comments would be accepted on all agenda items, he noted three items on the agenda call for Public Hearing.

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

Judge Crowley made a *motion* to *approve* the minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting with two noted typo corrections, with a *second* by Judge Spurgin. *Motion Carried (5-0).*

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

Ms. Smetana stated the amendment for the FYs 2025-2028 TIP was available in the packet. She stated there are a couple of projects that need to be amended so they match TxDOT Connect. She said this is out for public review. Ms. Smetana identified the details of the TIP amendment: Cover Page – updated the date; Table of Contents;

Highway Project Pages; Transit Project Pages; Financial Summary for Highway and Transit; History of TIP and TIP Amendments; and Appendix D: PM 1 and Projects; PM 2 and Projects; PM 3 Projects Only.

Ms. Smetana turned the floor over to Mr. Harris to present the Highway Projects. He noted the items in the red are the updates and changes that were made to sync up with TxDOT Connect. Mr. Harris discussed each of the Highway Project changes and then finished his presentation.

Ms. Smetana identified the changes to the Transit Projects. She stated the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval during their March 18, 2025, meeting. Ms. Smetana ended her presentation.

Chairman Price opened a Public Hearing. No comments were received. Chairman Price requested a motion from the Policy Board.

Mayor Hurt made a *motion* to *approve* the amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with a *second* by Mr. Dearing. *Motion Carried (5-0)*.

**4. Receive a Report; Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing; and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.**

Ms. Smetana said included in the packet is a copy of the FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP). She said this was due on December 15, 2023, but we received the data enabling us to do this report on February 28, 2025. Ms. Smetana stated we have a due date of March 28, 2025, we did submit a draft document to TxDOT on that date. The report was out for public review with a deadline of April 14, 2025, we did not receive any comments but noted we will also be accepting comments during today's meeting and any comments received will be added to the report.

Ms. Smetana discussed the 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. She then discussed the projects obligated in the Abilene Metropolitan Planning area. Ms. Smetana noted we had one highway project; seven grouped projects; one bicycle project. She then proceeded to discuss the transit projects and noted that transit has a remaining fund balance available for subsequent years of \$1,051,832.

Ms. Smetana explained that due to the timeline TxDOT imposed we were unable to submit this to TAC for a recommendation. She ended her presentation and offered to answer any questions.

Chairman Price opened a Public Hearing. No comments were received. Chairman Price requested a motion from the Policy Board.

Mr. Dearing made a *motion* to *approve* the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, with a *second* by Judge Crowley. *Motion Carried (5-0)*.

**5. Receive a Report; Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing; and Take Action on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.**

Ms. Smetana said included in the packet is a copy of the FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. She noted this was due on December 15, 2024, but we received the data enabling us to do this report on March 3, 2025, with a due date of April 4, 2025. We submitted a draft document to TxDOT on March 28, 2025.

Ms. Smetana stated the report was out for public review with a deadline of April 14, 2025, she noted that we did not receive any comments but noted we will also be accepting comments during today's meeting and any comments received will be added to the report.

Ms. Smetana discussed the summary of projects: \$23,773,487 for highway projects; \$2,544,233 for grouped projects; \$0 for bicycle projects; and \$751,788 for transit projects. The total obligated funds for FY 2024 are \$27,069,508.

Ms. Smetana provided a breakdown of the projects: one highway project, three group projects, zero bicycle projects. She spoke on the nine transit projects: \$3,695,611 programmed funds; \$751,788 obligated funds; and the remaining funds are \$3,240,268.

Ms. Smetana explained that due to the timeline TxDOT imposed we were unable to submit this to TAC for a recommendation. She ended her presentation and offered to answer any questions

Chairman Price opened a Public Hearing. No comments were received. Chairman Price requested a motion from the Policy Board.

Judge Spurgin made a *motion* to *approve* the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, with a *second* by Mayor Hurt. *Motion Carried (5-0)*.

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

Ms. Smetana noted the Unified Planning Work Program needs to be amended to incorporate the following changes: (Cover Page - date changed; Table of Contents; Subtask 3.3 – funding changed; Subtask 4.1 – funding changed; Subtask 4.3 – funding changed; Subtask 5.4 – funding changed; Subtask 5.6 – new subtask added; PB and TAC membership – updated; Boundary map – updated with 2020 Census and Amendments page – updated.

Ms. Smetana discussed each of the changes and spoke in detail about the addition of Subtask 5.6: Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options. She noted 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, bicyclists, 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.

Ms. Smetana shared that the MPO is hoping to utilize the funds from Subtask 5.6 by hiring a consultant for some of the following recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board at previous meetings: Corridor Planning- FM 89 going towards Buffalo Gap; Loop 322 extension from I20 to SH 351 to US 83; and Oldham Lane from East South 11th Street to FM 707; Freight Planning- Treadaway Blvd. Corridor; and East Highway 80 Corridor; and General Planning- Consolidate Title VI & Americans with Disabilities Act – ADA & Public Participation Plans (Airport (driven by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)), City of Abilene (under development Human Resources (HR)), CityLink (driven by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)), and other entities.

Ms. Smetana discussed the Budget Summary noting changes are in yellow. She noted the TAC at their March 18, 2025, meeting recommended approval. Ms. Smetana ended her presentation and offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Hurt made a *motion* to *approve* DRAFT FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), with a *second* by Mr. Dearing. *Motion Carried (5-0)*.

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

Ms. Smetana noted this is the MPO budget report that will take effect in October 2025. She explained this is a new format, TxDOT submitted a revised UPWP template on February 7, 2025 that we are required to follow for approval. The draft UPWP is due to TxDOT on May 1, 2025, with the final to be submitted by July 15, 2025. On April 7, staff received a TXDOT Checklist for the UPWP. MPO Staff has been working on confirming compliance with the checklist. Ms. Smetana noted what the TAC reviewed is slightly different than today's version as we had to make revisions to meet the changes given to us by TxDOT on April 7, 2025.

Ms. Smetana discussed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Nov. 15, 2021), Set-aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) requires each MPO to use at least 2.5% of its Planning (PL) funds for safety.

Ms. Smetana discussed the FY 2026-2027 UPWP, she noted in the definition of area we included information about our new boundary (awaiting approval in Governor Abbott's office) as we are hopeful of a positive decision by October 2025. She referred to the link under Planning Issues and Emphasis stating that it was updated by TxDOT to a working link. Ms. Smetana stated the items highlighted in yellow are the changes made due to the TxDOT April 7, 2025, checklist. She discussed in detail each of the yellow highlighted items, noting: Subtask 5.4: Microtransit Services Study that CityLink staff with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding will complete. A consulting firm will conduct a strategic evaluation of fixed routes to Microtransit system conversion. Ms. Smetana noted that Subtasks 1.3, 2.5, 3.4, 4.2, and 5.4 will be utilizing CityLink Transit Funds.

Ms. Smetana spoke on the Budget Summary prior to ending her presentation. She said the TAC recommended approval at their March 18, 2025, meeting. She opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Dearing asked Ms. Smetana about Task 5, he inquired where the MPO was in the process of obtaining a consultant. Ms. Smetana asked for clarification that Mr. Dearing was referring to Task 5.3 the Safety Action Plan, Mr. Dearing stated he was. She replied that it is through TxDOT as they already have a consultant hired. Ms. Smetana said TxDOT submitted a preliminary draft in 2024 and is currently still working on it with the hopes of completing it soon. Mr. Dearing asked about the Task 5.2 the Resiliency Plan. Ms. Smetana stated we have not yet started the Resiliency Plan; we are required to obtain bids before hiring a consultant.

Judge Spurgin made a *motion* to *approve* the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), with a *second* by Mayor Hurt. *Motion Carried (5-0)*.

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

Ms. Smetana stated the APER was submitted to TxDOT on Monday, December 16, 2024. TxDOT submitted the report to Federal Highway Administration (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, 2025. We received acknowledgement on February 18, 2025, that FHWA did not have any additional comments on the document. On February 19, 2025, we received acknowledgement from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that they did not have any comments but stated that the report was very detailed and great job on using the FTA planning funding. Ms. Smetana stated that with acknowledgements from TxDOT, FHWA, and FTA the report is now ready for publication. Prior to this acknowledgement we were unable to share this report Per 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 420.117, 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.

Ms. Smetana discussed the report in detail, highlighting some items that the MPO organized, participated in or partnered with other community entities: Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Workshop, MPO Newsletter (Abilene MPO Insider), Facebook and X (Twitter) accounts used to share public participation; Ride of Silence; Ride to Work; TxDOT Work Zone Safety; and Car Seat Checkup; Abilene MPO Travel Demand Model which was presented by TxDOT at the MPO PB/TAC Workshop; Carbon Reduction Program Closed-Circuit Cameras and Dynamic Message Signs; Carbon Reduction Project Proposal Shared Path on Dub Wright Blvd. (FM 3438) from US 277 to IH 20 (multiple phases).

Ms. Smetana discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program Projects that we assisted the City of Abilene submit grant requests for totaling an overall project cost of \$7,475,112.



Ms. Smetana discussed the Budget Summary and noted this report was not presented to the TAC before ending her presentation.

Mr. Dearing made a *motion* to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), with a *second* by Judge Crowley. *Motion Carried (5-0).*

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

**TxDOT** - Mr. Turentine discussed the construction projects: 1) FM 18 Rehabilitate Existing Roadway from SH 36 to Callahan County Line; 2) SL 322 Install Intelligent Vehicle Highway System at various locations; 3) SL 322 Hazard Elimination and Safety from Lytle Creek to US 83; 4) US 83 Hazard Elimination and Safety from Lytle Creek to US 83; 5) SL 322 Hazard and Safety Elimination from North 10 Street to Lytle Creek; 6) FM 89 Widen Road - Add Lanes from Rebecca Lane to just north of US 83; 7) Business 20 Replacing the Rail Crossings and Signal at Various locations; 8) US 83 Widen Road - Add Shoulders from 1.0 miles north of FM 3034 to Taylor County Line; 9) FM 3034 Widen Road - Add Shoulders from near PR 343 to FM 600; 10) FM 1082 Construct New Road from west of Cheyenne Circle to east of Dam; 11) FM 1082 Surfacing - Roadway Restoration from east of the dam to FM 3522 and 12) SH 351 Preventive Maintenance from Abilene City Limits to Callahan County Line.

Mr. Turentine discussed Planned Projects: 1) FM 1235 Widen Road -Add Shoulder from CR .306 to CR 300; 2) US 83 Hazard Elimination and Safety from 1300 feet north of Ambler Avenue to North 10th Street; 3) SH 36 Widen Road – Add Lanes from CR 123 to Callahan County; 4) South 14th Street Traffic Signal Improvements at Sayles Blvd.; 5) SH 36 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements from BU 83D to FM 1750; 6) Old Anson Road Construct Pedestrian Infrastructure from West Stamford Street to Amber Blvd.; 7) FM 3438 Install Illumination from IH 20 North Frontage Road to near 5 Points Parkway; 8) US 277 Resurface Roadway from US 83 to FM 3438; 9) FM 89 Widen Road – Add Lanes and Shoulders from Elm Creek to FM 707; 10) IH 20 Widen Freeway from FM 600 to SH 351; 11) FM 1750 Intersection Improvements from Industrial Blvd. to 1200' south of Colony Hill Road; 12) FM 3438 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements from Military Drive to US 277; 13) FM 1082 Widen Road – Add Shoulders from FM 1226 to FM 600; 14) SH 36 Hazard Elimination and Safety at Maple Street; 15) South 14th Street Signal Improvements, LEDs and GPS Clocks from South Clack Street to South Treadaway Blvd.; 16) South 7th Street Signal Improvements, LEDs and GPS Clocks at Barrow Intersection; 17) US 277 Resurface Roadway from FM 3438 to South End of BNSF Bridge; 18) SL 322 Preventive Maintenance from IH 20 to US 83; 19) IH 20 Hazard Elimination and Safety at West Bound Entrance Ramp Old Anson Road; 20) BU 83D Intersection Improvement at Pine Street; and 21) SL 322 Intersection Improvement from North of SH 36 (BI 20) to FM 1750.

**City of Abilene** - Mr. Harbert discussed Projects Under Construction: *1)* Maple (Carriage Hills to Loop 322) stating the project is 94% complete (a month or so left to completion); *2)* Five Points Roadway improvements (Fulwiler Road to Marigold Street) is at the punch list stage and 93% complete; *3)* South 14th Street Walkability Project is 100% complete; *4)* South 27th Street Signal Improvements (Treadaway Blvd. to Catclaw Drive) is 20% complete; *5)* Cypress Street Reconstruction is 50% complete and sidewalks are being addressed; *6)* Antilley Road and Memorial Drive Traffic Signal Improvements is complete; *7)* North 18th Street (Grape Street to Mockingbird Lane, including North 18th Street and Kirkwood intersection) is 20% complete; *8)* South 7th Street (Danville Drive to Pioneer Drive) is 0% complete; *9)* Glen Abbey Storm Sewer Replacement the streets are now open and project should be completed soon.

Mr. Harbert discussed Project in Design: *1A)* Maple Street (South 27th Street to East South 11th Street is 90% designed; *1B)* Maple Street (SL 322 to South 27th Street) is 95% designed; *2)* South 7th Street (Lytle Estates) is 40% designed; *3)* S10B (C.W. Gill Park is 30% designed; *4)* Rebecca Lane Phase I (Catclaw Drive to Buffalo Gap Road) is 30% designed, bid went out today so we will be moving that up to construction; *5)* South 14th Street Phase II (Willis Street to Sayles Blvd.) is 40% designed; *6)* North 18th Street (Willis Street to Mockingbird Lane) is 40% designed; *7)* Andy Street Culvert is 50% designed; *8)* Old Anson Road Walkability Project is 10% designed, 30% general layout, working on easements.

**CityLink** – Ms. Smetana discussed the employee restroom repairs and remodel project: 1) Two of the three employee restrooms have been completed; 2) One item remains on the third restroom. The 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** – Ms. Smetana discussed our funding noting we have not received our outstanding carryover. She noted that we have authorization for funds of \$375,000 with expenditures of \$155,122.57 and a remaining balance of \$219,877.43. She said that the outstanding carryover is \$314,386.49.
- **Operation Report**  
Ms. Smetana spoke on some of the highlights from the Operation Report that ran from February 11, 2025, through April 8, 2025. She stated that the full report was included in the packet.
- **Director's Report**
  - **Work Tasks**
    - **MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion Update**  
Ms. Smetana explained that as of March 12, 2025, TxDOT informed us that the Governor's office is still evaluating the boundary submittal.
    - **TxDOT/MPO/COA Planning Agreement**  
Ms. Smetana talked about the current planning agreement and the new updated version that TxDOT sent out on March 7, 2025. The deadline for all agreements to be fully executed is August 31, 2025 for a five-year agreement ending on August 31, 2030. She said that 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 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

No comments forthcoming.

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

No comments forthcoming.

**13. Adjournment**

Chairman Price adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting  
August 19, 2025  
Supplemental Agenda Information**

**3. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

**Background**

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was completed on December 17, 2024. It covers years 2025 to 2050. The MTP is the long-range plan or "blueprint" and has a minimum twenty-year planning horizon with an update every five years. The MTP includes identifying present and future transportation corridors, forecasting transportation needs and growth patterns, providing estimated costs for implementation of those needs, and including other innovative approaches to transportation. The MTP is a financially constrained document but it also includes a list of additional projects that could be implemented as funding becomes available. Projects are selected based on the demand on the current system and input from the community. This document also incorporates a multimodal approach. The Policy Board at their April 16, 2024 meeting approved Huitt-Zollars, Inc. as the consultant. There were numerous meetings and data sharing 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. At the November 19, 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 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.

**Current Situation**

The FYs 2025-2050 MTP needs to be amended to update the project and funding information for two projects by the TxDOT Abilene District Office and one project by the City of Abilene Transportation Services Department. In addition, numerous projects need to be updated due to changes in funding, costs, work description, etc. to match the TxDOT Connect System.

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC at their July 29, 2025 meeting acknowledged that the MTP would have to be amended once the Transportation Improvement Program was amended for the three projects.

**Action Requested**

1. Approval of the amendment to the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).



Abilene MPO

2050

Metropolitan  
Transportation  
Plan

Approved By The  
Policy Board On  
December 17, 2024

Amendment 1: August 19, 2025 (Pending Approval)



ABILENE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Oct 20)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	PM#	CU	Decision Lane Score (TabDOT Weighting)	TAC Ranking	NO. Lane ID
FM 1750	Industrial Blvd	1200' South of Colony Hill Rd	Abilene/Taylor County	Intersection improvements add turn lanes	\$ 3,400,606	\$ -	2026	51750-CL-CA	Planned let July 1, 2026	\$ 6,311,050	PM 1 PM 3	1655-01-036	0.05978	1	M42
US 83	At	US 83/84 "Y" Interchange	Taylor County	Construct new grade separated interchange consisting of 4 proposed main lanes and 4 proposed frontage roads	\$ 43,681,662	\$ -	2025	50083-61-CA	Planned let Oct 8, 2025	\$ 45,059,867	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0034-01-130	0.15071	7	M46X
US 83	US 84	CR 160	Taylor County	Construct five lane section	\$ 46,478,846	\$ -	2025	50083-66S-CA	Projected let Oct 8, 2025	\$ 52,558,234	PM 1 PM 3	0034-02-044	0.05978	2B	M47
IH 20	FM 600	SH 351	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and construct overpass structures	\$ 104,765,617	\$ 20,000,000	2026	5020-E25-CA	Environmental Review (planned let June 1, 2026)	\$ 136,385,894	PM 1	0006-06-109	0.27743	3	M19
FM 89	Elm Creek	FM 707	Taylor County	Add continuous center turn lanes and right turn lanes at intersection	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 5,400,000	2026	50089-F10-OI	Planned let Mar 1, 2026	\$ 6,084,784	PM 1 PM 3	0699-01-067	0.17319	4	M17
SL 322	At	Maple St	Abilene	Replace Bridge	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	2030	50322-62-8R	Planned let January 1, 2030	\$ 13,000,000	PM 2	2398-01-063	0.05978	5	CO9X
SL 322	North of SH 36 (Bl 20)	FM 1750	Abilene	SL 322 Improvement including SH 36 intersection improvement	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 10,800,000	2027	50322-F8-OI	Moved from Illustrative List and updated description - Dec 19, 2023. Planned let May 1, 2027	\$ 12,050,008	PM 3	2398-01-062	0.05978	6	M24
FM 707	FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	US 83	Abilene	Rehab and Widen Roadway	\$ 14,493,439	\$ 14,493,439	2033	50707-F1-CA	Planned let January 1, 2033	\$ 25,254,326	PM 1 PM 3	0663-01-024	0.11350	7	M15
BU 83D	At	Pine St	Abilene	Intersection Improvements	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	2027	50083-F9-RM	Planned let May 1, 2027	\$ 6,236,632	PM 1	0033-08-045	0.05978	8	M13X
IH 20	SH 351	Callahan County Line	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 268,159,747	\$ -	2035	5020-E24-CA	Environmental Review (combined 5020-E28-CA, Planned let 01/01/2035)	\$ 289,199,527	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-081	0.34770	2	M18
FM 707	US 83	FM 1750	Abilene/Taylor County	Widen to a 4 Lane Section	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 10,800,000	2034	50707-F2-CA	Planned let Jan 1, 2034	\$ 12,089,424	PM 1 PM 3	0663-02-011	0.08591	13	M25
IH 20	Abilene West City Limits	Near Caddow Creek	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 400,000,000	\$ -	2036	5020-E27-CA	Environmental Review (planned let April 1, 2036)	\$ 673,754,383	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-05-090	0.40856	1	M21
IH 20	Near Caddow Creek	FM 600	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 274,263,862	\$ -	2033	5020-E26-CA	Environmental Review (planned let January 1, 2033)	\$ 287,348,862	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-105	0.31119	3	M20
US 83	Near Industrial Blvd	FM 89	Abilene	Reconstruct intersection realigning lanes and adding signals	\$ 5,600,000	\$ -	2033	50083-F12-RM	Planned let January 1, 2033	\$ 5,600,000	PM 1	0034-01-143	0.06423	14	M12
SL 322	SH 351	IH 20	Abilene	Construct New 2 Lane Highway of Future 4 Lanes with Access Control	\$ 75,000,000	\$ -	2036	50322-81 (C)-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 125,528,931	PM 3	TBD	0.11171	10	M22
SL 322	West of SL 322	East of SL 322	Abilene	Construct Direct Connects at IH 20 and SL 322	\$ 33,600,000	\$ -	2034	50322-F11-RM	Planned let March 1, 2034	\$ 36,785,611	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-118	0.14717	8	M23X
BI 20 (E Hwy 80)	SL 322	Urnside Rd	Abilene	Rehabilitate, Add Shoulders, & Turn Lanes	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 5,200,000	2036	58120-CL-RM	Long Range Plan	\$ 8,949,770	PM 2 PM 3	TBD	0.18615	5	M31
US 83 (Winners Freeway)	South of S 7th St	North of N 10th St	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six-lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$ 250,000,000	\$ -	2036	50083-B3-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 412,265,796	PM 3	TBD	0.09810	11	M10
US 83 (Winners Freeway)	North of N 10th St	IH 20	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six-lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$ 250,000,000	\$ -	2036	50083-E7-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 408,263,216	PM 3	TBD	0.09394	12	M11

Facility	Units From	Units To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 20)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	PM	CSJ	Decision Lens Score (TUDOT Weighted)	Decision Lens Rank (TUDOT Weighted)	TAC Ranking	42 May 10
FM 1750	Industrial Blvd	1200' South of Colony Hill Rd	Abilene/Taylor County	Intersection improvements add turn lanes	\$ 3,400,606	\$ -	2026	\$1750-CL-CA	Planned let July 1, 2026	\$ 6,311,050	PM 1 PM 3	1655-01-036	0.05978	15 (Tied)	1	M42
US 83	At	US 83/84 "Y" Interchange	Taylor County	Construct new grade separated interchange consisting of 4 proposed main lanes and 4 proposed frontage roads	\$ 43,681,662	\$ -	2025	\$0083-CL-CA	Planned let Oct 8, 2025	\$ 45,059,867	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0034-01-130	0.15471	7	2A	M46X
US 83	US 84	CR 160	Taylor County	Construct five lane section	\$ 46,478,846	\$ -	2025	\$0083-G65-CA	Projected let Oct 8, 2025	\$ 52,556,234	PM 1 PM 3	0034-02-044	0.05978	15 (Tied)	2B	M47
IH 20	FM 600	SH 351	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and construct overpass structures	\$ 104,765,617	\$ 20,000,000	2026	\$020-E25-CA	Environmental Review planned let June 1, 2026	\$ 136,385,894	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-109	0.27743	4	3	M19
FM 89	Elm Creek	FM 707	Taylor County	Add continuous center turn lanes and right turn lanes at intersection	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 5,400,000	2026	\$0089-F10-OI	Planned let Mar 1, 2026	\$ 6,084,784	PM 1 PM 3	0659-01-067	0.17319	6	4	M17
SL 322	At	Maple St	Abilene	Replace Bridge	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	2030	\$0322-G2-BR	Planned let January 1, 2030	\$ 13,000,000	PM 2	2398-01-063	0.05978	15 (Tied)	5	O09X
SL 322	North of SH 36 (Bl 20)	FM 1750	Abilene	SL 322 Improvement including SH 36 intersection improvement	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 10,800,000	2027	\$0322-F8-OI	Moved from Illustrative List and updated description - Dec 19, 2023. Planned let May 1, 2027	\$ 12,050,008	PM 3	2398-01-062	0.05978	15 (Tied)	6	M24
FM 707	FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	US 83	Abilene	Rehab and Widen Roadway	\$ 14,499,439	\$ 14,499,439	2033	\$0707-F1-CA	Planned let January 1, 2033	\$ 25,254,326	PM 1 PM 3	0663-01-024	0.11350	9	7	M25
BU 83D	At	Pine St	Abilene	Intersection Improvements	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	2027	\$0083-F9-RM	Planned let May 1, 2027	\$ 6,238,682	PM 1	0033-08-045	0.05978	15 (Tied)	8	M13X
IH 20	SH 351	Callahan County Line	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 268,159,747	\$ -	2035	\$020-E24-CA	Environmental Review combined \$020-E28-CA. Planned let 01/01/2035	\$ 289,199,527	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-081	0.34770	2	9	M1B
FM 707	US 83	FM 1750	Abilene/Taylor County	Widen to a 5 Lane Section	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 10,800,000	2034	\$0707-F2-CA	Planned let Jan 1, 2034	\$ 12,089,424	PM 1 PM 3	0663-02-011	0.08591	13	10	M26
IH 20	Abilene West City Limits	Near Catclaw Creek	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 400,000,000	\$ -	2036	\$020-E27-CA	Environmental Review (planned let April 1, 2036)	\$ 673,754,383	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-05-090	0.40856	1	11	M21

## AMEND 1 UPDATES

IH 20	Near Catdaw Creek	FM 600	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$ 274,263,862	\$	-	2033	S020-E26-CA	Environmental Review (planned let January 1, 2033)	\$ 287,348,862	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-105	0.31119	3	12	M20
US 83	Near Industrial Blvd	FM 89	Abilene	Reconstruct intersection realigning lanes and adding signals	\$ 5,600,000	\$	-	2033	S0083-F12-RM	Planned let January 1, 2033	\$ 5,600,000	PM 1	0034-01-143	0.06423	14	13	M12
SL 322	IH 20	SH 351	Abilene	Construct New 2 Lane Highway of Future 4 Lanes with Access Control	\$ 75,000,000	\$	-	2036	S0322-B1 (C2)-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 125,528,931	PM 3	TBD	0.11171	10	14	M22
SL 322	West of SL 322	East of SL 322	Abilene	Construct Direct Connects at IH 20 and SL 322	\$ 33,600,000	\$	-	2034	S0322-F11-RM	Planned let March 1, 2034	\$ 36,785,611	PM 1 PM 2 PM 3	0006-06-118	0.14717	8	15	M23K
BI 20 (E Hwy 80)	SL 322	Elmdale Rd	Abilene	Rehabilitate, Add Shoulders, & Turn Lanes	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 5,200,000	-	2036	S8120-C1-RM	Long Range Plan	\$ 8,949,770	PM 2 PM 3	TBD	0.18615	5	16	M31
US 83 (Winters Fwy)	South of S 7th St	North of N 10th St	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$ 250,000,000	\$	-	2036	S0083-B3-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 412,265,796	PM 3	TBD	0.09810	11	17	M10
US 83 (Winters Fwy)	North of N 10th St	IH 20	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$ 250,000,000	\$	-	2036	S0083-E7-CA	Long Range Plan	\$ 408,263,216	PM 3	TBD	0.09334	12	18	M11

## AMEND 1 UPDATES

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Map #
ABL	Abilene Regional Airport	Abilene Regional Airport	Abilene	Expansion of the passenger boarding area and screening checkpoint area; relocation of the airline ticket counters and rental car counters; replacement of the security access control system, baggage conveyor system, HVAC system, and fire/smoke alarm system; addition of a fire suppression system, and a new power generator.	\$ 70,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,026	TIFIA-ABL	N/A

## AMEND 1 UPDATES

## Projects

A major element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the update of the project list. This list is fiscally constrained and is complementary to projects listed within the Abilene MPO's TIP and 10 Year Plan. Aligning with the fiscally constrained nature of this list, projects are sorted into two lists, projects that already have or are expected to receive funding and "illustrative" projects, which at this time do not have a designated funding source.

### Project ID

Project ID is a categorization tool utilized by the Abilene MPO for tracking purposes. The ID is assigned using a combination of location, project number, and project type information. The process with which ID is assigned is explained further below.

Example: AXXXX-B3-CA

A: System Code

XXXX: Location Code

-B3: Serial Number

-CA: Project-type Code

#### System Code

A	City of Abilene street system
I	Interstate Highway System
L	Local road systems, may include projects in Abilene
M	Metropolitan, may be on any road system within the Abilene Metropolitan Area
S	State Road System other than Interstate Highways
C	County Roads

#### Location Codes

Lump sum projects all use VARI (various locations) regardless of system

State system - Route numerical designation only, except for business routes which include business prefix (Examples: S0018 = FM 18, SBI20 = IH 20 Business Route).

Other - Named streets are identified by first letters of street name, numbered city streets are identified by abbreviated directional prefix(es) and street number (Example: EN10 = East North 10th St), and numbered county roads are identified by first letter of county name and road number.

#### Serial Number

X indicates a lump sum project.

(#) indicates a project carried forward from the 1995-2015 MTP

B(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2000-2025 MTP

C(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2005-2030 MTP

D(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2010-2035 MTP

E(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2015-2040 MTP

F(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2020-2045 MTP

G(#) indicates a project included for the first time in the 2025-2050 MTP

### Project-Type Code

BR – Bridge rehabilitation or replacement

CA- Mobility, Capacity Added

IM – Interstate Maintenance, Rehabilitation and Safety

MS - Miscellaneous

OI – Mobility, Operational Improvement

PM- Preventative and routine Maintenance

RM – Reconstruction, Repair, Maintain

BP – Bicycle, Pedestrian

### Status

LR - Long-range status. The project is expected to begin in the period 2036-2050 unless changes in funding or development cause the project to move forward or drop out.

SR - Short-range status. This project is expected to begin in the period 2025-2035 unless changes in funding or development cause the project to be delayed or drop out.



# TO BE REPLACED Funded Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MDOT Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	CSJ	Status	Total Cost*	Decision Score	Decision Ranking	TAC Project Ranking	Map #
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Industrial Blvd	CR 111 (Colony Hill Rd)	Abilene/Taylor County	Add center turn lane and right turn lanes	\$3,400,607	\$-	2026	S1750-C1-CA	1655-01-036	Planned let July 1, 2026	\$5,984,820	0.05978	15 (Tied)	1	M42
US 83	at US 83/84 "Y" Interchange	*	Taylor County	Construct new grade separated interchange with 4 main lanes and frontage roads	\$43,681,662	\$-	2025	S0083-C1-CA	0034-01-130	Planned let Oct 8, 2025	\$45,059,867	0.15471	7	2A	M46X
US 83	US 84	CR 160	Taylor County	Construct five lane Section	\$46,478,846	\$-	2025	S0083-C65-CA	0034-02-044	Projected let Oct 8, 2025	\$49,736,599	0.05978	15 (Tied)	2B	M47
IH 20	FM 600 (W Lake Rd)	SH 351	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and construct overpass structures	\$104,765,617	\$20,000,000	2026	S020-E25-CA	0006-06-109	Environmental Review (planned let June 1, 2026)	\$126,985,951	0.27743	4	3	M19
FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	FM 707	Elm Creek	Taylor County	Widen roadway with center turn lane and right turn lanes and on side streets	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	2026	S0089-F10-OI	0699-01-067	Planned let Jan 1, 2026	\$5,660,412	0.17319	6	4	M17
SL 322	at Maple St	*	Abilene	Bridge replacement and widening	\$6,000,000	\$-	2026	S0322-C2-BR	2398-01-063	Planned let Sept 1, 2026	\$6,605,347	0.05978	15 (Tied)	5	O09X
SL 322	North of SH 36 (Bl 20)	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene	Traffic Improvements on SH 36, Possible turn lane and at Loop 322. Possible ramp realignment	\$10,800,000	\$10,800,000	2027	S0322-F8-OI	2398-01-062	Moved from Illustrative List and updated Decision let 19, 2023. Planned let May 1, 2027	\$11,311,364	0.05978	15 (Tied)	6	M24
FM 707 (Beltway South)	FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	US 83	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes with center turn, freeway and add sidewalks	\$14,493,440	\$14,493,439	2028	S0707-F1-CA	0663-01-024	Planned let June 1, 2028	\$21,762,114	0.11350	9	7	M25
BU 83	at Pine St	*	Abilene	Intersection Improvements	\$5,600,000	\$5,600,000	2027	S0083-F9-RM	0033-08-045	Planned let May 1, 2027	\$5,855,682	0.05978	15 (Tied)	8	M13X
IH 20	SH 351	Callahan County Line	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$268,159,747	\$-	2029	S020-E24-CA	0006-06-081	Environmental Review (planned let May 1, 2029) combined S020-E28-CA	\$270,119,747	0.34770	2	9	M18
FM 707 (Beltway South)	US 83	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene/Taylor County	Widen to 4 lanes with center turn, lane, sidewalks, and intersection improvements at FM 1750	\$10,800,000	\$10,800,000	2030	S0707-F2-CA	0663-02-011	Planned let Jan 1, 2030	\$11,320,822	0.08591	13	10	M26
IH 20	Abilene West City Limits	Near Catclaw Creek	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$400,000,000	\$-	2036	S020-E27-CA	0006-05-090	Environmental Review (planned let April 1, 2036)	\$673,754,383	0.40856	1	11	M21

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOE data

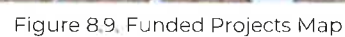


TO BE REPLACED

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expenditure	Local ID	CSJ	Status	Total Cost*	Decision Score	Decision Ranking	TAC Project Ranking	Map #
IH 20	Near Catclaw Creek	FM 600 (W Lake Road)	Abilene	Add two main lanes for a six lane freeway and replace overpass structures	\$274,263,862	\$-	2029	SQ20-E26-CA	0006-06-105	Environmental Review planned let May 1, 2029	\$287,348,862	0.31119	3	12	M20
US 83 (Winters Frwy) N Frontage Rd	FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	Near Industrial Blvd	Abilene	Intersection Improvements	\$5,600,000	\$-	2027	SQ083-F12-RM	0034-01-143	Planned let November 1, 2027	\$5,600,000	0.06423	14	13	M12
SL 322	IH 20	SH 351	Abilene	Construct New 2 Lane Highway of Future 4 Lanes with Access Control	\$75,000,000	\$-	2036	SQ322-B1 (C2)-CA	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$125,528,931	0.11171	10	14	M22
SL 322	IH 20 EB	IH 20 WB	Abilene	Direct Connect Ramps from Loop 322 to I-20 EB and WB	\$33,600,000	\$-	2034	SQ322-F11-RM	0006-06-118	Planned let March 1, 2034	\$33,600,000	0.14777	8	15	M23X
BI 20 (E Hwy 80)	SL 322	Elmdale Rd	Abilene	Rehabilitate, Add Shoulders, & Turn Lanes	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	2036	SB120-C1-RM	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$8,949,770	0.18615	5	16	M31
US 83 (Winters Frwy)	South of S 7th St	North of N 10th St	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six-lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$250,000,000	\$-	2036	SQ083-B3-CA	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$412,265,796	0.09810	11	17	M10
US 83 (Winters Frwy)	North of N 10th St	IH 20	Abilene	Widen existing US 83 freeway to six-lanes and reconstruct ramps	\$250,000,000	\$-	2036	SQ083-E7-CA	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$409,263,216	0.09334	12	18	M11

Figure 8.8. Funded Projects List (cont.)

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOY data



## Illustrative Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (CAT 20)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	Decision Lens Score	Decision Lens Ranking	TAC Project Ranking	Map #
US 83 (northbound)	On ramp from SL 322	North of FM 89 (Buffalo Gap) exit	Abilene	Add an additional lane from the SL 322 on ramp to the existing three lane section	TBD	\$-	Future	S0083-G6-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.10888	5	1	P38
FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	South of Chimney Rock Rd	South of Antilley Rd	Abilene	Reconstruction of 4 lanes with center turn lane, drainage and sidewalks	TBD	\$-	Future	S0089-C2-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.11565	4	2	M41
SH 36	12 Miles South of FM 118	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene/ Taylor County	Widen to 4 Lanes	\$27,900,000	\$-	Future	S0036-I-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.23078	1	3	M38
FM 707 (Beltway South)	FM 89	West of Randy Ave	Abilene	Widen to four lanes plus a two-way left turn lane	TBD	\$-	Future	S0707-G5-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.19756	3	4	P34
Antilley Rd Intersection	at FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)		Abilene	Raise profile/Intersection Improvements	TBD	\$-	Future	S0089-E21-RM	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	5	M16X
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	CR 111 (Colony Hill Rd)	FM 204 (Clark Rd)	Taylor County	Widen to 4 Lanes	\$6,500,000	\$-	Future	S1750-E5-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.10653	6	6	M43
US 83	North of FM 3034 interchange	North of FM 805	Jones County	Reconstruct existing roadway with frontage roads, construct overpass structure	TBD	\$-	Future	S0083-G9-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.22133	2	7	P49
US 83 Frontage Rds	FM 2404 (Old Anson Rd)	FM 3034	Abilene	Change frontage road operations	\$12,000,000	\$-	Future	S0083-C1-OI	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	8	M39
FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	Elm Creek	Buffalo Gap City Limits	Taylor County	Add Left Turn Lanes	TBD	\$-	Future	S0089-G3-OI	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	9	M45
SL 322 Frontage Rds	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	North of SH 36	Abilene	Operational Improvements, construct Frontage roads, possible ramp realignment, and construct bridge over Lytle Creek	\$100,000,000	\$-	Future	S322-E28-OI	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	10	M44
US 83	0.6 miles South of FM 707 (Beltway South)	FM 204 (Clark Rd)	Taylor County	Add frontage roads	\$13,600,000	\$-	Future	S0083-F3-CA	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	11	M40
IH 20	at Exit 299	*	Callahan County	Move exit #299 1/4 mile westward	TBD	\$-	Future	S0021-C4-OI	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	12	P28X
IH 20	SL 322	Elmdale Rd	Abilene	Construct a grade separation about 1.3 miles east of SL 322	TBD	\$-	Future	S0020-G7-BR	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	13	P46
US 83	North of Tuscola (near CR 134)	South of Tuscola (near CR 134)	Taylor County	Construct new roadway on the north and west sides of Tuscola as a US 83 reliever route with a grade separation at the BNSF railroad	TBD	\$-	Future	S0083-G8-CA/BR	Long Range Plan	TBD	0.05978	7 (Tied)	14	P47

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOE data

Figure 8.10. Illustrative Projects List



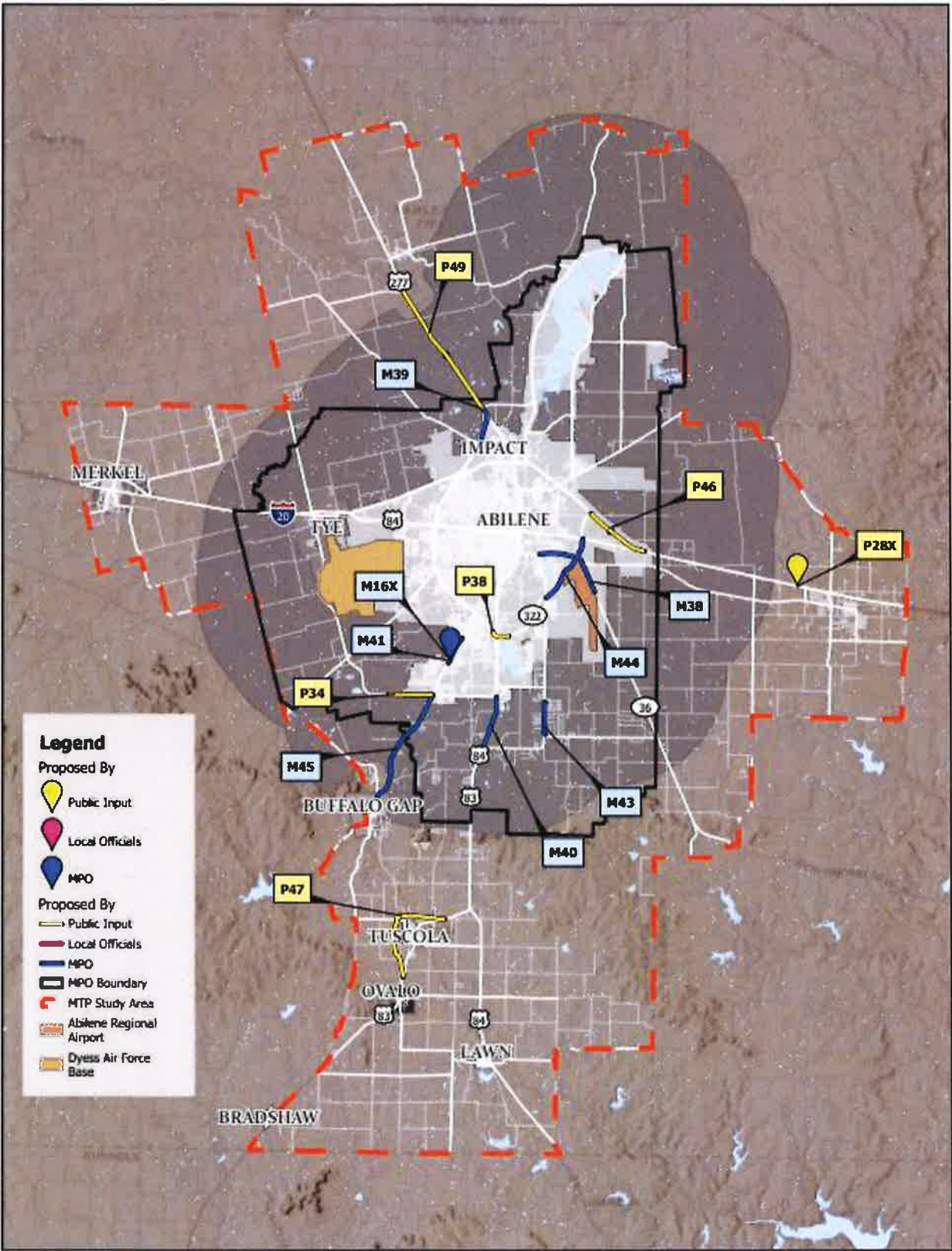


Figure 8.11. Illustrative Projects Map

## Off-System Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	Map #
Hartford	at Little Elm Creek	-	Abilene	Bridge to Replace Low Crossing	\$1,000,000	\$-	Future	AHRT-1-BR	Local Project	\$1,000,000	M02X
Maple St	SH 36 (S 11th St)	S 27th St	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes and include turn lanes	\$7,400,000	\$-	2025	AMAPL-2-CA	Local Project	\$7,400,000	M03
Maple St	S 27th St	SL 322	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes and include turn lanes	\$7,200,000	\$-	Future	AMAPL-3-CA and AMAPL-4-CA	Local Project	\$7,200,000	M04
Marigold St	FM 3438 (Arnold Blvd)	Wall St	Abilene	Rehabilitate, Add Bridge, Shoulders and Turn Lanes	\$1,500,000	\$-	Future	AN010-D2-OI	Local Project	\$1,500,000	M07
E S 27th St	Maple St	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes with center turn lane	\$4,700,000	\$-	Future	AES27-2-CA	Local Project	TBD	M32
Industrial Blvd	SL 322	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes with center turn lane	\$2,300,000	\$-	Future	AINDU-2-CA	Local Project	TBD	M33
Memorial Dr	Preston Trail	US 83	Abilene	Extend roadway	\$1,300,000	\$-	Future	AMEMO-F5-CA	Local Project	TBD	M34
Memorial Dr	0.4 miles north of Waldrop Dr	FM 707	Abilene	Extend roadway	\$4,700,000	\$-	Future	AMEMO-F6-CA	Local Project	TBD	M35
Butterfield Meadows Pkwy	0.25 mi. east of US 277	Southwest Dr	Abilene	New roadway between Winters Fwy & Dub Wright Blvd	\$4,500,000	\$-	Future	AXXX-F4-CA	Local Project	TBD	M36
CR 164 (Iberis Rd) and CR 338 (Iberis Rd)	US 83	FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	Taylor County	Rehabilitate, add shoulders	\$7,100,000	\$-	Future	CIBER-E19-RM	Local Project	TBD	M37
Griffith Rd	Marathon Rd	IH 20 S Frontage Rd (E. Stamford Rd)	Abilene	Widen roadway, add shoulders, add turning lanes	TBD	\$-	Future	AGRIF-G10-CA	Local Project	TBD	P18
New roadway	Griffith Rd	SH 351 (Ambler Ave) East of Rainy Creek	Abilene	Construct new roadway	TBD	\$-	Future	AXXXX-G11-CA	Local Project	TBD	P23X
Saddle Creek Estates (multiple streets)		-	Abilene	Reconstruct roadway and add curb and gutter	TBD	\$-	Future	AVARI-G12-PM	Local Project	TBD	P27X
Colony Hill Rd	Maple St	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene	Widen to four lanes plus a two-way left turn lane	TBD	\$-	Future	ACOLO-G13-CA	Local Project	TBD	P37
Memorial Dr	FM 707	Iberis Rd	Abilene/Taylor County	Construct new roadway; convert US 83 west frontage road south of FM 707 to one-way operation southbound	TBD	\$-	Future	SVARI-G14-CA	Local Project	TBD	P42

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOY data

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	Map #
Judge Ely Blvd	IH 20	FM 2833 (East Lake Rd)	Abilene	Reconstruct about 0.40 mile of existing roadway north from IH 20 then construct new roadway, with a bridge over Rainy Creek, to FM 2833	TBD	\$-	Future	AJUDG-G15-RM/BR	Local Project	TBD	P44
East Lake Rd	Musgrave Blvd	Planned extension of SL 322	Abilene/Taylor County	Construct new 4 lane roadway	TBD	\$-	Future	AELAK-G16-CA	Local Project	TBD	P45
Market St	At BI 20 (North St) over UP railroad	-	Tye	Construct a grade separation of the UP railroad that connects with BI 20 to the north and Market St to the south	TBD	\$-	Future	LMARK-G17-BR	Local Project	TBD	P48X

Figure 8.12. Off-System Projects List (cont.)

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOE data



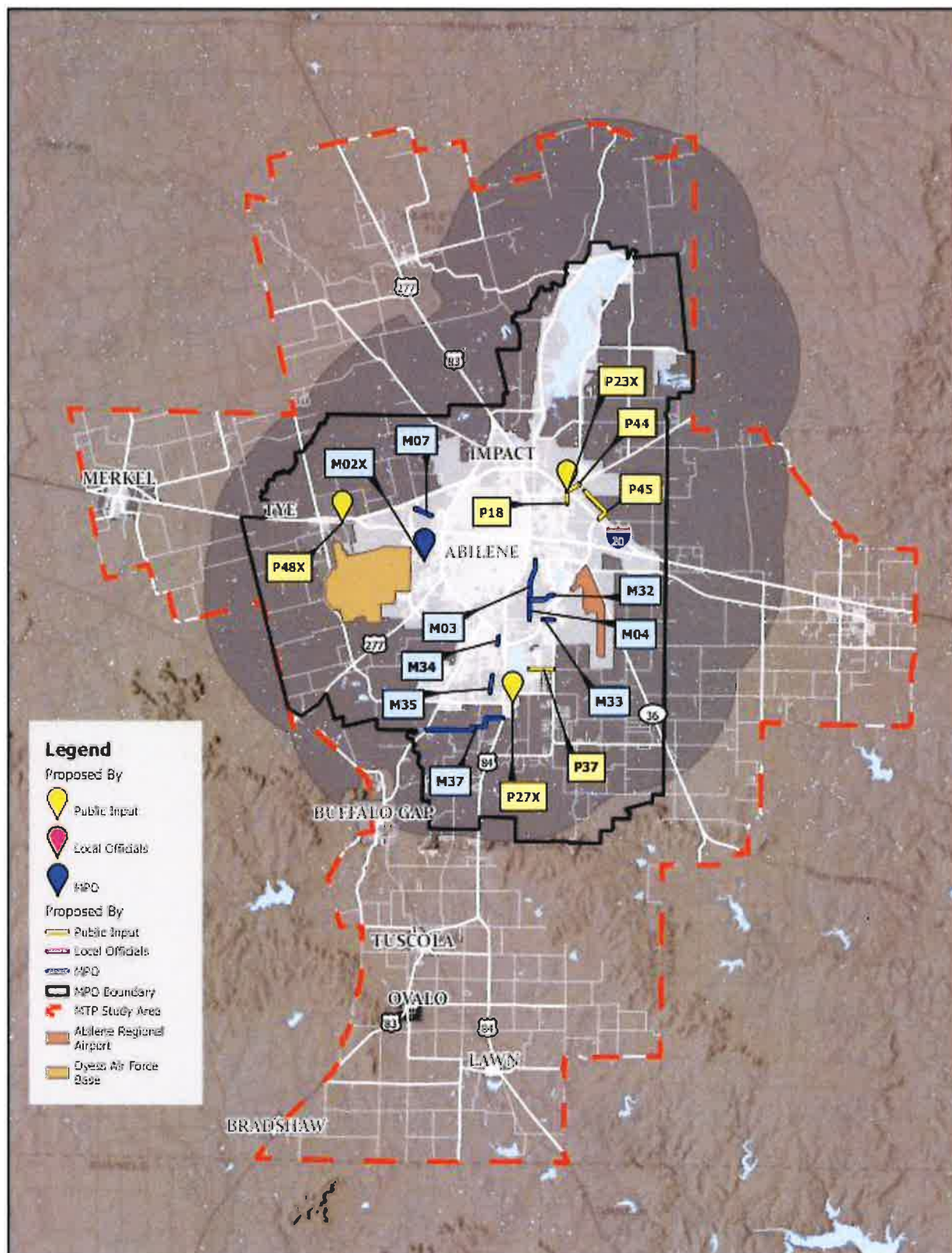


Figure 8.13. Off-System Projects Map

## Other Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Map #
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	at E S 27th St	-	Abilene	Upgrades to traffic and pedestrian infrastructure, including new signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	ST750-G18-OI/BP	O01X
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	at Colony Hill Rd	-	Taylor County	Install traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	ST750-G19-OI	O02X
BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	at SH 36 (E S 11th St)	-	Abilene	Upgrade existing traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	SBU83-G20-OI	O03X
E S 11th St	at FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	-	Abilene	Upgrade existing traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	SEST11-G21-OI	O04X
E S 11th St	at Maple St	-	Abilene	Install traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	AEST11-G22-OI	O05X
IH 20 Frontage Roads (North and South)	at FM 707	-	Tye	Convert both intersections from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0020-G23-OI	O06X
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	at Hardison Ln	-	Abilene	Upgrades to traffic and pedestrian infrastructure, including new signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	ST750-G24-OI	O07X
BI 20 (N 1st St)	at Humphreys Village Rd	-	Merkel	EB left turn and WB right-turn lanes at Humphreys Village Road	TBD	\$-	TBD	SBI20-G25-OI	O08X
SH 36	at FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	-	Callahan County	Upgrades to traffic and pedestrian infrastructure, including new signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0036-G26-OI/BP	O12X
SL 322 Frontage Roads (North and South)	SH 36	-	Abilene	Improvements to these intersections	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0322-G27-OI	O13X
SSL 322 Frontage Roads (North and South)	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	-	Abilene	Upgrades to traffic and pedestrian infrastructure; replace flashing beacons with traffic signals	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0322-G28-OI/BP	O14X
Old US-80 (Bankhead Hwy) South St	BI 20 S Frontage Rd	Market St	Tye	Roadway improvements	TBD	\$-	TBD	ABANK-G29-RM	O15
IH 20 North Frontage Rd	FM 707	Spinks Rd	Tye	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	I020N-G30-BP	O17
IH 20 South Frontage Rd	FM 707	Spinks Rd	Tye	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	I020S-G31-BP	O18
BI 20 (North Street)	FM 707	Market St	Tye	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	SBI20-G32-BP	O19
IH 20	West of Indian Creek	West of Bumpersgate Rd	Tye	Rearrange all of the entrance and exit ramps within the city limits	TBD	\$-	TBD	I0020-G33-OI	O20
BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	N 1st St	IH 20	Abilene	Intersection upgrades, including new traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0083-G34-OI	O21
FM 126 (Kent St)	BI 20 (N 1st St)	N 2nd St	Merkel	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0126-G35-BP	O22

Figure 8.14. Other Projects List



Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Map #
8th St	Near Jim Ned High School (830 Garza Ave, Tuscola, TX 79562)	-	Tuscola	Traffic study during school hours	TBD	\$-	TBD	L0008-G36-MS	O23
IH 20 N Frontage Road	Kent St	0.3 miles east of Kent St	Merkel	Roadway repair	TBD	\$-	TBD	I020N-G37-PM	O24
FM 126 (Ash St)	BI 20 (S 1st St)	S 11th St	Merkel	Storm water runoff/drainage improvements	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0126-G38-PM	O25
SH 36	at FM 18	-	Abilene	Add turn lanes (NB left & SB right) and install traffic signals	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0036-G39-OI	O26X
FM 707	CR 324 (Heinz Rd)	IH 20	Tye	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0707-G40-BP	O27
CityLink 1189 S 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79602	-	-	Abilene	New multimodal facility	TBD	\$-	TBD	A0502-G41-MS	O28X
Elmdale Road	FM 18	SH 351	Abilene/ Taylor County	Roadway repair	TBD	\$-	TBD	AELMD-G42-RM	O41
Westmoreland St	Vogel Ave	Sandefur St	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	AWEST-G43-BP	O42
Various	Various	Various	Tuscola	Add weight limit signs in residential areas	TBD	\$-	TBD	LVARI-G44-PM	O43
FM 3438 (Dub Wright Blvd/ Arnold Blvd)	US 277	Military Dr	Abilene	Multi-use path	TBD	\$-	TBD	S3438-G45-BP	O44
FM 3438 (Arnold Blvd)	IH 20	Military Dr	Abilene	Multi-use path	TBD	\$-	TBD	S3438-G46-BP	O45
BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	N 1st St	S 1st St	Abilene	Intersection upgrades, including new traffic signals	TBD	\$-	TBD	SBU83-G47-OI	O46X
N 6th St	Mockingbird Ln	Cedar St	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	AON06-G48-BP	P01
Old Anson Rd	IH 20 (W Stamford St)	Ambler Ave	Abilene	Construct pedestrian infrastructure	TBD	\$-	TBD	AOLDA-G49-BP	P02
Griffith Rd	E N 10th St	Marathon Rd	Abilene	Pedestrian improvements and install traffic signal at intersection of Griffith Rd and E N 10th st	TBD	\$-	TBD	AGRIF-G50-OI	P04X
SL 322	at E N 10th St	-	Abilene	Improve access/add traffic signals	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0322-G51-OI	P05X
US 83 (Garza Ave)	at FM 613 (Graham St)	-	Tuscola	Install traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0083-G52-OI	P07X
US 83/84 Frontage Road (Danville Dr)	at Industrial Blvd	-	Abilene	Potential intersection modifications; study first?	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0083-G53-OI	P08X
BI 20 (E Hwy 80)	at SL 322	-	Abilene	Interchange improvements	TBD	\$-	TBD	SBI20-G54-OI	P09X

Figure 8.14. Other Projects List (cont.)

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Map #
FM 707 (Beltway South)	at US 83/84 Frontage Road	-	Abilene	Add right turn lane	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0707-G55-OI	PIIX
S 20th St	Sayles Blvd	BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	A0520-G56-BP	PI12
SH 36 (E S 11th St)	BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	Expo Dr	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0036-G57-BP	PI13
Hartford St	Corsicana Ave	US 83 Frontage Rd (Clack St)	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	AHART-G58-BP	PI14
US 277	FM 3438 (Dub Wright Blvd)	Twilight Trl	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0277-G59-BP	PI15
FM 1750 (Oldham Lane)	E S 27th St	E S 11th St	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S1750-G60-BP	PI17
E N 10th	BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	Judge Ely Blvd	Abilene	Add protected bike lanes or add off-road bike/pedestrian trail	TBD	\$-	TBD	AEN10-G61-BP	PI19
E S 11th St	BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	Judge Ely Blvd	Abilene	Add protected bike lanes or add off-road bike/pedestrian trail	TBD	\$-	TBD	AEST1-G62-BP	P21
Near downtown	Various	Various	Abilene	Bike/pedestrian facilities study	TBD	\$-	TBD	AVARI-G63-BP	P25
US 83	near Jim Ned HS	-	Tuscola	Reduce congestion, add overpass	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0083-G64-CA/BR	P26X

Figure 8.14. Other Projects List (cont.)

ADD IN AIRPORT PROJECT



## Current & Complete Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding Category	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	Map #	CSJ
US 83	1.0 mile north of FM 3034	Taylor County Line	Jones & Taylor Counties	Construct New Overpass	\$22,525,000	\$-	2024	S0083-B2-OI	Currently under construction	\$28,166,089	M08	0033-05-089
US 83	Jones County Line	Near W. Summit Rd	Abilene	Construct New Overpass	\$5,078,000	\$-	2024	S0083-B2-OI	Currently under construction	\$6,165,837	M09	0033-06-121
FM 1082	West of Chiyenne Creek Road	East of Dam	Abilene	New Roadway (1082 Rd at Phantom Dam)	\$9,078,457	\$3,000,000	2023	S1082-F7-CA	Currently under construction	\$10,647,703	M28	0972-03-021
FM 3034	US 83	Near PR 343	Jones County	Rehab and Widen	\$3,735,000	\$3,735,000	2024	S3034-E22-RM	Currently under construction	\$4,312,634	M29	3068-01-012
FM 3034	Near PR 343	FM 600	Jones County	Rehab and Widen	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	2024	S3034-E22-RM	Currently under construction	\$3,733,591	M30	3068-01-015
Maple St	CR 111-1 (Colony Hill Rd)	FM 707	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes and include turn lanes	\$4,800,000	\$-	2020-2029	AMAPL-5-CA	Local Project	\$4,800,000	M06	N/A
E N 10th St	Griffith Rd	SL 322	Abilene	Widen to 4 lanes and include turn lanes	\$5,400,000	\$-	2020-2029	AEN10-1-CA	Complete	\$5,400,000	M01	N/A
FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	Rebecca Ln	Just North of US 83	Abilene	Access Management/ Intersection Improvements	\$12,775,001	\$12,775,000	2021	S0089-3-CA	Currently under construction	\$17,319,993	M48	0699-01-052
FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd)	Near Bettes Ln	Rebecca Ln	Abilene	Access Management	\$10,970,001	\$10,970,000	2021	S0089-C1-CA	Currently under construction	\$12,447,992	M49	0699-01-051

Figure 8.16. Current and Complete Projects Lists

\* Total Cost includes construction cost, preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and inflation (4%) for projects starting at or later than 2030 based on YOY data



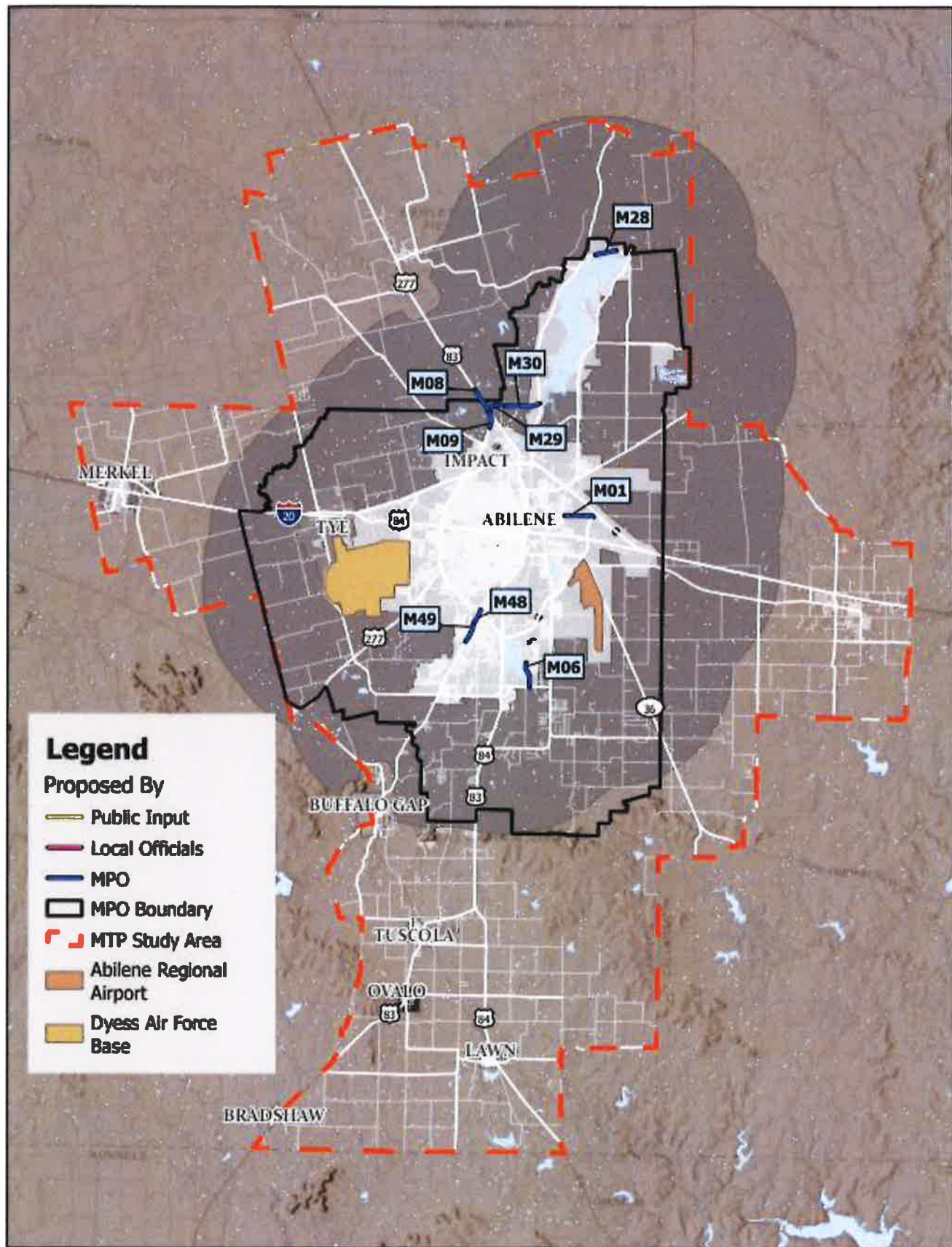


Figure 8.17. Current and Complete Projects Map

## *Recommended Project Studies*

Several proposed projects do not currently have enough detail to classify within either the funded or illustrative lists. However, further study may be conducted on these projects so they can be more clearly defined within the next MTP update.

- **School-Related Traffic Study in Tuscola**

- A greater study of traffic surrounding Jim Ned High School (830 Garza Ave) in Tuscola.

- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Study in Abilene**

- Reevaluation and update of designated bike routes, including consideration of a “downtown loop” route for cyclists and pedestrians
- Consideration of protected bicycle lanes and multimodal shared use paths in non-residential areas

4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Ten-Year Plan.

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting  
August 19, 2025  
Supplemental Agenda Information**

**4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Ten-Year Plan.**

**Background**

On June 21, 2016 the Policy Board adopted a listing of 20 projects for future funding. The Abilene MPO receives funding through the Category 2 (Metropolitan and Urban Corridor Projects) formula distribution. According to TxDOT's formula this category is for "mobility and added capacity projects on urban corridors to mitigate traffic congestion, as well as traffic safety and roadway maintenance or rehabilitation. Projects must be located on the state highway system." On June 3, 2015 the HB 20 legislation was passed. House Bill 20 amends the Transportation Code to require each planning organization to develop a Ten-Year Plan and project recommendation criteria and provides for the prioritization and approval of recommended projects by the commission. The Abilene MPO Project Selection Committee met on November 15, 2016 to discuss how to prioritize the listing of 20 projects that the Policy Board approved on June 21, 2016. This prioritized list was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at their November 29, 2016 meeting. 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 on June 20, 2017, December 19, 2017, June 19, 2018, December 17, 2019, December 14, 2021, February 21, 2023, and December 19, 2023.

**Current Situation**

The Ten-Year Plan needs to be amended to update the project and funding information for two projects by the TxDOT Abilene District Office. In addition, numerous projects need to be updated due to changes in funding, costs, work description, etc. to match the TxDOT Connect System and the Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC at their July 29, 2025 meeting acknowledged that the Ten-Year Plan would have to be amended once the Transportation Improvement Program was amended for the three projects.

**Action Requested**

1. Approval of the amendment to the Ten-Year Plan.





5. 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  
August 19, 2025  
Supplemental Agenda Information**

**5. 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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 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 Policy Board's latest amendment was on April 15, 2025. 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. The TIP was amended (Amendment 3) on April 15, 2025.

**Current Situation**

The FYs 2025-2028 TIP needs to be amended to update the project and funding information for two projects by the TxDOT Abilene District Office and one project by the City of Abilene Transportation Services Department. This will be for an ESTIP August amendment which was due on July 31, 2025. A draft of the document was submitted by that deadline. *This situation was delayed due to the lack of files due to the Cyber Incident at the City of Abilene.*

This document went out for public review in the Abilene Reporter News on August 8, 2025 which stated that the document and comment forms were placed on the Abilene MPO website for ease of access. Written comments will be accepted thru 12 p.m. on August 18 and can be emailed to [abilenempo@abilenetx.gov](mailto:abilenempo@abilenetx.gov). Comments will also be received at the MPO Policy Board meeting to be held on August 19, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC at their July 29, 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. Approval of the amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



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**Cat 2 Funding, FM 1750, CSJ: 1655-01-036**

**Project Summary**

Project description/scope –

The project consists of widening 2.227 miles of FM 1750 from Industrial Boulevard to 1200 ft south of Colony Hill Road (CR 111) in Taylor County, Texas for additional turn lanes, addition of sidewalk, traffic signal at Colony Hill Road, ADA ramps, driveways, grading of ditches and replacing all cross culverts along the project. The proposed improvements would consist of two (2) 12-foot wide travel lanes (one in each direction) with a 14-foot wide two-way left-turn lane and 5-foot-wide outside shoulders. A 6-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on one (1) side of FM 1750. There are a total of 5 cross culverts that will be designed to the 10% AEP (10-yr design storm) including one (1) bridge class culvert crossing Elm Creek FEMA zone A.

Financials

Authorized Amount: \$3,400,606.56 (Cat 8 & 11)

Current construction estimate: \$5,270,004.33 (updated on 04/08/2025)

Project Manager: Michelle Luedke

Consultant & PM: Adam Pfeiffer; [apfeiffer@structurepoint.com](mailto:apfeiffer@structurepoint.com)

TXC Letting Date – 07/01/2026, RTL Date – 04/01/2026, AVL Date – N/A (pending ROW acquisition and utility relocation)

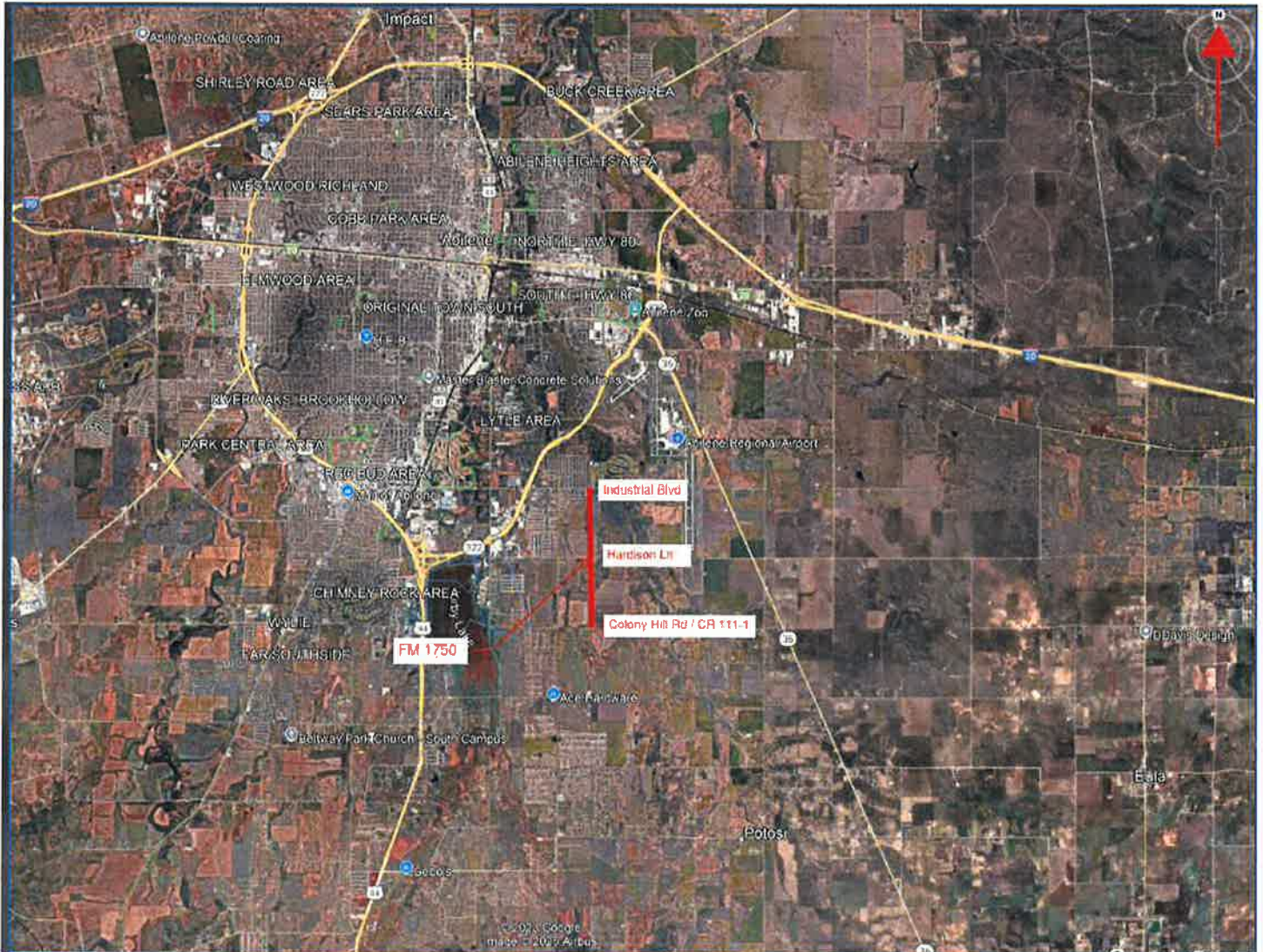




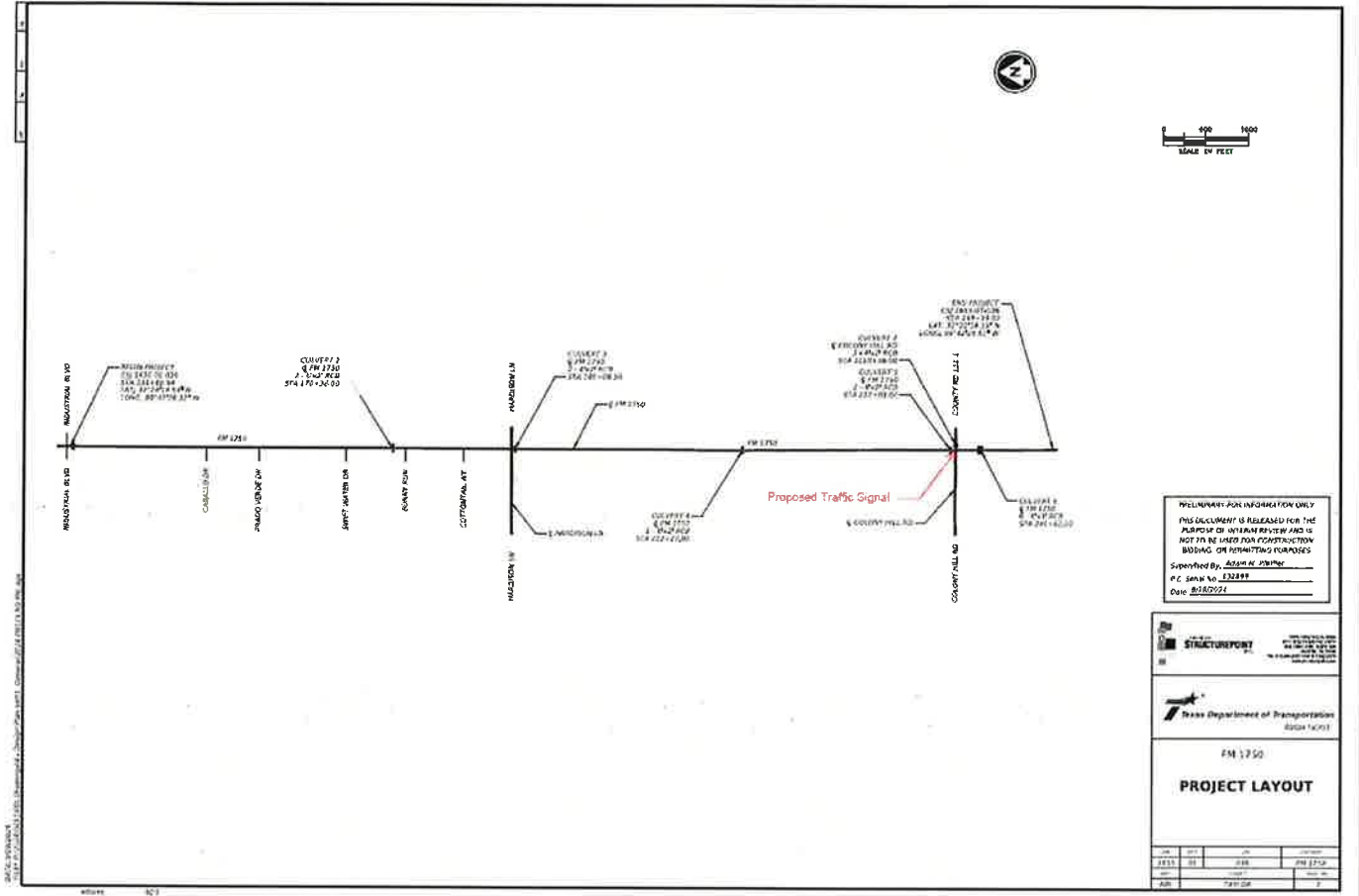
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Project Location Map –



**60% SUBMITTAL**





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Current Estimate

	WZONE	\$695,247.60	<i>*includes 500-7001 Mobilization</i>
	REMOVAL	\$42,445.00	
	ROADWAY	\$2,979,158.08	
	DRAINAGE	\$963,625.65	
	SIGNALS	\$300,000.00	
	SIGNING	\$8,400.00	
	PVMRK	\$72,262.50	
	EROSION	\$208,865.50	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,270,004.33</b>	

**Prime Provider:** AIG Technical Services, LLC

**District:** Abilene

**CSJ:** 2398-01-063

**County:** Taylor

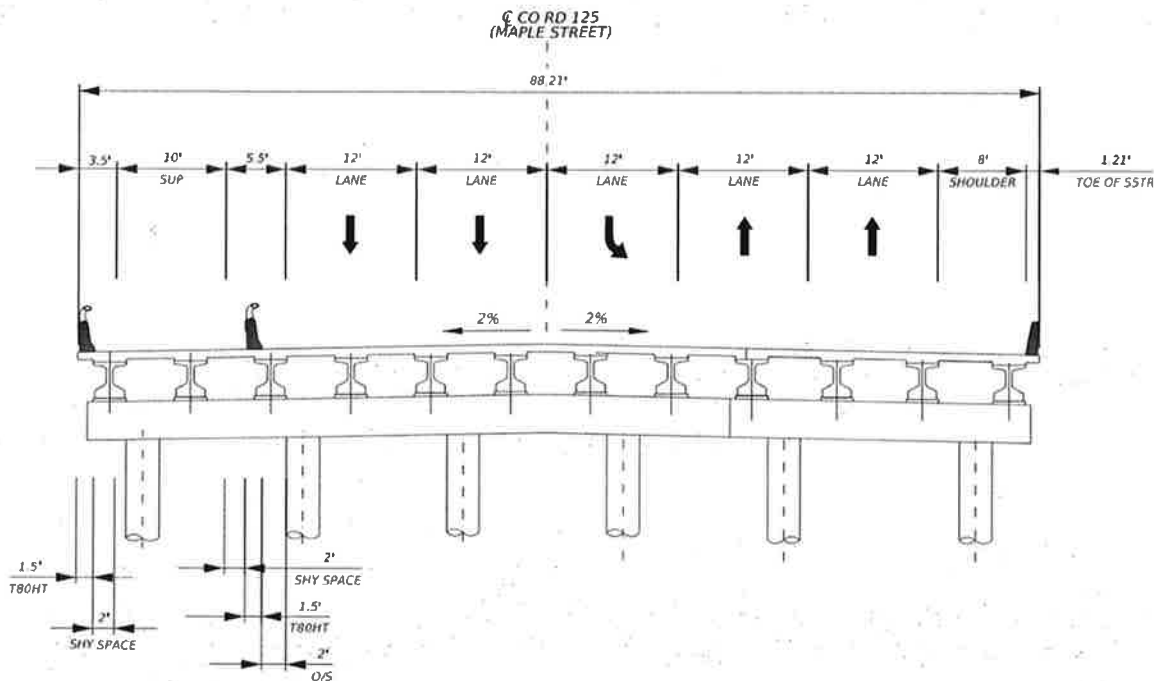
**Highway:** SL 322

**Limits:** At Maple Street

The project scope of work includes the specifications, and estimates (PS&E) and related documents, for the bridge replacement at Maple Street overpass of SL 322 in the City of Abilene. The tasks include roadway and bridge design, utility adjustment coordination, utility engineering investigation, utility engineering, survey and geotechnical data collection, and providing construction phase services necessary to support the construction.

- 5 -12' Lanes, 2' and 8' Shoulders with middle Left Turn Lane through the bridge
- Pedestrian Connectivity with City of Abilene Infrastructure, adding 10' SUP on west side
- Provide minimum 19' Vertical Clearance with SL 322
- 4-span bridge constructed in phases with partial demolition
- Addition of Guardrail on SL322 Bridge Bents
- Ditch Improvements on SL322
- Intersection Improvements on Maple St. approaches
- Provision for the future traffic signals
- The design speed is set at 45 mph for Maple Street, as well as the ramps and frontage roads, consistent with the City of Abilene design at both the south and north ends of Maple Street.

#### PROPOSED BRIDGE TYPICAL



#### PROPOSED MAPLE STREET

PREFERRED TYPICAL- 4 THROUGH LANES, 1 DEDICATED LEFT TURN  
10' SUP ON LEFT, 8' SHOULDER ON RIGHT (FUTURE SIDEWALK)  
2' SHY SPACES AND CURB OFFSETS

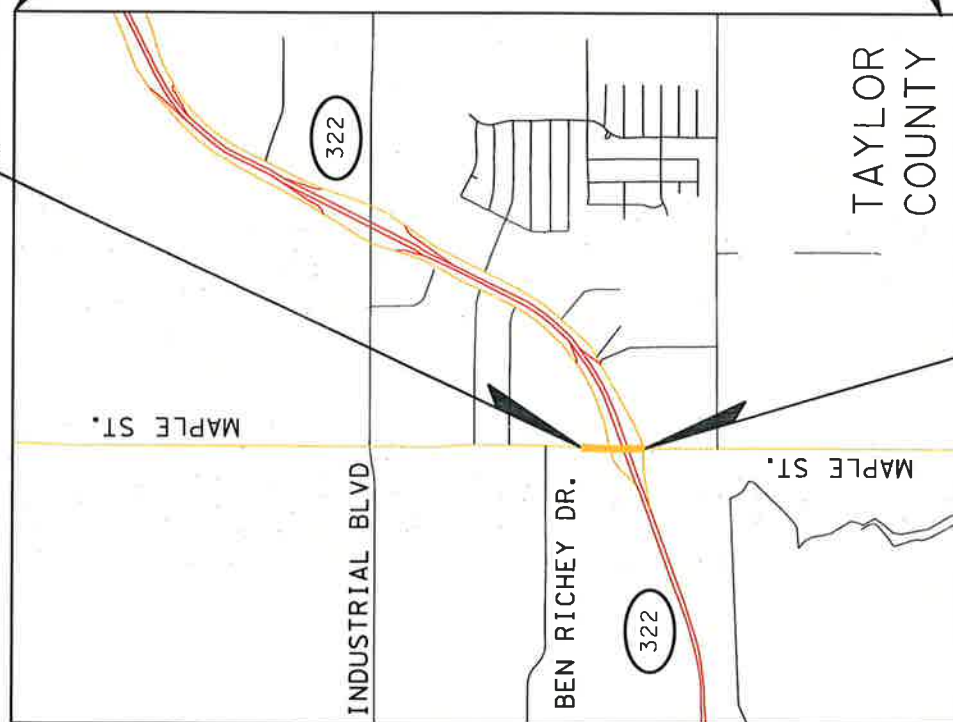


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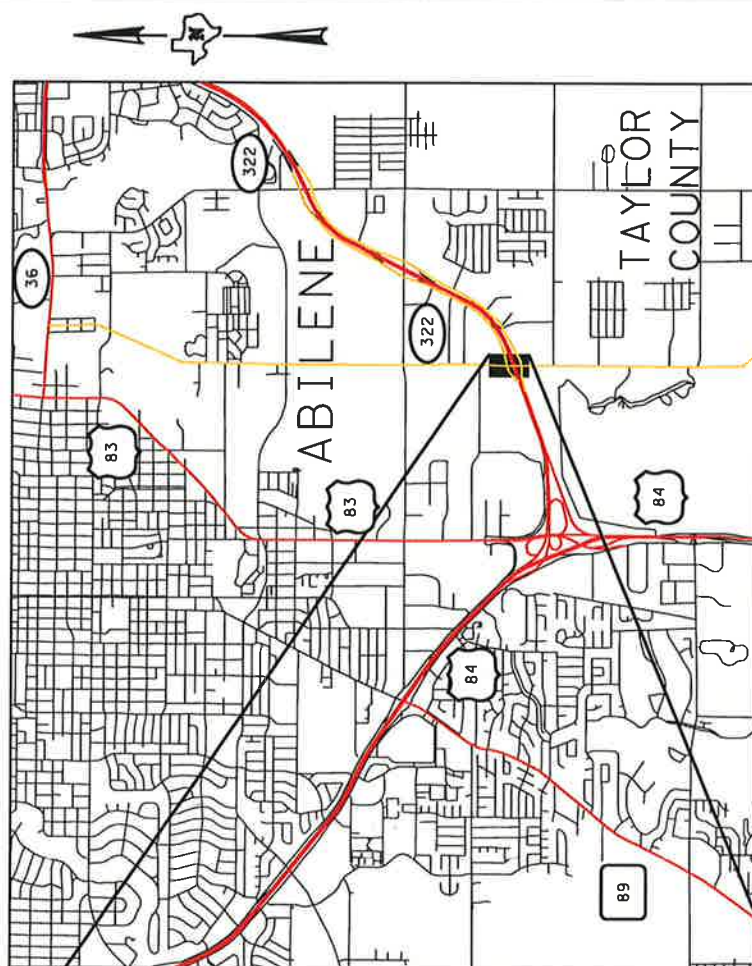
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EXCEPTIONS: N/A

EQUATIONS: N/A

RAILROAD CROSSINGS: N/A

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PROJECT LAYOUT				SHEET OF	
CONT	SECT	JOB	HIGHWAY		
01#1	02	033	MAPLE ST.		
DIST		COUNTY			SHEET NO.
ASH		TAVELOR			

# PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Maple Street Bridge at SL 322

CSJ: 2398-01-036

ITEM	DESC CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	SUBTOTAL
<b>REMOVALS</b>						
100	7001	PREPARING ROW	AC	10	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
105	7002	RMV STAB BASE AND ASPH (2'-6")	SY	8,120	\$ 30.00	\$ 243,600.00
104	7011	REMOVING CONC (DRIVEWAYS)	SY	82	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,280.00
542	7001	REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	LF	1,460	\$ 3.50	\$ 5,110.00
542	7002	REMOVE TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	EA	3	\$ 210.00	\$ 630.00
542	7003	REMOVE DOWNSTREAM ANCHOR TERMINAL	EA	1	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
644	7073	REMOVE SM RD SN SUP&AM	EA	26	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,860.00
677	7002	ELIM EXT PM & MRKS (6')	LF	500	\$ 1.00	\$ 500.00
						<b>\$ 356,366.00</b>
<b>ROADWAY &amp; SUP</b>						
247	7176	FL BS (CMP IN PLC)(TYA GR1-2)(FINAL POS)	CY	2,500	\$ 70.00	\$ 175,000.00
344	7077	TACK COAT	GAL	900	\$ 5.00	\$ 4,500.00
310	7004	PRIME COAT (MC-30)	GAL	1,800	\$ 10.00	\$ 18,000.00
344	7002	SP MIXES SP-B SAC-B PG64-22	TON	1,000	\$ 90.00	\$ 90,000.00
344	7021	SP MIXES SP-C SAC-B PG70-22	TON	1,000	\$ 220.00	\$ 220,000.00
502	7001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	30	\$ 20,370.00	\$ 611,100.00
529	7009	CONC CURB & GUTTER (TYPE II)	LF	1,000	\$ 20.00	\$ 20,000.00
531	7005	PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMP (PED-18, TYPE 1)	EA	2	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 4,140.00
531	7010	PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMP (PED-18, TYPE 7)	EA	2	\$ 2,770.00	\$ 5,540.00
531	7002	SUP (CONC SIDEWALKS (5'))	SY	750	\$ 100.00	\$ 75,000.00
540	7003	MTL W-BEAM GD FEN (STEEL POST)	LF	500	\$ 30.00	\$ 15,000.00
545	7014	CRASH CUSH ATTEN (INSTL)(S)(N)(TL3)	EA	2	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
						<b>\$ 1,256,280.00</b>
<b>STRUCTURE</b>						
400	7010	CEMENT STABLE BKFL	CY	140	\$ 299.00	\$ 41,860.00
403	7001	TEMPORARY SPL SHORING	SF	900	\$ 103.00	\$ 92,700.00
416	7002	DRILL SHAFT (18 IN)	LF	160	\$ 218.00	\$ 34,880.00
416	7006	DRILL SHAFT (36 IN)	LF	1,400	\$ 382.00	\$ 534,800.00
420	7012	CL C CONC (ABUT)	CY	110.0	\$ 1,271.00	\$ 139,810.00
420	7022	CL C CONC (CAP)	CY	130.0	\$ 1,741.00	\$ 226,330.00
420	7038	CC C CONC (COLUMN)	CY	110.0	\$ 1,766.00	\$ 194,260.00
422	7001	REINF CONC SLAB	SF	28,300.0	\$ 33.00	\$ 933,900.00
425	7003	PRESTR CONC GIRDER (TX40)	LF	3,200	\$ 215.00	\$ 688,000.00
432	7007	RIPRAP (CONC) (CL B) (4 IN)	CY	200.0	\$ 924.00	\$ 184,800.00
450	7024	RAIL (TY SSTR)	LF	350	\$ 113.00	\$ 39,550.00
450	7026	RAIL (TY T80HT)	LF	750	\$ 156.00	\$ 117,000.00
454	7004	SEALED EXPANSION JOINT (4 IN) (SEJ-M)	LF	300.0	\$ 312.00	\$ 93,600.00
496	7010	REMOV STR (BRIDGE 100-499 FT LENGTH)	EA	1	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
						<b>\$ 3,521,490.00</b>
BRIDGE CONTINGENCY			20%			\$ 704,298.00
						<b>\$ 4,225,788.00</b>
<b>SIGNING, MARKINGS</b>						
644	7001	IN SM RD SN SUP&AM TY10BWG(1)SA(P)	EA	30	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
666	7015	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)8"(BRK)(100MIL)	LF	800	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,400.00
666	7036	REFL PAV MRK TY I (W)24"(SLD)(100MIL)	LF	100	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00
666	7274	RE PROFILE PM TY I (Y)6"(BRK)(100MIL)	LF	3,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
666	7309	ALL-WTHER PM TY I (W)6"(SLD)(100MIL)	LF	3,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
666	7315	ALL-WTHER PM TY I (Y)6"(SLD)(100MIL)	LF	3,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
668	7091	PREFAB PM TY C (W)(ARROW)	EA	6	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00
						<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>						<b>\$ 5,881,423.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION</b>						
	8%	EMBANKMENT	LS	1	\$ 470,513.84	\$ 470,513.84
	8%	EXCAVATION	LS	1	\$ 470,513.84	\$ 470,513.84
	15%	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 882,213.45	\$ 882,213.45
	3%	SWP3	LS	1	\$ 176,442.69	\$ 176,442.69
	10%	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 588,142.30	\$ 588,142.30
						<b>\$ 2,587,826.12</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION COSTS SUMMARY</b>						
CONSTRUCTION =						\$ 8,469,249.12
CONTINGENCY = 15%						\$ 1,270,387.37
<b>CONSTRUCTION TOTAL =</b>						<b>\$ 9,739,636.49</b>

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. TYPICAL SECTION FOR BRIDGE INCLUDES 5-LANES AND SUP
2. TYPICAL SECTION MATCHES THE CITY'S SOUTH SECTION
3. ASSUMED PAVEMENT SECTION EQUIVALENT TO OTHER ABILENE DISTRICT PROJECTS
4. ALIGNMENT SHIFT DETERMINED BY BRIDGE PHASE CONSTRUCTION
5. SUP MATCHES CITY OF ABILENE CONCRETE SECTION



## 2026 UTP Proposed CAT 2 Funding (also CAT 10CR)

CSJ	County	Highway	Limits From	Limits To	Project Description	Category	FY	Proposed
0006-06-109	Taylor	IH 20	FM 600	SH 351	ADD TWO MAIN LANES FOR A SIX LANE FREEWAY AND CONSTRUCT OVERPASS STRUCTURES.	2	2026	\$ 20,000,000
0699-01-067	Taylor	FM 89	ELM CREEK	FM 707	Add continuous center turn lanes and right turn lanes at intersection.	2	2026	\$ 5,400,000
1655-01-036	Taylor	FM 1750	INDUSTRIAL BLVD	1200' SOUTH OF COLONY HILL RD	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ADD TURN LANES	2	2026	\$ 3,000,000
0033-08-045	Taylor	BU 83D	AT	PINE ST	Intersection improvement including lane realignment, turn lanes, signals.	2	2027	\$ 5,599,999
2398-01-062	Taylor	SL 322	NORTH OF SH 36 (BI 20)	FM 1750	SL 322 IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING SH 36 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	2	2027	\$ 10,799,999
2398-01-063	Taylor	SL 322	AT MAPLE STREET		BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	2	2027	\$ 13,000,000
0034-01-143	Taylor	US 83	NEAR INDUSTRIAL BL	FM 89	Reconstruct intersection realigning lanes and adding signals	2	2033	\$ 5,600,000
0663-01-024	Taylor	FM 707	FM 89 (BUFFALO GAP ROAD)	US 83	REHAB AND WIDEN ROADWAY	2	2033	\$ 14,493,439
0006-06-118	Taylor	IH 20	WEST OF SL 322	EAST OF SL 322	CONSTRUCT DIRECT CONNECTS AT IH 20 AND SL 322	2	2034	\$ 10,250,000
0663-02-011	Taylor	FM 707	US 83	FM 1750	WIDEN TO 5 LANE SECTION	2	2034	\$ 7,800,000
2270-01-029	Taylor	FM 3438	MILITARY DR	US 277	This project will construct 10-foot wide shared use path from Military Drive to US 277 for 2.7 miles	10CR	2026	\$ 760,000





# 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**

**AMENDMENT 4: August 19, 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**

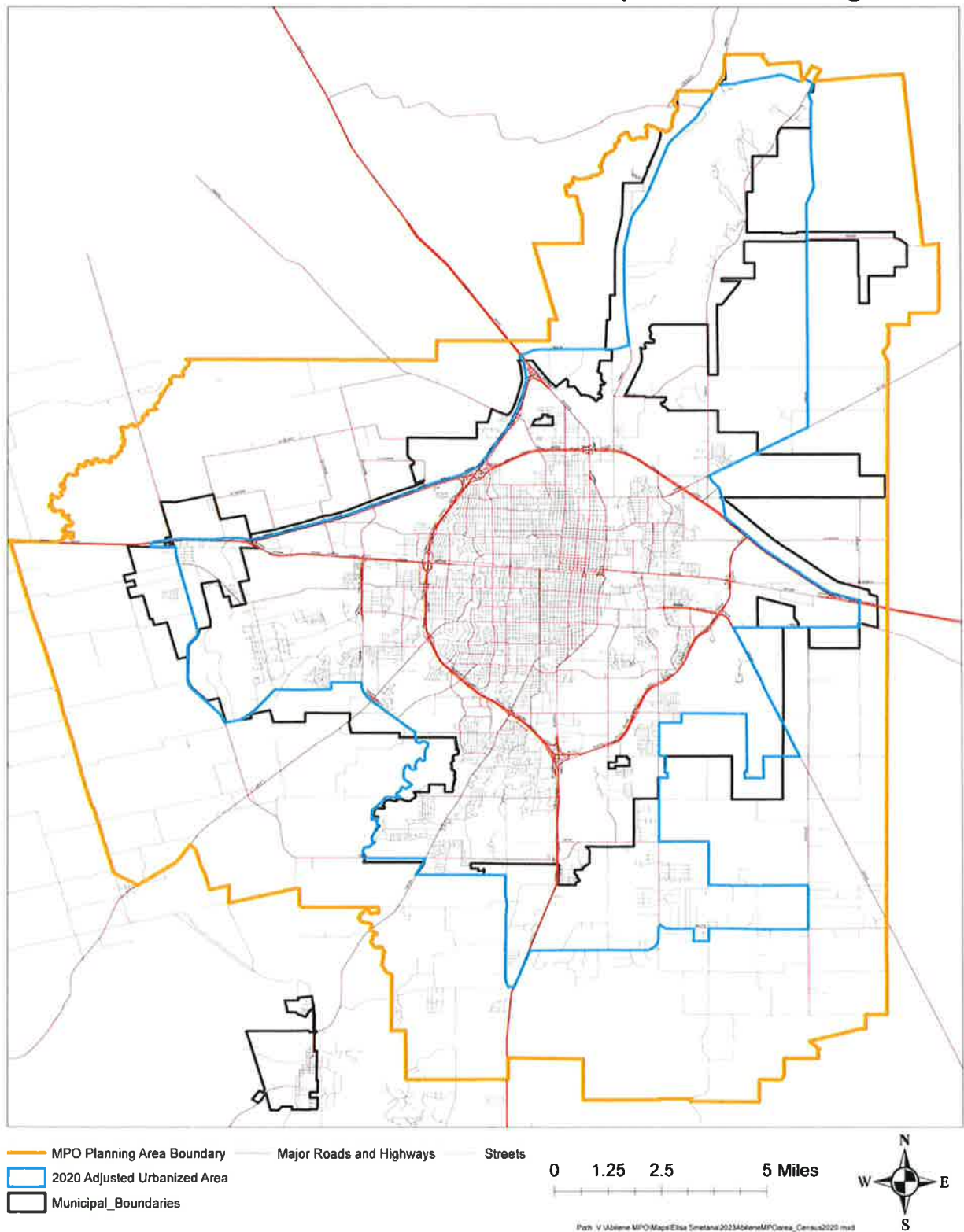
The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the programming document for transportation projects in our area. The TIP identifies those projects from our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that are being worked on during this time. The TIP is mandated by the metropolitan planning requirements 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.abilenempo.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 [abilenempo@abilenetx.com](mailto:abilenempo@abilenetx.com).

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### **TXDOT UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) FUNDING CATEGORIES**

#### **TXDOT FUNDING SOURCES BY UTP CATEGORY**

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

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

### **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CATEGORIES**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
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5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grants
5339	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program

## PROJECT LISTINGS

	DESCRIPTION
<b>CSJ</b>	Control Section Job Number - TXDOT assigned number for projects entered into the Project Development Program (PDP)
<b>PROJ ID</b>	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

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

**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: 1/2023						
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		\$ 104,765,616.00					
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-F 10-01						
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 FY 2025-2028 TIP		
P 7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 260,411.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES	CAT 2U:	\$ 4,320,000.00	\$ 1,080,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,400,000.00
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ -							
CONST COST:	\$ 5,400,000.00							
CONST ENG:	\$ -							
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 271,500.00		\$ 5,400,000.00					
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**  
**Airport Projects FY 2026**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
STATEWIDE	TAYLOR		ABL	CONSTRUCTION	ABILENE	CITY OF ABILENE	\$ 70,000,000.00
<b>LIMITS FROM:</b>	ABILENE REGIONAL AIRPORT					<b>REVISION DATE:</b> 08/2025	
<b>LIMITS TO:</b>	ABILENE REGIONAL AIRPORT					<b>MPO PROJ. NUM:</b> TIFIA-ABL	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	TERMINAL EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS					<b>FUNDING CAT(S):</b> OTHER, OTHER	
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	EXPANSION OF THE PASSENGER BOARDING AREA AND SCREENING CHECKPOINT AREA, RELOCATION OF THE AIRLINE TICKET COUNTERS AND RENTAL CAR COUNTERS, REPLACEMENT OF THE SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM, BAGGAGE CONVEYOR SYSTEM, HVAC SYSTEM, AND FIRE/SMOKE ALARM SYSTEM, ADDITION OF A FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM, AND A NEW POWER GENERATOR						
<b>REMARKS P7:</b>	FAA Grant \$50,000,000, TIFIA Loan Request \$20,000,000 Estimated let date is 04/01/2026. Inclusion in the TIP/STIP is not a promise or guarantee of project execution or funding, and all Federal loans for proposed projects require approval by the USDOT					<b>PROJECT HISTORY:</b> ADDED INTO FY 2025-2028 TIP - AUGUST 2025	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION</b>				<b>AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE</b>			
<b>PRELIMINARY ENG:</b>	\$ -	<b>COST OF APPROVED PHASES</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	\$ 50,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000,000.00
<b>ROW PURCHASE:</b>	\$ -		<b>OTHER</b>	\$ 20,000,000.00			\$ 20,000,000.00
<b>CONST COST:</b>	\$ 70,000,000.00						
<b>CONST ENG:</b>	\$ -						
<b>CONTINGENCIES:</b>	\$ -						
<b>INDIRECT COSTS:</b>	\$ -						
<b>BOND FINANCING</b>	\$ -						
<b>PT CHG ORD:</b>	\$ -		<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ 70,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	\$ 70,000,000.00						



**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			
P7:								
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE					
PRELIMINARY ENG:	\$ 511,364.00	COST OF APPROVED PHASES	FEDERAL		STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ -		CAT 2U:	\$ 8,640,000.00	\$ 2,160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,800,000.00
CONST COST:	\$ 10,800,000.00							
CONST ENG:	\$ -							
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 436,000.00		\$ 10,800,000.00					
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 302,644.00							
BOND FINANCING	\$ -		TOTAL: \$ 8,640,000.00 \$ 2,160,000.00 \$ - \$ - \$ 10,800,000.00					
PT CHG ORD:	\$ -							
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 12,050,008.00							

<b>Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization</b> <b>FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program</b> <b>Highway Projects FY 2028</b>							
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	VOE COST
ABILENE	TAYLOR				ABILENE	MPO/TxDOT	
LIMITS FROM:				REVISION DATE:			
LIMITS TO:				MPO PROJ. NUM:			
PROJECT:				FUNDING CAT(S):			
DESCRIPTION:							
REMARKS:				PROJECT HISTORY:			
P 7:							
TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION			AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE				
			FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
PRELIMINARY ENG:							
ROW PURCHASE:							
CONST COST:							
CONST ENG:							
CONTINGENCIES:							
INDIRECT COSTS:							
BOND FINANCING							
PT CHG ORD:							
TOTAL PROJECT COST:							

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## HIGHWAY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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# FUNDED HIGHWAY PROJECTS MAP

Map to be updated later.

## FYs 2025-2028 TIP Highway Projects Amendment 3

2025

No Projects

2026

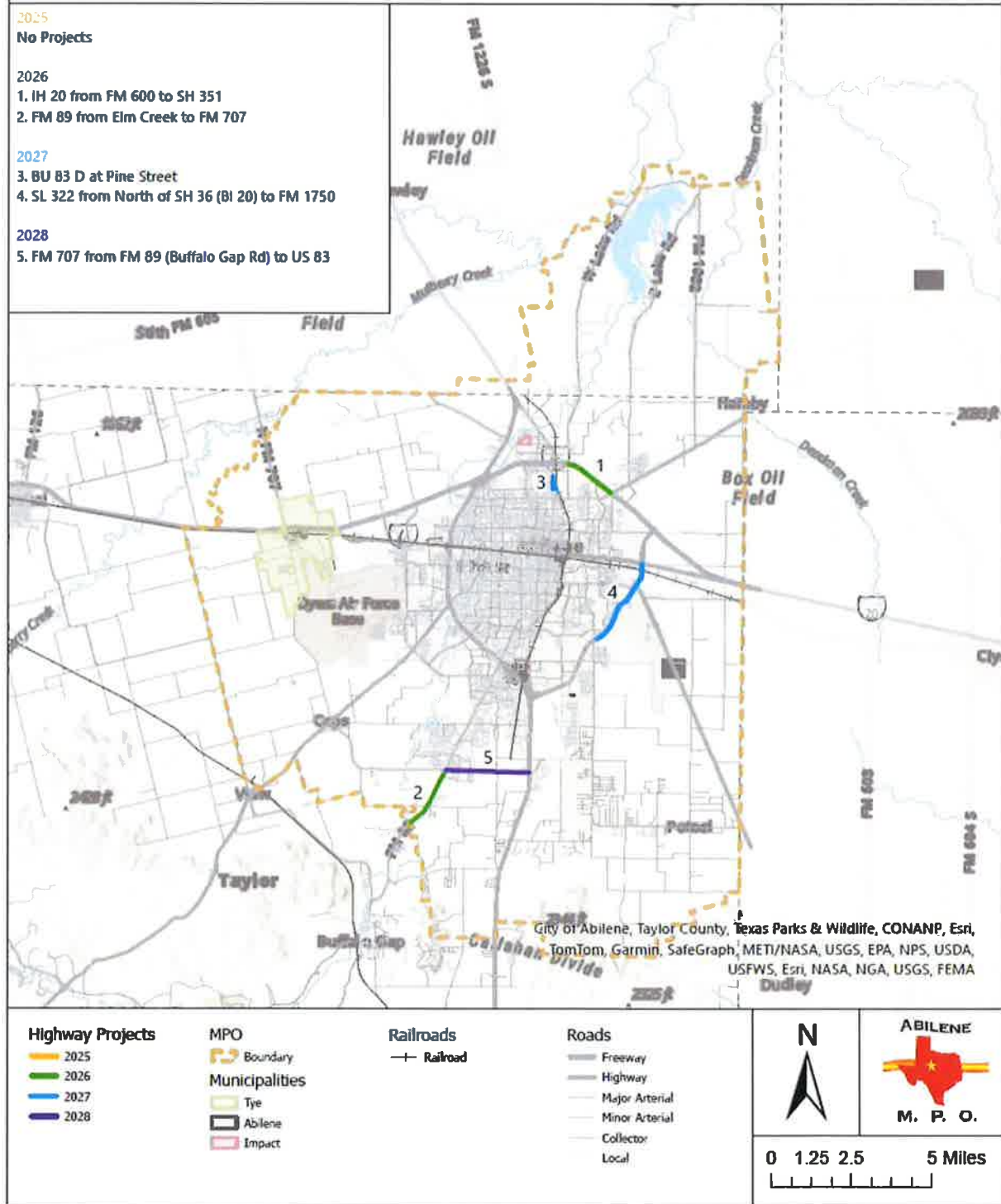
1. IH 20 from FM 600 to SH 351
2. FM 89 from Elm Creek to FM 707

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



## **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		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
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		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
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-C2-2025)	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
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	TDCs Requested	\$ -
		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		

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307 CARES
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital (TR-C4-2025)	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	TDCs Requested	\$ -
Sec 5309 ID Number	N/A	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	TDCs Requested	\$ -
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-C3-2025)	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
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Apportionment year & funding info changed, May 2025 description & amounts changed		
			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-C5-2025)	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
Amendment Date & Action	May 2024 Added		
			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	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 equipment, other miscellance transit equipment	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		



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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
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-P1-2026)	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	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-PM1-2026)	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	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$ 74,319.00
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-C2-2026)	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
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-C4-2026)	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-C5-2026)	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 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 allow able 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-C4-2027)	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-C5-2027)	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-FM1-2028)	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 FM		
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 allow able 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-C4-2028)	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-C5-2028)	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 (VOB) Dollars

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
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,669,172</b>	<b>\$1,376,631</b>	<b>\$6,045,803</b>	<b>\$2,939,294</b>	<b>\$1,378,117</b>	<b>\$4,317,411</b>	<b>\$3,018,514</b>	<b>\$1,376,631</b>	<b>\$4,395,145</b>
<b>Transportation Development Credits</b>									
<b>Requested</b>			\$219,401			\$81,525			\$81,525
<b>Awarded</b>			\$137,876			\$0			\$0

Current as of 03/11/25

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (VOB) 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
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,018,514</b>	<b>\$1,376,631</b>	<b>\$4,395,145</b>	<b>\$13,645,494</b>	<b>\$5,508,010</b>	<b>\$19,153,504</b>
<b>Transportation Development Credits</b>						
<b>Requested</b>			\$81,525			\$463,974
<b>Awarded</b>			\$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

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Mr. Jeremy Dearing, P.E.  
District Engineer

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Councilman Shane Price  
Policy Board Chairperson

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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:** Approved **April 15, 2025**. Updated the highway projects and the transit projects at the **April 15, 2025** Policy Board Meeting. 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. No comments were received.

**AMENDMENT 4:** **Pending Approval** **August 19, 2025**. Added in CSJ# 1655-01-036 in 2026 to grouped projects, added in TIFIA Airport Terminal Project (TIFIA-ABL) in 2026, moved CSJ# 0033-08-045 to grouped projects. Transit projects were updated on April 15, 2025 and submitted for August Revision to the Statewide TIP. The public was afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the amendment to the TIP. A Public Notice was published in the August 7, 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 August 19, 2025 Policy Board meeting. The notice also stated that signed, written comments would be received through August 17 until 1:00 pm.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**TxDOT Updated Safety Performance Targets for FY 2025**

<b>2024 Safety Targets</b>	<b>Number of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)</b>	<b>Rate of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)</b>	<b>Number of Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)</b>	<b>Serious Injury Rate (CRIS DATA)</b>	<b>Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)</b>
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
<b>2025 Targets from trendlines</b>	<b>4,358</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>17,679</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>2,651</b>

**PROJECTS:**

- Widening IH 20 to Six Lanes from FM 600 to SH 351
- FM 89 Add Turn Lanes from Elm Creek to FM 707
- FM 1750 Intersection Improvements add turn lanes from Industrial Blvd to 1200' south of Colony Hill Rd
- BU 83 D at Pine St Intersection Upgrade
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements
- SL 322 at Maple Street Bridge Replacement

## **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 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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## ATTACHMENT A

### TxDOT Updated (PM2) Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure Targets October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Performance Measure	Statewide Baseline	2 Year Target	4 Year Target
<b>Pavement on Interstate System</b>			
1) % in "Good" condition	64.5%	63.9%	63.6%
2) % in "Poor" condition	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Pavement on Non-Interstate National Highway System</b>			
3) % in "Good" condition	51.7%	45.5%	46.0%
4) % in "Poor" condition	1.3%	1.5%	2.5%
<b>National Highway System Bridge Deck Condition</b>			
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 FM 600 to SH 351
- BU 83 D at Pine St Intersection Upgrade
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements
- SL 322 at Maple Street Bridge Replacement

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> percentile of travel time to the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of travel time to the 50<sup>th</sup> 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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ATTACHMENT A

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

Performance Measure	Statewide Baseline	2 Year Target	4 Year Target
<b>National Highway System Travel Time Reliability</b>			
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 FM 600 to SH 351
- FM 89 Add Turn Lanes from Elm Creek to FM 707
- FM 1750 Intersection Improvements add turn lanes from Industrial Blvd to 1200' south of Colony Hill Rd
- BU 83 D at Pine St Intersection Upgrade
- SL 322 and SH 36 Intersection Improvements
- SL 322 at Maple Street Bridge Replacement

**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	ROADWAY	PROJECT CLASS	FROM	TO	DISTRICT	COUNTY	EST	LET TYPE D	MPO	PROJECT ID	PROJ STO	PROJ STAT	FY YEAR
003401144	FM 1750	Safety Improvement Projects	INDUSTRIAL BLVD	1200' SOUTH OF COLONY HILL RD	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 3,269,814.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00184296	PE	Active	2026
067702017	CS 253716	Pedestrian, Sidewalks & Curb Ramps	W STAMFORD ST	AMBLER BLVD	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 1,765,043.0	Local Agency Let	Abilene	A00197981	PE	Active	2026
067701024	SL 322	Overlay	IH 20	US 83	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 11,000,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206930	PE	Active	2026
006065123	FM 69	Intersection & Operational Imprv	ELM CREEK	FM 707	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 5,000,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206933	PS&E	Active	2026
040706046	US 83	Bridge Maintenance	US 83 SB	@ BU 84 UPRR	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 100,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00207724	PE	Active	2026
165501036	US 83	Bridge Maintenance	US 83 NB	@ BU 84 UPRR	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 100,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00207725	PE	Active	2026
040706048	IH 20	Bridge Maintenance	IH 20 EB	US 83 US 277	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 576,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00210660	PE	Active	2026
090833112	IH 20	Bridge Maintenance	IH 20 WB	AT US 83 US 277	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 542,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00210662	PE	Active	2026
006065116	IH 20	Bridge Maintenance	IH 20 EB	IH 20 WB EXIT RAMP	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 307,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00210652	PE	Active	2026
003308045	FM 3438	Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements	MILITARY DR	US 277	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 730,750.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00212148	PE	Active	2026
003308045	FM 707	Seal Coat	JONES CO LINE	BI 20-Q	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 120,071.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00135317	PE	Active	2027
006065105	FM 2833	Seal Coat	FM 1082	Taylor Co Line	Abilene	Jones	\$ 428,430.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00135190	PS&E	Active	2027
238801062	FM 707	Seal Coat	HINES RD	US 277	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 271,073.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00135546	PE	Active	2027
006065131	IH 20	Seal Coat	0.76 MILES EAST OF CR 287	CATCLAW CREEK	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 615,714.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00135524	PE	Active	2027
006065132	IH 20	Seal Coat	Catclaw Creek	BU 83	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 404,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00195207	PE	Active	2027
018101071	US 83	Seal Coat	I-20	BI-20	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 930,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00200627	PE	Active	2027
238801064	BU 83D	Intersection & Operational Imprv	AT	PINE ST	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 5,185,185.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206042	PE	Active	2027
069010067	SL 322	Intersection & Operational Imprv	NORTH OF SH 36 (BI 20)	FM 1750	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 10,000,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206040	Planning	Active	2027
067701026	IH 20	Hazard Elimination & Safety	AT	WB ENTRANCE RAMP OLD ANSON RD	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 713,590.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206547	Planning	Active	2027
003306128	IH 20	Hazard Elimination & Safety	AT	EXIT 285 EB	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 770,440.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206549	Planning	Active	2027
003306130	SH 36	Hazard Elimination & Safety	at	Maple Street	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 410,925.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206625	PE	Active	2027
006065134	CS 253797	Traffic Control Devices	at Barrow Intersection	at Barrow Intersection	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 204,953.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213531	Planning	Active	2027
006065135	CS 253802	Traffic Control Devices	South Clark Street	S. Treasday Blvd	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 212,705.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213529	Planning	Active	2027
006065133	US 277	Overlay	FM 3438	SOUTH END OF BNSF BRIDGE	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 4,000,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00139502	PE	Active	2028
227001029	US 277	Overlay	US 83	FM 3438	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 2,500,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00195451	PE	Active	2028
090833114	CS 253848	Traffic Control Devices	Intersection of Willis	Intersection of Pine	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 413,787.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213349	Planning	Active	2028
238801066	SL 322	Safety Improvement Projects	AT SL 322 SB	BU 83D RAMP	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 1,213,500.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213312	Planning	Active	2028
165501038	FM 1750	Safety Improvement Projects	AT	ES 27th St. Intersection	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 623,577.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213315	Planning	Active	2028
090833116	US 83	Freeway Operational Improvements	0.12 MI North of Buffalo Gap Exit Ramp	SL 322 Entrance Ramp	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 5,000,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00213731	PE	Active	2029
090833115	FM 707	Overlay	BI 20Q	HINES RD	Abilene	Taylor	\$ 1,250,000.0	Statewide Let	Abilene	A00206925	PE	Active	2029

CSJ	Fiscal Year	Roadway	From	To	Project Class	Estimate Let Date	Estimate	Let_Type_D	Proj Sg	Project ID	Proj Stat	MPO	District	County
1655-01-036	2026	FM 1750	Industrial Blvd	1200' South of Colony Hill Rd		Jul-26	\$ 6,400,606.56	Statewide Let	PE	A00184296	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor
0033-08-045	2027	BU 83 D	At	Pine St		May-27	\$ 5,600,000.00	Statewide Let	PE	A00206042	Active	Abilene	Abilene	Taylor



**APPENDIX F: LISTING OF REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS**

**Not applicable.**

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

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting  
August 19, 2025  
Supplemental Agenda Information**

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

**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, an 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.

On February 7, 2025 TxDOT submitted a revised UPWP template. The draft UPWP was 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 worked on confirming compliance with the checklist. The Policy Board approved the draft document at their April 15, 2025 meeting.

**Current Situation**

TxDOT submitted their comments on the draft UPWP on June 24, 2025. MPO staff was unable to update the draft due to the cyber incident at the City until after July 9<sup>th</sup>. This document still needs to be approved by the Policy Board prior to submittal back to TxDOT.

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC at their July 29, 2025 meeting recommended approval to the Policy Board of the FINAL FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented. There was a question by MPO staff of the "required activities" comment from TxDOT. On July 31, 2025, this was clarified by TxDOT that our document was good to go as presented in relation to that comment.

**Action Requested**

1. Approval on the FINAL FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

## Changes from Draft

**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: August 19, 2025 (Pending Approval) Provide original approval date**

**Federal Approval: Provide original FHWA approval date**

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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](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 Justice<sup>40</sup> 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.abilenempow.org](http://www.abilenempow.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.



- 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. All personnel management will be in compliance with established payroll policies and procedures related to existing regulations of the fiscal agent.
- 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. An office copier will need to be purchased with estimated costs up to \$20,000.
- 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

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**

### 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. Most of these tasks are ongoing as shown in the subtasks below.

#### 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.

## **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. The majority of this work was completed with updates to the MTP on-going as needed.

### **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.

## **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. Some of these tasks are still on-going as shown in the subtasks below.

### **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.

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
<b>TOTAL TPF for FY 2026 and FY 2027</b>	<b>\$759,386.49</b>

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. The carryover amount exists due to the on-going challenge of staffing levels that has been a battle since 2016.



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# Full Document with Checklist

**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: August 19, 2025 (Pending Approval)**

**Federal Approval:** *Provide original FHWA approval date*

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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.

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

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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 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**

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.

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, on-going 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.abilenempo.org](http://www.abilenempo.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. All personnel management will be in compliance with established payroll policies and procedures related to existing regulations of the fiscal agent.
- 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. An office copier will need to be purchased with estimated costs up to \$20,000.
- 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) <sup>2</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>3</sup>
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	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 154,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 159,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) <sup>4</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>5</sup>
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	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 165,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 170,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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/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) <sup>7</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>8</sup>
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	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 130,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ 134,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds(TPF) <sup>9</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>10</sup>
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	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ 104,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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. Most of these tasks are ongoing as shown in the subtasks below.

#### **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) <sup>12</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>13</sup>
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	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 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) <sup>14</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>15</sup>
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	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 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. The majority of this work was completed with updates to the MTP on-going as needed.

### **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) <sup>17</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>18</sup>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,600</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 37,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>

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

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

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. Some of these tasks are still on-going as shown in the subtasks below.

### **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) <sup>22</sup>	FTA Section 5307 Funds	FTA Section 5304 Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>23</sup>
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	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 70,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 270,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>

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

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

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) <sup>26</sup>	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>27</sup>
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) <sup>28</sup>	FTA SECTION 5307 FUNDS	FTA SECTION 5304 FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding <sup>29</sup>
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
<b>TOTAL TPF for FY 2026 and FY 2027</b>	<b>\$759,386.49</b>

*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. The carryover amount exists due to the on-going challenge of staffing levels that has been a battle since 2016.*

## 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

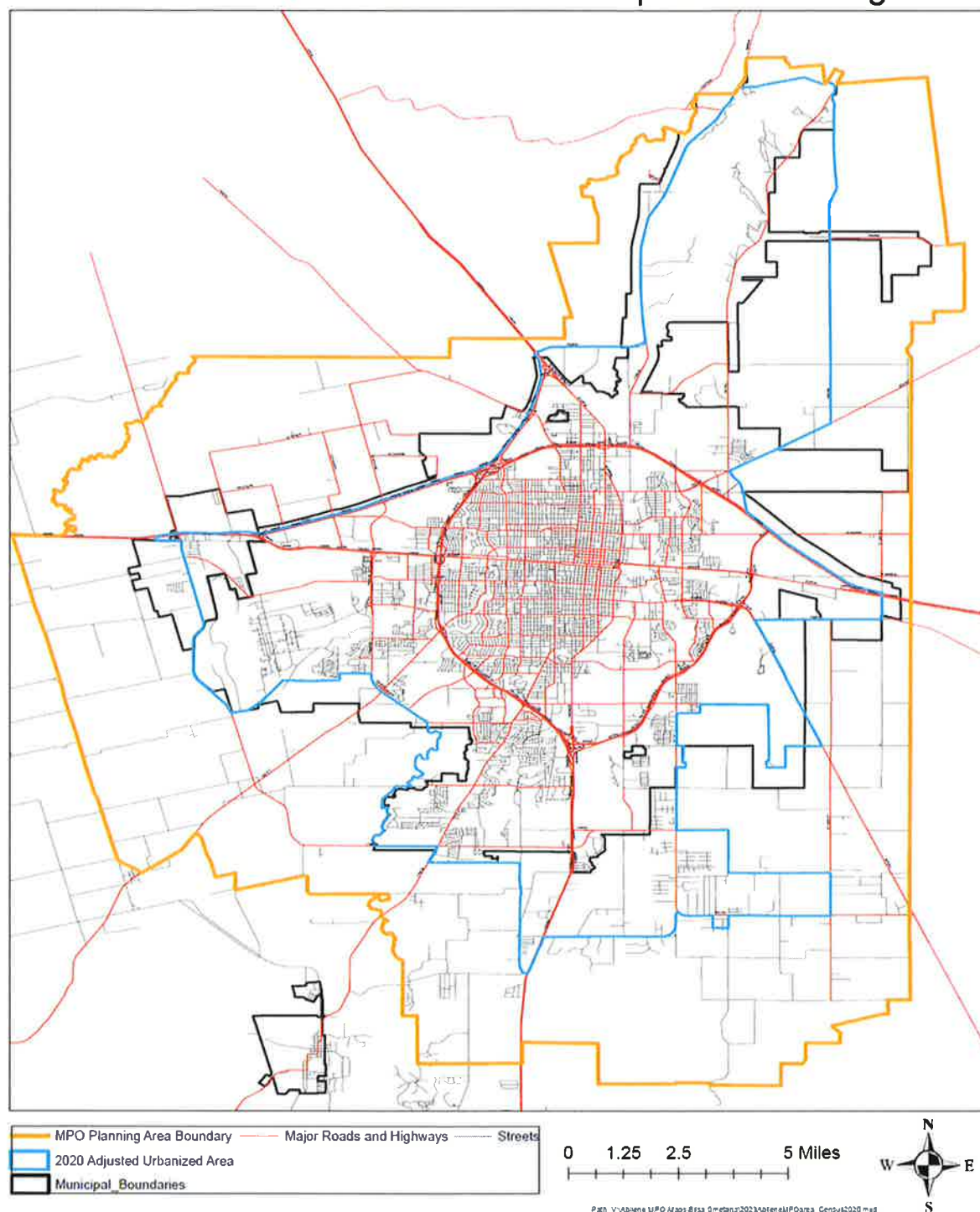
Member's Name	Member's Title
SMETANA, E'Lisa	Executive Director
RYAN, Rita	Office Assistant III
VACANT	Transportation Planner

## 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*

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Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

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Date

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Policy Board – Chair

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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.

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Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

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Date

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Policy Board – Chair

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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.

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Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Policy Board – Chair

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Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
E’Lisa Smetana

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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.

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Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Policy Board – Chair

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Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Attest:**

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E’Lisa Smetana

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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)**

## APPENDIX H

### Completed UPWP Checklist (Optional)

MPO Name	Received On	Returned On	UPWP Duration	UPWP Fiscal Year(s)
Abilene MPO	5/27/2025		1 Yr. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	FY: 2026 and 2027
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				

## UPWP Checklist

Cover Page	
Item	Check
Identifies UPWP duration with either FY XXXX – or – FY XXXX & FY XXXX.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
<b>If amendment:</b> Provides original FHWA approval date and approval dates when amended.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary	
Item	Check
Includes an executive summary.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Introduction	
Item	Check
Includes a definition for and the purpose of the UPWP.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Includes an acknowledgment of following a performance-based planning approach. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.306(d)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Includes description of how the Federal Planning Factors are addressed. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.306(b)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Includes a statement of cooperation with transit operators. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.314(a)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Includes description of non-MPO involvement, including other agencies, non-profit organizations, and contractors. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.310(f)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Planning Emphasis Areas, EJ, and DEI in the context of USDOT are omitted.

Yes ☐ No ☒

P. 7 - Please delete the paragraph and bulleted list near the bottom that begins "The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act..."

P. 9-10 - Please delete first paragraph and bullet list under E. Please delete first sentence of third paragraph that begins "The Abilene MPO will be looking..."

P. 16 - Subtask 2.3 - Environmental Justice in the heading is not in the context of USDOT.

Requirements for All Tasks and Subtasks		
Item	Check	Comments
Each Task includes an Objective. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Each Task includes Expected Products with a description of the work and a schedule for its completion. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Each Task includes Previous Work. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Each Task includes Required Activities. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	All Tasks - Activities expected to occur within tasks and subtasks are provided but <b>none are organized as "Required Activities."</b>
Each Subtask describes who will be performing the work (e.g., MPO, transit agency, local government, consultants, or combination thereof). <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Each Subtask lists the responsible agency or agencies that will oversee the performance of the work and the responsibility of the MPO, if different. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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. <a href="#">§11206(b) of BIL</a>	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. <a href="#">23 CFR 450.308(c)</a>	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)

Task-Specific Requirements		
Item	Check	Comments
<b>Task 1: Administration and Management</b>		
Task states that equipment costing more than \$10,000 requires prior approval by the federal agency.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>2 CFR 200.439(b)2</u> Task states that out-of-state travel requires prior approval by TxDOT.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>43 TAC 16.52(b)3</u> 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.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>External Audit Report</u> 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"/>	
<b>Task 2: Data Development &amp; Maintenance</b>		
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"/>	P. 12 - Subtask 1.1 - Please add more explicit language on employee sick and vacation time to personnel management in bullet 9.
<b>Task 3: Short Range Planning</b>		
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"/>	
<b>Task 4: Metropolitan Transportation Plan</b>		
Subtasks identify work related to MTP.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Comprehensive listing under section C - **Previous Work. It is advisable to indicate whether this work is completed or ongoing into FY26-27.** [Applicable to Tasks 3, 4, and 5.]



**Task 5: Special Studies**

Subtasks identify work related to special studies, if any.

Yes ☒ No ☐  
N/A ☐

Budget Summary		
Item	Check	Comments
Budget follows the standard format. <b>If no</b> , justification was provided and accepted by TxDOT.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P. 28 - The estimated carryover amount is given, but no reasons are given. <b>Suggest including some language as a footnote below the table providing a brief explanation.</b>
Budget reflects the correct State Funds amount (Transportation Development Credits & Explanation).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	In addition, it would be good to discuss what is planned for any excess funds the MPO may see over the next two fiscal years.
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"/>	
Includes signed Debarment Certification. <a href="#">43 TAC §10.101</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Includes signed Lobbying Certification. <a href="#">2 CFR 200.450(C)4</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Includes signed Certification of Contract and Procurement Procedures Compliance. <a href="#">2 CFR 200</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Includes signed Certification of Internal Ethics and Compliance Program. <a href="#">43 TAC §10.51</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

General Formatting		
Item	Check	Comments
Document follows the most current TxDOT-provided template. <b>If no</b> , justification was provided and accepted by TxDOT, as noted in Comments column. <a href="#">43 TAC §16.52(a)3</a>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Table of Contents matches the structure of the document.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Includes footer with MPO Name, FY(s) of UPWP, and Page Number.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Document is free of spelling, grammar, and formatting errors and provides appropriate citations.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

7. Presentation on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Non-Transportation Management Area Enhanced Planning Review Audit Report.

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting  
August 19, 2025  
Supplemental Agenda Information**

**7. Presentation on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Non-Transportation Management Area Enhanced Planning Review Audit Report.**

**Background**

The Title 23 Highways; Code of Federal Regulations Part 450 – Planning Assistance and Standards Subpart C; Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming (23 CFR 450) does not require the Federal Highway Administration-Texas Division / Federal Transit Administration-Region 6 (FHWA/FTA) offices to conduct joint Federal Certification Reviews (FCR) in Non-Transportation Management Area (Non-TMA) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), however, FHWA/FTA have chosen to conduct these reviews starting around 2018. The Abilene MPO's first review was conducted on September 15, 2020.

**Current Situation**

This review was conducted on August 21, 2024. It included both in person and on-line interviews with FHWA, FTA, TxDOT, City of Abilene, CityLink, and the Abilene MPO.

Conclusion was that the 2024 Planning Review determined the Abilene MPO satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607 and the provisions as codified in 23 CFR 450. There were numerous commendations in the report along with some recommendations that the MPO will be working towards in the future.

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC at their July 29, 2025 meeting took no action on this item as it was for information only.

**Action Requested**

1. No action required. Information only.



# **Non-Transportation Management Area Enhanced Planning Review (EPR) Report**

Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Federal Highway Administration-Texas Division  
Federal Transit Administration-Region VI

August 21, 2024

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**Federal Highway Administration-Texas Division / Federal Transit Administration-Region VI  
Non-Transportation Management Area Enhanced Planning Review (EPR) Report  
Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization  
August 21, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION:**

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- continue contact with the Non-TMA MPOs.
- support the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (S/TIP) Finding.
- identify areas where FHWA/FTA can provide training and/or technical assistance.
- review compliance with Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (MTPP) requirements.
- identify best practices which can be shared with other MPOs.

As resources allow participants in the Non-TMA Planning Reviews can include: FHWA/FTA MPO liaisons, FHWA/FTA Technical Specialists, as warranted; Texas Department of Transportation-Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TxDOT-TPP), TxDOT-Public Transportation Division (TxDOT-PTN) and District staff; Transit Agency staff; and Non-TMA MPO staff.

In addition to the joint Enhanced Planning Review (EPR), staff routinely participates in Policy Board and/or Technical Committee meetings. It's important to note that these joint Planning Reviews are not meant to replace reviews routinely provided by TxDOT-TPP but to enhance them through collaboration. The components of a joint Enhanced Planning Review, including a Desk Audit and a virtual meeting with an agreed-upon review agenda, are all part of this collaborative process. The Abilene MPO was also presented with the option of having a presentation if requested by the MPO, further emphasizing the inclusivity of the process.



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Abilene Enhanced Planning Review took place in a hybrid virtual/in-person format on August 21, 2024. Meeting at the Abilene MPO offices and using the Microsoft Teams video conferencing platform, the federal review team and the Abilene MPO were able to convene and successfully complete the review. A formal presentation to the Policy Board of the results was not requested by the MPO.

### JOINT REVIEW OF KEY PLANNING AREAS:

Table 1- Review Topics

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments or Notes
Organizational Structure and Policy Board Involvement	23 CFR 450.310	<b>Compliant with Commendation:</b>  Maintaining compliance with various MPO Planning activities with minimal staff resources.  Convening a Joint Workshop on Regional Transportation for the Transportation Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This workshop facilitated collaborative discussions on key regional transportation planning initiatives, fostering greater alignment between the Policy Board and	<p>The Abilene MPO acknowledges the difficulties in engaging TAC members and is implementing measures to encourage participation. To address this, the MPO has confirmed the hosting of the annual workshop every August.</p> <p>This initiative aims to enhance collaboration and encourage greater engagement from among TAC and Policy Board members.</p> <p>The established Abilene MPO ad hoc committees, including the Bicycle and Pedestrian, American Disabilities Act, and Freight committees, are diligently working to advance initiatives based on identified needs.</p>

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
		<p>TAC to enhance both planning and implementation efforts. Workshop Major agenda items include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Travel Demand Model (Presentation by Tammye Fontenot and Geena Maskey – TxDOT)</li> <li>- TxDOT Project Management (Presentation by Michael Haithcock – TxDOT)</li> <li>- FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Project Discussion (Presentation by Bill Frawley – Huitt-Zollars, Inc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Organize at least two joint workshops per year focusing on specific topics and studies to benefit TAC and the Policy Board. This proposed workshop will increase engagement and</p>	

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
		lead to more comprehensive and practical studies, enhancing the MPO's effectiveness and impact.	
Non-TMA/MPA Boundaries	23 CFR 450.312	<b>Compliant with commendation:</b>  Effective coordination with the seven counties to successfully expand the MPO boundaries.	The MPO currently encompasses the City of Abilene, City of Tye, and the City of Impact. It includes the counties of Taylor and Jones. If the boundary expansion is approved by the Governor of the State of Texas, then the MPO Boundary will include the City of Abilene, City of Tye, City of Impact, City of Hawley, City of Merkel, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Tuscola, City of Lawn, and the City of Clyde. The counties with the boundary expansion will be Taylor, Jones, and Callahan.
Agreements, Contracts, and Self-Certifications	23 CFR 450.312; 23 CFR 450.314; 23 CFR 450.336; 23 CFR Part 450, Subpart C, etc.	<b>Compliant</b>	The MPO has up to date agreements, contracts, self-certifications with transportation planning partners (TxDOT, Transit, etc.).
UPWP Development and funding for outreach and engagement activities	23 CFR 420.111; 23 CFR 450.308	<b>Compliant</b>	The MPO requested guidance from FHWA and TxDOT regarding eligible funding items and activities relevant to funding for outreach and engagement activities under <b>2 CFR 200</b> for transportation projects. The <b>key sections</b> of <b>2 CFR 200</b> relevant to funding for outreach and engagement activities are § <b>200.432 (Conferences)</b> , § <b>200.421 (Advertising and Public Relations)</b> , and § <b>200.475 (Travel Costs)</b> . In response, FHWA

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
			clarified that federally funded transportation initiatives can support various public outreach and engagement activities. Eligible expenses include providing meals or snacks at public meetings, distributing informational materials, organizing events such as bike-to-work days or safety rodeos, and covering advertising or promotional costs. Additionally, personnel costs for event organizers, venue rentals, travel expenses for key participants, and communication tools (e.g., virtual meeting platforms) are allowable, provided these costs are reasonable, necessary, and aligned with the project's objectives.
TIP Amendment, and Project Selection Development, and Approval Process	23 CFR 450.326; 23 CFR 450.328; 23 CFR 450.332; 23 CFR 450.334	Compliant	The FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Abilene MPO follows federal guidelines and was updated on February 15, 2022, to incorporate strategic planning goals and performance measures.
MTP Development (Fiscal Constraint and System Performance)	23 CFR 450.324; 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11)	Compliant	MPO has successfully executed the 2045 Abilene MPO MTP. The Abilene 2050 MPO MTP development is underway and expected to receive policy board approval by December 17, 2024. As a result, Abilene MPO is compliant with 23 CFR 450.
Management and Operations Considerations	23 CFR 450.324(f)(5)	Compliant	M&O considerations are presented within the MPO's planning process documents.
Public Outreach and Involvement	23 CFR 450.316; 23 CFR	Compliant with Commendation:	The Abilene MPO uses comprehensive surveys to develop its Metropolitan Transportation

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
	450.324(f)(10), (g)(j), and (k); 23 CFR 450.326(b)	Effective use of comprehensive surveys during the development of the 2050 MTP and effective public outreach at mall kiosks and public libraries. Collaboration with the city, other local governments, local transit, and TxDOT, demonstrating excellent planning outreach to the public and various groups such as bike riders and realtors and sharing public input with City departments.	<p>Plan (MTP), reaching out to the community. The surveys gather information on transportation needs and preferences, and the input received helps identify necessary regional projects. This information is shared with other city departments to ensure a coordinated approach to transportation planning. The MPO has also improved public participation by integrating virtual involvement, significantly increasing meeting attendance.</p> <p>The Abilene MPO maintains extensive contact lists of community members and special interest stakeholders, through which strong community outreach relationships are maintained. The MPO utilize these lists to conduct outreach and engagement during the development of projects, planning documents, and special studies. During the MPO's MTP development process these contact lists were used to inform the community of public meetings, send out online surveys, and to receive comments.</p>
Performance Based Planning & Programming, and TAM	23 CFR 450.324(f)(3)	<b>Compliant</b>	The MPO has implemented PM into the project selection process to ensure the full integration of PM within the planning and programming process.
Title VI and Nondiscrimination, EJ, and LEP	23 CFR 450.336; 23 CFR 450.316;	<b>Compliant with Recommendation:</b>  Collaborate with Nicolle Kord, TxDOT's Title VI Program Manager, to benefit from her	FHWA Division Office and TxDOT will work together to gather State and Federal guidance on Title VI to clarify requirements for consultant contracts and MPO self-certification to maintain knowledge and adherence to Title VI regulations.

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
		expertise and technical resources, which will support and enhance the MPO's initiatives for future success.	
Transportation Safety Planning	23 CFR 450.306; 23 CFR 490.207	<p><b>Compliant with Commendation:</b></p> <p>The FHWA/FTA team commended the Abilene MPO for its continued support of motorcycle awareness events since 2012, including the Ride to Work event and collaboration with TxDOT for the Drive Safe Coalition, illustrating the MPO's dedication to road safety.</p> <p>The FHWA/FTA team also commended the Abilene MPO for successfully implementing the Car Fit program since 2016,</p> <p>Demonstrating their commitment to road safety. Car Fit is an educational program designed</p>	It was suggested that the MPO should begin coordinating with TxDOT to incorporate new guidance concerning standard crash severity definitions.

Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
12. Integrating Freight in the Transportation Planning Process	23 CFR 450.306	<p>to enhance the safety of older drivers by helping them adjust their vehicles for optimal comfort and safety. Training usually Led by trained technicians, the program covers 12 key areas such as steering wheel tilt, mirror positioning, headrest alignment, line of sight, and tire inflation. Initially launched in 2016 and 2017 in collaboration with senior centers and TxDOT, the program was successful but has faced challenges in recent years due to staff turnover. There are plans to revitalize the program with the support of TxDOT's D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition to continue improving driver safety in the community.</p> <p><b>Compliant with a Recommendation:</b></p>	Abilene MPO affirms that the MPO find it hard to get freight to coordinate with TxDOT. There is



Enhanced Review Topics	CFR Requirement	Status	Comments of Notes
		<p>Take advantage of all freight assistance opportunities supplied by FHWA and TxDOT, including webinars, training, course-guided lessons, and Peer Exchanges.</p> <p>Collaborate with the FHWA Division and TxDOT Freight Reps for all freight matters and seek other technical assistance when necessary.</p>	<p>an opportunity to improve the Freight program with trainings, webinars etc.</p> <p>A meeting between the MPO and FHWA Freight Rep will be scheduled to increase program improvements.</p> <p>Freight contact information and guidance, from TxDOT and FHWA, was provided to the MPO for future program assistance.</p>
Transit Planning		Compliant	<p>Transit has been successfully incorporated and implemented throughout the Abilene planning program and process.</p> <p>Coordination with the Transit Operator has resulted in a 3C process that address and meets the needs of the population that is served, while find opportunities to expand and streamline the program.</p>
Environmental Mitigation/Climate Change/Resiliency	<p>23 CFR 450.324(f)(10);</p> <p>23 CFR 450.316(a)/(b);</p> <p>23 CFR 450.324(f)(10), (g)/(m)</p>	<p><b>Compliant with Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Prepare a resiliency plan to ensure preparedness for future challenges. This plan will serve as a strategic tool to guide the MPO through potential disruptions and be an essential part of its operations.</p>	<p>The MPO has identified environmental and climate related concerns in their planning process. Their recent 2045 MTP provides potential mitigation efforts and solutions to addressing associated Climate Change impacts within their planning area.</p>

## **SUMMARY OF THE MPO PLANNING REVIEW FINDINGS:**

### **Recommendations**

Based on a review, the FHWA/FTA team recommends that the Abilene MPO take the following actions:

- Organize joint workshops focusing on specific topics and studies to benefit TAC and the Policy Board. This proposed workshop will increase engagement and lead to more comprehensive and practical studies, enhancing the MPO's effectiveness and impact.
- Collaborate with Nicolle Kord, TxDOT's Title VI Program Manager, to benefit from her expertise and technical resources, which will support and enhance the MPO's initiatives for future success.
- Take advantage of all freight assistance opportunities supplied by FHWA and TxDOT, including webinars, training, course-guided lessons, and Peer Exchanges.
- Collaborate with the FHWA Division and TxDOT Freight Reps for all freight matters and seek other technical assistance when necessary.
- Prepare a resiliency plan to ensure preparedness for future challenges. This plan will serve as a strategic tool to guide the MPO through potential disruptions and be an essential part of its operations.

### **Commendations**

Based on a review, The FHWA/FTA team has commended the Abilene MPO for the following achievements:

- Maintaining compliance with various MPO Planning activities with minimal staff resources.
- The MPO organized a Joint Workshop on Regional Transportation for the Transportation Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This workshop facilitated collaborative discussions on key regional transportation planning initiatives, fostering greater alignment between the Policy Board and TAC to enhance both planning and implementation efforts. Workshop Agenda includes:
  - Travel Demand Model: Presenters: Tammye Fontenot and Geena Maskey – TxDOT- A comprehensive overview of the Travel Demand Model, its application in transportation planning, and its impact on decision-making.
  - TxDOT Project Management: Presenter: Michael Haithcock – TxDOT - An in-depth discussion of TxDOT's project management strategies, including insights into current and upcoming regional projects,
  - FY 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Project Overview- Presenter: Bill Frawley – Huitt-Zollars, Inc. A detailed presentation on the development of the 2025-2050 MTP, highlighting key transportation projects and their long-term implications for the region.
- Effective coordination with all entities necessary for the successful expansion of the MPO boundaries. The MPO met with the City of Abilene, City of Tye, City of Hawley, City of Merkel, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Tuscola, City of Lawn, and the City of Clyde along with the Callahan Commissioner's Court to discuss the expansion of the MPO Boundary.

Resolutions of support were obtained from all the potential new members (City of Hawley, City of Merkel, City of Buffalo Gap, City of Tuscola, City of Lawn, City of Clyde, and Callahan County Commissioners). Effective use of comprehensive surveys during the development of the 2050 MTP and effective public outreach at mall kiosks and public libraries.

- Collaboration with the city, other local governments, local transit, and TxDOT, demonstrating excellent planning outreach to the public and various groups such as bike riders and realtors and sharing public input with City departments.
- The FHWA/FTA team commended the Abilene MPO for its continued support of motorcycle awareness events since 2012, including the Ride Silence event and collaboration with TxDOT for the Drive Safe Coalition, illustrating the MPO's dedication to road safety.
- The FHWA/FTA team also commended the Abilene MPO for successfully implementing the Car Fit program since 2016, demonstrating their commitment to road safety.

#### CONCLUSION:

In general, the 2019 Planning Review determined the Abilene MPO satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607 and the provisions as codified in 23 CFR 450.

#### APPENDIX A: Attendees

Table 2: Attendees

Name	Designation	Organization	
E'Lisa Smetana	Executive Director	Abilene MPO	In person
Rita Ryan	Office Assistant	Abilene MPO	In person
Babatunde Tugbobo	Community Planner/ Planning Rep.	FHWA	In person
Krystal Lastrape	Transportation Planner	FHWA	In person
Felicia Beltran	Civil Right Specialist	FHWA	Virtual
Michael Leary	Director, Planning and Program Development	FHWA	Virtual
Rubaiet Islam	Safety Engineer	FHWA	Virtual
Chris Moscarelli		Finance Citylink	In person
Lauren Stevens	General Manager	Finance Citylink	In person
Marc Oliphant	Community Planner/ Planning Rep.	FTA	In person
Geena Maskey	Statewide Model Program Manager	TxDOT	In person
Shannon Hawkins	Metropolitan Transportation Planner/ Planning Rep.	TxDOT	In person
Tammye Fontenot	TDM Program Manager	TxDOT	In person

#### APPENDIX B: Compliance Background Checklist for Desk Review

Table 3: NON-TMA Name: Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPO Designation:	
a. All jurisdictions represented in policy body except:	Yes, ALL jurisdictions are represented in the Policy Board, with NO Exceptions.
b. Public transportation operators represented (Voting, Voice/Non-Voting, Both)	The Public Transit Operator City-Link Transit is a voting member represented by the City of Abilene.

c. Other modes represented (Air, Railroads, Ports)	No, there are no other modes represented under the MPO's Designation.
d. Was additional membership added after ISTEA? (Yes; No)	No additional members were added after ISTEA.
<b>Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries:</b>	
a. Covers 20-yr. forecast period. Approved by MPO and Governor.	The current Abilene MPO planning area boundary is forecasted in a 25-year period and is approved by the MPO Policy Board and Governor of Texas.
b. Include the nonattainment area boundaries?	N/A. The Abilene MPO does not have AQ concerns or issues.
c. If no to (b), see 3.e below.	N/A
d. Boundary maps submitted to FHWA/FTA.	Yes, MPO has submitted updated boundaries to FHWA/FTA.
<b>Agreements: Cooperation and Coordination (also, see Section 2-3 and 23 CFR 450.314):</b>	
a. State/MPO agreement on cooperative planning and programming procedures and responsibilities	Yes, the State and the MPO has a MOU that outlines procedures and responsibilities as of April 20,2020.
b. MPO/public transportation operator(s) agreement on cooperative planning and programming procedures and responsibilities	Yes, the Transit Operator and the MPO has a MOU that outlines procedures and responsibilities as of April 20, 2020.
c. To the extent possible, a single cooperative agreement covering a, b, and c is encouraged	N/A
d. The agreement(s) shall include specific provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the metropolitan transportation plan and TIP, as well as the annual listing of obligated projects	Yes, each agreement with the Abilene MPO and stated partner details the cooperative development of the MTP and TIP/STIP.
e. Agreement between MPO, State DOT, State AQ agency, and others, describing planning and AQ conformity process for "donut" areas: 1) Includes conflict resolution process. 2) Coordinated with FHWA, FTA, EPA	N/A. The Abilene MPO is an attainment area has no AQ concerns or issues.
f. When more than one MPO serves the nonattainment/maintenance area or the metropolitan planning area, the MPO has a procedure for coordinating the 3-C planning process and there is evidence of such coordination and cooperation	N/A. The Abilene MPO is the only MPO that services the Abilene Area.
g. The State DOT participates in the development of the MTP, and such plan is coordinated with the development of the statewide transportation plan	Yes, The State DOT participates in the development of the MTP in coordination with the Statewide Transportation Plan.
<b>Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):</b>	
a. UPWP developed cooperatively between MPO, State, public transportation operators.	Yes, the current FY FYs 2024-2025 UPWP was developed in cooperation with the State and Transit Operator.
b. Discusses planning priorities and air quality planning activities.	Yes, planning priorities and activities are well documented.
<b>Elements of 3-C Process:</b>	

a. The latest revised MTP and other technical reports, documentation, and products reflect consideration of the ten factors.	Yes, the TEN current planning factors are documented in the TIP, UPWP, and MTP.
b. The MPO has adopted a Public Involvement process after a 45-day public comment period.	Yes, the MPO has adopted a PI process.
c. Public participation plan process meets the requirements and criteria under 450.316.	Yes, the PPP meets 23CFR 450.316.
d. The 3-C process is consistent with the Title VI Assurance (any complaints recorded).	Yes, Title VI Assurance are present. There are no complaints recorded.
e. The 3-C process identifies actions needed for ADA compliance.	Yes, ADA compliance requirements are identified.
f. The 3-C process provides for the involvement of other transportation and non-transportation entities interested in transportation, and that of resource and permit agencies.	Yes, involvement on all levels of interest is promoted by the 3-C process.
g. Technical reports and documentation on 3-C process products prepared and made available to interested parties.	Yes, all reports and documents were prepared and made available to interested parties.
<b>Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):</b>	
a. A 20-year MTP has been (is being) developed with updates scheduled for consideration, in accordance with 23 CFR450.324.	The current Abilene MPO MTP FY 2020-2045 covers the required 20-year period and meets the requirements for 23 CFR 450.324 as approved on April 20, 2020.
b. The scope of the MTP satisfies the twelve (12) items included under 23 CFR450.324(f).	Yes, the scope of the Abilene MPO FY 2020-2045 MTP satisfies the 12 items under 23 CFR 450.324.
<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):</b>	
a. A TIP is cooperatively developed at least every four years, compatible with the STIP development, and approved by the MPO and the Governor.	Yes, the Abilene TIP is developed for a 4-year period and aligns with the STIP.
b. There is documentation of an adequate public involvement process for TIP development, and in nonattainment TMAs at least one formal public meeting was held. The final TIP is readily available.	Yes, there is adequate documentation detailing PI of the TIP.
c. The TIP covers at least a four-year period and includes a priority list of projects.	Yes, the TIP is a 4-year document and includes priority list of projects.
d. The TIP gives priority for funding to TCMs.	N/A
e. The TIP is financially constrained and only includes projects for which maintenance, operating, and construction funds are available.	Yes, the current Abilene TIP is fiscally constrained and only includes accounted and available funds for projects.
f. The TIP is consistent with 23 CFR 450.326(g).	Yes, the current TIP is consistent with 23 CFR 450.326, which requires the MPO to develop the TIP in cooperation with the State and any affected public transportation operator(s). The TIP shall reflect the investment priorities established in the current metropolitan transportation plan and shall cover a period of no less than 4 years, be updated at least every 4 years, and be approved by the MPO and the Governor.
g. All Federal funding sources and share (including 23 U.S.C 133(d), STBG) funds identified.	Yes, ALL funding sources are identified.
h. The TIP document includes information on: (1) project prioritization criteria. (2) project implementation status/problems.	The current Abilene TIP includes information on project prioritization criteria and implementation status/problem.

<p>(3) TCM implementation status/problems; and (4) projects included in the baseline scenario for air quality analysis purposes.</p>	<p>The TIP does not include TCM and AQ projects because Abilene does not have AQ issues.</p>
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## Appendix C: Abilene Enhanced Planning Review Official Agenda

### Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization Non- Transportation Management Area Planning Review Wednesday, August 21, 2024

#### AGENDA

Table 4: Day 1

Time	Review Topic	Discussion Lead
8:30 a.m.	Purpose and Introductions ➤ Roles/Responsibilities	Federal Team, TxDOT, Abilene MPO, Citylink
8:40 a.m.	Site Visit Overview ➤ Planning Review Process ➤ Agenda	Federal Team
8:50 a.m.	Discussion of Previous Review Findings ➤ 2020 Non-TMA Planning Review	Federal Team
9:00 a.m.	Organizational Structure and Agreements ➤ State/MPO/Public Transportation agreements. ➤ Policy Board ➤ MPO, Citylink Staffing ➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?	Federal Team, TxDOT
9:30 a.m.	Civil Rights ➤ Title VI, EJ, LEP, and ADA Challenges encountered and addressed?	Federal Team
10:15 a.m.	Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries ➤ MPO Area Boundary Expansion	Federal Team, TxDOT
10:45 a.m.	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) ➤ Status of 2025-2050 MTP ➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?	Federal Team, TxDOT
11:30 a.m.	<b>Lunch break</b>	
12:30 p.m.	Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) ➤ Consistent with 23 CFR 450.326 ➤ Aligns with the STIP ➤ Adequate Public Involvement Process Challenges encountered and addressed?	Federal Team, TxDOT

\*Breaks will be scheduled as needed.

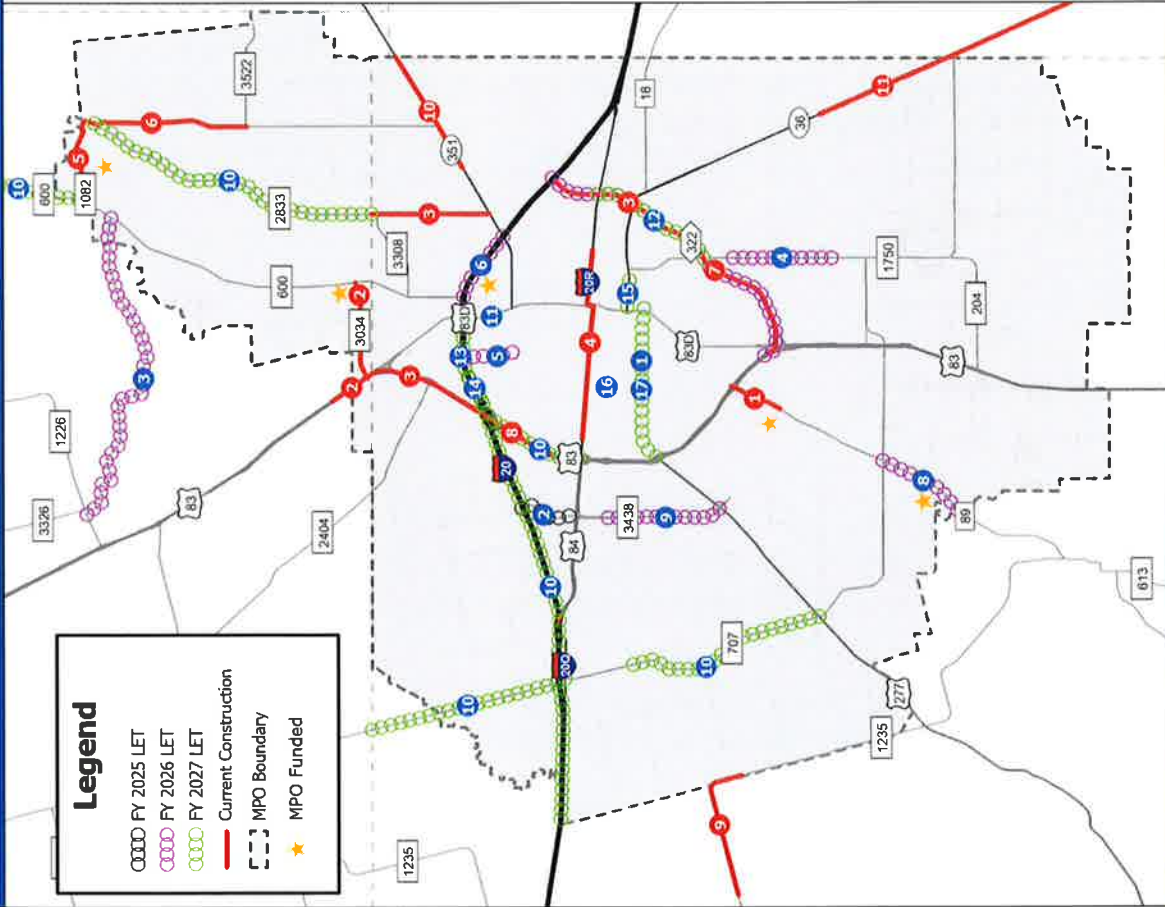


**Day 1 Continued**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Review Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Lead</b>
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Transit Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Applicable coordination</li><li>➤ Incorporated and implemented in plan and program.</li><li>➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?</li></ul>	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Safety Action Plan</li><li>➤ Complete Streets</li><li>➤ Projects/Grants</li><li>➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?</li></ul>	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Public Participation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Status on updating 2018 plan.</li><li>➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?</li></ul>	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>
<b>2:40 p.m.</b>	Environmental Mitigation / Resiliency Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Status</li><li>➤ Coordination</li></ul>	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>
<b>3:15 p.m.</b>	Performance Based Planning and Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ PM1, PM2, PM3</li><li>➤ TAM, PTASP</li><li>➤ Challenges encountered and addressed?</li></ul>	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>
<b>3:50 p.m.</b>	Federal Team Debrief	<b>Federal Team</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Closeout and Discussions	<b>Federal Team, TxDOT</b>

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



### Legend

- FY 2025 LET
- FY 2026 LET
- FY 2027 LET
- Current Construction
- - - MPO Boundary
- ★ MPO Funded

## CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT	CSJ	ROADWAY	TYPE OF WORK	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	CONTRACTOR
1	069901052	FM 89	WIDEN ROAD - ADD LANES	NEAR BETTES LANE	JUST NORTH OF US 83	A.L. HELMCAMP INC.
2	003305089	US 83	WIDEN ROADS - ADD SHOULDERS	1.0 MILES NORTH OF FM	TAYLOR COUNTY LINE	FIN CONSTRUCTION INC.
3	003305096	US 83	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	BUS 83 INTERCHANGE	1300' NORTH OF AMBLER AVE	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES INC.
4	090800106	VARIOUS	REPLACING RAIL CROSSINGS AND SIGNALS	VARIOUS	ABILENE DISTRICT	BORTKE BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION CO
5	097203021	FM 1082	CONSTRUCT NEW ROAD	WEST OF CHEYENNE CIRCLE	EAST OF DAM	GILVIN TERRILL INC.
6	097203021	FM 1082	SURFACING/ROADWAY RESTORATION	EAST OF DAM	FM 3522	J.H. STRAIN & SONS INC.
7	090800130	SL 322	INSTALL INTELLIGENT VEHICLE HIGHWAY	VARIOUS	INSIDE ABILENE MPO	FLORIDA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
8	003306120	US 83	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	1300 FT N OF AMBLER	N 10TH ST	ICDS MANAGEMENT
9	066303031	FM 1235	WIDEN ROADS - ADD SHOULDERS	CR 306	CR 300	J.H. STRAIN & SONS INC.
10	001101040	SH 351	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE	ABILENE CITY LIMITS	CALLAHAN CO LINE	FOUTSCO PAVING COMPANY LLC
11	018101066	SH 36	WIDEN ROAD - ADD LANES	CR 123	CALLAHAN COUNTY	A.L. HELMCAMP INC.

## 2025-2027 PLANNED PROJECTS

PROJECT	CSJ	ROADWAY	TYPE OF WORK	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	FY LET
1	090633104	CS 253802	TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS	Sylvia Boulevard		2025
2	227001027	FM 3438	INSTALL ILLUMINATION	IH 20 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD	NEAR S POINTS PARKWAY	2025
3	097402023	FM 1082	WIDEN ROAD - ADD SHOULDERS	FM 1226	FM 600	2026
4	165501036	FM 1750	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS WRIGHT AND/OR LEFT T	INDUSTRIAL BLVD	1200' SOUTH OF COLONY HILL RD	2026
5	090833112	CS 253716	CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE	W STAMFORD ST	AMBLER BLVD	2026
6	000606109	IH 20	WIDEN FREEWAY	FM 600	SH 351	2026
7	239801064	SL 322	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE	IH 20	US 83	2026
8	069901067	FM 89	WIDEN ROAD - ADD LANES AND SHOULDERS	ELM CREEK	FM 707	2026
9	227001029	FM 3438	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	MILITARY DR	US 277	2026
10	000508107	FM 600	RESURFACE ROADWAY	US 180	FM 1082	2027
11	003308045	BU 830	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	AT	PINE ST	2027
12	239801062	SL 322	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	NORTH OF SH 36 (BI 20)	FM 1750	2027
13	000605132	IH 20	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	EXIT 285 EB	2027
14	000605131	IH 20	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	WB ENTRANCE RAMP OLD ANSON RD	2027
15	018101071	SH 36	HAZARD ELIMINATION & SAFETY	AT	MAPLE STREET	2027
16	090833116	CS 253797	SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS , LEDS & GPS CLOCKS	AT BARROW INTERSECTION	AT BARROW INTERSECTION	2027
17	090833115	CS 253802	SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS , LEDS & GPS CLOCKS	SOUTH CLACK STREET	S TREADAWAY BLVD	2027

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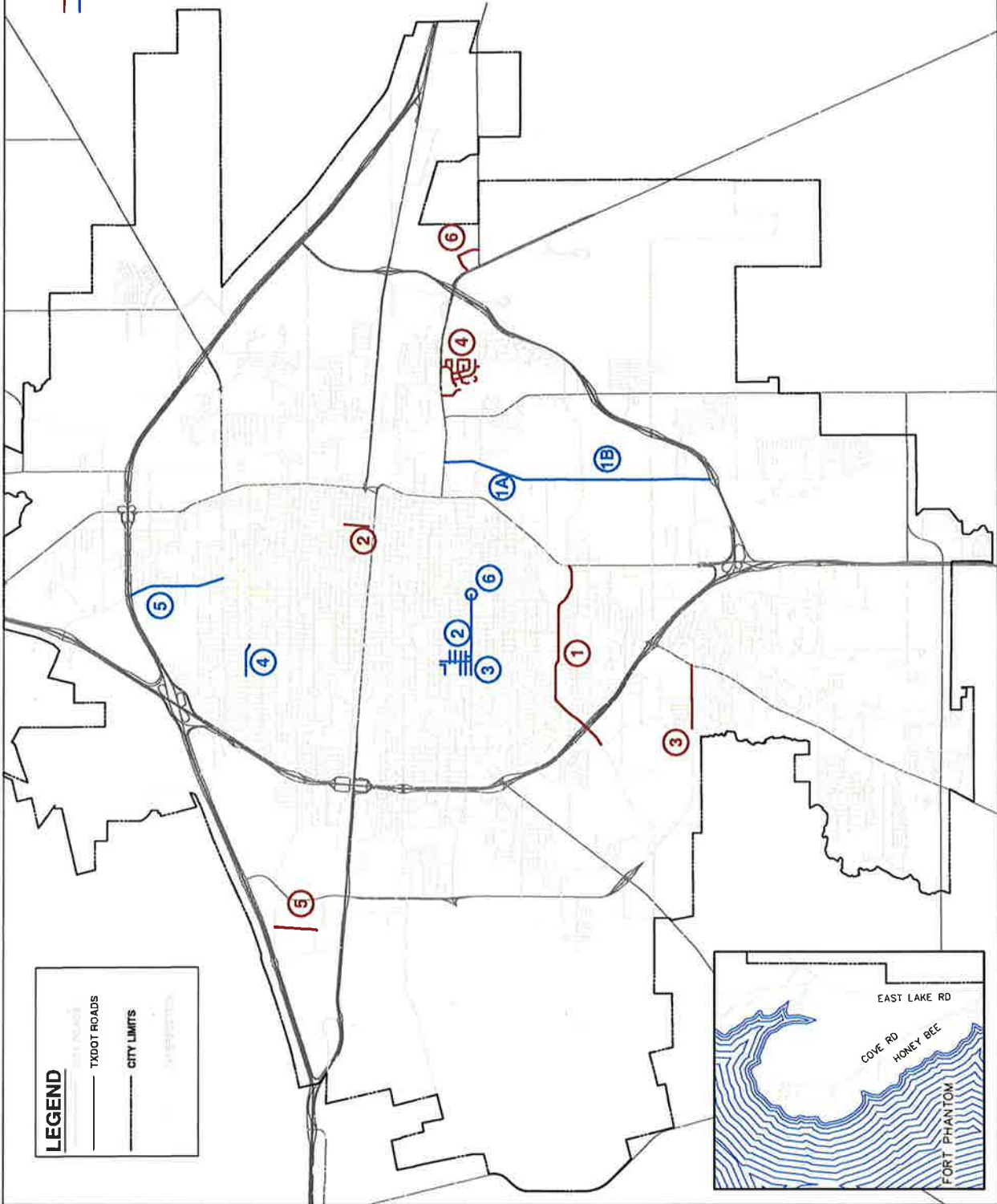
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT./ENGINEERING DIV.

CURRENT PROJECT MAP  
MAP OF IMPROVEMENTS FILTERED BY CONSTRUCTION STATUS

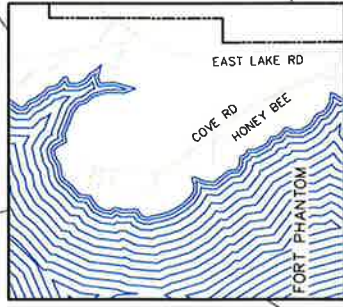
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# LEGEND

25/26 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
25/26 - PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION



LEGEND	
—	TXDOT ROADS
—	CITY LIMITS



City of Abilene Proposed Project for 2025/2026						
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION						
	PROJECT	FUNDING SOURCE	PERCENTAGE COMPLETE	CONTRACTOR		COST ESTIMATE
1	S 27th Signal Improvements (Treadaway to Catclaw)	Street Maintenance Fee	21%	Willis Electric Company		\$ 738,128.40
2	Cypress Street Reconstruction	TIRZ	70%	Tienert		\$ 9,548,653.00
3	Rebecca Ln. Phase I (Catclaw Dr. to Buffalo Gap Rd.)	Street Maintenance Fee	0%	Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.		\$ 1,889,624.90
4	S7 (Lytle Estates)	Street Maintenance Fee	0%	J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.		\$ 1,978,723.07
5	Polaris Dr. Reconstruction	DCOA	0%	Epic Construction		\$ 1,933,286.80
6	Great Lakes Dr. & Kinsolving Dr. Reconstruction	DCOA	0%	Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.		\$ 1,708,071.40
	GRAND TOTAL					\$ 17,796,487.57
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN DESIGN -- PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN FY 2025/2026						
	PROJECT	FUNDING SOURCE	PERCENTAGE COMPLETE	BID YEAR		COST ESTIMATE
1A	Maple (S. 27th to ES 11th)	2021 Bond	99% Designed	2026		\$ 10,000,000.00
1B	Maple (Loop 322 to S. 27th)	2021 Bond	99% Designed	2026		\$ 10,000,000.00
2	S10B (C.W. Gill Park)	Street Maintenance Fee	30% Designed	2026		\$ 1,315,000.00
3	S. 14th St. Phase II (Willis to Sayles)	Street Maintenance Fee	100% Designed	2025		\$ 2,685,000.00
4	N. 18th St. (Willis to Mockingbird)	Street Maintenance Fee	0% Designed	2026		\$ 895,000.00
5	Old Anson Rd. Walkability Project	TASA Grant	30% Designed	2026		\$ 1,900,000.00
6	S. 14th & Sayles HSIP	HSIP Funds	100% Designed/TxDOT Let	2025		\$ 650,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL					\$ 27,445,000.00

## **CityLink Transit**

(August 19, 2025 MPO meeting)

### *Restroom Repairs:*

- As of April 30, 2025, the employee restroom repairs, and remodel is complete - Per Kurt Hurick in Maintenance

### Strategic Study for Micro transit conversion for Fixed Route system:

- KFH will begin work on the tasks associated with the Technical Memorandum No. 4 based on feedback to the initial strategies received from the City - this was at the end of June 2025.

**9. 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

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	\$260,688.11		\$213,192.65
4/4/2025	Work Order #2	Set Aside	\$6,684.78		\$219,877.43
6/20/2025	March 2025	Billing #6		\$25,553.92	\$194,323.51
6/24/2025	April 2025	Billing #7		\$22,606.14	\$171,717.37
7/10/2025	May 2025	Billing #8		\$26,976.64	\$144,740.73
7/22/2025	June 2025	Billing #9		\$14,318.97	\$130,421.76
8/14/2025	Work Order #3	FTA 5303/PL-112	\$308,848.91		\$439,270.67
8/14/2025	Work Order #3	Set Aside	\$5,537.58		\$444,808.25
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$689,386.49</b>	<b>\$244,578.24</b>	<b>\$444,808.25</b>

updated as of 08/14/2025



# ABILENE

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

June 12, 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 March 2025 billing in the amount of **\$25,553.92** 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](mailto:elisa.smetana@abilenetx.gov). Thank You.

Sincerely,

E'Lisa Smetana  
Executive Director  
Abilene MPO

FHWA GRANT (Abilene Urban Transportation Study)  
 CITY OF ABILENE - ABILENE MPO  
 CONTRACT 50-25XF0015  
 PO: 601CT0000036706  
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LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR March 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>1 - G41-MPO-01</b>			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	March PR	11,327.81
1	Worker's Compensation	For month March 25	45.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month March 25	521.00
1	Vexus Fiber (NTS)	April internet/phone/fax svcs	449.43
1	Craft Design	Nameplate: Collett (TAC), Dearing (Policy Board)	28.00
1	Titan Towers	Rent/Utilities, for April 2025	1,008.00
1	Voyager	Gas, TEMPO Mtg	70.40
1	E'Lisa Smetana	TEMPO, Austin Mtg Per Diem	110.00
1	CitiBank	Springhill Suites Travel Demand Model Training, Harris	332.82
1	Enterprise Rent a Car	Car Rental - TEMPO Mtg, Austin, Smetana	218.19
1	CitiBank	Springhill Suites TEMPO Mtg, Austin, Smetana	406.91
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage - Ryan February 2025	50.40
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage - Harris February 2025	11.20
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage - Smetana February 2025	11.20
TOTAL TASK 1			14,590.36
<b>2 - G41-MPO-02</b>			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	March PR	4,584.63
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 008 (invoice from November 2024)	1,565.40
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 005	2,964.90
TOTAL TASK 2			9,114.93
<b>3 - G41-MPO-03</b>			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	March PR	1,723.32
3			
TOTAL TASK 3			1,723.32
<b>4 - G41-MPO-04</b>			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	March PR	125.31
4			
TOTAL TASK 4			125.31
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>25,553.92</b>



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June 16, 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 April 2025 billing in the amount of **\$22,606.14** 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

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 EIN: 1-7560004404-000

LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR April 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>1 - G41-MPO-01</b>			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	April PR	12,296.74
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Harris, March	37.80
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Smetana, March	49.70
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Ryan, March	74.90
1	Titan Towers	Rent/Utilities for May 2025	1,008.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month April 25	521.00
1	Forvis Mazars	Financial Audit FYE 2024 MPO Portion	104.25
1	CitiBank	Walmart, Policy Board and TAC Snacks	80.63
1	CitiBank	Walmart - Office Supplies	67.76
1	O'Kelleys	supplies	23.88
1	Paper	PaperPD7 - Copier	46.82
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Smetana TXDOT SR Leader Mtg Per Diem	55.00
1	CitiBank	Springhill Suites, Smetana, SR Leadership Mtg	196.87
1	Worker's Compensation	For month April 25	45.00
TOTAL TASK 1			14,608.35
<b>2 - G41-MPO-02</b>			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	April PR	4,768.62
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 005	1,928.85
TOTAL TASK 2			6,697.47
<b>3 - G41-MPO-03</b>			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	April PR	1,300.32
3			
TOTAL TASK 3			1,300.32
<b>4 - G41-MPO-04</b>			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	April PR	
4			
TOTAL TASK 4			0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>22,606.14</b>



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

July 7, 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 May 2025 billing in the amount of **\$26,976.64** 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

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LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR May 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>1 - G41-MPO-01</b>			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	May PR	15,232.29
1	Abilene Reporter News	Notice FY 2025-2028 TIP Amend 3	295.64
1	Vexus Fiber (NTS)	Internet, Phone, and Fax Service - May	449.43
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Harris, April	5.60
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Smetana, April	21.70
1	City of Abilene Petty Cash	Mileage, Ryan, April	33.60
1	Rita Ryan	Mileage, Ryan, May	83.30
1	Citibank	GoDaddy Website Security Deluxe	479.76
1	Citibank	Amazon Blink Security Subscription Renewal	30.00
1	Citibank	HISCOX - Liability ins renewal	627.00
1	Titan Towers	Rent/Utilities for June 2025	1,008.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month May 25	521.00
1	Citibank	walmart - office supplies returned	(9.88)
1	Citibank	walmart - office supplies	11.54
1	Citibank	walmart - office supplies	145.72
1	Citibank	walmart - office supplies	9.94
1	Enterprise Rent a Car	Car Rental - TXDOT SR Leader Mtg, Smetana	77.74
1	Voyager	Gas, TXDOT SR Leader Mtg, Austin, Smetana	35.52
1	Worker's Compensation	For month May 25	45.00
TOTAL TASK 1			19,102.90
<b>2 - G41-MPO-02</b>			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	May PR	4,825.37
2	Resource Data Inc	GIS Consulting, Project 008	2,954.40
TOTAL TASK 2			7,779.77
<b>3 - G41-MPO-03</b>			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	May PR	93.97
TOTAL TASK 3			93.97
<b>4 - G41-MPO-04</b>			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	May PR	0.00
TOTAL TASK 4			0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>26,976.64</b>



# ABILENE

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

July 16, 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 *June 2025* billing in the amount of ***\$14,318.97*** that was prepared by the City of Abilene's Finance Department. I approve this billing for reimbursement of said amount.

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

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

Sincerely,

E'Lisa Smetana  
Executive Director  
Abilene MPO

FHWA GRANT (Abilene Urban Transportation Study)  
 CITY OF ABILENE - ABILENE MPO  
 CONTRACT 50-25XF0015  
 PO: 601CT0000036706  
 EIN: 1-7560004404-000

LIST OF EXPENDITURES FOR June 25

<u>TASK</u>	<u>NAME OF VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>1 - G41-MPO-01</b>			
1	City of Abilene Payroll	June PR	10,018.80
1	Vexus Fiber (NTS)	Internet, Phone, and Fax Service - June	480.01
1	E'Lisa Smetana	E'Lisa Smetana May Mileage	115.50
1	Titan Towers	July Rent/Utilities	1,008.00
1	Tech Fund Transfer	For month June 25	521.00
1	Worker's Compensation	For month June 25	45.00
TOTAL TASK 1			12,188.31
<b>2 - G41-MPO-02</b>			
2	City of Abilene Payroll	June PR	1,629.32
2			
TOTAL TASK 2			1,629.32
<b>3 - G41-MPO-03</b>			
3	City of Abilene Payroll	June PR	501.34
TOTAL TASK 3			501.34
<b>4 - G41-MPO-04</b>			
4	City of Abilene Payroll	June PR	
TOTAL TASK 4			0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>14,318.97</b>

- Operation Report
  - Tasks
  - Training Sessions
  - Meetings

## ABILENE MPO - OPERATION REPORT

From **April 9, 2025 through August 12, 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. This will be an on- going task to keep the website current.
- Provided numerous trainings on various MPO office procedures and processes.
- Researched, Planned and Composed Volume 16, Abilene MPO Insider Newsletter; data that was then lost in the City of Abilene Cyber Incident.
- Recreated forms lost, thereby enabling day-to-day record keeping, budget tracking and accounting and finance demand to be met without interruption, e.g. check requests, invoice monitoring, mileage reports, time sheets, and purchasing card submissions.
- Re-organized all hard files and filing system.
- Recreated numerous forms and reports due to Cyber Incident.
- Coordinated with City Hall for computer lab, scanning and photocopies.
- Shredding and file management as required.
- Conversion from Google to Outlook presented issues with Contact Lists not importing so had to recreate all 22 lists and assign emails ranging from 2 to 65 emails per list.
- Copier started having issues with print jobs. Researched copiers and initiated a temporary replacement until a permanent one can be acquired.

#### Maps-

- Five-year (saturation counts) traffic maps reviewed. Coordinated with current and expanded MPO Boundary area (Cities of Abilene, Buffalo Gap, Clyde, Hawley, Lawn, Merkel, Tuscola, Tye, Impact) (Counties of Callahan, Taylor, Jones). Incorporated numerous comments from our area and added 43 requests for new locations into the online traffic count maps for future counts.

#### Reports and Plans-

- Due to the Cyber Incident had to redo updates and final changes from April 15<sup>th</sup> Policy Board Meeting to the following reports: FYs 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

## **ABILENE MPO - OPERATION REPORT**

(TIP); Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects; Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects; amendment to the FYs 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Turned in completed documents to TxDOT and uploaded into Electronic Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (ESTIP) as needed.

- Coordinated with the TxDOT local office, the Unified Transportation Program (UTP), and the TxDOT Connect System to prepare an amendment to the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and an amendment to the Ten-Year Plan.
- Updated the DRAFT FYs 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with comments from TxDOT for the final document.
- Generated a public information notice for the Abilene Reporter News for the FYs 2025-2050 MTP and Ten-Year plan along with the amendment to the FYs 2025-2028 TIP.
- Updated the Performance Measures (PM) tracking sheets for all the upcoming dates. Incorporated the updated PMs into the corresponding document amendments.

### 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.
- Recreated forms, updated and submitted day-to-day record keeping related to budget tracking and accounting and finance: e.g. check requests, invoice monitoring, mileage reports, time sheets, and P-Card submissions.
- During the period without computers due to incident, items were hand-written and once computers were available - converted the data to digital data.
- Prepared and uploaded the FY 2026 budget information along with an amendment to the FY 2025 budget into Questica.

### Collaboration -

- Submitted requests for project updates from our member agencies (TxDOT, City Link, and City of Abilene) for the PB meetings.
- MPO Office staff actively engaged in the City of Abilene Tornado Preparedness Drill (4/9/2025)
- Ride of Silence Planning Meeting with TxDOT and Steamboat Mountain Cycling Club (05/01/25)
- Ride to Work Planning Meeting with TxDOT and Kent's Harley Davidson (05/01/25)
- Collaborated with the City of Abilene on 5-Year Saturation Counts locations (06/16/25)

### **Attended training sessions on:**

- N/A.

## ABILENE MPO - OPERATION REPORT

### Some of the meetings attended by staff:

- *D.R.I.V.E. Safe Coalition Meeting (04/15/25, 05/20/25, 6/17/25, 7/22/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting (04/15/25)*
- *Texas GIS Community Webinar (04/16/25)*
- *Silver Drivers Safe Texans Webinar (04/17/25, 05/12/25)*
- *TxDOT/MPO Senior Leadership Meeting, Austin Tx (04/24 – 04/25/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Staff Bi-Weekly Meetings (04/28/25, 05/10/25)*
- *TPP 2024 Traffic Monitoring Information Webinar (04/28/25)*
- *Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Emphasis Area – Vulnerable Road Users Webinar (05/01/25)*
- *Ride of Silence Planning Meeting with TxDOT and Steamboat Mountain Cycling Club (05/01/25)*
- *Ride to Work Planning Meeting with TxDOT and Kent's Harley Davidson (05/01/25, 05/30/25)*
- *TxDOT Office Hours – Planning Agreement Webinar (05/16/25)*
- *Statewide Active Transportation Plan MPO Update Webinar (05/20/25)*
- *2025 5-Year Traffic Count Cycle Meeting (Webinar) with TxDOT and the following MPOs – Amarillo, Wichita Falls, and Abilene (05/27/25)*
- *Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) All Emphasis Area Webinar (05/29/25)*
- *TxDOT Pre-2055 Travel Demand Model Discussion Webinar (06/10/25)*
- *Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition Meeting Webinar (06/12/25)*
- *Collaborated with the City of Abilene on 5-Year Saturation Counts locations (06/16/25)*
- *Texas Statewide Active Transportation Public Meeting (06/25/25)*
- *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) North Central Region Focus Group Workshop Webinar (06/26/25)*
- *West Central Texas Regional Coordination Council Stakeholders Meeting (06/26/25)*
- *Meeting with new City Manager (Public Works Admin., Sign, Signals & Lighting) (07/10/25)*
- *TxDOT Digital Data Roadway User Group Webinar (07/15/25)*
- *STIP TxDOT Office Hour Webinar (07/23/25)*
- *Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee (07/29/25)*
- *Meeting with COA and others on copier needs (08/07/25)*
- *MPO Safety Plan Office Hours Draft Report Webinar (08/08/25)*



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

# **Abilene MPO Director's Report**

## **Policy Board Meeting August 19, 2025**

### **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. As of August 14, 2025, no new information to report.

- **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. They set a deadline of September 15 to have all the contracts executed. On June 24, 2025, TxDOT sent a letter extending the existing planning agreement by 2 years. The updated expiration date is now September 30, 2027.

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

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. 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. 12. 551.074 (Personnel Matters) – Policy Board may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees.

551.074 (Personnel Matters) – Executive Director's Retirement

## **RECONVENE**

**13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Procedure And Hiring of new Executive Director.**

**Abilene MPO Policy Board Meeting**  
**August 19, 2025**  
**Supplemental Agenda Information**

**13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Procedure And Hiring of new Executive Director.**

**Background**

According to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Abilene and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the hiring, supervision, performance evaluation and termination of the MPO Executive Director shall be the sole responsibility of the Board, except where otherwise delegated herein to the City.

**Current Situation**

The Executive Director submitted retirement papers effective September 30, 2025.

**Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

N/A.

**Action Requested**

1. Possible action regarding procedure and hiring of new Executive Director.



#### 14. Adjournment.