

ABILENE MPO M. P. O. POLICY BOARD MEETING



Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

Public comment on any item on the agenda.

2. Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting.

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

Background

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is due on December 17, 2024. It will cover 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 have been 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 proposal was to use the goals and action steps from the previous FYs 2020-2045 MTP, tie those into any new FHWA performance measures, and make any changes related to the Decision Lens performance based planning methods. The end result from this process will then become the goals and actions steps for the new MTP.

Current Situation

The consultants, Huitt-Zollars, Inc., have compiled the MTP for public review. A notice was placed in the Abilene Reporter News on Sunday, November 24, 2024 for members of the public to review the document and make comments until midnight on December 14, 2024. Comments will also be accepted and a public hearing held at the December 17, 2024 PB meeting.

Comments were received from the public and forwarded to the Policy Board on December 16, 2024.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC at their November 19, 2024 meeting went through the project listings (Funded On-System, Illustrative On-System, Off-System Projects, and Other). The Funded On-System and the Illustrative On-System projects were ranked by the TAC. These same projects were also ranked using the Decision Lens Software.

The draft MTP full document was given to the TAC and a deadline for comments was established as December 4, 2024. No comments were received. The TAC did not take action on the full document at the meeting.

Action Requested

- 1. Any changes/recommendations.
- 2. Approval of the FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Huitt-Zollars, Inc. Presentation

2050 MTP - Overview

MPO staff provided excellent teamwork

- Followed the 3-C Process
 - Cooperative effort among all entities in MTP Study Area
 - Comprehensively addressed all modes
 - Continuous met the adoption deadline

- Shorter timeline than typical
 - Completed in 6-7 months
 - Overcame some challenges

MTP 2050 – Overall Process

Huitt-Zollars, Inc - contractor

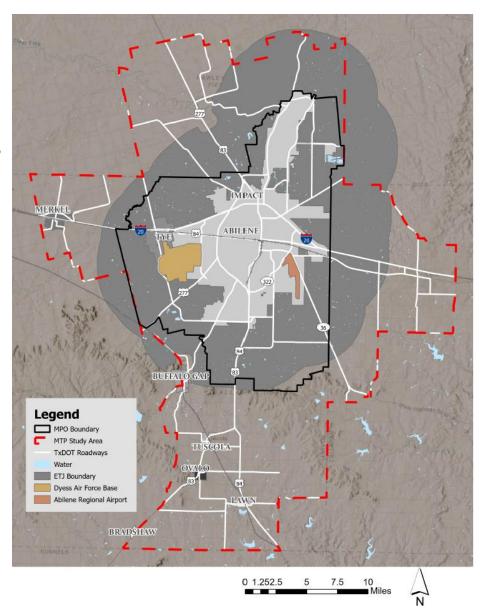
Reviewed previous MTP

- Public input
 - James Condry went above and beyond
 - Many individuals contributed comments, suggestions, review

Multiple drafts with review and edits

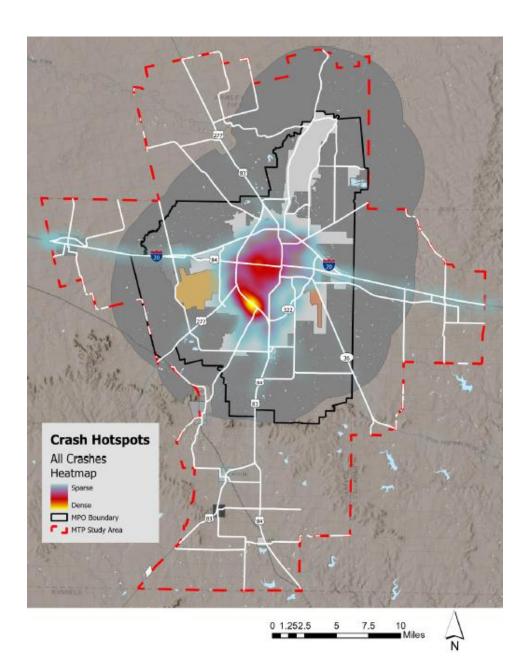
MTP 2050 – Chapter 1 Introduction

- Followed and abided by Federal requirements
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Performance Measures
 - Planning Emphasis Areas
- MTP Study Area
 - Current Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) plus area in proposed MAB expansion request

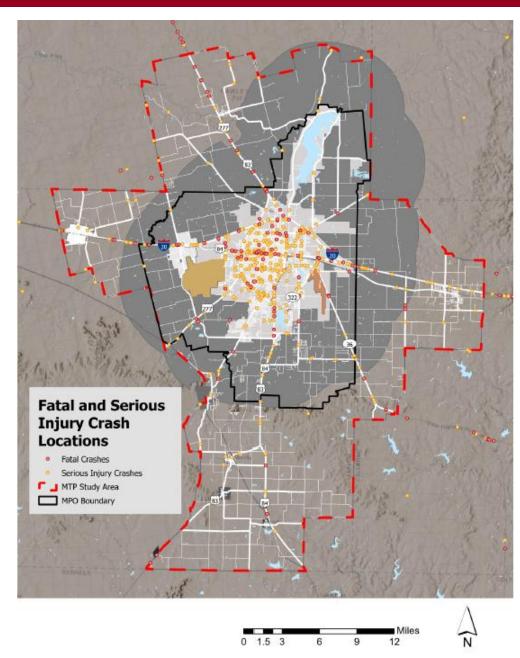


- Commuting characteristics
- Vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
 - Decrease during COVID, increasing since
- Current congestion (moderate at certain times)
 - IH 20 segments
 - US 83 segments
 - Various
- Potential future congestion (if no improvements made)
 - IH 20
 - US 83
 - SL 322
 - FM 707 (South Beltway)

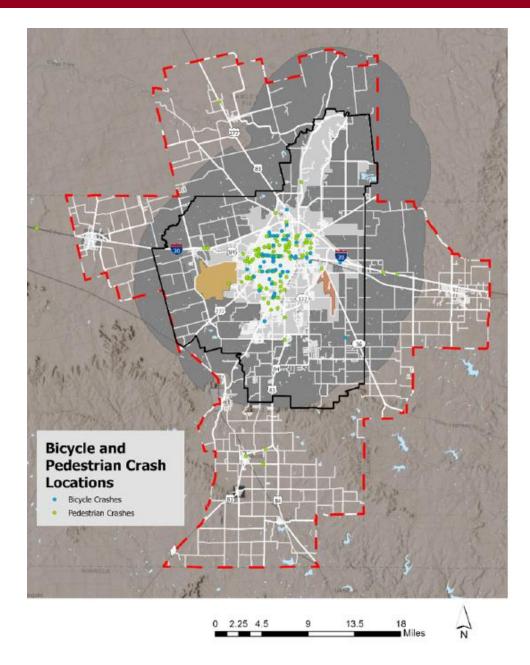
- Safety vehicle crashes
 - Five intersections with highest crash frequency (2019-2023) minimum number of crashes reported
 - Buffalo Gap Rd @ US 83/84 (425 crashes)
 - Southwest Dr @ US 83/84 (321 crashes)
 - US 277 @ US 83/84 (290 crashes)
 - Sayles Blvd @ BI 20 (134 crashes)
 - Barrow St @ S. 14th St (109 crashes)



- Safety Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (2019-2023)
 - 101 Fatal crashes
 - 435 Suspected Serious Injury crashes
- Multiple projects have safety aspects
 - Intersection and interchange improvements



- Safety Bicycle and Pedestrians
 - Increasing Bike/Pedestrian uses
 - Exercise/bike clubs
 - College/university related
 - Schools
 - Opportunities for improvements
 - Dedicated trails/paths
 - Bike lanes
 - Sharing traffic lanes
 - Barrier separated
 - Lane markings



- Robust process
 - Delphi Group
- Policy Board & TAC combined workshop
 - August 20, 2024
 - Two public meetings
 - Additional input from private citizens
 - Advocates for bicycle and pedestrian modes
 - Identified vulnerable population concentrations
 - Reached out to vulnerable population representatives

- Delphi Panel extremely insightful
 - Approximately 40 participants
 - Wide variety of entities and interests participated (including expanded MAB local officials)
 - Safety was emphasized
 - Bicycle/pedestrian including people who have limited vehicle access
 - Railroad crossings blocked in small towns
 - Rural roads are carrying increasing volumes of urban type traffic
 - Need widening and turn lanes
 - Described growth areas

- Public Meeting 1
 - June 25
 - Limited public meeting attendance
 - Bicycle / pedestrian safety and access
 - Multiple areas and purposes
 - Transit issues discussed
 - Safety emphasized

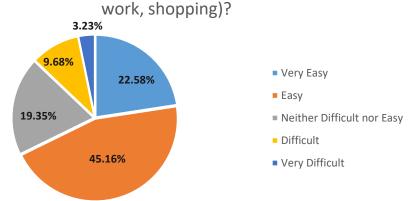




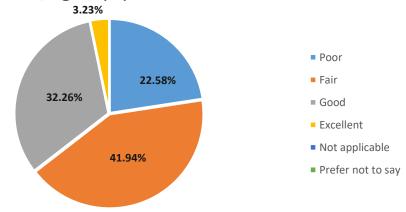
- Survey
 - Multiple email notifications
 - CityLink buses and terminal
 - Social media
 - MPO website link

June 7th, 2024 - August 5, 2024 – 33 Responses

From where you live, how difficult/easy is it for you to get to the places you want to go (school,

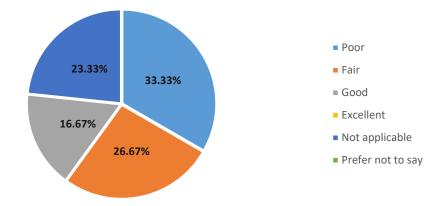


How would you describe the quality of the current road/highway system in the Abilene area?

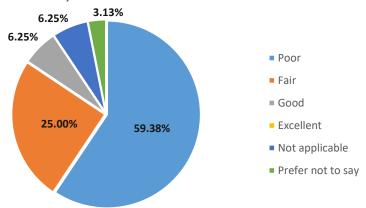


Survey

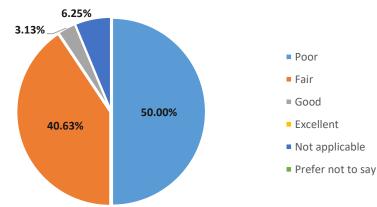
How would you describe the quality of the current transit/bus system in the Abilene area?



How would you describe the quality of the bicycle system in the Abilene area?

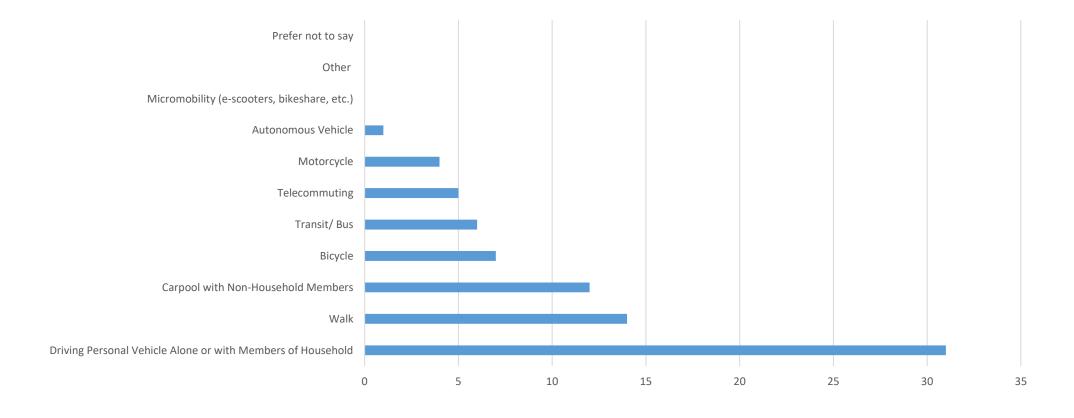


How would you describe the quality of the sidewalk/pedestrian system in the Abilene area?



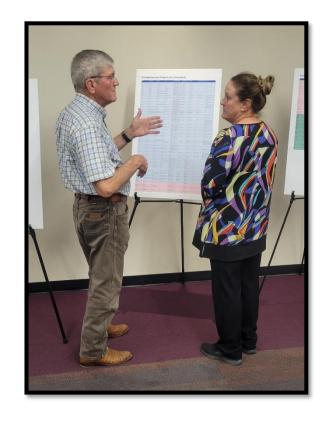
Survey

In the last 3 months, which modes of transportation have you used?





- Public Meeting 2
 - October 10
 - South Library
 - Low turnout
 - Additional significant input
 - Bike/pedestrian in particular



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.

- Goals and Action Steps
 - Realize the Vision Statement
 - Meet Performance Measures
 - Improve Safety
 - Decrease fatal and serious injury crashes
 - Decrease bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries
 - Improve System Reliability
 - Identify road segments and intersections where travel delays occur
 - Provide necessary vehicular capacity on major roads
 - Decrease travel time indexes along major roads
 - Improve operational movements on major roads

Goals (continued)

- Provide Economic Development Infrastructure
 - Incorporate economic development related transportation system improvements into the planning and programming processes
 - Maintain roads to preserve existing industrial and commercial development
- Protect the Environment
 - Identify critical animal habitat areas
 - Identify transportation modes that will reduce vehicle dependency
- Improve Public Health
 - Provide opportunities for exercise and recreation

- Performance-Based Planning
 - Performance Targets and Measures
 - PM 1 Safety
 - All roads in metropolitan area
 - PM 2 Pavement and Bridge Conditions
 - Interstate pavement
 - Non-Interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement
 - NHS bridge deck
 - PM 3 System Performance and Reliability
 - Interstate person-miles reliability
 - Non-Interstate NHS person-miles reliability
 - Interstate truck travel time reliability
 - Feedback Loop Figure 4.5 presents performance measures each project addresses

- Coordination with other plans
 - Connect Abilene 2040 Comprehensive Plan
 - Guiding Principles
 - Goals

Recognize Land Use and Transportation Relationships

- 2015 City of Abilene Bicycle Plan
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Strategies

Address Active
Transportation Needs

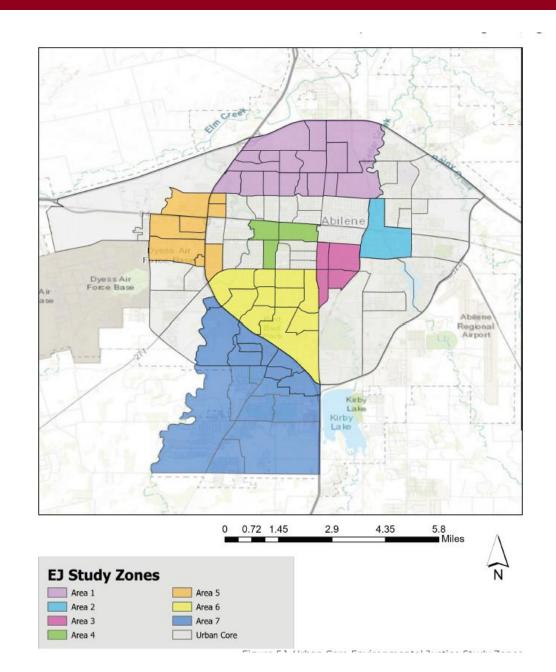
MTP 2050 – Chapter 5 Environmental Justice and Land Use

- Title VI (of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
 - Prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin
- Environmental Justice (EJ)
 - Equal treatment of people regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or disability
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
 - Provide written and verbal translations when appropriate
- Low Automobile Availability
 - Higher dependencies on transit, walking, bicycling
- Vulnerable Populations
 - May include any or all of the situations listed above

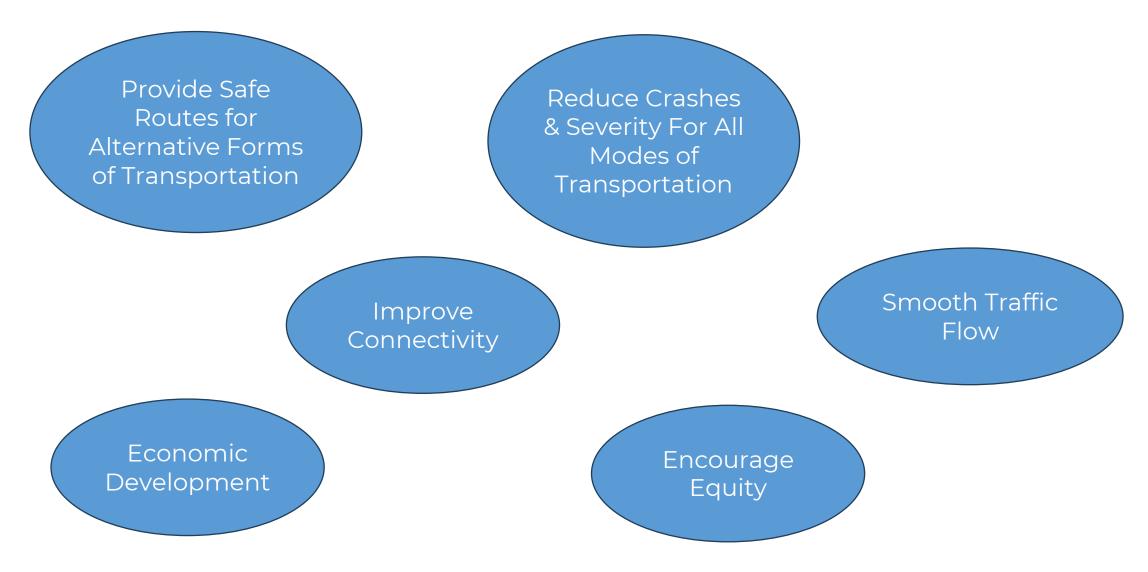
Provide opportunities for all residents to participate in the transportation planning and programming processes and to have equitable access to the transportation system.

MTP 2050 – Chapter 5 Environmental Justice and Land Use

- Statistical Challenges and Mapping
 - Tools used
 - NEPAssist (EPA)
 - STEAP (FHWA)
 - Identifies areas with highest concentrations of vulnerable populations



General Concepts



- Multiple Funding Opportunities
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
 - Transportation Alternatives (TxDOT Category 9)
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant
 - Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
- Can be Developed in Phases or Parts

- Local Example Cypress Street
 - N. 1st Street to N. 5th Street
 - Four-way stop signs replacing traffic signals
 - Encourage traffic calming and easier pedestrian crossings
 - Converting road from one-way to two-way traffic
 - Widening sidewalks
 - Changing angle parking to parallel
 - Landscaping, including irrigation
 - Catenary LED lighting
 - Funded through TIRZ #2

Recommendations

1. Abilene MPO develop a formalized complete streets policy

2. Roadways within the
Abilene MPO boundary
that are selected for any
transportation
improvement undergo a
complete streets
evaluation before moving
forward in design

3. Public involvement for all road improvements include stakeholders from affordable housing organizations, cycling organizations, and individuals who both represent and ride CityLink public transportation

4. Public involvement be continuous and collaborative, with several stakeholder meetings throughout the planning process that can provide input on complete streets improvements

MTP 2050 – Chapter 7 Project Prioritization

- Project Submission
 - Previous MTP
 - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members
 - MPO member entities
 - City and county officials
 - Stakeholders
 - Public

MTP 2050 – Chapter 7 Project Prioritization

- Decision Lens
 - One tool in overall process
 - On-system projects
 - Considers:
 - Safety
 - Preservation
 - Congestion
 - Connectivity
 - Economic
 - Environment

PROJECT SCORING CHART

CRITERIA	CRITERION %		SUB-CRITERIA	% OF TO	
SAFETY	31.42%	Crash Count	Estimated Impact on Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes 50%	3.928	
		25%	Estimated Impact on Total Crashes 50%	3.928	
		Crash Rate	Estimated Impact on Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Rate 50%	3.928	
		25%	Estimated Impact on Total Crash Rate 50%	3.928	
		Societal Cost Savings 125%			
		Safety Importance	Safety Project Classification Y/N 50%	3.928	
		25%	Evacuation Route Y/N 50%	3.928	
PRESERVATION	20.85%	Bridge Condition	Reduction in Structurally Deficient Deck Area 50%	5.213	
		50%	Deck Area Receiving Preventive Maintenance 50%	5.213	
		(A)	Reduction in Poor Lane Miles (by Ride Score) 25%	2.606	
		Pavement Condition	Lane Mile Receiving Preventive Maintenance (by Ride Score) 25%	2.606	
		50%	Reduction in Poor Lane Miles (by Distress Score) 25%	2.606	
			Lane Miles Receiving Preventive Maintenance (by Distress Score) 25%	2.606	
CONGESTION	19.21%	Congestion Reduction	Benefit Congestion Index - Auto 50%	9.605	
		100%	Benefit Congestion Index - Truck 50%	9.605	
	13.49%		Congestion/Connectivity Related Y/N 25%	3.373	
CONNECTIVITY		Enhanced Connectivity	Trunk System Route Y/N 25%	3.373	
*		100%	Intermodal Connector Y/N 25%	3.373	
			Lane Miles of New Connectivity 25%	3.373	
ECONOMIC	9.82%	(3)	National Highway System (NHS) Route Y/N 33.33%	1.637	
		Economic Importance 50%	National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) Y/N 33.33%	1.637	
			Energy Sector Route Y/N 33.33%	1.637	
		System Usage	Base ADT 50%	2.455	
		50%	Base ADTT 50%	2.455	
ENVIRONMENT	5.21%	Environmental Related Program Y/N 50%			
		Environmental Mitigation Cos 50%	st 🕓	2.605	

MTP 2050 – Chapter 7 Project Prioritization

• TAC

- November 19, 2024 meeting
- Identify projects that TxDOT is currently developing
- Identify projects that must be sequenced in certain orders
- Consider overall project costs and economies of scale



MTP 2050 - Chapter 8 Financial Plan and Project Lists

Funded On-System Projects

Facility Limits From Limits To City/County **Construction Cost** MPO Funding (Cat 2U) Local ID CSJ Total Cost* Year of Expense Status Мар Abilene/Taylor Planned let July FM 1750 Industrial CR III (Colony Add center turn \$3,400,607 2026 S1750-C1-CA 1655-01-\$5,984,820 0.05978 15 (Tied) M42 (Oldham Ln) lane and right County US 83 at US 83/84 "Y" Taylor County Construct new \$43,681,662 2025 S0083-G1-0034-01-Planned let Oct \$45,059,867 0.15471 2A M46X grade seperated 8, 2025 Interchange interchange with 4 main lanes and frontage roads CR 160 2025 0034-02-M47 US 83 US 84 Taylor County \$46,478,846 S0083-G65-Projected let Oct \$49,736,599 0.05978 15 (Tied) lane Section IH 20 FM 600 (W Abilene \$104,765,617 \$20,000,000 2026 S020-E25-0006-06-Environmental \$126,985,951 0.27743 M₁₉ Add two main Lake Rd) lanes for a six 109 Review (planned lane freeway let June 1, 2026) and construct overpass structures FM 707 2026 Planned let Jan \$5,660,412 M17 Taylor County Widen roadway \$5,400,000 (Buffalo Gap Rd) with center FT0-OI turn lane and right turn lanes at major sidestreets Planned let Sept O09X SL 322 at Maple St Abilene Bridge \$6,000,000 2026 S0322-G2-2398-01-\$6,605,347 0.05978 15 (Tied) replacement 063 and widening SL 322 FM 1750 (Oldham \$10,800,000 \$10,800,000 2027 S0322-F8-OI \$11,311,364 15 (Tied) M24 Moved from Improvements Illustrative List on SH 36, Possible Texas and updated description - Dec Turnaround 19, 2023, Planned at Loop 322, let May 1, 2027 Possible ramp realignment S0707-F1-CA FM 707 US 83 Abilene Widen to 4 \$14,493,440 \$14,493,439 2028 0663-01-\$21,762,114 0.11350 M25 Planned let June (Buffalo Gap Rd) (Beltway lanes with South) center turn lane and add sidewalks BU 83 at Pine St \$5,600,000 \$5,600,000 S0083-F9-0033-08-\$5,855,682 0.05978 15 (Tied) M13X Abilene Intersection 2027 Planned let May Improvments IH 20 SH 351 Callahan County Abilene \$268,159,747 2029 S020-E24-0006-06-\$270,119,747 0.34770 M18 lanes for a six lane freeway let May 1, 2029) and replace combined S020-E28-CA overpass structures M26 FM 707 FM 1750 (Oldham Abilene/Taylor Widen to 4 \$10,800,000 \$10,800,000 2030 S0707-F2-0663-02-Planned let Jan \$11,320,822 0.08591 (Beltway South) center turn lane sidewalks, and intersection improvements at FM 1750 Abilene West \$400,000,000 \$673,754,383 M21 IH 20 Near Catclaw Ahilene 2036 S020-E27-0006-05-Environmental 0.40856 Add two main lanes for a six Review (planned let April 1, 2036) City Limits lane freeway and replace overpass

^{*} 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

MTP 2050 – Chapter 8 Financial Plan and Project Lists

Funded On-System Projects (continued)

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	CSJ	Status	Total Cost*	Decision Lens Score	Decision Lens 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	S020-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 Improvments	\$5,600,000	\$	2027	S0083-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	S0322-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	S0322-F11- RM	0006-06- 118	Plannd let March 1, 2034	\$33,600,000	0.14717	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	S0083-B3- CA	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$412,265,796	0.09810	n	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	S0083-E7- CA	TBD	Long Range Plan	\$408,263,216	0.09334	12	18	МП

• Illustrative On-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*	Decision Lens Score	Decision Lens Ranking	TAC Project Ranking	Мар#
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	4	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	1.2 Miles South of FM 18	FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	Abilene/ Taylor County	Widen to 4 Lanes	\$27,900,000	\$-	Future	S0036-1-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 605	Jones County	Reconstruct existing roadway to a four-lane freeway 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 opperations	\$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 contruct 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)	Π	M40
IH 20	at Exit 299	-	Callahan County	Move exit #299 1/4 mile westward	TBD	\$-	Future	S0021- G4-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 131)	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

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*	Мар#
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	М07
ES 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

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#
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

• Other Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expoense	Local ID	Мар#
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	at E S 27th St	-	Abilene	Upgrades to traffic and pedestrian infrastructure, including new signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	S1750-G18-OI/BP	O01X
FM 1750 (Oldham Ln)	at Colony Hill Rd	-	Taylor County	Install traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	S1750-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	SES11-G21-OI	O04X
E S 11th St	at Maple St	-	Abilene	Install traffic signal	TBD	\$-	TBD	AES11-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	S1750-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	Туе	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	I020N-G30-BP	017
IH 20 South Frontage Rd	FM 707	Spinks Rd	Tye	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	1020S-G31-BP	018
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 Bumpergate Rd	Туе	Rearrage all of the entrace and exit ramps within the city limits	TBD	\$-	TBD	10020-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

• Other Projects (continued)

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expoense	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-RM	024
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	027
CityLink (1189 S 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79602)	-	-	Abilene	New multimodal facility	TBD	\$-	TBD	A0S02-G41-MS	O28X
Elmdale Road	FM 18	SH 351	Abilene/ Taylor County	Roadway repair	TBD	\$-	TBD	AELMD-G42-RM	041
Westmoreland St	Vogel Ave	Sandefer St	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	AWEST-G43-BP	042
Various	Various	Various	Tuscola	Add weight limit signs in residential areas	TBD	\$-	TBD	LVARI-G44-PM	043
FM 3438 (Dub Wright Blvd/ Arnold Blvd)	US 277	Military Dr	Abilene	Multi-use path	TBD	\$-	TBD	S3438-G45-BP	044
FM 3438 (Arnold Blvd)	IH 20	Military Dr	Abilene	Multi-use path	TBD	\$-	TBD	S3438-G46-BP	045
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	A0N06-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

Other Projects (continued)

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expoense	Local ID	Мар#
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	A0S20-G56-BP	P12
SH 36 (E S 11th St)	BU 83 (Treadaway Blvd)	Expo Dr	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0036-G57-BP	P13
Hartford St	Corsicana Ave	US 83 Frontage Rd (Clack St)	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	AHART-G58-BP	P14
US 277	FM 3438 (Dub Wright Blvd)	Twilight Trl	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S0277-G59-BP	P15
FM 1750 (Oldham Lane)	ES 27th St	ES 11th St	Abilene	Add sidewalks	TBD	\$-	TBD	S1750-G60-BP	P17
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	P19
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	AES11-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

Current & Complete Projects

Facility	Limits From	Limits To	City/ County	Work Description	Construction Cost	MPO Funding (Cat 2U)	Year of Expense	Local ID	Status	Total Cost*	Мар#	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 Cheyenne Creek Road	East of Dam	Abilene	New Roadway north of FM 1082 (Relocate FM 1082 at Ft. Phantom Dam)	\$8,078,457	\$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	М49	0699-01- 051

Grouped Projects

Revised February 23, 2021

Proposed	Grouped Project Category	Definition
CSJ		
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, etc.
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	Projects to include pavement repair to preserve existing pavement, seal coats, overlays, etc.
	and Rehabilitation	Modernization of highways with auxiliary lanes or drainage improvements associated with
		rehabilitation.
5000-00-953	Bridge Replacement and	Projects to replace and/or rehabilitate functionally obsolete or structurally deficient bridges.
	Rehabilitation	
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	Construction or replacement of guard rails, median barriers, highway signs, and more. Includes
		Federal Hazard Elimination Program and Federal Railroad Signal Safety Program projects not
		resulting in added capacity.
5000-00-956	Landscaping	Typical right-of-way landscape development, erosion control, and environmental mitigation
		activities.
5800-00-915	Intelligent Transportation	Installation of ramp metering control devices, variable message signs, traffic monitoring
	System Deployment	equipment, and projects in Federal ITS/IVHS programs.
5000-00-916	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities, including sidewalks, shared-use paths, curb
		extensions, etc. Includes Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure activities.

Proposed	Grouped Project Category	Definition
CSJ		
5000-00-917	Safety Rest Areas and Truck	Construction and improvement of rest areas and truck weigh stations.
	Weigh Stations	
5000-00-918	Transit Improvements and	Includes construction/improvement of small passenger shelters, rail storage/maintenance
	Programs	facilities, transit operating assistance, preventative maintenance, and purchase of vehicles for
		minor fleet expansions.
5000-00-919	Recreational Trails Program	Off-highway vehicle trails, equestrian, water/paddling trails, related facilities, and related 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.

- Fiscal Constraint Funded Projects
 - Funding is available to pay for the "Funded Projects"
 - Inflation considered compounded annually increases in future years
 - Base funding is "Category 2U" used on On-System roads
 - Texas Transportation Commission allocates "Category 12 Strategic Priority" and "Category 4 Statewide Connectivity" funds to complete funding for major projects
- Illustrative Projects
 - Partial or no funding programmed
 - May be moved to funded list when complete funding identified
- Other Projects
 - On and off-system, proposed by various people
- Current & Complete Projects
 - In previous MTP in progress or completed
- Grouped Projects
 - Revised February 23, 2021 TxDOT Listing

MTP 2050 – Questions and Discussion

Additional Q&A

4. Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the 2025 meeting dates.

Background

The Abilene MPO Policy Board meets normally meets on the third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Listed below are the dates for 2025.

Policy Board

Normally on the third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

- February 18 (Presidents Day 17th)
- April 15 (Good Friday 18th)
- June 17 (Emancipation Day 19th)
- August 19
- October 21
- December 16

Current Situation

Any dates that present conflicts for the majority may be moved to accommodate a quorum.

Recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

N/A.

Action Requested

1. Any changes to the meeting dates for the year 2025.

5. Discussion and review of transportation projects.

(TxDOT Staff, City Staff, CityLink Staff)

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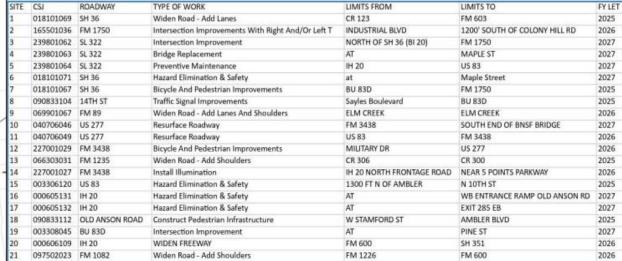
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2025-2027

ABILENE MPO





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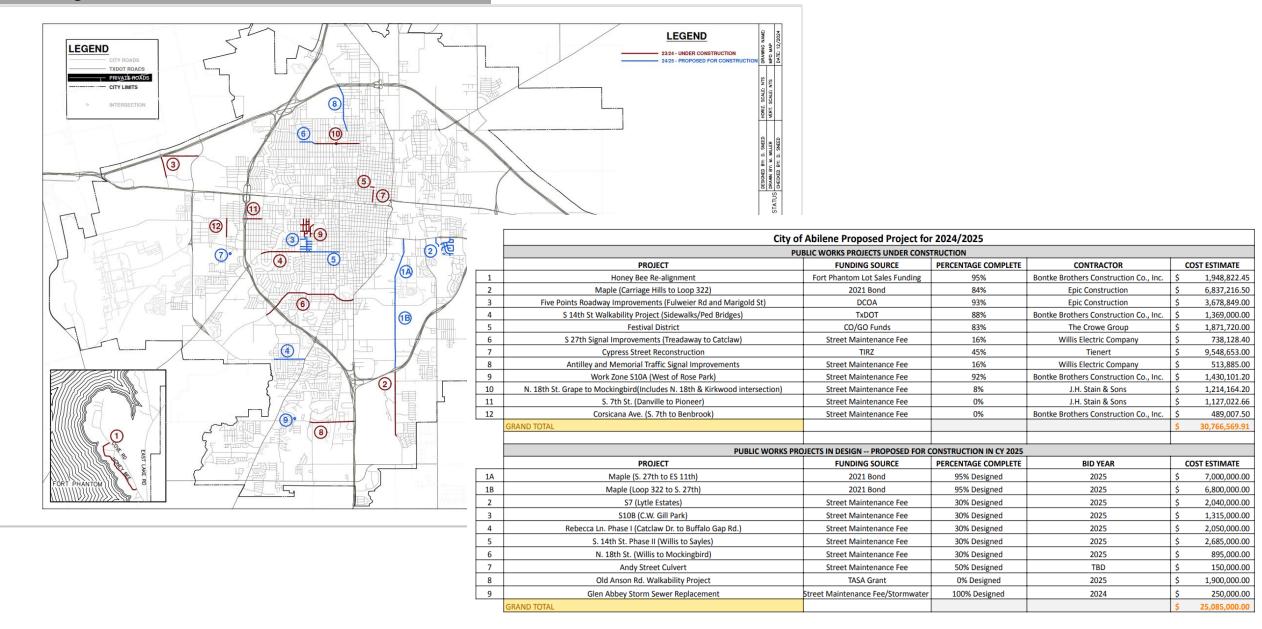
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CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

SITE	CSJ	ROADWAY	TYPE OF WORK	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	CONTRACTOR
1	000610011	FM 18	Rehabilitate Existing Roadway	SH 36	CALLAHAN CO LINE	J. H. STRAIN & SONS, INC.
2	090800130	SL 322	Install Intelligent Vehicle Highway System	VARIOUS	INSIDE ABILENE MPO BOUNDARY	FLORIDA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INC.
3	239801056	SL 322	Hazard Elimination & Safety	N 10TH ST	LYTLE CREEK	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES, INC.
4	003306123	US 83	Hazard Elimination & Safety	BUS 83 INTERCHANGE	1300' NORTH OF AMBLER AVE	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES, INC.
5	003305096	US 83	Hazard Elimination & Safety	FM 707	0.25 MI NORTH OF FM 3034	ROADWAY SPECIALTIES, INC.
6	069901052	FM 89	Widen Road - Add Lanes	NEAR BETTES LANE	JUST NORTH OF US 83	A. L. HELMCAMP, INC.
7	090833107	14TH ST	Construct Pedestrian Infrastructure	ON S 14TH ST FROM PIONEER DR	BARROW ST	BONTKE BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION CO
8	090800106	BUS 20	replacing the rail crossings and signals	Various	Various	BONTKE BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION CO
9	000604080	IH 20	Preventive Maintenance	NOLAN COUNTY LINE	NEAR WELLS LANE (WB)	FOUTSCO PAVING COMPANY, LLC
10	003305089	US 83	Widen Road - Add Shoulders	JONES COUNTY LINE	TAYLOR COUNTY LINE	FNF CONSTRUCTION, INC.
11	306801015	FM 3034	Widen Road - Add Shoulders	US 83	FM 600	FNF CONSTRUCTION, INC.
12	097203021	FM 1082	Construct New Road	WEST OF CHEYENNE CIRCLE	EAST OF DAM	GILVIN-TERRILL, LTD.
13	097203023	FM 1082	Surfacing/Roadway Restoration	EAST OF DAM	FM 3522	J. H. STRAIN & SONS, INC.
14	001101029	SH 351	Preventive Maintenance	ABILENE CITY LIMITS	SHACKELFORD COUNTY	FOUTSCO PAVING COMPANY, LLC

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CityLink

CityLink Transit

(December 2024 MPO meeting)

Employee restroom repairs and remodel project:

We are still accepting bids

• Shop exhaust fans:

Installation began November 25th

Projected completion - December 31st

6. Discussion and review of reports:

- Financial Status
- Operation Report
 - Tasks
 - Training Sessions
 - Meetings
- Director's Report
 - Work Tasks
 - MPO Staffing
 - MPO Planning Area Boundary Update
 - Year-end Reports FY 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), and FY 2023 and FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

Financial Status

		Fiscal year 2	2024		
	Octob	er 1, 2023 thru Septe	mber 30, 2024		
Date	Transaction	Additional Data	Authorization	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
10/25/2023	Work Order #1	FTA 5303/PL-112	\$69,591.60		\$69,591.60
1/23/2024	October 2023	Billing #1		\$12,653.70	\$56,937.90
1/23/2024	November 2023	Billing #2		\$17,864.15	\$39,073.75
2/16/2024	December 2023	Billing #3		\$21,283.31	\$17,790.44
3/12/2024	January 2024	Billing #4		\$14,855.64	\$2,934.80
4/23/2024	Work Order #2	FTA 5303/PL-112	\$220,802.33		\$223,737.13
7/25/2024	February 2024	Billing #5		\$13,868.05	\$209,869.08
7/25/2024	March 2024	Billing #6		\$15,864.80	\$194,004.28
7/26/2024	April 2024	Billing #7		\$16,065.82	\$177,938.46
7/29/2024	May 2024	Billing #8		\$17,524.60	\$160,413.86
8/13/2024	June 2024	Billing #9		\$31,587.08	\$128,826.78
9/16/2024	July 2024	Billing #10		\$41,717.57	\$87,109.21
9/25/2024	August 2024	Billing #11		\$45,097.95	\$42,011.26
12/5/2024	September 2024	Billing #12		\$79,097.37	(\$37,086.11)
12/6/2024	Work Order #3	Carryover FY 2023	\$351,472.60		\$314,386.49
TOTALS			\$641,866.53	\$327,480.04	\$314,386.49
updated as of 12/09/24					

Fiscal year 2025 October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025					
			40.00	40.00	40.00
TOTALS			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
updated as of 12/	/09/24				

Operation Report

FULL DOCUMENT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET.

From October 08, 2024 through December 10, 2024, some of the tasks completed by the Abilene MPO include the following:

MPO Transportation/Transit Planning:

General MPO -

Coordinated and conducted interviews for the Transportation Planner position.
 Updated prospective candidate listing and other required documents.
 Maintained postings of the Transportation Planner job on the City, Texas
 MPOs, and Association of MPOs' websites. Offered the position to a candidate and it was accepted with a start date of November 4, 2024.

Maps -

- Working with consultants (Resource Data, Inc.) on mapping needs (Sidewalk Map, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Bicycle amenities) and coordinating on the FY 2025 Scope of Work tasks.
- Created/Updated/Compiled Data on the following maps: Provided mapping information for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to the consultants (Huitt-Zollars, Inc.).

Reports -

• FYs 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) including: updating/researching project listing for 2020-2025 MTP; proofed the draft document numerous times; coordinated with TxDOT and consultants; hosted/coordinated a second public meeting; biweekly meetings with consultants; advertised in the Abilene Reporter News and solicited citizens comments on the document/projects; reviewed the goals and objectives with the TAC/PB; hosted/prepared documentation for a TAC Project Selection

- Committee meeting; posted public participation notices on social media accounts including Facebook and X and updated the MPO website with pertinent information.
- Started working on the FY 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), including document format from TxDOT and coordination with City Finance/CityLink.

MPO Boundary -

• Checked in with TxDOT numerous times to confirm status of the boundary expansion (as of November 20, the Governor's legal team is reviewing the documents).

Budget -

• Closed out Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) budget; created, compiled, and created/updated/compiled the FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025) budget forms and compiled the accounting information needed to track bills, payments, etc.

Collaboration –

- TxDOT hosted an End the Streak Press Conference and the MPO along with other entities participated in the event on November 7th.
- Worked with TxDOT on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program for the Abilene area.

Director's Report

Abilene MPO Director's Report Policy Board Meeting December 17, 2024

Work Tasks

MPO Staffing

The Transportation Planner position became vacant on June 10, 2022. The selection panel has conducted numerous interviews over the two plus years. We offered the Transportation Planner position to Cory Harris who accepted and started with the MPO on November 4, 2024.

MPO Planning Area Boundary 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.

Year-end Reports – FY 2024 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER), and FY 2023 and FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

Every year the Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER) and the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) are due by December 31st to FHWA and FTA to ensure compliance. TxDOT requests that the reports be given to them by December 15th to allow time for their review. Staff is working on the submittal of the APER by the deadline. On the ALOP, we are still waiting on TxDOT for the highway data for the FY 2023 report that was due on December 15, 2023 and the FY 2024 report that is due on December 15, 2024. Per an email from TxDOT dated November 13, 2024, they are finalizing the FY 2022 reports and should be sending the FY 2023 and FY 2024 data out soon.

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

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

