

Transportation Policy Committee

September 16, 2025



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National Rail Safety Week

National Rail Safety Week is an annual awareness campaign focused on preventing accidents and fatalities related to train tracks and trains, observed across North America. It typically occurs in September with specific dates varying slightly each year. This year, it will be held from September 15-21 and will be known as “See Tracks? Think Train! Week. The goal is to educate the public about the dangers of interacting with trains.

See Tracks? Think Train® Week (formerly Rail Safety Week) is a concentrated week of rail safety education focusing attention on the importance of making safe choices when driving or walking near railroad tracks and trains. First held in the U.S. in 2017, **this collaborative effort** among Operation Lifesaver Inc., State Operation Lifesaver Programs and rail safety partners across the U.S., Canada and Mexico is now called See Tracks? Think Train® Week throughout the U.S. to better reflect the purpose of this week-long observance:

- **Preventing railroad crossing and trespass incidents across North America**
- **Concentrating public attention on the need for rail safety education**



**Every 3 hours in
the United States**

A VEHICLE OR PERSON IS HIT BY A TRAIN.

**More than 2,300
people are
injured or killed**

ANNUALLY IN RAILROAD CROSSING AND
TRESPASS INCIDENTS IN NORTH AMERICA.

**More than 60%
of collisions
occur**

AT CROSSINGS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS
AND/OR GATES.



Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**Transportation Policy Committee
September 16, 2025 8:30 a.m.
1314 Avenue K, City Council Chambers
Lubbock Texas 79401**

1. Call to Order of the Transportation Policy Committee.
2. Acknowledgement of Quorum of the Transportation Policy Committee.
3. Safety Procedures.
4. Public Comment Period/Acknowledgement of Guests of the Transportation Policy Committee.
5. Approval of the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee.
6. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the calendar of events for the proposed Call for Projects for the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
7. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2025-12 authorizing the rollover of FY 2024 – 5307 and 5339 funding for Citibus to FY 2025 consistent with the 2025/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
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 - TxDOT statement on the passing of Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Farewell adieu

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Tammy Walker, Transportation Planning Technician

AGENDA ITEM 1

Call to order of the Transportation Policy Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Acknowledgement of the Quorum of the Transportation Policy Committee by the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Safety Procedures.

Discussion: None

Staff Recommendation: Review

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Lubbock Texas 79401

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4. When emergency personnel arrive **DO EXACTLY AS THEY DIRECT YOU TO** in order to alleviate as much confusion as possible.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Public Comment Period/Acknowledgement of Guests of the Transportation Policy Committee.

DISCUSSION: Opportunity for the public to comment on transportation planning activities.

ACTION REQUIRED: None

AGENDA ITEM 5

Approval of the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee.

DISCUSSION: Review and approve the meeting minutes dated August 19, 2025.

ACTION REQUIRED: Consider approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends approval

**Minutes of the
Transportation Policy Committee
Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization
August 19, 2025**

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization was held at the Lubbock City Hall located at 1314 Avenue K, Lubbock TX 79401, City Council Chambers at 8:30 a.m. on August 19, 2025.

Required notices were given to the members of the Policy Committee and the public. The following Transportation Policy Committee members were present:

TPC Members:

Curtis Parrish, Judge, Lubbock County
Steve Warren, District Engineer, TxDOT, Lubbock
Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Vice-Chair, Councilwoman, City of Lubbock
Mark W. McBrayer, Mayor, City of Lubbock
Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager, City of Lubbock
Mike Dalby, Commissioner, Lubbock County
Christy Martinez-Garcia, Councilwoman, City of Lubbock
Chris Mandrell, General Manager, Citibus

Staff/Guests:

David Jones, Lubbock MPO, Director
Martin Lucero, Lubbock MPO, Assistant Director
Tammy Walker, Lubbock MPO, Transportation Planning Tech
Ayla Ryan, Lubbock MPO, GIS Analyst/Modeler
Bill Frawley, Lubbock MPO, PT Planner
Phillip Tindall, TxDOT, MPO liason
Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm
Rodshadi Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, Lubbock County
Eric Rejino, Assistant City Manager, City of Lubbock
Jesus Saez, Kimley Horn
Michael Mangum, CFO, Citibus
Shelley Harris, TxDOT, Director of Planning and Development TxDOT, Lubbock District
David Bragg, Vice-Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee, Assistant Division Director of Public Works, City of Lubbock

Call to Order:

Chair Judge Curtis Parrish called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Acknowledgement of the Quorum of the Transportation Policy Committee by the Chair.

Chair Judge Curtis Parrish acknowledged a quorum.

Safety Procedures:

Safety procedures were reviewed.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Public comment period/Acknowledgement of Guests of the Transportation Policy Committee:

Chair Judge Curtis Parrish welcomed guests which included representatives of the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, and TxDOT.

There was no public comment.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Approval of the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee.

Chair Judge Curtis Parrish asked the Policy Committee if there were any corrections or comments regarding the meeting minutes of May 20, 2025. There were no corrections.

Christy Martinez-Garcia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2025. Mike Dalby seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2025-10 approving the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) and advancing both the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for action.

David Jones stated that the MPO is required by federal guidelines to publish an end of the year report that is called an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) each year as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure. He stated that in 2018, TxDOT had taken responsibility for preparing the ALOP in order to streamline the process.

David Jones stated that in the MPO planning area for FY 2023, a total of \$113,103,416 federal funds were obligated on all transportation projects for the entire multi-modal

transportation network and for FY 2024 a total of \$86,272,220 federal funds were obligated.

David Jones stated that in May the TAC had voted to table the agenda item since there were questions regarding transit, grouped and highway projects. David Jones stated that we gathered the comments from the TAC members and sent those questions and comments back to TxDOT for clarification. David Jones stated that TxDOT's answers were in the backup.

The Committee discussed the projects and the clarification report. There was discussion on what a CSJ was and what an example of the projects outside of the Lubbock limits were.

Phillip Tindall was present to answer any questions the Committee may have had regarding the clarification report and projects. There was no further discussion.

Mayor Mark McBrayer made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 regarding the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP). Christy Martinez-Garcia seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Discuss the status of the regional traffic volume forecasting model as approved by Resolution 2025-11 and presented in Task 2.1.1 in the amended FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). (For information purposes only, no action will be taken).

Martin Lucero introduced the 2 new part time interns from the TTU PhD program Tamer and Mohammad. He also introduced the MPO's part time employee Bill Frawley.

Martin Lucero stated that this partnership is with SPAG, TxDOT TPP and the MPO to assist SPAG in developing, analyzing and interpreting priority solutions respecting their grant award through TxDOT. And that this report is Phase 1 which includes the counties of Bailey, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Terry and Lynn.. He stated that the budget amendment noted analysis of commuter counts and routes associated with demand forecast strategies, ridership needs, regional economic gain and loss, gaps in service and any overlap in service.

Martin Lucero discussed the comprehensive data collection which included coordination between LMPO, SPAG, and TxDOT's digital Roadway Data User Group. He stated that key datasets included TxDOT Traffic Count Data, INRIX Locations based Services data, US Census and Texas Demographic Center, Roadway Inventory System and the External Station Flows and Boarder OD Estimation. Martin Lucero also discussed daily trips into Lubbock and stated that these numbers include rural highways, arterials, and urban streets which provided the baseline.

Martin Lucero gave a Power Point presentation based on all the data collected titled Traffic Volume Forecasting Model.

The Committee discussed the presentation and David Jones thanked TxDOT. He stated that TxDOT had purchased the INRIX data and made it available to all MPO's.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Reports:

Lisa Torrey Smith Act: David Jones reported on a law known as the Lisa Torrey Smith Law. The law came from a woman who was walking her child to school in the crosswalk and she and the child were hit by a car, she was killed. The law makes it a crime (either misdemeanor or felony) to kill a pedestrian (pedestrian is anyone on foot, skateboard, skates, scooter, etc) in a crosswalk rather it is painted or not. The driver is required to STOP and YIELD to the pedestrian who is legally in a crosswalk, not to zoom in front of or back of the pedestrian. Just slow down, stop and wait.

Comparison of the 2025 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) to the Draft 2026 UTP: Shelly Harris, TxDOT, Director of Planning and Development TxDOT, discussed a spreadsheet he created regarding all the funding categories. He reported on the FY 2025 (approved) and the FY 26 (draft) UTP. He stated that it looks like we will be losing about \$25.4M in FY 2026. He also discussed the different categories of funding and he stated that in FY 2029 the 10CR money will "disappear". Shelley Harris also stated that Loop 88 3D is moving to 2029 and 3E is moving to 2031.

USDOT request for information on Federal Surface Transportation Programs: David Jones also reported on the Surface Transportation Bill that is set to expire in September 2026. He stated that USDOT and FHWA are asking for input on the next Surface Transportation law if anyone would like to comment on it.

FHWA's Interim final Guidance on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program: David Jones stated that the new revised guidance for NEVI allows State DOTs to move forward to spend previously allocated federal funds for the purpose of building new charging stations. He stated that 84% of previously planned allocated funding remains unspent.

TxDOT Metropolitan Planning Agreements: David Jones stated that TxDOT has extended that agreement for another year.

Update on the Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan (TRIP): Bill updated the TAC on the TRIP (Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan) and discussed the public involvement that has been done by the MPO. It involves North Lubbock Neighborhood Association, Wolfforth and the LEPC. He stated that TxDOT has just completed their plan known as the Statewide Highway Plan and has submitted it to FHWA for their approval. Bill also discussed additions to the TRIP since the last meeting from the feedback of surveys and public meetings. Bill Frawley also discussed

the different types of surveys that are out from various types of backgrounds which include first responders, public and freight. Bill stated he will continue to update the Committee on the TRIP.

The Committee discussed the TRIP plan and made some suggestions about outreach.

Monthly Financial Report: David Jones reported the Statement of Revenue and Expenses were through June 2025 and were 73% allocated and expenses were at 53%.

Jarrett Atkinson asked about the “rollover” amount for FY 2024. Phillip Tindall stated that the rollover will be email to Tammy Walker and she will send that to the Committee.

- 1. Judge Curtis Parrish stated that the Policy Committee was in recess at 9:35 a.m. and will reconvene at 11:30 on the 11th Floor and then once again reconvene at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor for the executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov’t Code §551.074 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee (Director of Transportation).**

AGENDA ITEM 6

Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the calendar of events for the proposed Call for Projects for the 2027/2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Discussion: The staff will present the proposed calendar for the 2027-2040 TIP and review funding details.

Action required: Approve the calendar of events.

Action recommended: Approve the calendar of events.

**Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
Agency Call for Projects**

November 2025	Agency Call for Project Announcement
November 2025 – February 2026	Sponsors develop projects and secure local match
February 2026	Projects due to MPO by close of business
February 2026	TIP Checklist completed by MPO
February 2026	TP&P will review draft TIP
March 2026	MPO performs Decision Lens analysis
April 1, 2026	MPO public involvement begins
April 2026	MPO develops recommendation for May 1, 2026 TAC meeting
April 30, 2026	MPO public involvement ends
May 19, 2026	Recommendation to the Policy Committee
May 2026	Upload TIP to E-STIP Portal
June 13, 2026 - July 13, 2026	TIP/STIP posted to Texas Register (30 day comment period begins)
July 2026	Commission holds public hearing and approves the STIP
July 2026	TP&P submits TIP/STIP to FHWA/FTA
July 14, 2026	TP&P notify FIN Letting Management of approved STIP. Letting schedule developed based on STIP approved projects.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Resolution 2025-12 authorizing the rollover of FY 2024 – 5307 and 5339 funding for Citibus to FY 2025 consistent with the 2025/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Discussion: As Citibus works to complete their 2024 grant application for 5307 and 5339 funding before the close of FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) accounting management software, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regional field representative has requested that the MPO re-enter the FY 2024 project identifying numbers for the 5307 and 5339 affected projects into the 2025 TIP update so they don't lose track of those numbers and relevant sequencing in the TrAMS system.

The technical result of this action requires the TIP to be amendment which requires a public involvement action. Therefore, upon approval of Resolution 2025-12 the MPO will sponsor two opportunities to comment, one on September 17, from 11-3 p.m. and another on September 25, from 2-4 p.m. consistent with the MPO's Public Involvement Plan requirement. The MPO will make the adjustments subject to a complete and successful public involvement initiative. If there is any problem with the outcome, we will come back to the Policy Committee for further guidance.

Action required: Approve Resolution 2025-12.

Action recommended: Approve the Resolution.



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Resolution 2025-12 Authorizing Amendment #2 to the 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. 134 (c) (1) and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (c) and (J) both require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with the State and public transportation operators to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through a performance-driven, outcome-based approach to planning for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, the TIP shall provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. 134 (j)(1)(a) requires the MPO to develop a TIP for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that contains projects that are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the 10 year plan and reflect the investment priorities established in the current MTP, and are designed to make progress toward achieving the performance targets established under subsection (h)(2); and

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. 134 (j)(1)(b) requires the MPO to provide ample opportunity for participation by interested persons in the development of the program in accordance with subsection (i)(5); and

WHEREAS, the TIP shall include a priority list of proposed federally supported projects and strategies to be carried out within each 4-year period as set out in 23 U.S.C. 134 (j)(2)(a) and shall include a financial plan that illustrates how the plan can be implemented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE LUBBOCK METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

Section 1: That, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lubbock MPO authorizes the 2025/2028 TIP to be amended by noting that FY 2024 funding for 5303 and 5339 Transit projects is authorized to be rollover and expensed during the implementation of the 2025/2028 TIP for FY 2025.

Passed and adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee on this, the 16th Day of September 2026.

Honorable Curtis Parrish
Lubbock County Judge
Chair, Transportation Policy Committee of the
Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attest:

Tammy Walker, MPO Secretary

Approved as to Content:

H. David Jones
Transportation Planning Director

Approved as to form:

Slater Elza
Attorney for the MPO

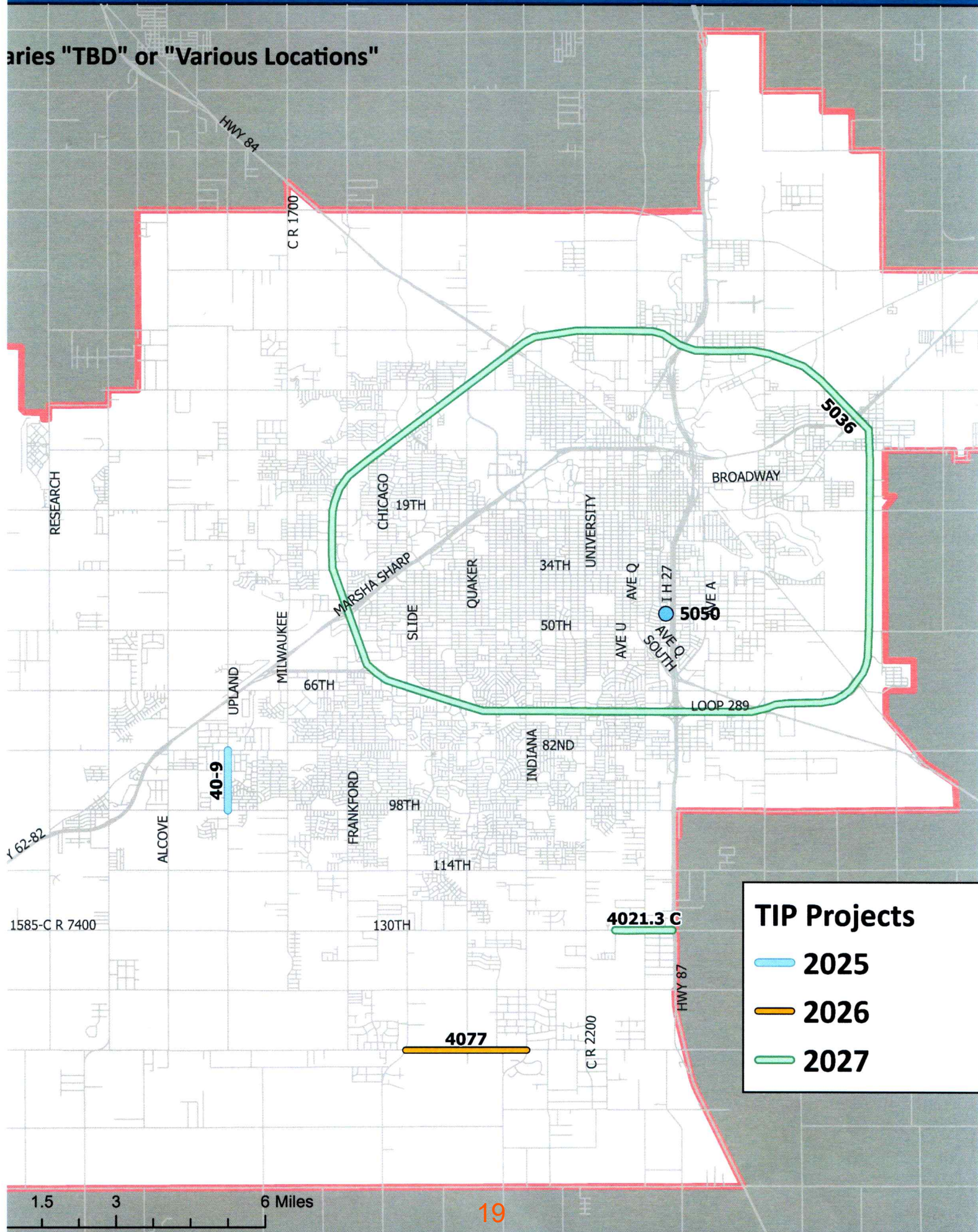
AGENDA ITEM 8

Reports: Directors:

- **Category 7 funding priority discussion**
- **Review of 25/28 TIP projects for the November Call for Quarterly Revisions**
- **Don't Miss Your Flight Act**
- **FHWA Notice of Redistribution of Unused Obligation Authority**
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- **Monthly Financial Report**
- **Farewell Adieu**

Transportation Improvement Plan 2025-2028

aries "TBD" or "Various Locations"



Legislation to improve roads around airports introduced

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Bipartisan, bicameral legislation aimed at improving ground transportation into and out of airports across the country was introduced in Congress Thursday.

U.S. Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN) and David Kustoff (R-TN), and U.S. Sens. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) introduced the Don't Miss Your Flight Act that would, if passed, use existing federal funding to create incentives to improve surface transportation within five miles of a public airport. The funding would improve access to airports; reduce congestion or rehabilitate roads, rail or transit; and make catching a flight or coming home from the airport easier and faster for Americans, the law makers said.

"Improving access and reducing congestion to our nation's airports through our next surface transportation reauthorization bill makes good economic sense," Cohen said. "Our Memphis International Airport, the nation's busiest cargo airport, is at the confluence of river, rail and highway circuits we call 'America's Distribution Center.' Updates to the ground infrastructure in Memphis and around the country through grants authorized under the Don't Miss Your Flight Act will modernize and improve the air traveler's experience."

Specifically, the legislation would create a discretionary grant program using existing Highway Trust funds for surface transportation projects to make improvements at and within 5 miles of a public airport. Currently, officials said, airports are continuing to grow with enplanements projected to reach nearly 1.4 billion in 2040 and 1.7 billion in 2050. An estimated \$19.3 billion is needed to improve access to and from airports over the next five years.

"We've all been there—you're rushing to the airport but then get stuck in traffic outside while worrying that your flight is going to take off without you," Duckworth said. "Airports like Chicago O'Hare and so many others are building to keep up with the growing

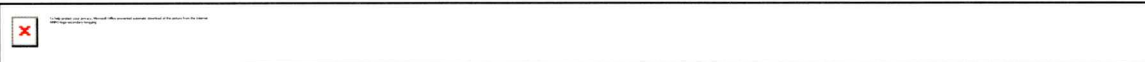
passenger demand, but our surface transportation leading into and out of our airports needs to keep pace.”

The bill is endorsed by Air Line Pilots Association, Airports Council International, American Association of Airport Executives, Allied Pilots Association, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, Association of Professional Flight Attendants and Southwest Airlines Pilots Association.

David Jones

From: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations <communications@amp.org>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 9:16 AM
To: David Jones
Subject: FFY 2025 August Redistribution of Federal-Aid Highway Obligation Authority

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FFY 2025 August Redistribution of Federal-Aid Highway Obligation Authority

September 5, 2025

Good morning,

FHWA recently issued its annual [August Redistribution Notice](#), which reallocates unused Federal-Aid Highway Program obligation authority across the states before the end of the federal fiscal year (FFY). This year, **\$7.62 billion** in additional obligation authority was made available for redistribution to the states. Requests from states totaled more than **\$8.19 billion**, so demand once again exceeded supply.

The “August Redistribution” occurs when states and programs do not fully use their share of current-year obligation limitation. FHWA redistributes those unused balances to state DOTs, with priority given to states that hold large unobligated balances of funds apportioned under [23 U.S.C. §§ 144](#) (as in effect prior to MAP-21) and [104](#) (i.e., core Federal-Aid Highway Programs). States must obligate the redistributed funds by **September 25, 2025**.

The intent is to ensure that states with significant unobligated balances in core highway programs can put those dollars to use before they expire. In practice, this means that August Redistribution is not just about rewarding states that can obligate quickly, but also about ensuring that older or slower-moving balances are reduced so federal dollars are fully obligated by the end of the FFY.

This process has expanded in recent years, \$8.7 billion was redistributed in FFY 2024, and FFY 2025 is nearly as large. While this process ensures all funding authority is used before the fiscal year closes, its growing scale has raised concerns. States and MPOs often struggle to program such large amounts of funding on short notice, especially with the September 25 obligation deadline. That’s why MPOs should be ready to work closely with their state DOT partners to identify projects that can move quickly, so the money is programmed and obligated rather than left unused.

A few highlights from the FFY 2025 redistribution:

- **Texas received the largest share at just over \$1.04 billion.**

- **California followed with \$611 million, and Pennsylvania with nearly \$410 million.**
- Many other states received significant amounts, ranging from under \$30 million to over \$300 million.

The full state-by-state distribution is available in [FHWA's summary](#).

What MPOs should consider doing between now and September 25:

- **Coordinate immediately with your state DOT.** Ask what additional obligation authority your state received, and whether it creates openings for MPO projects.
- **Prioritize “shovel-ready” projects.** Only projects that can obligate before September 25 are eligible. Environmental clearance, design, and approvals should already be in place.
- **Keep communication lines open with local partners.** Cities, counties, and transit agencies may also have eligible projects that MPOs can help elevate.
- **Be ready to move quickly.** The turnaround time is short, and states will focus on projects that can realistically obligate within weeks, not months.
- **Use this as practice for future redistributions.** Even if your MPO can't benefit this year, building a list of “ready-to-go” projects helps position your region for the next redistribution.

Please reach out to Katie Economou, Legislative Director, at keconomou@ampo.org with any questions.

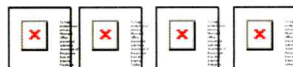
Thank you,

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APTA Surface Transportation Authorization Recommendations

*As Approved by the APTA Legislative Committee
Through June 29, 2025*



**American
Public Transportation
Association**

Metropolitan Transportation Planning (§ 5303)

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) play a crucial role in deciding which projects receive funding under Chapter 53. APTA strongly advocates for public transit operators to receive voting seats on the Board of MPOs to ensure that public transit agencies' complex needs are taken into consideration during the metropolitan planning process. In addition, APTA recommends ensuring due process is available to public transit agencies.

APTA Recommendations:

- **Ensure that public transit agencies have a voting seat(s) on the Board of an MPO.** Amend 49 U.S.C. § 5303(d)(2) and 23 U.S.C. § 143(d)(2), by striking “Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012, each” and inserting “Each”.

In section (d)(2)(B) strike “, including representation by providers of public transportation.”

Insert after (d)(2)(B), new subsection “(C) providers of public transportation that together represent at least 75 percent of the annual unlinked passenger trips in the urbanized area; and”.

Redesignate “(d)(2)(C)” as “(d)(2)(D)”.

Amend 49 U.S.C. § 5303(d)(3)(C) and 23 U.S.C. § 143(d)(3)(C) by striking “paragraph (2)(B)” and inserting “paragraphs (2)(B) and (2)(C).”

- **Require FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to jointly establish an appeals process for MPO actions that procedurally violate Federal law or regulations.** Create new subsections 49 U.S.C. § 5303(s) and 23 U.S.C. § 134(s): “The Federal Transit Administration Regional Office and Federal Highway Administration Division Office of primary jurisdiction are authorized to jointly investigate and consider formal complaints made by affected transportation authorities, including public transportation providers, that a metropolitan planning organization has procedurally violated Federal law or regulations. An investigation shall conclude and a decision shall be announced within 30 days of receipt of the complaint. Such decisions shall be final, subject to judicial review.”



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TxDOT statement on passing of Transportation Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

AUSTIN - The following is a statement by TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams on the loss of Texas Transportation Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

"It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the sudden passing of Chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

"Chairman Bugg was a steadfast leader whose vision and dedication helped shape the future of transportation across our state. His commitment to improving safety, expanding mobility, and strengthening Texas' infrastructure has left an enduring legacy that will benefit generations to come.

"Beyond his professional achievements, Chairman Bugg was a man of integrity, compassion, and genuine care for the people he served. He listened intently, led decisively, and always placed the needs of Texans at the forefront of every decision.

"On behalf of TxDOT we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Texas has lost a remarkable public servant, and we are grateful for the time we had to work alongside him in service to our great state."

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Mr. David Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

FHWA Metropolitan Planning PL-112 Funds and FTA Section 5303 Funds (jointly "Transportation Planning Funds", or "TPF") are distributed pursuant to a TxDOT formula approved by FHWA on November 21, 2024, in accordance with 23 CFR § 420.109.

Federal law requires each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to use at least 2.5% of its FHWA PL-112 funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities (known as "Set-Aside"). For guidance on this requirement, please visit the following FHWA website:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/metro_planning.cfm.

This letter serves as Work Order 3 (WO 3) and notification of Lubbock MPO's TPF carryover from Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to FY 2025. Following is an updated summary of the MPO's FY 2025 Authorization.

Program Funds	Standard	Set-Aside	Total
WO 1 – FTA/5303	\$189,919.20	-	\$ 189,919.20
WO 2 – FHWA PL-112	\$460,011.18	\$11,795.99	\$471,807.17
WO 3 – FY 24 Carryover	\$843,133.43	\$12,506.00	\$855,639.43
Charge Number	50125110570	50-125-SET-LBB	-

Carryover FY24

Be advised that the FTA Section 5303 and PL-112 programs are included in the Assistance Listings on SAM.gov under 20.505-Metropolitan Transportation Planning and State and Non-Metropolitan Planning and Research and 20.205-Highway Planning and Construction, respectively.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sara R. Garza at Sara.Garza@TxDOT.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Humberto Gonzalez Jr. P.E.

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Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

Lubbock
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
FY 2025
Budget

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2025 July	APPROVED BUDGET FY 2025	% BUDGET REALIZED
SOURCES				
TXDOT PL 112 ALLOCATION (Combined)		1,517,366	903,110	168.02
EXPENDITURES				
PAYROLL/BENEFITS				
8002 PAYROLL - FULL TIME		188,339	227,137	82.92
8003 PAYROLL - PART TIME		22,050	51,206	43.06
8005 PAYROLL - STABILITY PAY		500	650	0.77
8006 PAYROLL - TERMINAL PAY			27,500	0.00
8009 PAYROLL - EDUCATION INCENTIVE			-	0.00
8031 BENEFITS - RETIREMENT TMRS		34,421	45,728	75.27
8033 BENEFITS - SOCIAL SECURITY		15,358	21,293	72.13
8034 BENEFITS - GROUP INSURANCE		34,669	49,442	70.12
8035 BENEFITS - WORKERS COMPENSATION		1,076	2,500	43.03
8037 BENEFITS - BASIC LIFE INS		14	40	35.33
8038 BENEFITS - GROUP DENTAL		784	2,500	31.37
8042 BENEFITS - CITY PAID LTD			-	0.00
PAYROLL/BENEFITS SUBTOTAL		297,211	427,996	69.44
SUPPLIES				
8107 SUPPLIES - OFFICE SUPPLIES		3,573	7,000	51.04
8110 SUPPLIES - OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES		-	-	0.00
SUPPLIES SUBTOTAL		3,573	7,000	51.04
OTHER CHARGES				
8302 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE		123,020	160,092	76.84
8303 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS		131	470	27.83
8304 ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS		1,860	5,000	37.20
8309 IT		25,010	23,690	105.57
8406 CONTRIBUTIONS-OTHER		42,733	194,400	21.98
8503 BENEFITS-LIABILITY INSURANCE		2,928	6,481	45.18
8701 RENTAL LEASES		25,588	30,750	83.21
9101 TELEPHONE		1,056	3,881	27.21
9103 POSTAGE			250	0.00
9106 CAR ALLOWANCE		900	700	128.57
9110 PROFESSIONAL DUES		450	400	112.50
9111 TRAINING AND TRAVEL		10,030	35,000	28.66
9146 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		9,400	7,000	134.29
Reserve			-	0.00
9154 OFFICE FURNITURE			-	0.00
OTHER CHARGES SUBTOTAL		243,105	468,114	51.93
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
9225 EQ CAP OUT-COMPUTER		-	-	0.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY SUBTOTAL		-	-	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 543,889	903,110	60.22
TOTAL REVENUE				
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		\$ 973,476		
Estimated carryover				