



El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization

EPMPO 101

Who is EPMPO?

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) is the **decision-making body for the entire region, coordinating transportation planning between counties, local governments, and transportation agencies.** The organization is made up of a 30-member Transportation Policy Board (TPB) that sets MPO policy and allocates federal transportation funds for the region. The 16-member Transportation Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) provides technical expertise and recommendations to inform the TPB.

What does EPMPO do?

EPMPO closely coordinates with local governments and transportation agencies, such as Tx-DOT, NMDOT, Sun Metro and SCRTD, in planning for regional transportation improvements. This includes working directly with local governments on technical studies related to transportation and economic development. However, **EPMPO does not construct projects** - that responsibility lies with project sponsors, such as cities, counties, and transportation agencies.

EPMPO is responsible for creating two primary regional planning documents, one with a **long-range** outlook, and one **short-range**:

»» The **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** is a 20+ year plan, adopted every four years

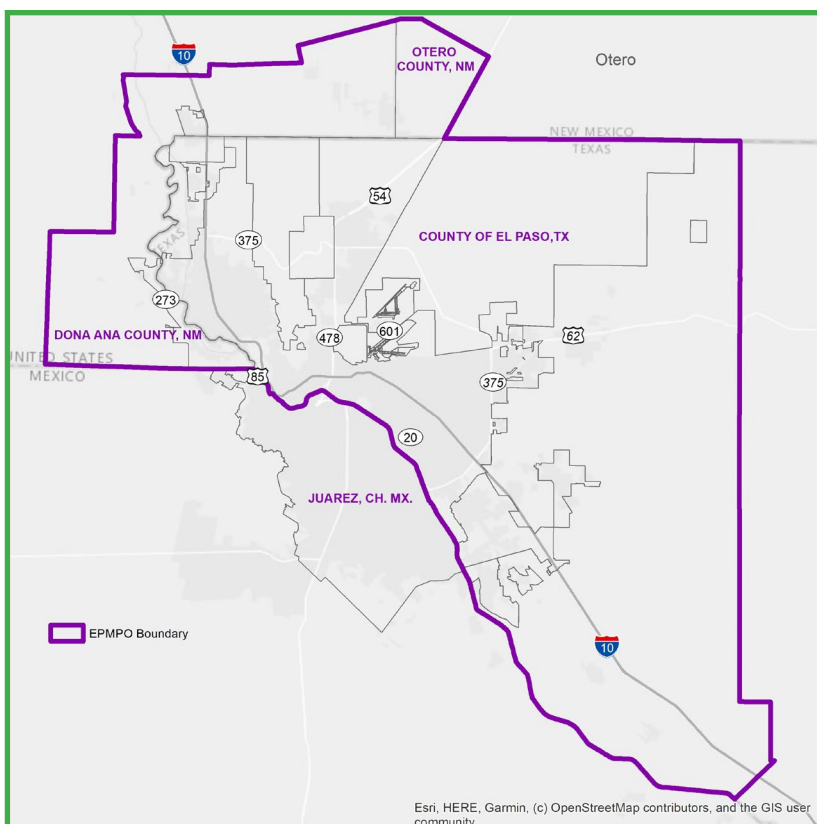
»» The **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, is adopted every two years, and covers a four-year window

What is an MPO?

MPO stands for Metropolitan Planning Organization. **MPOs are regional transportation planning entities** designated by the federal government and state governors. MPOs were first introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962 to oversee the spending of federal transportation funding at the regional level. **Every urban area in the US with a population greater than 50,000 has an MPO.**

Where is EPMPO?

The EPMPO planning area includes all of El Paso County in Texas, and small portions of Doña Ana & Otero Counties in New Mexico





RMS 2050 MTP Amendment PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

What is the RMS 2050 MTP?

The Regional Mobility Strategy 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is EPMPO's long-range plan to address regional transportation needs over the next 28 years. This multimodal plan considers a variety of transportation modes including driving, walking, biking, transit, and emerging technologies, with a goal of creating the best transportation network possible for residents, businesses, and visitors.



EPMPO is asking for comments from the public on a major amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP that includes modifications to several planned roadway projects, and the approval of a new Transportation Conformity Report for the plan.

What is a Transportation Conformity Report?



The primary purpose of transportation conformity is to harmonize transportation planning and projects with air quality objectives. Transportation conformity is a requirement established by the Clean Air Act (section 176C) to ensure that federal funding and approval are granted to highway and transit projects that align with the air quality goals set forth in a state's air quality implementation plan. Before MTPs and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) can be adopted, approved, or accepted in nonattainment areas, MPOs and the US Department of Transportation must make conformity determinations on these documents no less than every four years.

How do I participate?

The public is encourage to review information about the RMS 2050 MTP Amendment, and to provide comments on the draft documents. Public comments will be accepted by email, mail, and phone until May 14, 2024. Additionally, two public meetings are planned:



April 23rd
4 to 6 pm



May 1st
1:30 to 3:30 pm



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Provide comments through:

Voice Comments:



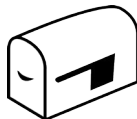
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