



## Memorandum November 22, 2016

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**To:** All Members, Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Ray Lopez, Chair and Sid Martinez, Director  
**Subject:** Transportation Policy Board Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the **MPO Transportation Policy Board** is scheduled for  
**Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**  
at the VIA Metro Center Community Room located at 1021 San Pedro.  
The following agenda items will be discussed and action will be taken as appropriate.  
Items may be taken out of the order shown.

*Citizens to be Heard: Speakers will be allowed up to three (3) minutes each to address the Transportation Policy Board on any **one** specific agenda item. While speakers who have signed up may donate their time to another speaker, the maximum time allowed for any individual speaker will be nine (9) minutes. Speakers who wish to address the Board on multiple items or on items not listed on the agenda must do so under Citizens to be Heard. All speakers must sign the register and state their names and any organizations they represent.*

### Agenda:

1. Roll Call (*page 4*)
2. Director's Report – MPO (Martinez) (*page 5*)
  - a. Transportation Alternatives Program funding submittals are due to the MPO by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017**
  - b. The MPO will host two Freight Stakeholder Workshops on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the City of San Antonio's Northeast Service Center ("Tool Yard")
  - c. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Transportation Forum will be held in Austin at the JW Marriott Hotel on February 5-7, 2017
  - d. The MPO Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016, and January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 16, 2017
- .3. Citizens to be Heard (*page 6*)

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4. **Approval** of the October 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes (*pages 7-10*)
5. **Action** on Revisions to the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee Bylaws – MPO (Carroll) (*pages 11-15*)
6. **Action** on the MPO's Lease Agreement – MPO (Martinez) (*page 16*)

**Items for Individual Discussion and Appropriate Action:**

7. Presentation on Air Quality: Transportation/General Conformity – TxDOT/TTI (*page 17*)
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program – TxDOT (Bean) (*page 18*)
9. Presentation on the Federal and State Freight Planning Requirements, the Freight Workshop Results and Next Steps – MPO (Blazosky) (*page 19*)
10. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program – MPO (Geiger) (*pages 20 – 21*)

According to MPO Policy: *to the extent possible, amendments to delete a project or significantly change the scope of work of a project will be explicitly listed on both the presentation and action agendas for the Transportation Policy Board meetings.*

*The following project is proposed to be deleted from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan:*

*MPO No 9140: Austin – San Antonio Passenger Rail within the Alamo Area  
MPO Study Area*

*Significant changes to the scope of work are proposed for the following projects in the Transportation Improvement Program:*

*CSJ 0915-00-172: Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail  
CSJ 0915-00-173: Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail*

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11. Monthly Status Reports (*pages 22 - 25*)
  - a. Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Renee Green)
  - b. Air Quality Issues (Diane Rath)
  - c. City of San Antonio (Mike Frisbie)
  - d. Lone Star Rail District (Sid Martinez)
  - e. San Antonio Mobility Coalition (Vic Boyer)
  - f. Texas Department of Transportation (Mario Jorge)
  - g. VIA Metropolitan Transit (Jeff Arndt)
  - h. Others
12. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Upcoming Transportation Policy Board Meetings – MPO (Martinez) (*page 26*)
13. Executive Session - Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code (*page 27*)

At any time during the meeting of the MPO Transportation Policy Board, the Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive Session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), Section 551.072 (deliberations about real property), Section 551.074 (personnel matters), and Section 551.086 (economic development)

14. Adjourn (*page 27*)

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**Transportation Policy Board****December 5, 2016****1. Roll Call**

Councilman Ray Lopez ( <i>Chair</i> )	City of San Antonio, District 6	210-207-7065
Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff ( <i>Vice Chair</i> )	Bexar County	210-335-2613
Ms. Rebecca Cedillo	Advanced Transportation District	210-299-5858
Mr. James Conrad "Rad" Weaver	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	210-731-4727
Commissioner Tommy Calvert	Bexar County	210-335-2614
Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez	Bexar County	210-335-2611
Ms. Renee Green, P.E.	Bexar County	210-335-6700
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Reaves	City of New Braunfels	830-221-4000
Councilman Roberto Treviño	City of San Antonio, District 1	210-207-7279
Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales	City of San Antonio, District 5	210-207-7043
Councilman Ron Nirenberg	City of San Antonio, District 8	210-207-7086
Mr. Michael S. Frisbie, P.E.	City of San Antonio	210-207-8140
Ms. Bridgett White	City of San Antonio	210-207-0147
Mayor Don Keil	City of Seguin	830-303-7333
Commissioner Kevin Webb	Comal County	830-221-1100
Mayor Chris Riley [Leon Valley]	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities	210-684-1391
Judge Kyle Kutscher	Guadalupe County	830-303-8857
Councilman Ron Cisneros	Kendall County Geographic Area	830-249-9511
Councilman Kevin Hadas [Selma]	Northeast Partnership	210-651-6661
Mr. Mario Jorge, P.E.	Texas Department of Transportation	210-615-5803
Dr. Richard Gambitta	VIA Metropolitan Transit	210-299-5858

**Ex-Officio Members**

Mr. Greg P. Wood	Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Timoteo "Tim" Juarez	Texas Department of Transportation
Mr. Jeff Arndt	VIA Metropolitan Transit
Ms. Diane Rath	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Mr. Vic Boyer	San Antonio Mobility Coalition



**3. Citizens to Be Heard**

**4. Approval of the October 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Issue**

The October 24, 2016 meeting minutes are attached for your review.

**Action Requested**

**A motion to approve the October 24, 2016 meeting minutes.**



## Transportation Policy Board Meeting Minutes October 24, 2016

### 1. Roll Call

#### **Members Present:**

Ms. Rebecca Cedillo	Advanced Transportation District
Commissioner Kevin Wolff (Vice-Chair)	Bexar County
Ms. Renee Green, P.E.	Bexar County
Mayor Barron Casteel	City of New Braunfels
Councilman Ron Nirenberg	City of San Antonio
Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales	City of San Antonio
Mr. Mike Frisbie, P.E.	City of San Antonio
Ms. Bridgett White	City of San Antonio
Ms. Betty Ann Mathies	City of Seguin
Commissioner Kevin Webb	Comal County
Mayor Chris Riley	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Councilman Ron Cisneros	Kendall County Geographic Area
Mayor Mary Dennis	Northeast Partnership
Mr. Mario Jorge	Texas Department of Transportation
Dr. Richard Gambitta	VIA Metropolitan Transit

#### **Members Absent:**

Mr. James Conrad Weaver	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
Commissioner Tommy Calvert	Bexar County
Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez	Bexar County
Councilman Ray Lopez (Chair)	City of San Antonio
Councilman Roberto Treviño	City of San Antonio
Judge Kyle Kutscher	Guadalupe County

#### **Others Present:**

Mr. Frank Garza	Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza
Mr. Isidro "Sid" Martinez	Metropolitan Planning Organization
Mr. Vic Boyer	San Antonio Mobility Coalition
Mr. Timoteo Juarez	Texas Department of Transportation
Mr. Jeff Arndt	VIA Metropolitan Transit

### 2. Director's Report

- a. The November and December Transportation Policy Board meetings are combined into one meeting that will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016.
- b. A calendar of 2017 and 2018 Transportation Policy Board meetings is provided



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- c. Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the MPO Office located at 825 South St. Mary's Street (10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p..m)
- d. GIS Day will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the UTSA Main Campus; more information can be found at [www.sagisd.com](http://www.sagisd.com)
- e. The MPO Office will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

**3. Citizens to be Heard**

There were none.

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- 4. **Approval of the September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. **Action on Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program**
- 6. **Action on an Amendment to the FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program**

**Mayor Chris Riley moved and Dr. Richard Gambitta seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Items for Individual Discussion and Appropriate Action**

- 7. **Presentation on the MPO's Federal Certification Review**

**For information and discussion only.**

- 8. **Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail Project**

**For information and discussion only.**

- 9. **Update on TxDOT's 2017 Unified Transportation Program**

**For information and discussion only.**

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**10. Monthly Status Reports**

- a. Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
- b. City of San Antonio (Mike Frisbie)
- c. Lone Star Rail District and Air Quality Issues (Diane Rath)
- d. San Antonio Mobility Coalition (Vic Boyer)
- e. Texas Department of Transportation (Mario Jorge)
- f. VIA Metropolitan Transit (Jeff Arndt)
- g. Others

**For information and discussion only.**

**11. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Upcoming Transportation Policy Board Meetings**

This item was not considered.

**12. Executive Session - Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code**

This item was not considered.

**Adjourn**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.**

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**Commissioner Kevin Wolff, Vice-Chair  
Transportation Policy Board**

## 5. Action on Revisions to the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee Bylaws

### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to take action on revisions to the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee's (BMAC) bylaws.

### Issue

At their September 2016 meeting, BMAC members expressed an interest in revising BMAC's bylaws to clarify language related to alternate citizen representatives.

At the November 9, 2016 BMAC meeting, MPO staff recommended, and BMAC unanimously approved the language shown below; the underlined text is that which is proposed to be added to the bylaws:

- Agencies, citizens and organizations are encouraged to appoint an alternate member (except when otherwise described above) to serve in case of an absence. Alternates have full "voting membership" privileges when acting as the primary agency representative. Should a citizen representative decline to appoint an alternate member, the BMAC shall select an alternate from applicants to represent bicycling interests at-large.

In accordance with MPO policy, changes to the BMAC by-laws require concurrence of the Technical Advisory Committee (will occur December 2, 2016) and the Transportation Policy Board. The proposed BMAC bylaws in their entirety are attached.

### Action Requested

**A motion to approve the revisions to the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee bylaws as presented.**

**Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee By-Laws**

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**Purpose**

The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) is established by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to improve bicycle mobility within the Alamo Area MPO Study Area.

Generally, the BMAC will:

- Provide bold and visionary leadership in all matters affecting bicycle mobility in the MPO study area
- Be expansive in its vision and assertive with its mission throughout the entire community

In particular, the BMAC will:

- Consider all technical and public outreach issues related to bicycle mobility including but not limited to urban design, construction standards, design standards, maintenance, access, connectivity and safety.
- Communicate with and educate the public and elected officials on the importance of bicycling through a speaker's bureau as well as periodic articles and opinion pieces to appropriate agency and mass media.
- Participate in all regional transportation planning activities
- Explore and recommend funding options and opportunities for bicycle-related projects
- Participate in the promotion and implementation of the Regional Bicycle Master Plan and Walkable Community Program as well as other related initiatives
- Promote and participate in annual Walk & Roll activities year round
- Recommend bicycle-related planning studies to be conducted
- Serve as liaison to other stakeholders and interest groups for bicycling
- Communicate and educate both cyclists and motorists that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles on the road
- Advise the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on bicycle-related technical and policy issues. Items on which TAC and the BMAC take different actions may still be brought to the TPB for consideration.

## Membership

The BMAC shall consist of a maximum of 25 voting members and a Chair who will vote only in case of a tie. These members define the “voting membership” of the BMAC and shall be appointed in writing by the respective agencies or from nominees.

- One member shall be appointed from each of the following public agency staffs:
  - a) Alamo Area Council of Governments,
  - b) Bexar County Public Works,
  - c) City of Boerne,
  - d) City of New Braunfels,
  - e) City of San Antonio Sustainable Transportation Manager,
  - f) City of San Antonio Transportation & Capital Improvements,
  - g) City of San Antonio Parks and Greenways,
  - h) City of Seguin,
  - i) San Antonio River Authority,
  - j) Texas Department of Transportation - San Antonio District, and
  - k) VIA Metropolitan Transit
- Three citizen members shall be selected from applicants to represent bicycling interests at-large. These members shall reside within the MPO study area and be selected to serve on the BMAC because of their knowledge of and experience with bicycling in the Alamo Area.

An application to fill open citizens-at-large positions will be e-mailed to the MPO's standard mailing list and posted on the MPO's website within one month of a vacancy. A subcommittee of the BMAC will review applications, shortlist and may interview candidates as appropriate, and provide a recommended candidate to the BMAC, which as a whole will select the member.

- One (1) member shall be appointed from a professional organization selected by the BMAC on a rotating basis for a two-year, non-renewable term. The appointee should be serving an officer or staff role in a professional organization such as, but not limited to:
  - American Institute of Architects,
  - American Planning Association,
  - Chambers of Commerce,
  - Congress for New Urbanism,
  - Real Estate Council of San Antonio,
  - San Antonio Board of Realtors, or
  - Urban Land Institute

The rotating position is intended to allow different professional organizations to have representation over time on BMAC. After initial appointment the position will be filled by a candidate applying as the alternate member. The alternate will move into the primary position after two years and the vacant alternate position will be posted.

- One (1) member shall be appointed jointly by the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities (GBCCC) and the Northeast Partnership.

- One (1) member shall be appointed by San Antonio Bike Share.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the San Antonio Wheelmen.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the South Texas Off-Road Mountain Bikers (STORM).
- One (1) member shall be appointed by BikeTexas
- One (1) member shall be appointed by a cycling organization selected by the BMAC on a rotating basis for a two-year, non-renewable term. The rotating bicycle organization position is intended to allow different community cycling groups to have representation over time on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee. The position will be filled by a candidate applying as the alternate member. The alternate will move into the primary position after two years and the vacant alternate position will be posted.

Agencies, citizens and organizations are encouraged to appoint an alternate member (except when otherwise described above) to serve in case of an absence. Alternates have full “voting membership” privileges when acting as the primary agency representative. [Should a citizen representative decline to appoint an alternate member, the BMAC shall select an alternate from applicants to represent bicycling interests at-large.](#)

The BMAC Chair shall be nominated by the BMAC and will be appointed by the MPO Transportation Policy Board for a two-year term.

The BMAC Vice-Chair shall be a member elected by the BMAC membership.

In order to allow for increased citizen participation, the following terms shall apply:

- Agency staff – no term limit
- Citizens-at-Large – renewable two-year term as approved by BMAC
- Greater Bexar County Council of Cities/Northeast Partnership – renewable two-year term as approved by BMAC
- San Antonio Wheelmen, STORM and BikeTexas – renewable two-year term as approved by BMAC
- Should a member fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the BMAC, the Chair may recommend that the member be removed and replaced by an alternate or by selecting a representative from previously submitted applications.
- In addition to appointing the voting membership, the BMAC may appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. The ex-officio members are not voting members but will receive all meeting materials and are encouraged to actively participate in all BMAC discussions.

## **Procedures**

- The BMAC shall meet regularly, or as often as necessary.
- The BMAC may meet jointly with the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC) as needed.
- BMAC meeting notices and information will be provided by mail or e-mail to all members approximately one week prior to a meeting.
- Meeting minutes shall be made of each meeting. Meeting minutes will be posted on the MPO's website following approval.
- Each agenda will include a "Citizens to Be Heard" item. Participation by interested citizens is encouraged.
- A meeting quorum shall be defined as a majority of the existing voting membership. Vacancies do not count against a quorum. A quorum will be present for all actions taken by the BMAC. The option for members to attend remotely shall be approved by the Chair.
- These by-laws and any future amendments will be approved by the Alamo Area MPO's Technical Advisory Committee.
- Additionally, BMAC will designate a representative and alternate to serve on the voting membership of the TAC. Designation shall be recorded in BMAC's meeting minutes to be officially recognized by the MPO.
- In accordance with Article VII Advisory Committees of the Transportation Policy Board By-Laws for the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, all meetings of the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee and subcommittees, which may be created, are required to comply with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

## **Staff Support**

- Support shall be provided to the BMAC by MPO staff within limitations imposed by budgetary and personnel considerations.
- In consultation with BMAC members, MPO staff will develop the meeting agenda, meeting package, provide meeting minutes, participate in discussions, and coordinate BMAC activities as appropriate.

**6. Action on the MPO's Lease Agreement**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to take action on extending the MPO's lease agreement for 825 South St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

**Issue**

The MPO's current lease agreement for the building located at 825 South St. Mary's Street will expire in July 2017. Staff retained the services of a real estate broker to look for new office space and/or negotiate a lease extension with the current landlord. After looking at all options, MPO staff recommended extending the lease and staying in the current building through July 2022.

At their meeting on November 10, 2016, the MPO's Executive Committee unanimously agreed with the recommendation to extend the current lease agreement.

**Action Requested**

**A motion to approve the extension to the lease agreement through July 2022.**



**7. Presentation on Air Quality: Transportation/General Conformity**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive a presentation from TxDOT/TTI on the differences between transportation conformity and general conformity.

**Issue**

The AAMPO is in the process of preparing for a possible non-attainment for ozone designation next year. TxDOT and TTI have been instrumental in helping the region plan for this eventuality.

At the August Transportation Policy Board meeting, TxDOT/TTI presented "Transportation Conformity for Elected Officials"; in September, TxDOT/TTI presented "Congestion Mitigation for Air Quality: Timing and Benefits".

This presentation by TxDOT/TTI on Transportation/General Conformity was also presented to TAC at their meeting on December 2, 2016.

**Action Requested**

**For information and discussion only.**

**8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update from TxDOT staff on the development of the Unified Transportation Program.

**Issue**

The Texas Transportation Commission is scheduled to take action on the Unified Transportation Program (UTP, TxDOT's 10-year plan) in February 2017. This UTP will include new funding allocations associated with Proposition 1, Proposition 7, and new federal funding levels associated with the FAST Act.

In the coming months, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to take action on priority projects proposed for inclusion in the UTP. These projects will also need to be added to the Transportation Improvement Program and Metropolitan Transportation Plan. TxDOT will provide this update.

**Action Requested**

**For information and discussion only.**

## 9. Presentation on the Federal and State Freight Planning Requirements, the Freight Workshop Results and Next Steps

### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive a presentation from MPO staff on the Federal and State freight planning requirements, the November Freight Workshop process, results and next steps.

### Issue

At the October 7<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting, members received briefings on the:

- a. freight provisions in FAST Act
- b. implementation of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan
- c. MPO's process for accomplishing the requirements.

On November 16, the MPO hosted a freight workshop for TAC members. Attendees received presentations on:

- a. MPO Freight Programs in Texas and the United States
- b. results from the November 2013 Freight Stakeholder Workshops
- c. designating a Critical Urban Freight Network

Participants then participated in a mapping exercise to develop a draft Critical Urban Freight Network that could potentially become part of the State's Freight Mobility Plan.

The information from these presentations will be consolidated into a single presentation for your December meeting. MPO staff will present this item.

The MPO has tentatively scheduled freight stakeholder workshops for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 and the MPO's process in support of the statewide freight planning is expected to be complete in April 2017.

### Action Requested

**For information and discussion only.**

## 10. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to review amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

### Issue

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) amends the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on a quarterly basis. To meet our local process for amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), amendments will be reviewed in December with action scheduled for January 2017. In order to keep the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and TIP consistent, amendments to the TIP will also need to be made to the MTP.

#### Roadway MTP and TIP Amendments

##### *STP-MM projects*

We have received requests to move some STP-MM projects up and others back:

- 0915-12-509 – Bulverde Road project – move from FY 2017 to FY 2018
- 0915-12-583 – Leon Valley Evers Road project – move from FY 2020 to FY 2017
- 0915-12-585 – Bexar County Blanco Road project - move from FY 2023 to FY 2019
- 0915-12-578 – Universal City Aviation Blvd project – description and limit change
- 0915-12-574 – VIA MyLink project - reduce from \$5M to \$4M and add the \$1M to 0915-12-586

##### *Other Projects*

- 0915-12-586 – add project to include \$1M from 0915-12-574
- 2452-02-087 – ARMA Project Loop 1604 at IH 10 W - Managed Lane Direct Connectors – move from FY 2017 to FY 2020
- 1268-01-013 and 1268-02-027 – FM 1103 from IH 35 to Rodeo Way - move from FY 2018 to FY 2019
- 0216-01-036, 0216-01-054, and 0216-01-055 - Loop 337 from IH 35 to Hillcrest – revise costs and funding distribution
- CSJ 0915-00-172 - Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail – revise name, scope and year
- CSJ 0915-00-173 - Austin-San Antonio Passenger Rail – revise name, scope and year

Transit MTP and TIP Amendments

At this time there are no transit amendments moving forward.

MTP Amendment

*MPO No 9140: Austin – San Antonio Passenger Rail within the Alamo Area MPO Study Area – this project is proposed to be deleted*

**Action Requested**

**For information and discussion only. Action is scheduled for January 2017.**

**11. Monthly Status Reports**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information on several important issues.

**Issue**

Reports will be presented as follows:

- a. Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Green)
  
- b. Air Quality Issues (Rath)
  
- c. City of San Antonio (Frisbie)
  
- d. Lone Star Rail District (Martinez)
  
- e. San Antonio Mobility Coalition (Boyer)
  
- f. Texas Department of Transportation (Jorge)
  
- g. VIA Metropolitan Transit (Arndt)
  
- h. Others

**Action Requested**

**For information, discussion and action as necessary.**

## Air Quality and Regional Planning Efforts in the San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA Alamo Area Council of Governments

### Ozone Status

**2015 Eight-hour Average Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (2015 ozone NAAQS):** To attain this standard, the three-year average of the fourth-highest daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentration measured at each monitor within an area must not exceed 0.070 ppm (parts per million). Equivalently, must not exceed 70 parts per billion, or 70 ppb. The result of the three-year averaging formula is referred to as the design value.

The following tables list the four-highest maximum eight-hour average ozone concentrations in 2016 and the preliminary design values for the region’s three regulatory monitors as of the end of the ozone season, October 31, 2016. Numbers in red represent exceedances of the 70 ppb threshold established by the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Because of high ozone values in 2015, the region’s three-year average at C58 (Camp Bullis) and C23 (Marshall High School) exceeded the new ozone standard as early as the first week of April. The table below shows that there were five days where exceedances of the 70 ppb ozone standard were reported at any of the regulatory monitors. Ozone values in 2016 had been relatively low most of the year, with the exception of early May where two exceedances were reported at CAMS 23, one in late September at CAMS 59, and two in early October at CAMS 23 and CAMS 58. Each of these exceedances was preceded by the passage of a cool front which brought with it a pronounced wind shift from southerly to northerly and back to southerly after a couple days.

Four Highest Eight-hour Average Ozone Measurements at Regulatory Monitors in 2016\*

Monitor Site	Date	PPB	Date	PPB	Date	PPB	Date	PPB
Camp Bullis C58	10/11/16	81	10/2/16	74	10/3/16	70	5/6/16	69
San Antonio NW C23	10/2/16	76	5/5/16	73	10/11/16	72	5/6/16	71
Calaveras Lake C59	9/28/16	71	5/6/16	67	9/29/16	62	4/22/16	62

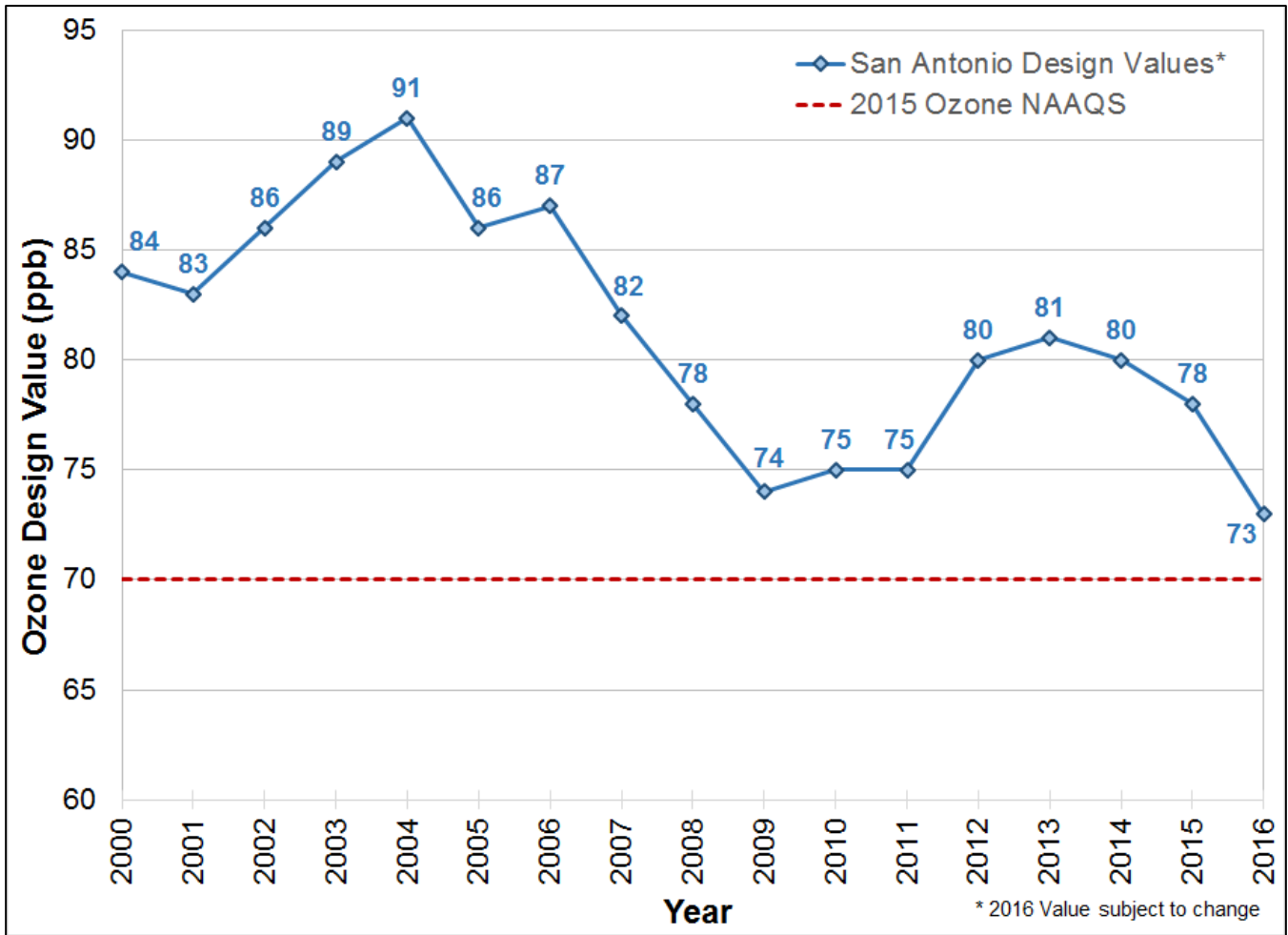
\* Daily ozone values validated through September

Three-year Average of the Fourth Highest Eight-hour Average Ozone Measurements, 2014 – 2016\*

Monitor Site	Fourth Highest 8-Hour Average O <sub>3</sub> Measurement, ppb			3-Year Average
	2014	2015	2016*	
Camp Bullis C58	72	80	69	73
San Antonio NW C23	69	79	71	73
Calaveras Lake C59	63	68	62	64

\* Daily ozone values validated through September

The following graph shows the design value trend from 2000 to 2016. There has been a clear downward trend in design value since 2013. It is important to remember that the 2016 design value is not official until the data is validated.



**2015 Ozone NAAQS Timeline**

On October 1, 2016, Governor Greg Abbott submitted the state’s recommendation for nonattainment boundaries to the EPA. Bexar County is the only county in the San Antonio – New Braunfels MSA included in this recommendation.

On November 2, the EPA released its proposed ruling regarding nonattainment classifications. If the proposed rule and 2016 preliminary design value both hold, any local counties designated nonattainment will be done so at the Marginal level. If the nonattainment area does not meet the 2015 ozone NAAQS by the 2020 deadline, it will be bumped up to Moderate. The public comment period for this proposed rule ends January 2, 2017.

In early June 2017, the EPA will release its proposed rule on which counties will be designated nonattainment, after which there will be a month-long public comment period. The EPA will finalize its nonattainment designations on October 1, 2017.

October 1, 2017  
 October 1, 2018

EPA finalizes nonattainment designations  
 Initial Infrastructure and Interstate Transport SIPs are due



October 1, 2020	Initial Transportation and General Conformity determinations are due SIP elements for non-attainment areas are due for areas classified as Moderate or higher
December 31, 2020	Attainment deadline for Marginal areas
December 31, 2023	Attainment deadline for Moderate areas

### **Air Quality Planning Projects**

AACOG commissioned Steven R. Nivin, LLC to conduct an economic analysis that determines the cost of a nonattainment designation to the San Antonio-New Braunfels region. The study will include the costs to industry for adding or enhancing their emission control equipment, the cost to local governments for planning activities, such as developing conformity determinations, and the cost of implementing additional voluntary control strategies to help bring the area into attainment. The analysis is nearing completion, with the draft report submitted to AACOG on December 1 and final report due December 31. Monthly meetings have been held between the Cost of Nonattainment Subcommittee and the Contractor to discuss monthly progress reports and ensure a more comprehensive economic impact analysis. A similar report completed by CAPCOG in Austin last year estimated the potential cost of non-attainment to the Central Texas economy to be between \$24 and \$41 billion between 2018 and 2046. Annually, the cost is \$0.9 - \$1.4 billion per year.

AACOG commissioned ETC Institute to conduct a public opinion survey of residents' feelings about and support for emission reduction strategies. This survey, conducted during July and August 2016, polled 866 residents across the eight-county MSA, with 50% surveyed in Bexar County and 50% surveyed in the remaining seven counties. Polling methods included email, standard mail, cell phones and landlines. Participants were asked about their level of support of several emissions-reducing strategies, including adding HOV lanes, anti-idling ordinances, the use of renewable energy, and vehicle emissions testing, among others. The final report on this survey was due to AACOG on October 31, 2016.

A Joint Meeting of AACOG's Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Executive Committee and CAPCOG's Clean Air Coalition was held in San Marcos on November 4. A joint resolution between the two committees regarding 2017 legislative priorities was adopted with the following recommendations:

1. Support continued funding of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Program as described in the TCEQ's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the FY 2018-2019 biennium even if the San Antonio Area is designated as nonattainment by the EPA in 2017;
2. Support maximizing the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions that can be achieved in the AACOG and CAPCOG regions through the funds collected for TERP through its grant programs;
3. Support the extension of the DERI grant program to August 31, 2025;
4. Support increased flexibility in the DACM and LIP programs, including (but not limited to) allowing counties to opt into these programs even if they do not have an emissions inspection and maintenance program;
5. Support consideration for making the DACM and LIP programs strictly county-based so as to remove them from the state's appropriation process;
6. Oppose eliminating the revenue that is being deposited into the Clean Air Fund from motor vehicle safety inspections;
7. Support efforts to improve the clarity and effectiveness of statutes related to idling; and
8. Encourage legislators representing the AACOG and CAPCOG regions to sponsor and support legislation advancing these positions.

**12. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Upcoming Transportation Policy Board Meetings**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to potentially take action on future Transportation Policy Board agenda items.

**Issue**

According to Article V, Section B of the MPO's bylaws, the Transportation Policy Board agenda shall be set as follows:

**B. Meeting Agenda**

The Chair of the Board, with the advice of MPO Staff, shall establish the agenda of business to be transacted or considered at all Transportation Policy Board meetings. Any Transportation Policy Board member may submit an agenda item. If for any reason that item is not agendized the member may request consideration by the Transportation Policy Board and the Transportation Policy Board may take action to place the item on a future agenda through the following process:

*A recurring item will be added to all agendas to allow the inclusion of special or non-routine items on the next Transportation Policy Board meeting agenda. In order to be placed on the next agenda, each proposed item will require a motion for approval, second, and "yes" majority vote of the quorum present.*

**Action Requested**

**For discussion and action as necessary.**

**13. Executive Session - Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code**

At any time during the meeting of the MPO Transportation Policy Board, the Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive Session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), Section 551.072 (deliberations about real property), Section 551.074 (personnel matters), and Section 551.086 (economic development).

**14. Adjourn**