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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence
3. Establishment of Quorum

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

**TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. *Excuse*** absent council members.

***Olivia Navarro***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**6. *Discussion and action and Presentation*** by Michael Medina, Executive Director of El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization explaining the organization, the process, provide examples and answer to any questions.

***Adriana Rodarte***

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

***Discussion on the following:***

**7. *Discussion and action*** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters.

***Adriana Rodarte***

**8. *Discussion and action*** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters.

***Adriana Rodarte***

9. **Discussion and action** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. **Adriana Rodarte**

**10. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

**DATED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 2-13-17 @ 3:19 PM  
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February 7, 2017

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Adriana Rodarte**

**SUBJECT: Discussion, Action and Presentation by Michael Medina, Executive Director of El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization explaining the organization, the process, provide examples and answer any questions.**

**SUMMARY**

**We have asked Michael Medina to present and train Council on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Process:**

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization / Transportation Policy Board is the regional planning and programming agency responsible for working with residents, neighborhood groups, local, state and federal agencies, along with transportation providers in El Paso County, Texas, southern Dona Ana and Otero Counties in New Mexico.

The goal is to accomplish regional planning and programming under one voice that provides the greatest benefit while at the same time reflecting the concerns of the community within the MPO area.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):**

**Funding Source:**

**Amount:**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A**

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A**

**ALTERNATIVE**

**N/A**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**N/A**

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# El Paso MPO El Paso MPO El Paso MPO

Michael Medina, Executive Director

City of Socorro, Texas

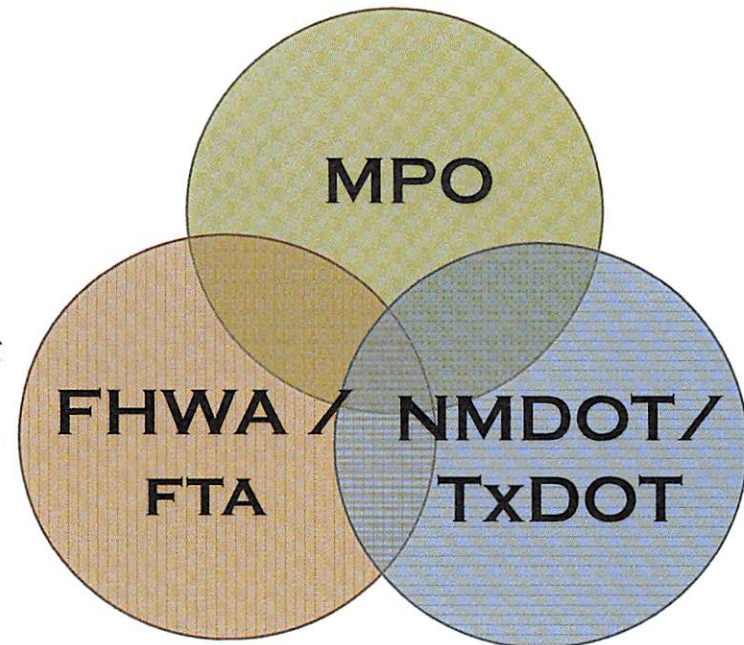
# Overview

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Structure
- Planning Documents
- Planning Process



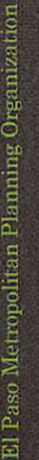
# MPOs

- A transportation **policy-making and planning body** with representatives from state and local government and transportation authorities
- MPOs ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a **continuing, cooperative** and **comprehensive** (3-C) planning process.
- Federal *requirement* in Census urbanized areas of 50,000 or more
- Population at or >200,000, designated a Transportation Management Area
- The Transportation Policy Board is the deciding body
  - Texas and New Mexico representation





- Transportation Policy Board
  - (30 elected and/or appointed officials)
- Executive Committee
  - (7 TPB members)
- Congestion Management Process Committee
  - (3 TPB members)
- Transportation Finance Committee
  - (3 TPB members)
- Suburban Mobility Committee
  - (8 TPB members)
- Transportation Project Advisory Committee
  - (16 appointed members)
- Transit Coordination Committee
  - (Members- TBD)



# Region

- **Las Cruces**

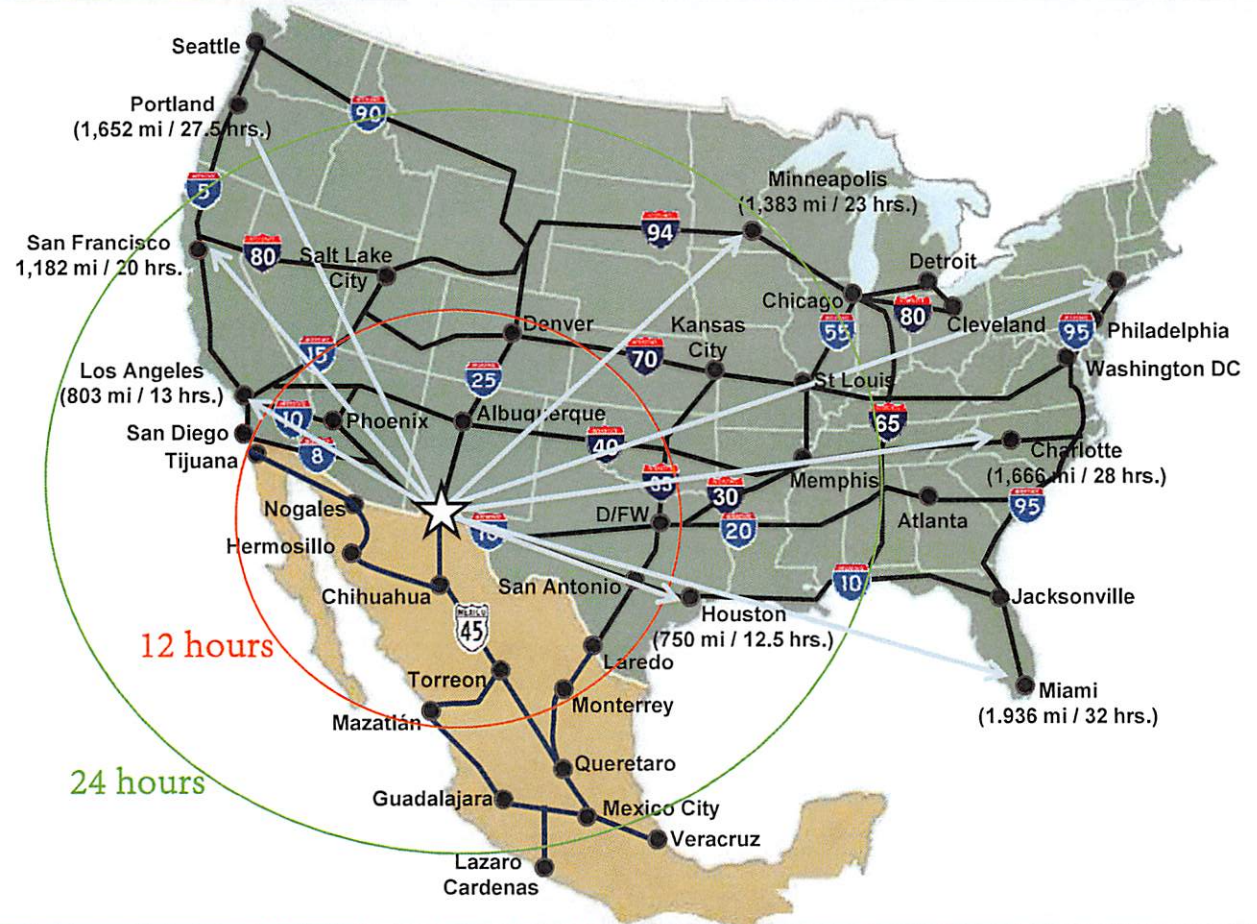
- Population: 289,076
- NM's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City
- 2014 U.S. Leader in Export Growth

- **El Paso**

- Population: 839,007
- TX's 6<sup>th</sup> Largest City
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City on U.S./Mexico Border

- **Cd. Juarez**

- Population: 1.4M
- Chihuahua's Largest City
- Largest City on U.S./Mexico Border





# Planning Documents

- Unified Planning Work Program
- Public Participation Program
- Congestion Management Process
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Transportation Conformity Report

U.S. Codes and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)



# Planning Documents

- **Unified Planning Work Program (2 Years)**
  - **§450.308 (b)\*** Metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 shall be documented in a unified planning work program (UPWP) or simplified statement of work in accordance with the provisions of this section and 23 CFR part 420.
- Five Tasks
  - Administration
  - Data
  - Short-Range Planning
  - Metropolitan Transportation Planning
  - Special Studies

\*Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 23

# Planning Documents

- **Public Participation Program** (continuous)
  - **§450.316 (a)** The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.
- **Congestion Management Process** (continuous)
  - **§450.320 (c)** The congestion management process shall be developed, established, and implemented as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process that includes coordination with transportation system management and operations activities.



# Planning Documents

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** (minimum 20 years)
  - **§450.322 (a)** the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include the development of a transportation plan addressing no less than a 20-year planning horizon as of the effective date. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, the effective date of the transportation plan shall be the date of a conformity determination issued by the FHWA and the FTA. In attainment areas, the effective date of the transportation plan shall be its date of adoption by the MPO.
- **Transportation Improvement Program** (first 4 years of MTP)
  - **§450.324 (a)** The MPO, in cooperation with the State(s) and any affected public transportation operator(s), shall develop a TIP for the metropolitan planning area. The TIP shall cover a period of no less than four years, be updated at least every four years, and be approved by the MPO and the Governor. **(d)** The TIP shall contain all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA whether or not the projects are to be funded under title 23 U.S.C. Chapters 1 and 2 or title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds and congressionally designated projects not funded under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53).
  - *Amendments, as need, in November, February, May, and August*

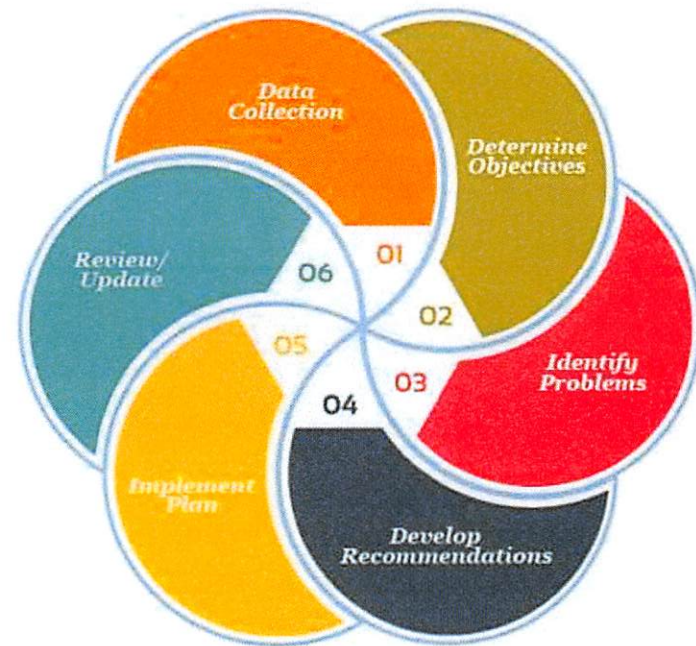


# Planning Documents

- **Transportation Conformity Report** (MTP and TIP nexus)
  - Regional emission analysis of transportation plans and improvement programs are developed to ensure that they are consistent with air quality requirements
  - CFR 40.93.118(b)(2)(i)
  - Nonattainment area for particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM10)
  - Pending Limited Maintenance Plan for Carbon Monoxide (CO)
  - Pending Ozone nonattainment designation

# Planning Process

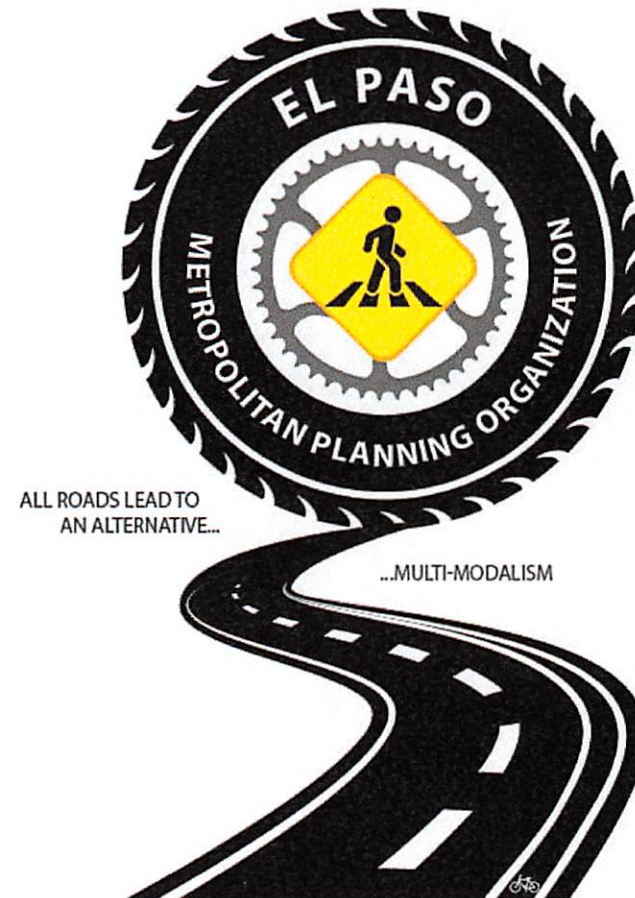
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning
  - is the process of examining travel and transportation issues and needs in metropolitan area
    - includes a demographic analysis of the community
    - an examination of travel patterns and trends.
    - analysis of alternatives to meet projected future demands, and
    - providing a safe and efficient transportation system that meets mobility while
    - Does not create adverse impacts to the environment
- Rational, transparent, and predictable



# Planning Process

- Multi-modal System
  - Roadway
  - Transit
  - Bicycle
  - Pedestrian
- Performance based
  - Baseline information
  - Regional goals and objectives
  - Performance measures
  - Trends and Target setting
  - System Performance Report
  - Forecasts of future conditions and
  - Strategies and Investments
  - Financial plan

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# Planning Process

## Vision

**A seamless and reliable multimodal network which enables connectivity, promotes quality of life and economic wellbeing, and preserves the human environment.**



# Planning Process

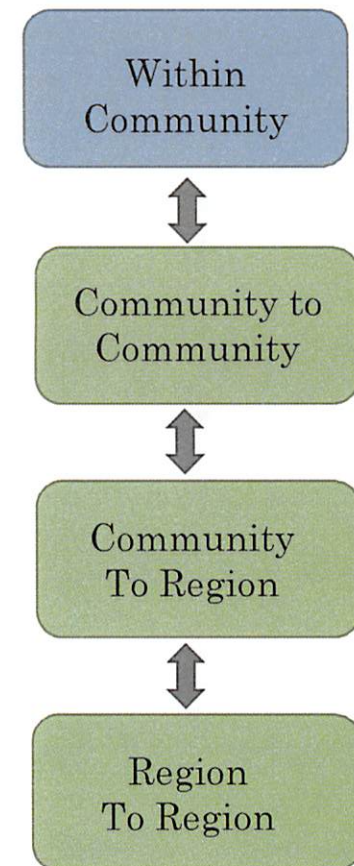
## Within Community

### Goal

- Build and maintain safe and healthy communities

### Objectives

- Revitalize multimodal corridors
- Encourage investments anchored in integrated transportation and land use planning that supports desired community character
- Support walkable and bicycle friendly communities that promote safe non-motorized connections to community resources
- Improve safety through operations, preventative maintenance, ADA compliance
- Prioritize investments in areas of poor health and attract the non-motorist population
- Formulate investments that refine multimodal access to existing or planned transit hubs or that fills gaps in existing multimodal system
- Strengthen connected street network and infill design



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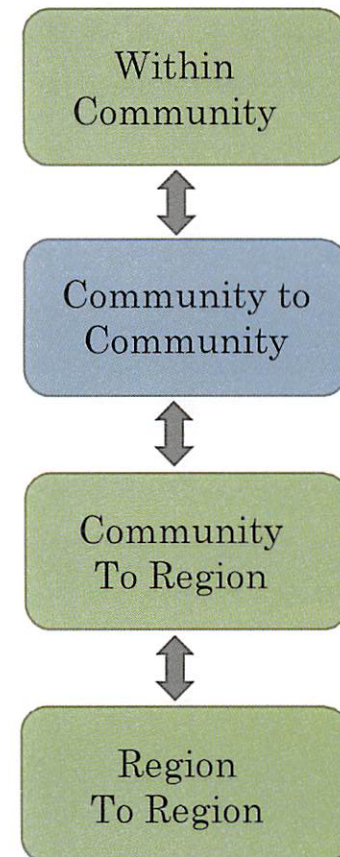
## Community to Community

### Goal

- Provide enhanced choices for mobility for all generations, improve travel time reliability and increase economic opportunities for quality of life

### Objectives

- Increase multimodal connectivity between employment, residential neighborhoods, parks and recreation, medical facilities, shopping areas, public services, and schools.
- Integrate safety improvements for bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-vehicular modes.
- Sustain transportation infrastructure
- Improve the multimodal system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- Provide a multimodal system that adheres to the needs of the communities for all age groups





# Planning Process

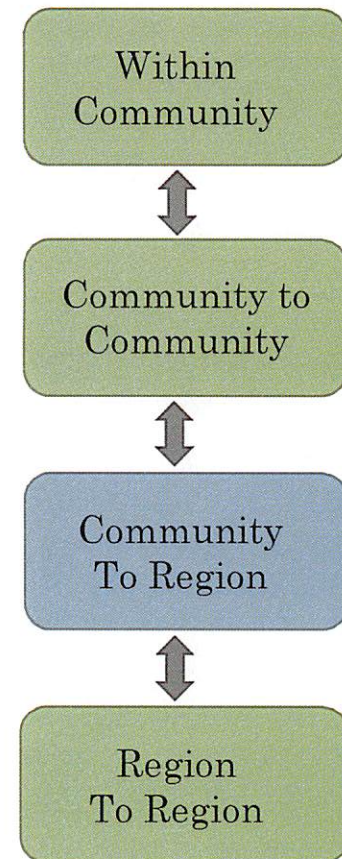
## Community to Region

### Goal

- Connect communities in the region by providing multimodal travel options to recreational, economic and public centers

### Objectives

- Preserve, maintain and improve infrastructure before adding new capacity
- Provide incentives for complete street project design
- Strengthen corridors anchored in integrated transportation and land use planning that supports desired community character
- Advance mobility and economic development by providing travel options with emphasis on public transit
- Enhance travel time reliability through system operations



# Planning Process

## Region to Region

### Goal

- Expand economic opportunities by investing in regional infrastructure including historical sites that are reliable in attracting people of all ages.

### Objectives

- Reduce delay on critical regional thoroughfares with minimal impact to the region
- Support intermodal connections that reduce delay for both people and goods
- Improve efficiency and reliability of freight, cargo and goods by reducing delay on corridors critical to freight movement
- Improve travel time reliability through improved system operations
- Enhance travel and tourism
- Reduce pollution and energy consumption
- Create incentives for innovative technology



# Planning Process

- Call for Projects
  - The EPMPO may undertake a multimodal, systems-level corridor or subarea planning study(s)/analyses as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process.
  - And shall identify and provide timely notice to the TPB and TPAC of:
    - 1) Non-traditional funding opportunities, requirements and associated deadlines
    - 2) The development of potential travel demand model conformity determination concerns
    - 3) Funding balances, in support of 23 CFR 450.322 & 450.324, at the beginning of a new federal fiscal year once funding balances are reconciled and verified
- During a designated *Call for Projects* period, the EPMPO shall recommend to the TPB, through TPAC:
  - 1) Funding strategies developed to avoid the loss of funds in federal fiscal years
  - 2) Funding options to accelerate or program projects that promote the policy goals of the TPB

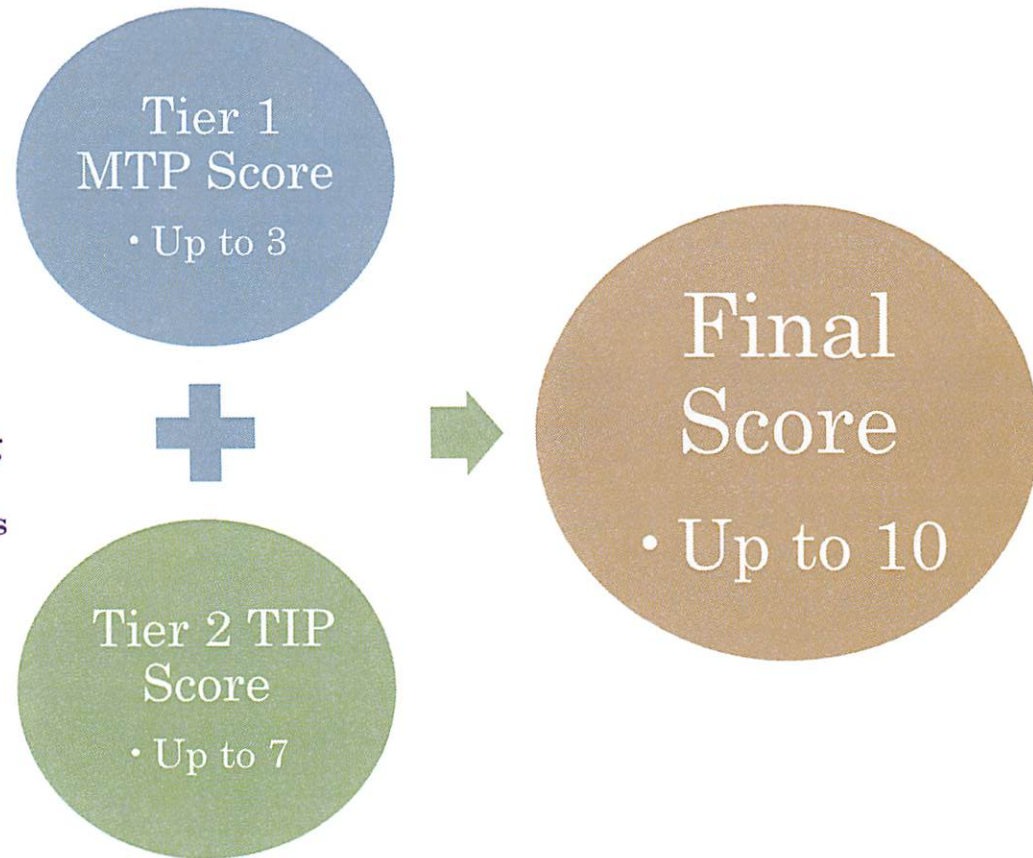


# Planning Process

- Call for Projects Tier System
  - Tier 1: Acceleration of projects (based on project readiness)
  - Tier 2: MPO identifies and recommends regional priorities
  - Tier 3: Regional conformity requirements
  - Tier 4: Call for remaining balances
- Project Request Form
  - A sponsoring agency shall be required to meet with the EPMPO staff to review project nominations prior to the final submission and prescribed deadline to be considered for funding.
  - Project request forms, including any documentation or material(s) deemed necessary per the funding eligibility criteria, that are incomplete or submitted past the prescribed deadline shall be administratively deemed ineligible and disqualified for funding consideration.
  - Applications not reviewed by EPMPO prior to submission shall also be deemed ineligible.

# Planning Process

- Phase 1 Call for Projects
- Phase 2 Need and Purpose
- Tier 1 MTP scores
  - Phase 2.1 **National Goals**
    - 25% of 6 max. possible points
  - Phase 2.2 MPO **CMP Strategies**
    - 25% of 6 max. possible points
- Tier 2 TIP scores
  - Phase 2.3A-C **Project Financing**
    - 25% of 8 max. possible points
  - Phase 2.3D-H **Project Readiness**
    - 25% of 20 max. possible points
- Phase 3 Draft Project List
- Phase 4 TPAC Recommendation
- Phase 5 Public Involvement
- Phase 6 TPB Action



# Planning Process

- The Project Readiness Report shall encompass, at a minimum, the current federal fiscal year (FFY) plus one as identified in 23 CFR 450.324. and shall include, but is not limited to, status of the following:
  - Funding Agreement
  - Schedule (to include *Performance End Date*)
  - Design
  - Environmental Document
  - Public Engagement
  - Acquisition of Rights-of-Way (ROW)
  - Construction (As Applicable)
- Projects that do not demonstrate an ability to obligate within the program FFY may be subject to deprogramming by the TPB by the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision submission to the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP) in February of the FFY.
- Once deprogrammed, any Federal funds once associated with a project shall become part of the EPMPO balances and shall be subject to reprogramming at the direction of the TPB.



# Project Readiness Report

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# Planning Process

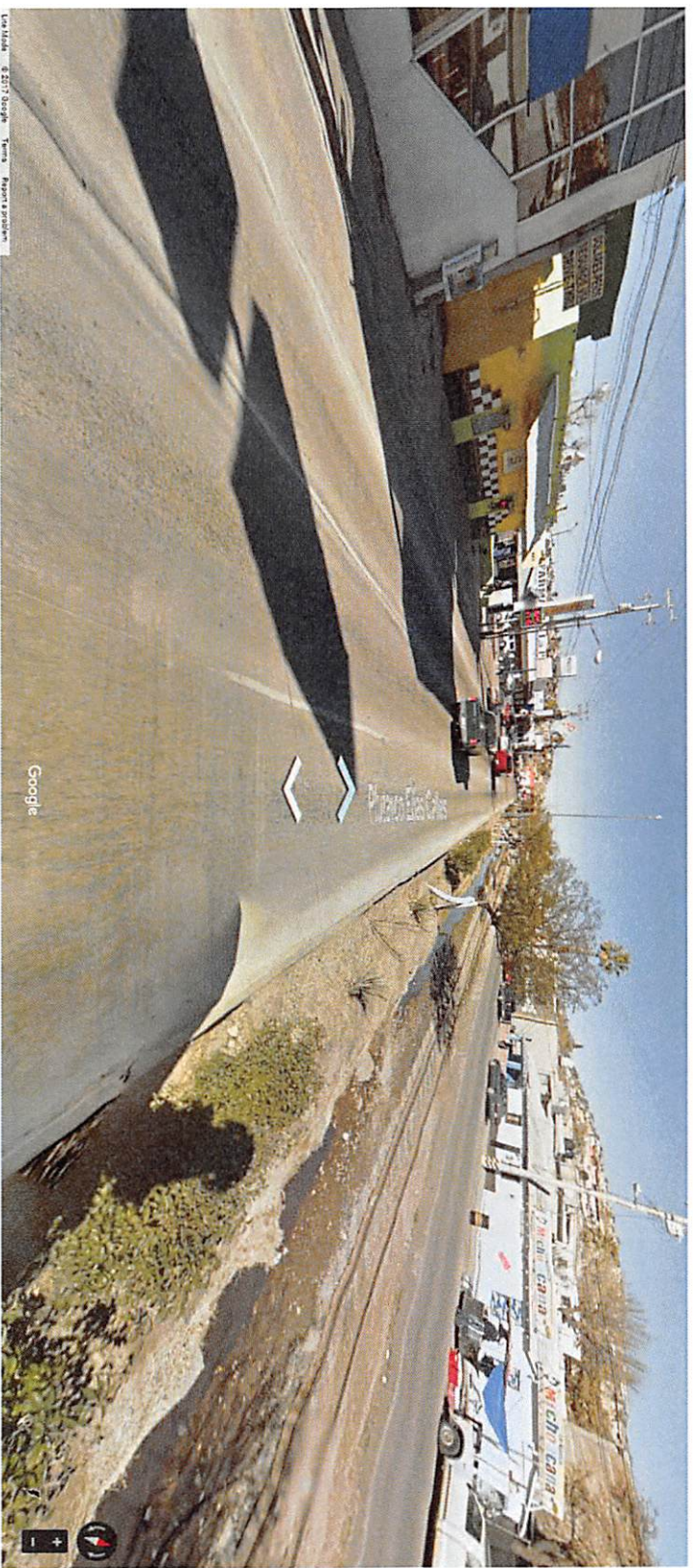
- Funding Categories (CAT)
  - TxDOT
    - CAT 1 Preventive maintenance and Rehabilitation
    - CAT 2 Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects
    - CAT 3 Nontraditional Funded Transportation Projects
    - CAT 4 Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects
    - CAT 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)
    - CAT 6 Bridges
    - CAT 7 Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation (STP-MM)
    - CAT 8 Safety
    - CAT 9 Transportation Alternative Projects
    - CAT 10 Supplemental Transportation Projects
    - CAT 11 District Discretionary
    - CAT 12 Strategic Priority
  - NMDOT
    - Surface Transportation Program –Large Urban
    - CMAQ

# Planning Process

- Development and content of the TIP
  - **§450.326 (f)** The TIP shall contain all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA whether or not the projects are to be funded under title 23 U.S.C. Chapters 1 and 2 or title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds and congressionally designated projects not funded under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53). For public information and conformity purposes, the TIP shall include all regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with Federal funds other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, **as well as all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-Federal funds.**
- Project Capture
  - Usually 10 year blocks
    - Networks
      - Base year, 2010, 2020, 2030, and 2040
  - Travel Demand Model
    - Roadway Capacity Project
    - Non Added Capacity Project

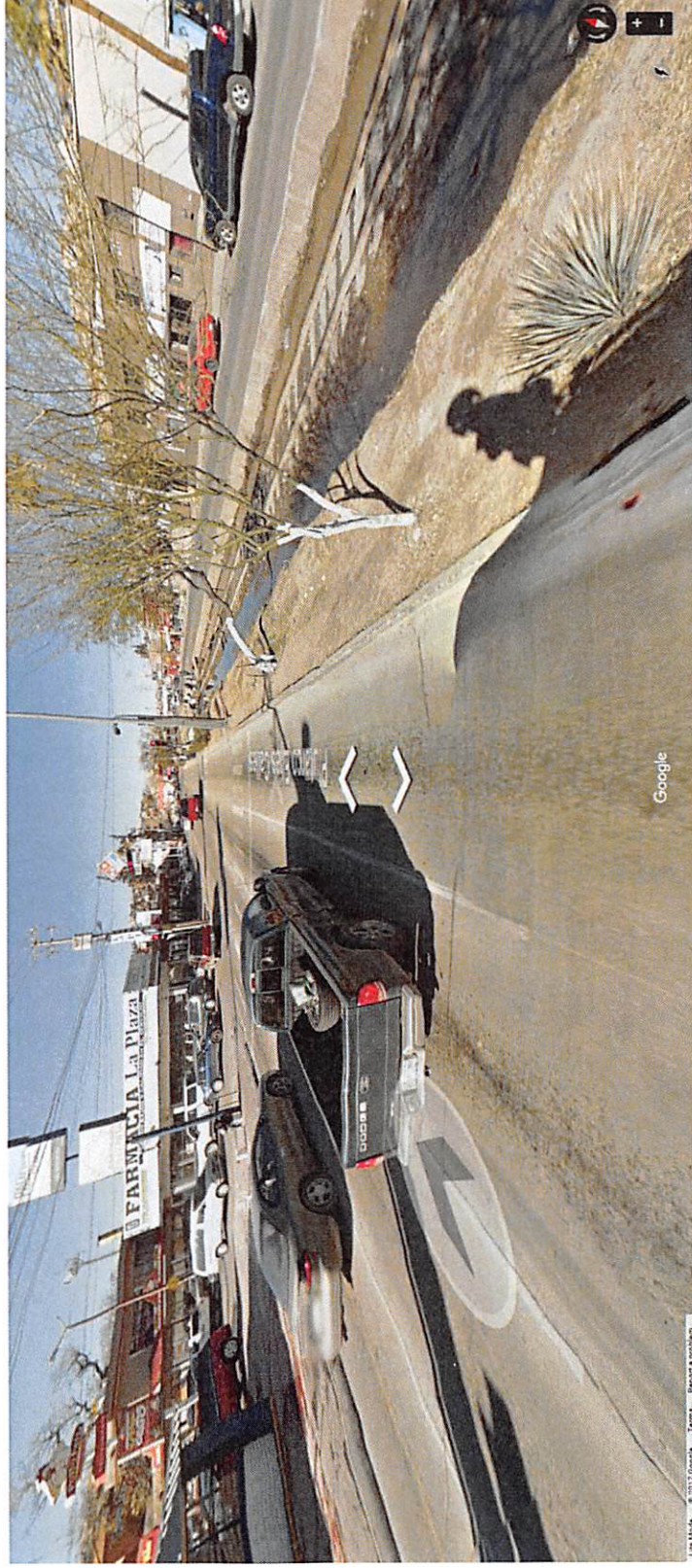


# Project Example



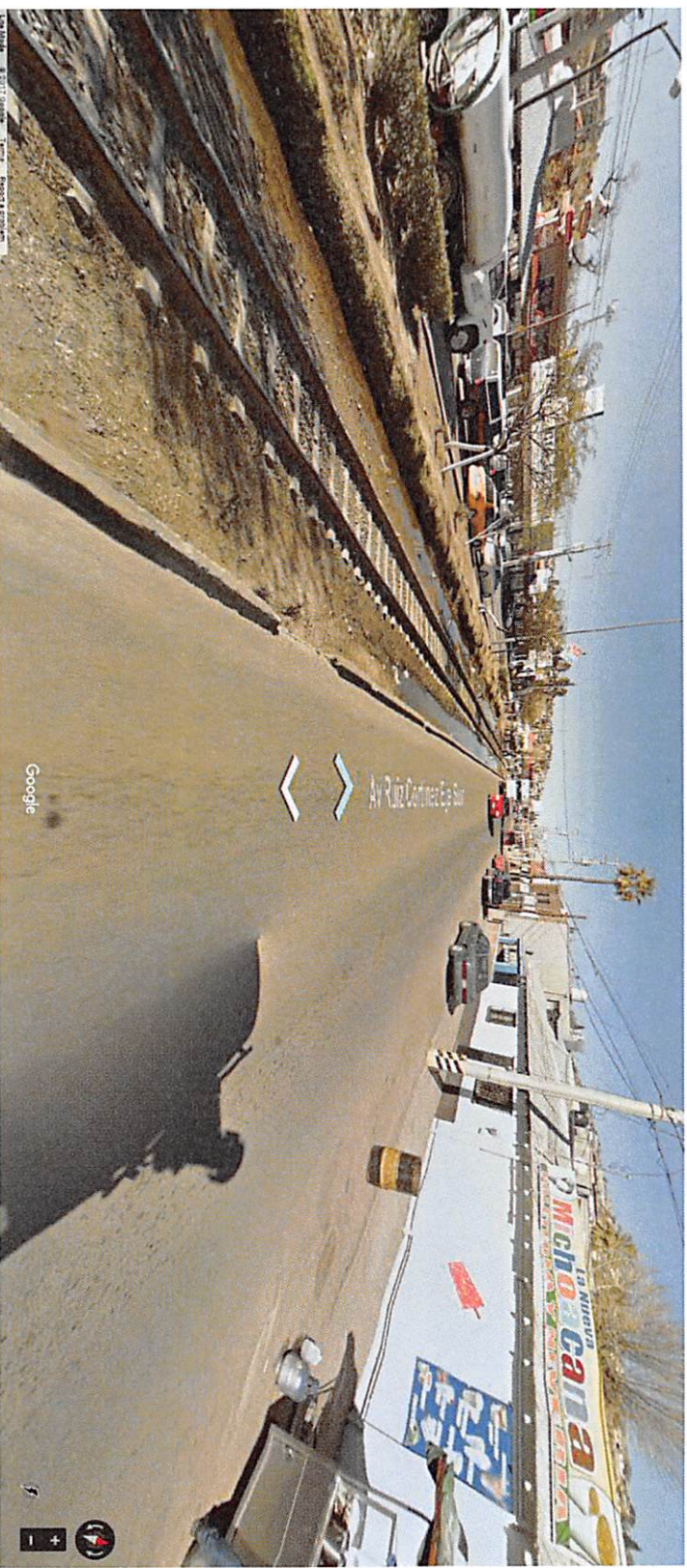


# Project Example





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# Project Example

- Improvement(s)?
  - Pedestrian
  - Bicycle
  - Transit
  - Roadway
- Financing?
  - Capital Improvement Program
  - Local “tools”
    - Debt financing
    - Transportation Reinvestment Zones, etc.
  - MPO
  - Other federal, state, and local resources/partners

# Questions?

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