

**Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board**

**Meeting Date:** January 18, 2024

**Agenda Item: Consideration and Action regarding approval of Resolution 2024-1: Adoption of Amendment 5 to Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

**Comments:** The Waco MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies regional transportation needs of the Waco Metropolitan Area through the planning horizon year of 2045 and includes a list of recommended and prioritized roadway and transit projects for the Waco metropolitan area that intend to utilize federal highway or public transportation funds.

As roadway projects move through the development process, the scope of work, extent, and cost may change. If this occurs, the MTP may need to be updated to be consistent with the project programmed into the TIP. Proposed Amendment 5 revises the estimated cost for a planned roadway construction project along US 84 (Woodway Dr) from FM 1695 (Hewitt Dr) to SS 298 (Franklin Ave) (Project S-048E).

Waco Transit System receives an annual federal formula allocation through the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program to be used to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and bus-related equipment and facilities. Proposed Amendment 5 adds a bus purchasing categorical strategy to the MTP and estimates the amount of federal funds that will be allocated to Waco Transit during fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for bus-related purchases.

The MPO Staff conducted a 10-day public comment period and 2 public information meetings to solicit comments regarding proposed Amendment 5 to the MTP. Comments were accepted between January 8 and January 17, 2024, and the public meetings were conducted on January 8 at 12 Noon and 5:30 p.m. No formal comments were received. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the adoption of Amendment 5 to Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- Action Required:**
1. Receive update on public engagement
  2. Conduct Public Hearing
  3. Consideration and action

**Motion By:**

**Seconded:**

**Content of Motion:**

**Vote:**