



# Waco MPO Public Informational Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024 - Noon & 5:30PM

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# Agenda

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- What is the Waco MPO?
- Review of Proposed Plan & Program Amendments
- Public Comment Opportunities
- Questions & Answers



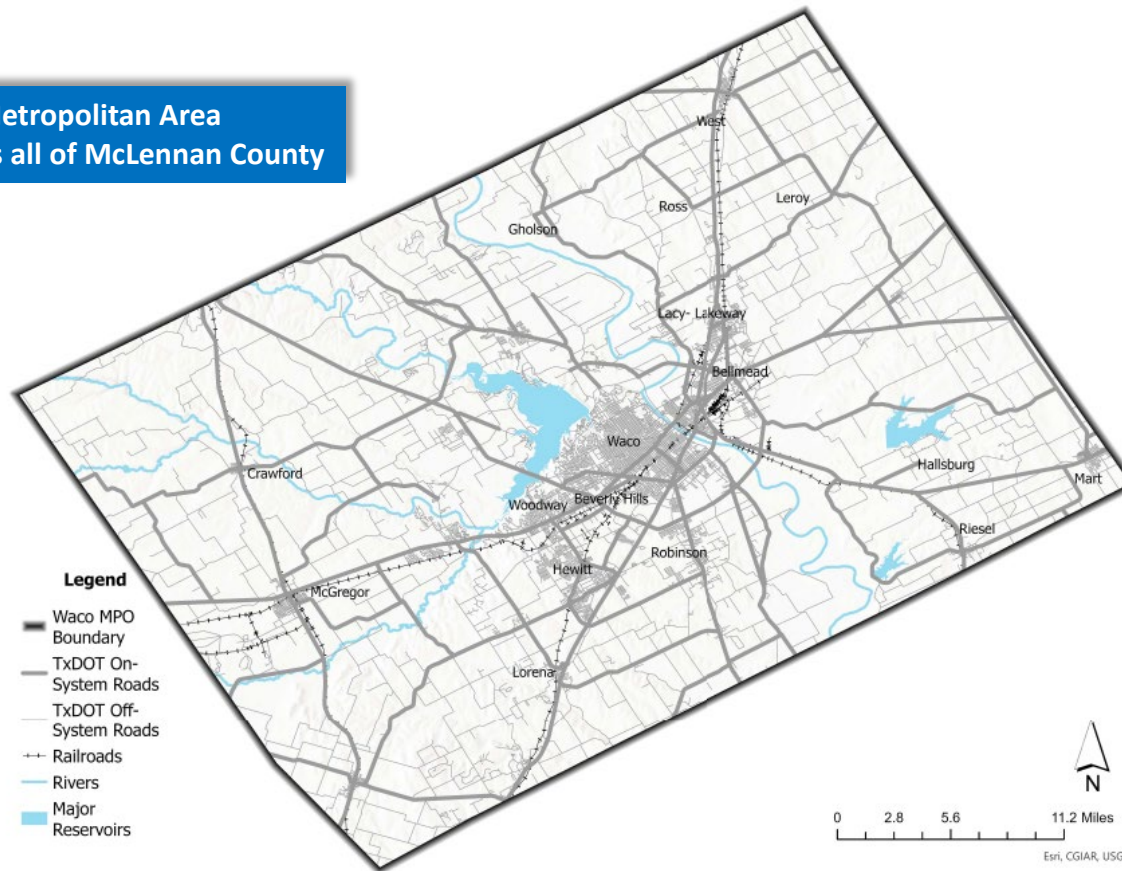
# What is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and what is its role?

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- Provides local input into long term, regional transportation decisions
- Prioritizes regionally significant projects with realistic funding strategies
- Decides how federal highway and transit funds are to be used within the Waco Region and assist local governments and TxDOT in identifying priorities
- Guides how the future transportation network should look and function for all users

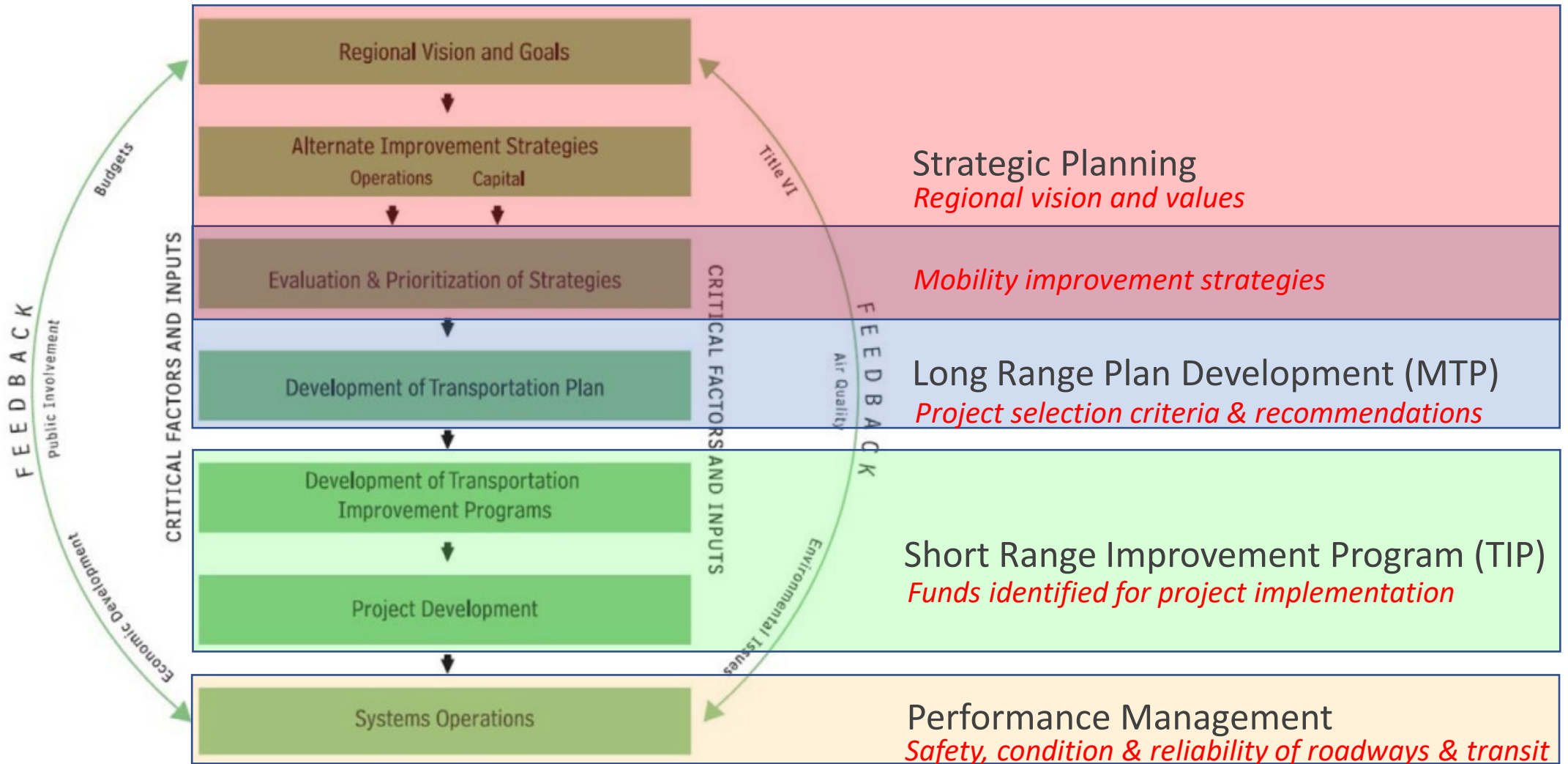
# What is the Waco MPO?

Waco Metropolitan Area  
includes all of McLennan County



- Required for urban areas > 50,000 population
- Governed by 20-member Policy Board
- Informed by 19-member Technical Advisory Committee + four workgroups
- Coordination and consensus building role to plan and fund transportation projects

# Waco MPO Transportation Planning Process



Source: *The Transportation Planning Process Briefing Book*, USDOT



# Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Proposed Revisions



# Public Participation Plan

## Proposed Revisions for Public Engagement

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- Purpose of PPP
  - Details efforts to solicit stakeholder and other interested party's involvement in the development of the MPO's plans and programs
- Proposed Amendments
  - Purpose - clarify the public hearing process and how administrative modifications are implemented
  - Amend Section 4.1 Meeting Formats to reflect change of Policy Board and if directed, TAC from 2:00pm to 1:30 pm, and add CAV Work Group meeting details
  - Amend Section 4.3 Public Hearings to clarify opportunities for the public to address the Policy Board during a Policy Board meeting
  - Amend Section 6 Public Participation Procedures to include Administrative Modifications and to provide guidance on their implementation
  - Amend Section 6.1 Public Comment Periods clarify the distinction between “calendar days” and “working days” for Public Comment Period Requirements

# Public Participation Plan

## Public Engagement Schedule

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- Solicitation of Comments – December 26, 2023 – February 9, 2024
  - Submit comments online at <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Metropolitan-Planning-Organization/Community-Engagement>
- Public Information Meetings
  - January 8, 2024 – 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM
  - In Person - 401 Franklin Ave, Waco, in the 1st Floor Main Conference Room of the Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center
  - Virtual - Meeting information posted at <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Metropolitan-Planning-Organization/Meetings>
- TAC Review / Recommendation to Policy Board – February 1, 2024
- Public Hearing / Policy Board Action – February 15, 2024



# Connections 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Proposed Revisions



# Connections 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Proposed Revisions to the MTP

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- Purpose of MTP
  - Identifies how the region intends to invest in the transportation system for a 25-year period.
- Proposed Amendments
  - Reflect refinements to TxDOT's cost estimates for US 84 project in development
    - Revised estimated construction cost of \$205.3 million (down from \$214.3 million)
    - Revised estimated total project cost of \$214.3 million (down from \$223.3 million)
  - Reflect expected allocation of federal funding to the region for vehicle related purchases
    - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339(a) Program for Capital Purchases for Buses/Bus Facilities
    - 5-year allocation (FY 2020 – 2025)

# Connections 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Engagement Schedule

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# FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

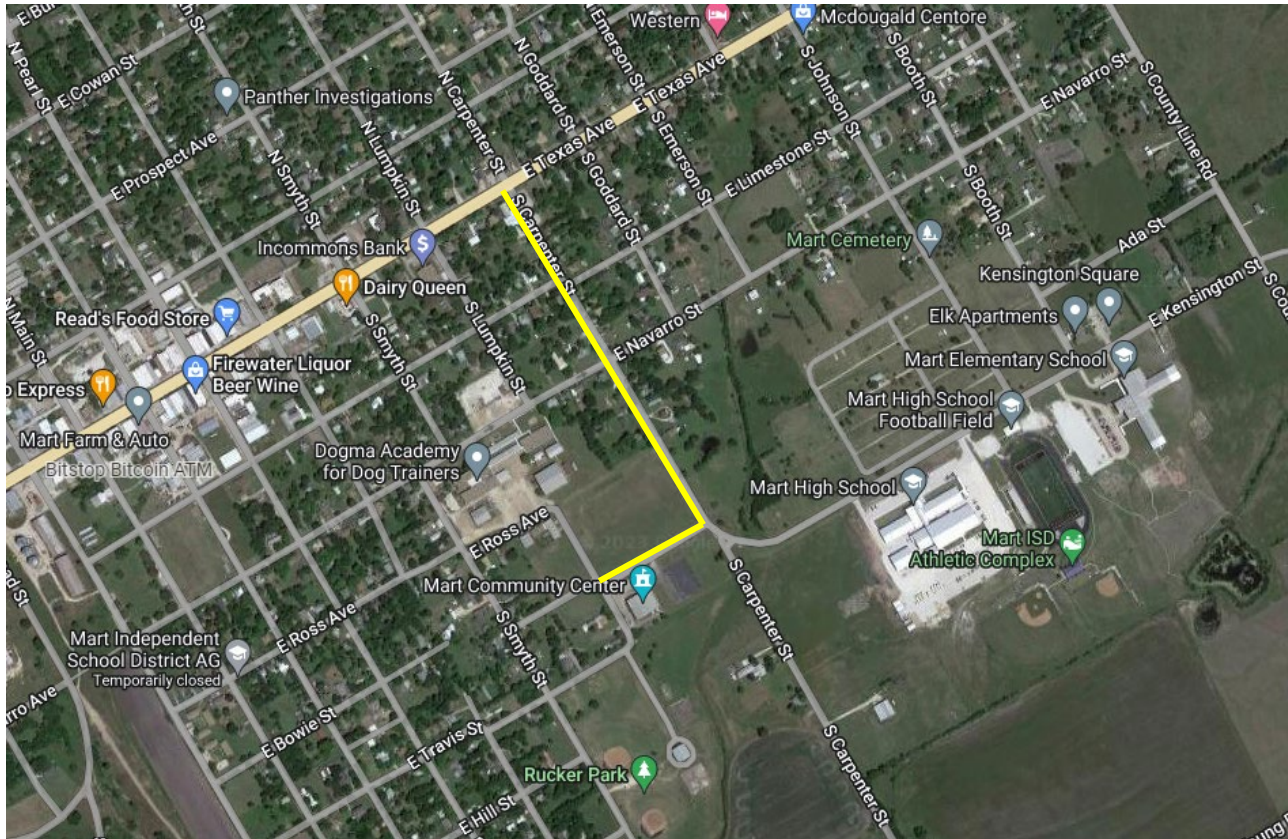
## Proposed Revisions

# 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Proposed Revisions

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- Purpose of TIP
  - Program funding identified for federal highway, public transportation, and pedestrian projects within the Waco region
- Proposed Amendment
  - Programs Transportation Alternative (TA) project awards by the Texas Transportation Commission
    - Cities of Mart, Waco, and Woodway for bicycle and pedestrian projects
  - Programs City of Waco contributions to IH-35 4C for project enhancements - \$1.9M
  - Programs FY 2024 Category 2 Formula Allocation
  - Programs 5339a formula allocation for transit vehicle purchases for Waco Transit

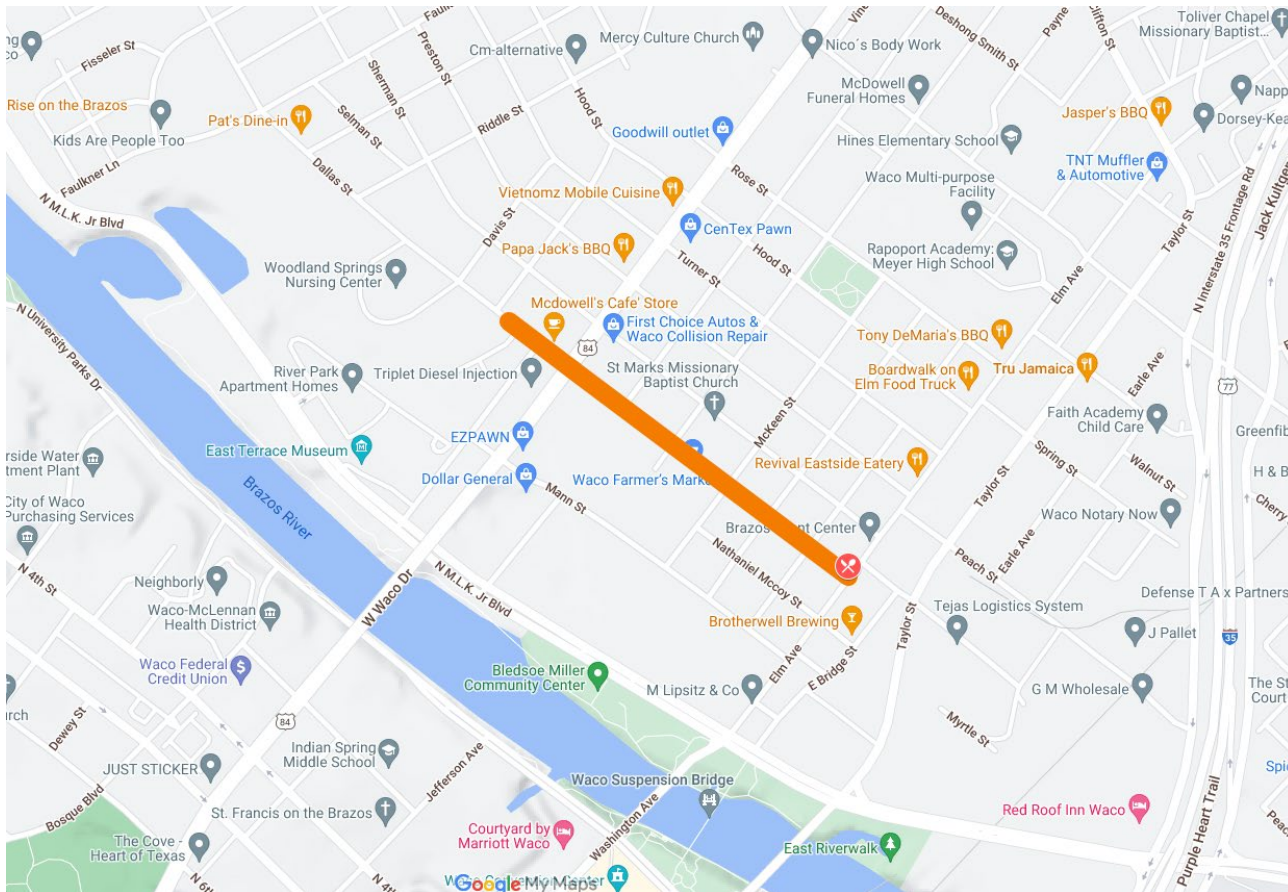
# TxDOT 2023 TA Project Award



- Mart School and Neighborhood Connector Project
  - Scope
    - Improve connections between the downtown area of Mart, adjacent neighborhoods and schools, and the community center
  - Location / Extent
    - S. Carpenter St. from SH 164 (E Texas Ave) to E. Bowie St.; E. Bowie St. from S. Carpenter St. to S. Lumpkin St.
  - Preliminary Cost Estimate
    - ~\$1.347 M



# TxDOT 2023 TA Project Award



- Carver Neighborhood Bike/Ped Improvements
  - Scope
    - Improve bike/ped access to & circulation within Downtown Waco
  - Location / Extent
    - Along Dallas St between Elm Ave & Ashburn St
  - Preliminary Cost Estimate
    - ~\$4.385 M

# TxDOT 2023 TA Project Award



- Woodway Elementary Safety Improvements
  - Scope
    - Improve pedestrian traffic and ease vehicular use near Woodway Elementary School
  - Location / Extent
    - Along Midway Drive from Harvey Dr. to Estates Dr. & along Estates Dr. from Midway Dr. to Jordan Ln
  - Preliminary Cost Estimate
    - ~\$1.048 M

# Public Transit Grant for Vehicle Purchases

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- Public Transit 5339(a) Formula Allocation
  - To replace, rehabilitate & purchase vehicles and related equipment
  - Construct & modify bus-related facilities
  - Program capital purchases during the 4-year scope of the TIP (FY 23-26)
    - FY 2021 & FY 2022 allocations are carried over into FY 2023 to accommodate the TIP timeframe.
    - FY 2024 allocations have not been made yet.

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# What Are Your Thoughts?

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- Questions? Comments? Ideas?
- Contact Us!
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- Comments accepted in any language
- Comment cards are accessible on the MPO website in the *Get Involved* section





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