

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2021-2022 EDUCATIONAL SERIES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS



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Visual Dictionary

TxDOT's Visual Dictionary is designed to provide better understanding of transportation elements, words, and concepts.





METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

OVERVIEW

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a local decision-making body responsible for overseeing the metropolitan transportation planning process. Federal law requires governors to designate a Metropolitan Planning Organization for each urban area with a population of more than 50,000 people through agreements between the governor and the local governments that together represent at least 75 percent of the affected population.

There are currently 23 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Texas. A Metropolitan Planning Organization can be a stand-alone agency. However, some local governments form their Metropolitan Planning Organization as an agency within a city, county, or council of government organization. Each Metropolitan Planning Organization has a governing policy board, which adopts the Metropolitan Planning Organization's policy, bylaws, and organizational procedures.

Composed of local elected officials and local representatives of state agencies and guided by local public input, Metropolitan Planning Organizations coordinate transportation planning within their respective urban areas. Metropolitan Planning Organizations, TxDOT, and the Texas Transportation Commission work together to balance the transportation needs of local communities with the need for statewide connectivity. Metropolitan Planning Organizations receive funding through federal, state, and local sources. TxDOT manages the allocation of federal and state transportation funds to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Texas.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY

Metropolitan Planning Organizations are responsible for conducting the urban transportation planning process that allows the Metropolitan Planning Organizations to receive federal and state transportation funding. The primary Metropolitan Planning Organizations planning documents include:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan – This long-range (minimum 20-year) plan outlines proposed transportation improvement projects and identifies potential funding sources for those projects;
- Transportation Improvement Program – Federal financial constraint requirements guide Metropolitan Planning Organizations in their development of a short-range, four-year list of projects that are ready for construction scheduling. Metropolitan Planning Organizations must identify reasonably expected funding for the listed projects; and
- Unified Planning Work Program – The Metropolitan Planning Organizations develop this one to two-year work plan and budget. The Unified Planning Work Program describes proposed activities, their estimated costs, and funding sources for projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.



IMPLEMENTATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PLANNING PROGRAMS

Once all 23 Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations approve their regional Transportation Improvement Programs, TxDOT compiles them with rural Transportation Improvement Programs and other state transportation programs into one document, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Texas Transportation Commission and Federal Highway and Transit Administration officials review and approve the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Local project sponsors and TxDOT then work together to implement the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program projects.

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

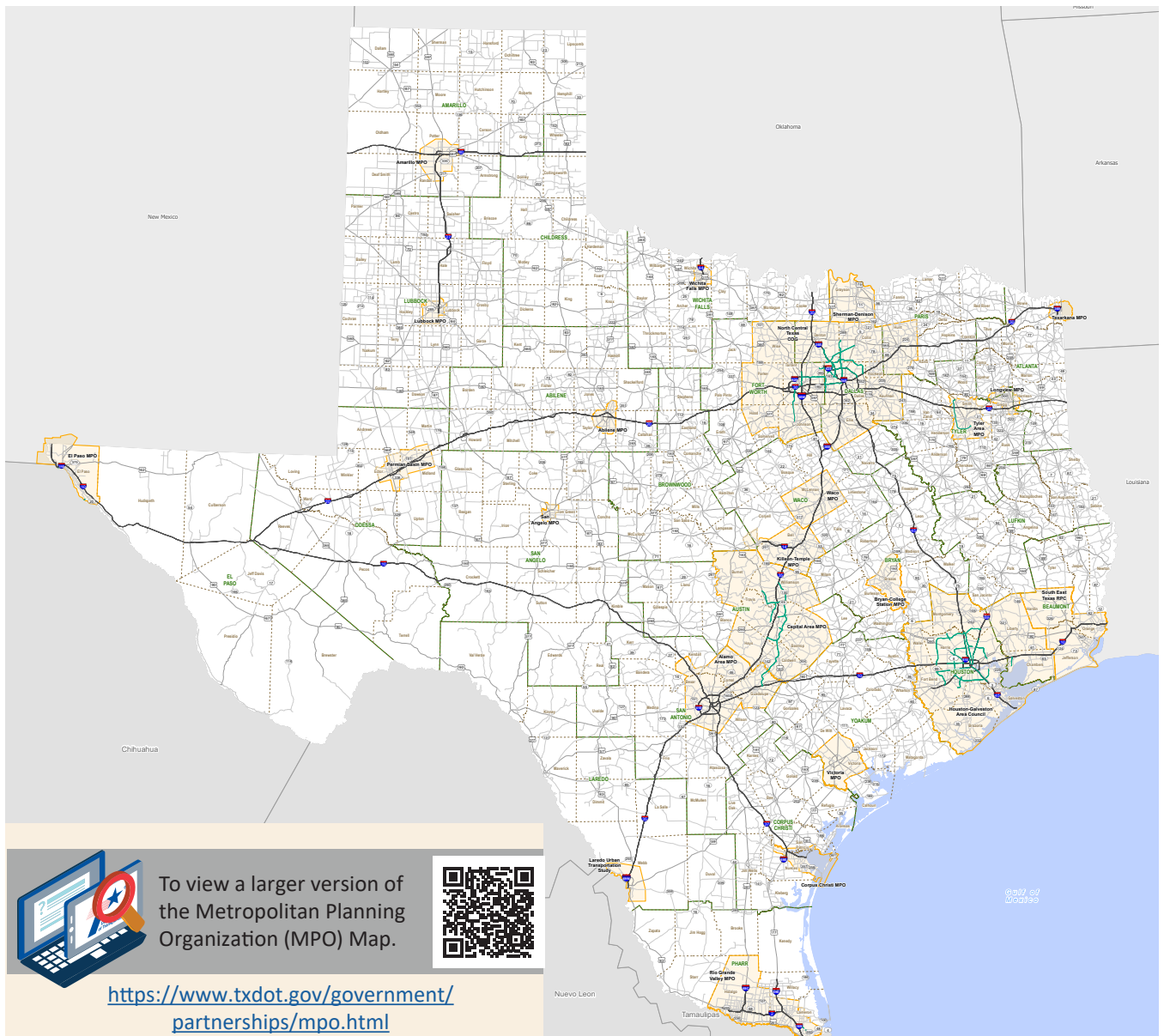


For more information on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/transportation-planning/stips.html>

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MAP



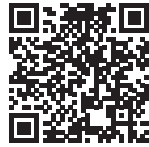
To view a larger version of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Map.



<https://www.txdot.gov/government/partnerships/mpo.html>



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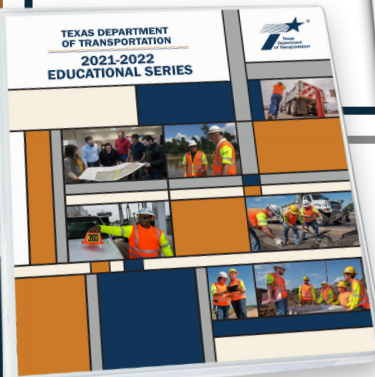
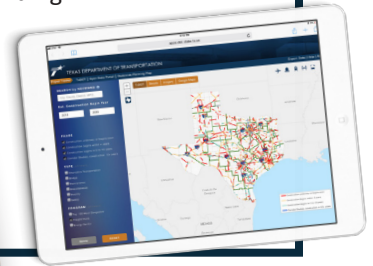
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