

#### **RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2025-09**

#### BY THE LAREDO AND WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

#### SUPPORTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (SATP)

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the Laredo Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is developing a comprehensive Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP) to establish a unified vision of the identification and implementation of strategic active transportation priorities and policies across Texas through 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan is a safe, accessible, connected and fully integrated pedestrian and bicycle network that increases active mobility and supports health, economic vitality and resiliency within communities and across Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, an active transportation plan provides recommendations for improving conditions for bicycling, walking, or other models that are typically human-powered, non-motorized transportation, but may also include smaller lightweight electric-powered micromobility options such as electric scooters (e-scooters) and electric bicycles (e-bikes); and

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan will enhance 1.) Improve Safety, Comfort and Accessibility 2.) Enhance Connectivity 3.) Address Community Needs 4.) Support Economic Vitality and 5.) Promote Healthy Communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Laredo Webb County Area MPO and the MPO Active Transportation Committee are actively involved with the annual National Bike Month campaign that included a proclamation, local bicycle activities and community participation of local stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan aligns with the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the Laredo and Webb County Active Transportation Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), hereby agrees to support the Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan providing input in the development and adoption of the plan.

We certify that the above resolution was passed and adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño Mayor of Laredo and Chairperson of the LWCAMPO Policy Committee

Juan . Mendive, AICP LWCAMPO Director

and Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer

TxDOT - Laredo District

#### LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACTION ITEM

DATE: 06-18-2025	ITEM: IV.D.

#### SUBJECT: RESOLUTION

Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution No. **MPO-2025-09** supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP) to establish a unified vison of the identification and implementation of strategic active transportation priorities and policies across Texas through 2050.

INITIATED BY:	STAFF SOURCE:
Staff	Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director

PREVIOUS ACTION: None

#### BACKGROUND:

As our state's population and economy continue to grow, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently developing a comprehensive Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP) to help Texans get to where they want to go more effectively, efficiently, and safely while contributing to a next-generation transportation network. The project initiated in the Summer of 2023 gathering data and input from stakeholders and communities across the state through public meetings continuing through 2025 for a plan to improve bicycling, walking or other models that are typically human-powered, non-motorized transportation, but may also include smaller lightweight electric-powered micromobility options such as electric scooters (e-scooters) and electric bicycles (e-bikes).

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## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The Technical Committee recommended approval of resolution no. MPO 2025-09.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: Staff recommends approval.

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# **WELCOME** PUBLIC MEETING

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## Meeting Purpose

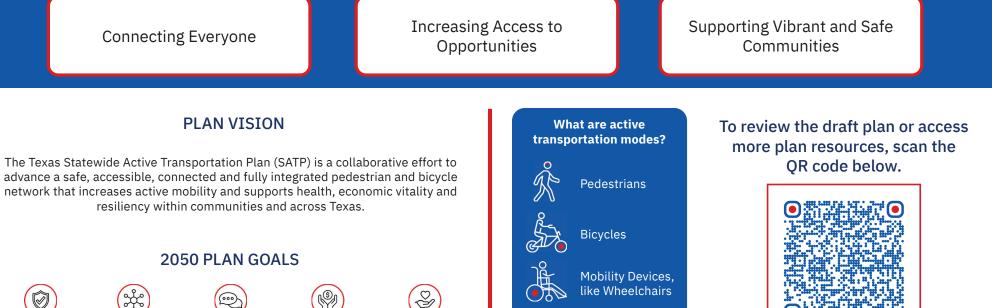
- Continue to build and strengthen existing relationships with active transportation users across the state.
- Grow enthusiasm and build support for the draft Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP). Collect feedback on plan implementation.
- Demonstrate how input from stakeholders and the public has been used in developing the plan.



## WHY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IS IMPORTANT IN TEXAS

Texas is home to more than 31 million people supporting 15.5 million jobs. By 2050, the state's population is expected to grow by nine million people and six million new jobs. This rapid growth requires a transportation system that is responsive to the increasing and changing needs of residents, workers, and visitors.





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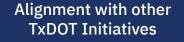
## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN & WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION





## WHO IS ENGAGED IN PLAN DEVELOPMENT?

Advancing active transportation in Texas will require efforts of TxDOT, its partners, active transportation users, and the traveling public.



The SATP is part of a coordinated strategy to improve travel within Texas. There are a number of TxDOT studies and plans that helped inform the SATP, including:

- Connecting Texas 2050, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Texas Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan
- Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Study
- ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
- Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
- Statewide Bicycle Safety Analysis
- Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment
- TxDOT District Bicycle Plans

Internal Partners Subject matter experts from various TxDOT divisions and 25 districts. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Eleven representatives, including bicyclists, pedestrians, people with disabilities and other interested parties.

#### **Steering Committee (SC)**

This group consists of 19 members from 13 agencies and organizations, in addition to four TxDOT districts and internal TxDOT partners.

TxDOT worked with these stakeholders and the public to gather existing condition information, confirm and prioritize goals, and develop challenges and potential strategies. Input provided now will help refine the plan and priority actions for implementation.

Community Participants Communities, advocacy groups and the public participated throughout the process via email, public meetings and online surveys.

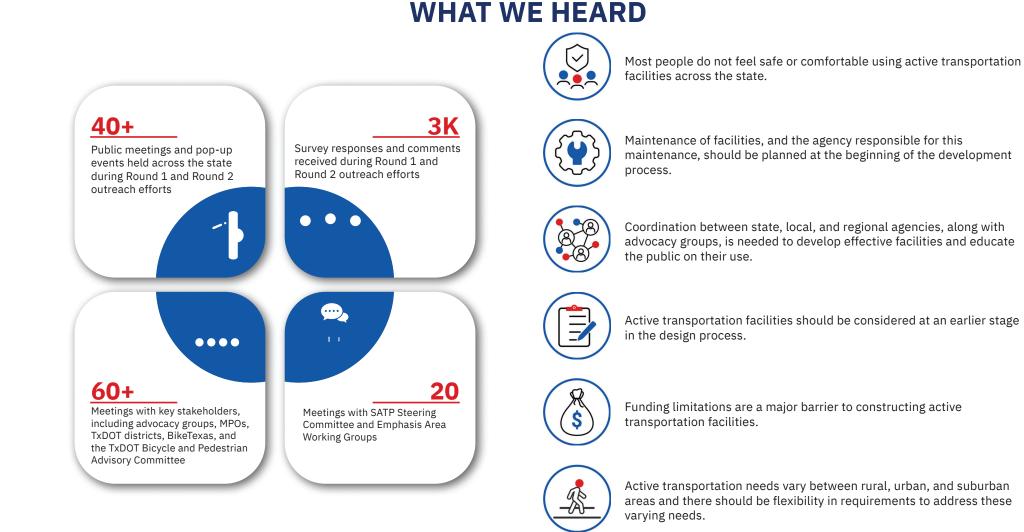
#### Emphasis Area Working Groups (EAWG)

Six groups focused on key emphasis areas of the plan. They represent municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), state agencies and other organizations throughout the state.

#### Partner Agencies

Partner agencies included cities, counties, towns, regional planning organizations, transit agencies and FHWA.



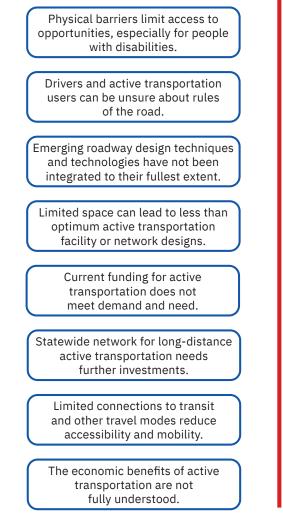




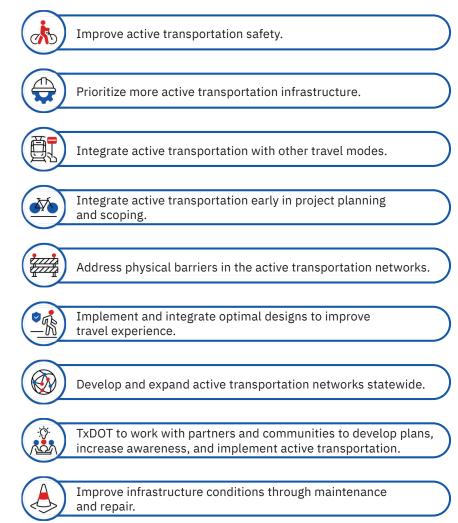
## CHALLENGES

Congestion in large metro regions is driven by rapid growth. Some active transportation facilities have not been maintained. Active transportation may not always be prioritized in the planning and design process. Pedestrians and bicyclists are disproportionately represented in roadway fatalities. Many active transportation routes are not comfortable for all users. Multimodal connections and amenities serving ports of entry are limited. Land use planning and active transportation implementation needs further integration. Active transportation travel options are not widely available in all

local communities.



## **STRATEGIES**





## STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRIORITY ACTIONS

Accelerating implementation requires identifying priorities for the **next five years**.

Advancing active transportation in Texas will require partnerships that include thoroughly engaging the public and stakeholders before active transportation projects are implemented. Identify and make investments in critical corridors by creating a Priority Investment Network. Identify potential candidate routes for designation on the U.S. Bicycle Route System.

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Lead an active transportation education campaign. Identify partnership opportunities with local governments and non-profits to generate awareness of active transportation resources and benefits.



Develop internal and external training that includes design examples and prototypes to support local and regional governments in developing consistent bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.



Enhance data collection with new technologies or through private entities. Collect geospatial data to improve analysis. Provide publicly accessible progress reporting.

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Improve the flexibility of funding sources and consider developing a dedicated multimodal streets fund. Identify new and innovative funding sources and grants.



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To be included in the public engagement summary, comments must be received or postmarked by July 13, 2025.



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## **NEXT STEPS**

JUNE - JULY 2025: Complete outreach round 3. Analyze your comments and input.

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SUMMER - FALL 2025: Update, review, and finalize the plan.

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**WINTER 2025 - 2026\*:** Work with partners to begin implementation of priority actions.

### \*Timeframe subject to change

## **STAY INFORMED**

