

MPO Needs Public Participation In Growth Scenario Workshops

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An ever-growing population equals ever-growing transportation needs. By 2035 there will be over 600,000 more people traveling in San Antonio and Bexar County greatly increasing our current **traffic congestion** problems. To plan for this growing problem, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating our Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The MTP is a 25-year, long-range plan that is a blueprint for future transportation investments in the MPO planning area and guides the expenditure of federal, state, and local funds for these projects. The current plan, *Mobility 2030: San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, was approved in December 2004 and programs approximately \$8 billion dollars worth of transportation improvements through 2030.

Since public involvement is crucial to good planning, we are inviting the public to any one of the remaining identical growth scenario workshops to plan for our transportation needs over the next 25 years.

DATES and LOCATIONS

- **Tuesday, March 3—St. Philip’s College Heritage Room, 1801 Martin Luther King**
 - **Wednesday, March 4—Via Metro Center Community Room, 1021 San Pedro**
- TIME:** Open House from 6 to 6:30 p.m. – Workshops from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The workshops will begin with an Open House that will provide information about the MPO and other partner agencies, the current plan, *Mobility 2030: San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, and three alternative growth scenarios.

The workshops will consider how different types of land use will affect our transportation system and ask participants “How do you want to see our area grow?” Scenarios being analyzed include:

- **Current Development Trend Scenario** – This scenario illustrates how continued urban growth, primarily outside of Loop 1604, will affect the transportation system.
- **In-Fill Development Scenario** – This scenario asks people to consider how our transportation system could be different if growth was encouraged inside of Loop 1604.
- **Transit-Oriented Development Scenario** – This scenario identifies potential high-capacity transit corridors throughout the city and how transit-oriented developments along these corridors could impact our transportation system.

The MPO is responsible for conducting the urban transportation planning process that the MPO planning area – which includes Bexar County and parts of Comal and Guadalupe Counties – needs to follow in order to receive approximately \$200 million annually in federal and state transportation funding.

For more information on the upcoming workshops or the 2035 MTP update, please contact Linda Vela at (210) 785-0888 or Scott Ericksen at (210) 230-6902.