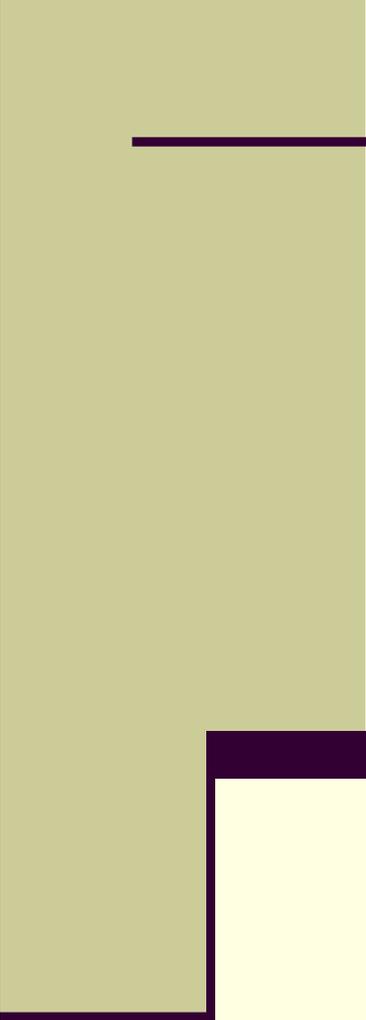




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Project Selection Process

- **Projects must be included in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
- **MTP is long-term, 30 year plan that addresses:**
 - **Congestion Management**
 - **Air Quality**
 - **Transportation System Modal Evaluation**

Project Selection Process

**City's Major Thoroughfare Plan
(MTP) is incorporated into the
MPO's Plan**

Project Selection Process

For the City of El Paso, the Major Thoroughfare Plan

- Projects needed infrastructure to serve City growth patterns in accordance with *The Plan for El Paso*
- Incorporates Council-approved strategic plans, growth and transportation policies

Project Selection Process

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is short-term, 4-year, funded execution program

Project Selection Process

To be included in the TIP, the project must be:

- Included in the MTP
- Modeled in the current network plan
- Funded through both federal and local funds

Project Selection Process

- Projects must meet eligibility requirements for funding categories
 - Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (CBI)

Project Selection Process

- Eligibility Requirements
 - All proposed roadways must be functionally classified as arterials – residential streets are not eligible
 - For CMAQ proposed projects, an air quality analysis must justify the project

Project Selection Process

- Eligibility Requirements
 - CMAQ proposed projects cannot add capacity to a roadway
 - CBI proposed projects must demonstrate a clear connection to border transportation

Project Selection Process

Both MPO planning documents

- **long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- **short-term Transportation Improvement Program**

must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration for compliance with federal law and conformity with air quality requirements.

Project Selection Process

Planning process must follow federal guidelines for:

- **Public involvement**
- **Fiscal constraints**
- **Air quality constraints**

Project Selection Process

Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC)

- Reviews Project Requests for inclusion in the TIP
- Recommends projects to the Transportation Policy Board

Project Selection Process

Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) review is:

- Competitive
- Tied to federal allocations
- Focused on regional transportation priorities

Project Selection Process

Transportation Policy Board
approves:

- MTP
- Public Involvement Plan
- TIP

City-Sponsored MTP Projects

- Education Drive (Sgt. Isela Rubalcaba)
- Airway Extension
- Lee Boulevard
- Carolina Bridge
- Carolina Ave
- Billy the Kid
- Lee Trevino Extension
- Yarbrough Drive Bridge
- Median Landscaping
- Ysleta/Zaragoza POE Expansion feasibility study
- New POE between Zaragoza and BOTA POE feasibility study
- Toll Facility at Downtown POE's
- New POE between Zaragoza and BOTA
- Zaragoza POE expansion

City-Sponsored MTP Projects

- Safe Routes to School
- Mission Valley Traffic Analysis Study
- Zaragoza Corridor Study
- Paseo del Norte extension
- Redd Rd. (Pearl Ridge to Paseo del Norte)
- Sunland Park Drive widening
- Sunland Park Drive new overpass
- Country Club Rd. widening
- Airport Drive Reconstruction
- Global Reach extension
- Hawkins Blvd. ROW acquisition & widening
- Dodge Rd. widening

City-Sponsored MTP Projects

- Zaragoza Rd. Overpass, ROW acquisition and construction
- CBD 3
- CBD 4
- Traffic Management Center Upgrade
- \$2.6 billion of Transit projects over life of TransBorder 2035 plan
- Categorical projects for signalization, enhancements & geometric improvements

Upcoming Funding Agreements

- Alternate Routes Signage
- Airway Extension
- Traffic Signal Upgrade
- Hawkins Extension
- CBD 4
- Intelligent Transportation System Expansion
- Intersection improvements at 15 intersections Citywide
- Oregon Street Rehabilitation
- Mission Valley Transportation Study
- Zaragoza Corridor Study
- Country Club Widening

Steps to Modify Plans

- **Council provides policy direction**
- **Staff modifies City's Plan for El Paso and Major Thoroughfare Plan**
- **Council adopt new Plans**
- **City forwards plans to MPO**
- **MPO evaluates impact to modeled networks and air quality**

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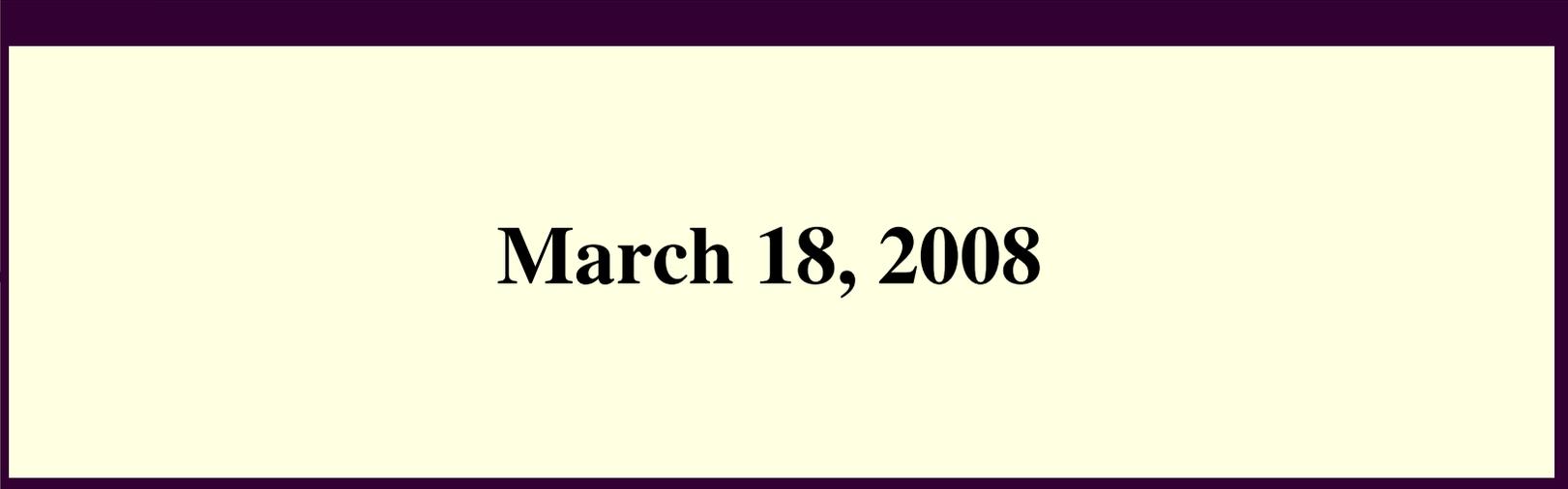
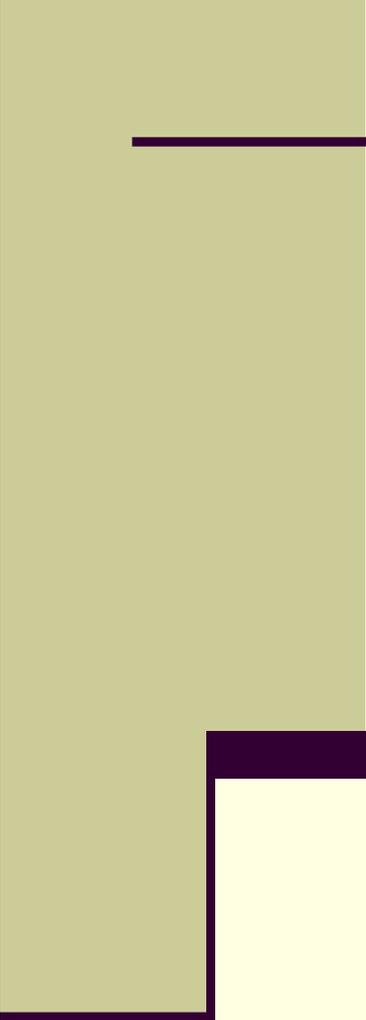
- **If proposed changes meet conformity, MPO presents modifications to Metropolitan Transportation Plan to TPB**
- **TPB reviews revised plan**
- **City submits project requests for new projects to TPAC for TIP review process**
- **TPAC reviews projects**

Impact to Existing Plan

- **Proposed connectivity is diminished**
- **Makes current network modeling obsolete**
- **Impacts conformity status**
- **Shifts costs for infrastructure reconstruction to 100% local costs**
- **Reduces ability to address multi-modal transportation in existing reconstruction projects**



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