

Item 1 | Call to Order & Public Comment

Action Requested: Officially open the floor to the public on any agenda item.



Transportation Policy Board Meeting
1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2026
City Council Chambers, Abilene City Hall (555 Walnut St.)

Councilman Shane Price
(Chairperson)

Mayor Weldon Hurt
(Vice-Chairperson)

To provide cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing short and long-range transportation planning which promotes safe and reliable movement of people and goods in the Abilene Metropolitan Area.

Item 2 | Minutes Approval



Key Prior Actions Noted



- Approved FY 2026 Performance Measures.



- Approved swapping the Pine Street Safety Project for the Waldrop Interchange in the TIP.



- Held Public Hearing on preliminary FYs 2027-2030 TIP.

Action Requested:

Consideration and Take Action on the Minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting.

Item 3 | 2050 MTP Amendment 2

Action Requested: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Releasing Amendment 2 for Public Comment.

The Strategic Pivot:

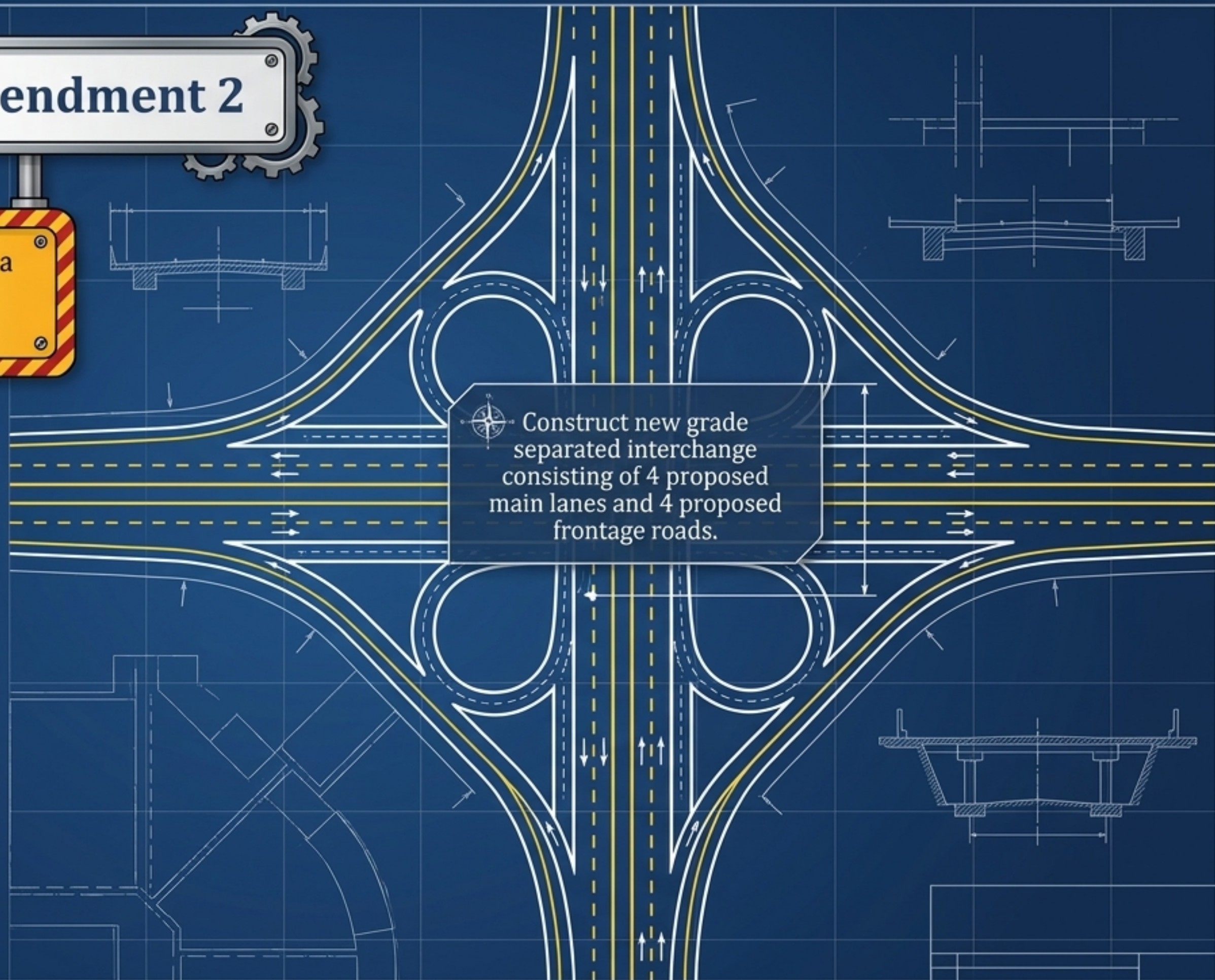
Amending the 2050 MTP is a prerequisite for adding the Waldrop Interchange to the 2027 TIP and 2026 10-Year UTP.

Financial Impact

⚙ Total Project Cost:
\$12,280,000

⚙ MPO Funding Allocation:
\$5,000,000

Status: Replaces the Pine Street safety project (moved to 2032 due to fiscal constraints).

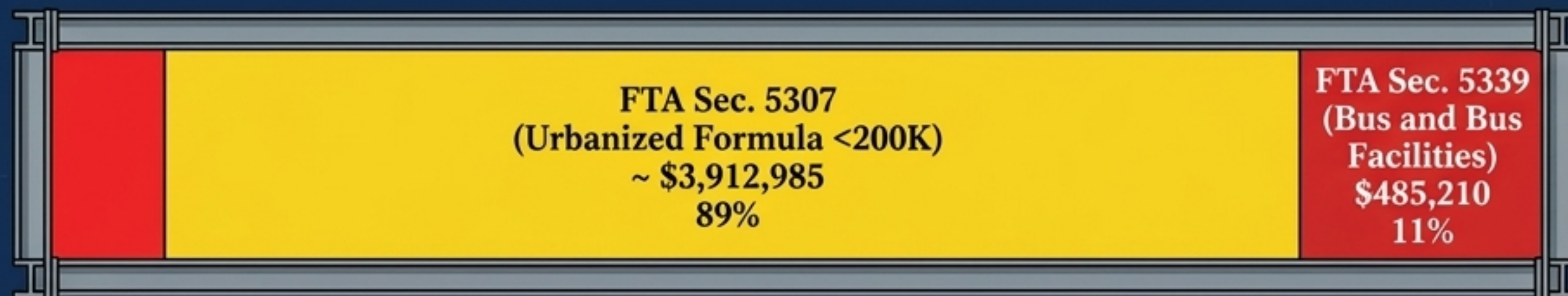


Item 4 | Draft 2027-2030 TIP

Action Requested:

Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Releasing the Draft 2027-2030 TIP for Public Comment.

FY 2025 Transit Funding Snapshot: Total Funds: \$4,398,195



FTA Sec. 5307 (Urbanized Formula <200K):

Federally driving the bulk of funding.



FTA Sec. 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities):

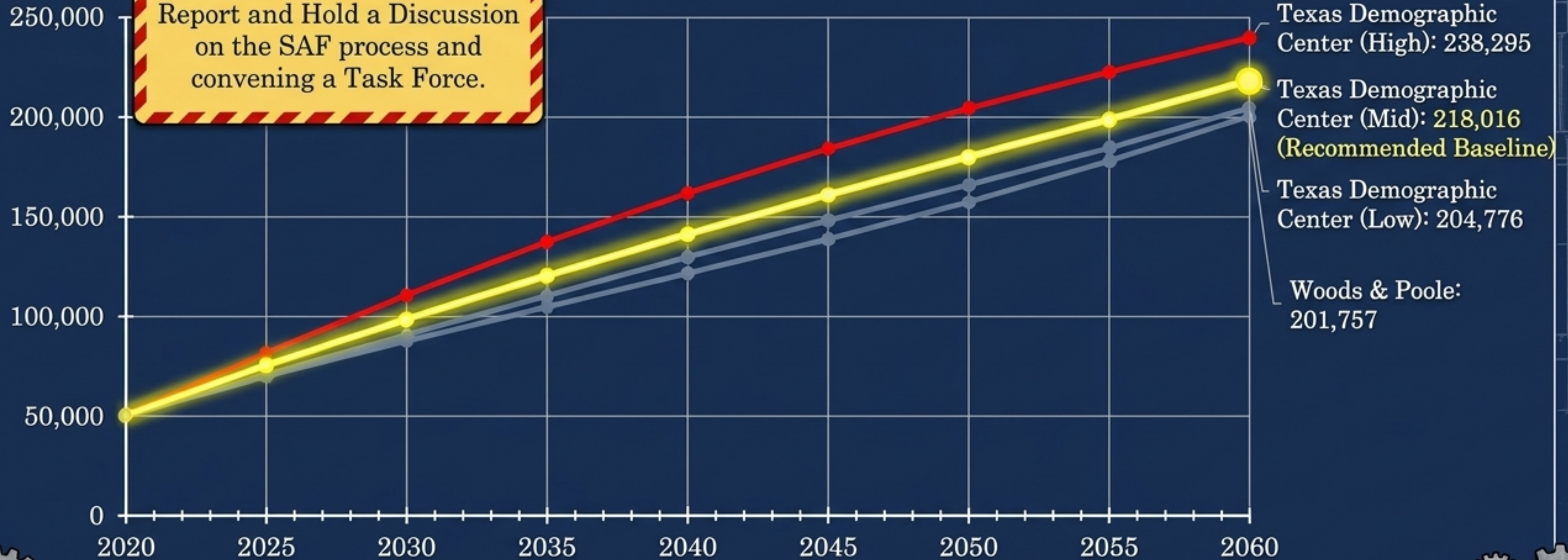
\$485,210 total for 2025.

Compliance Note: The update aligns with the April 2024 FTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements for setting annual Safety Performance Targets.

Item 5 | Small Area Forecast

Forecast Trajectory

Action Requested: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on the SAF process and convening a Task Force.





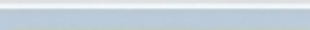
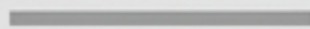



Task Force Goal: Allocate these household and job forecasts down to specific TAZs to calibrate the 2025 Travel Demand Model by Summer 2027.

Item 6 | Federal Functional Classification

Action Requested: Discussion on the Process to Update the FFC of Roads.

Hierarchy of Functional Classifications

Function Classification	Hierarchy of Roadways	Statewide Planning Map Color
1	Interstate	
2	Principal Arterial – Other Freeways and Expressways	
3	Principal Arterial – Other	
4	Minor Arterial	
5	Major Collector	
6	Minor Collector	
7	Local	

Why It Matters

FFC determines federal-aid eligibility, design expectations (speed, capacity), and is essential for performance-based planning.

Structural Characteristics: Arterials vs. Collectors

	Arterials				Collectors		Local	
	Interstate	Other Freeways & Expressway	Other Principal Arterial	Minor Arterial	Major Collector	Minor Collector		
Lane Width (feet)	12	11-12		10-12		10-11	8-10	
Shoulder Width (feet)	Inside	4-12	0-6	0				
	Outside	10-12	8-12		4-8	1-6	1-4	0-2
AADT	Rural	18,000–65,000	8,000–23,000	3,000–14,000	1,100–8,000	200–2,000	150–900	15–300
	Urban	65,000–250,000	29,000–90,000	8,000–29,000	3,000–18,000	1,100–8,000	300–2,700	25–600
	Metro	75,000–350,000	35,000–130,000	15,000–50,000	5,000–25,000	2,000–15,000	600–5,000	75–900
Divided/Undivided	Divided	Undivided/Divided		Undivided				
Access	Fully Controlled	Partially/Fully Controlled	Partially/Uncontrolled	Uncontrolled				
TxDOT Statewide Planning Map Color								

The Methodology

Balancing quantitative data (AADT, lane width, shoulder width) with qualitative data (land use, system continuity).

Item 7 | Safe Streets & Roads for All

Action Requested:
Discussion on Possible
Application for a SS4A Grant.



The Civic Blueprint

Grant Structure Blueprint

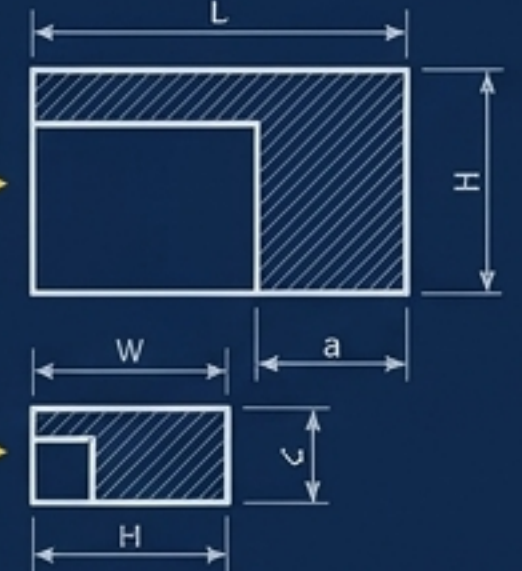
The Opportunity:

FHWA is making up to **\$993.4M** available for FY 2026.

Funding Tiers

- Implementation Grants:
\$2.5M to \$25M
(Total pool: **\$687.8M**)

- Planning & Demonstration
Grants: **\$100K to \$5M**
(Total pool: **\$305.6M**)



Objective:

Implement projects identified in an Action Plan to address roadway safety problems and protect vulnerable road users.

Item 8 | ADA Title II Compliance

Action Requested:
Discussion of DOJ Delay of
ADA Title II compliance.

Subject: Department of Justice (DOJ)
enforcement of digital accessibility requirements.



Impact: Affords the **Abilene MPO** and partner agencies additional time to audit and upgrade **digital infrastructure** (websites, PDFs, mobile apps) to ensure full ADA Title II compliance.

The Civic Blueprint

Item 9 | Transportation Projects Review

The Civic Blueprint

Action Requested: Discussion and review of transportation projects (TxDOT, City, CityLink).

Project 1: IH 20
(from FM 600 to SH 351)

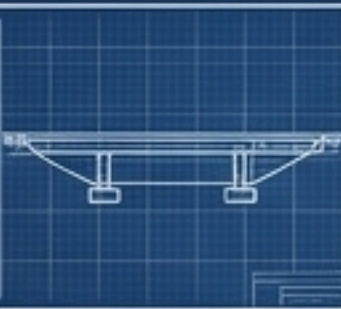


Add **two** main lanes for a **six-lane** freeway.

Cost: **\$104,765,617**

PM 1
PM 2
PM 3

Project 2: SL 322
(at Maple St)

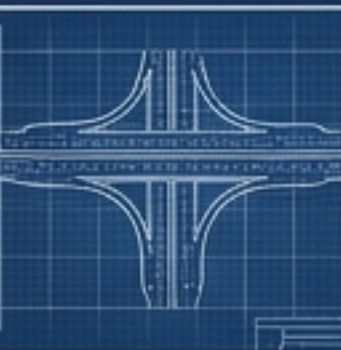


Replace **Bridge**.

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Cost: **\$13,000,000**

Project 3: US 83
(South of 7th to North of 10th)

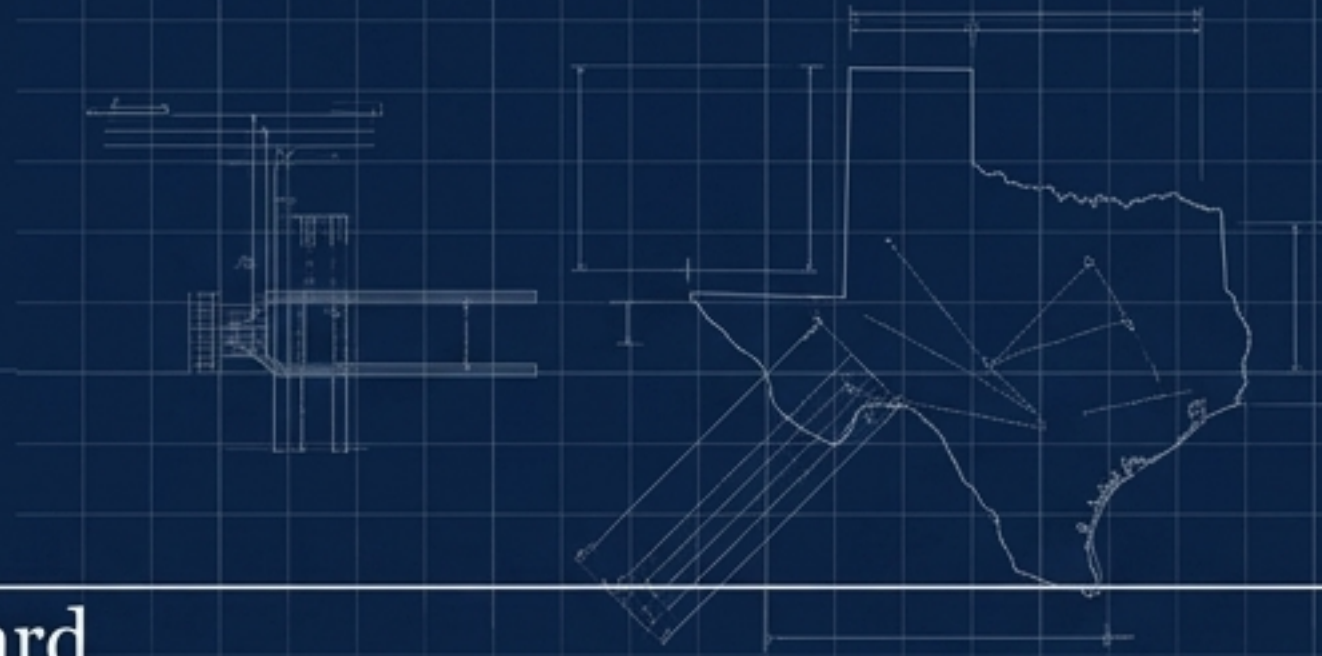


Widen existing US 83 freeway to **six-lanes** and **reconstruct ramps**

Cost: **\$250,000,000**

Item 10 | Reports

Action Requested: Discussion and review of reports.



Operations Dashboard

Financial Status

Current operating budget and expenditure run-rates.



Reauthorization discussions, STIP Handbook development, and upcoming PlanCon26 in San Antonio.



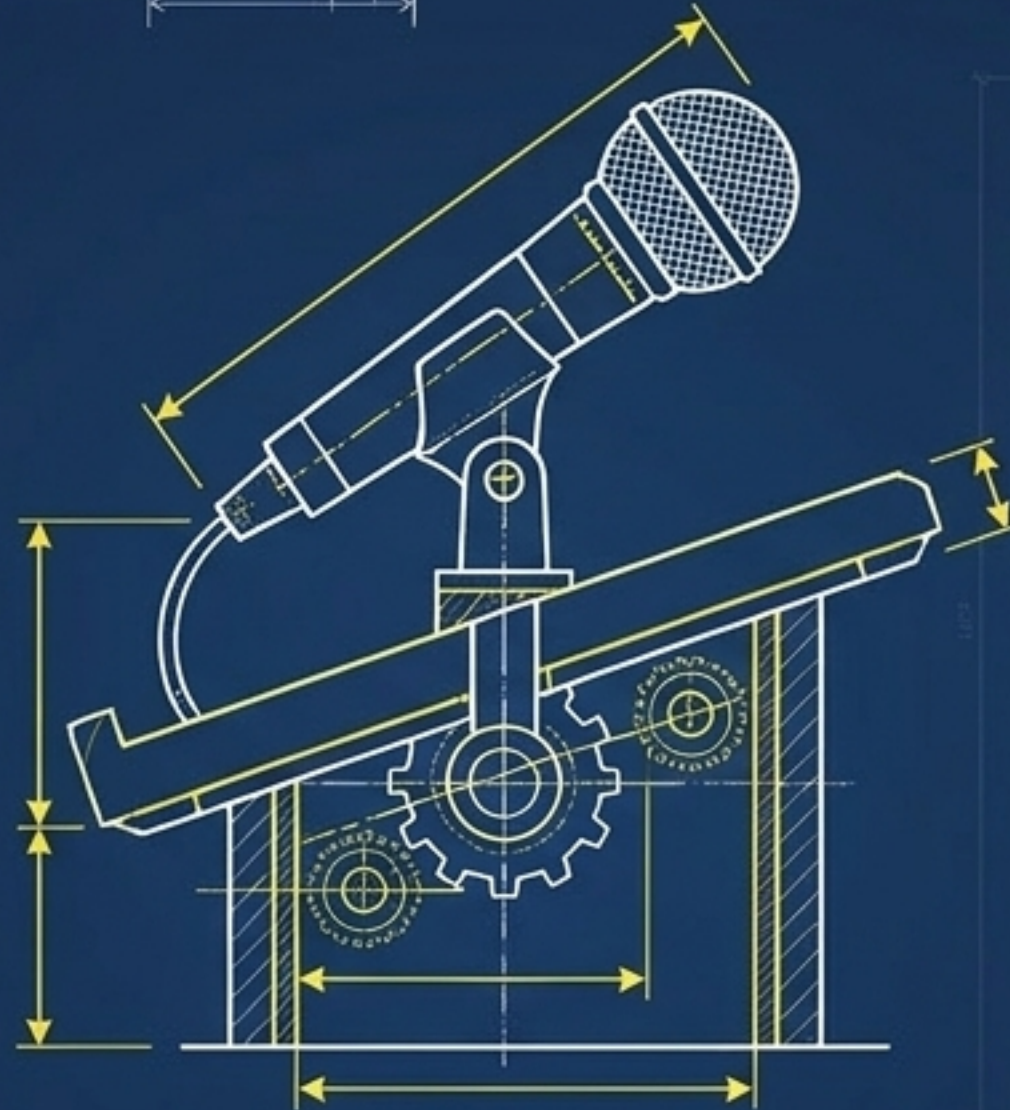
Director's Report

Upcoming work tasks:

- 2025 Travel Demand Model Update
- Public Participation Program Update

Item 11 | Public Comments

Action Requested: Opportunity for members of the Public to make comments on MPO issues.



The floor is now open for public comment on any transportation issue within the Abilene MPO jurisdiction not explicitly listed on today's agenda.

Please state your name and address for the record. Comments are subject to standard time limits.

Item 12 | Future Topics

Action Requested: Opportunity for Board Members, TAC Members, or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.

Strategic Horizons

- Upcoming Call for Projects?
- Emerging Freight Corridors?
- Transit Route Adjustments?

No formal action is taken during this item; solely for agenda building.

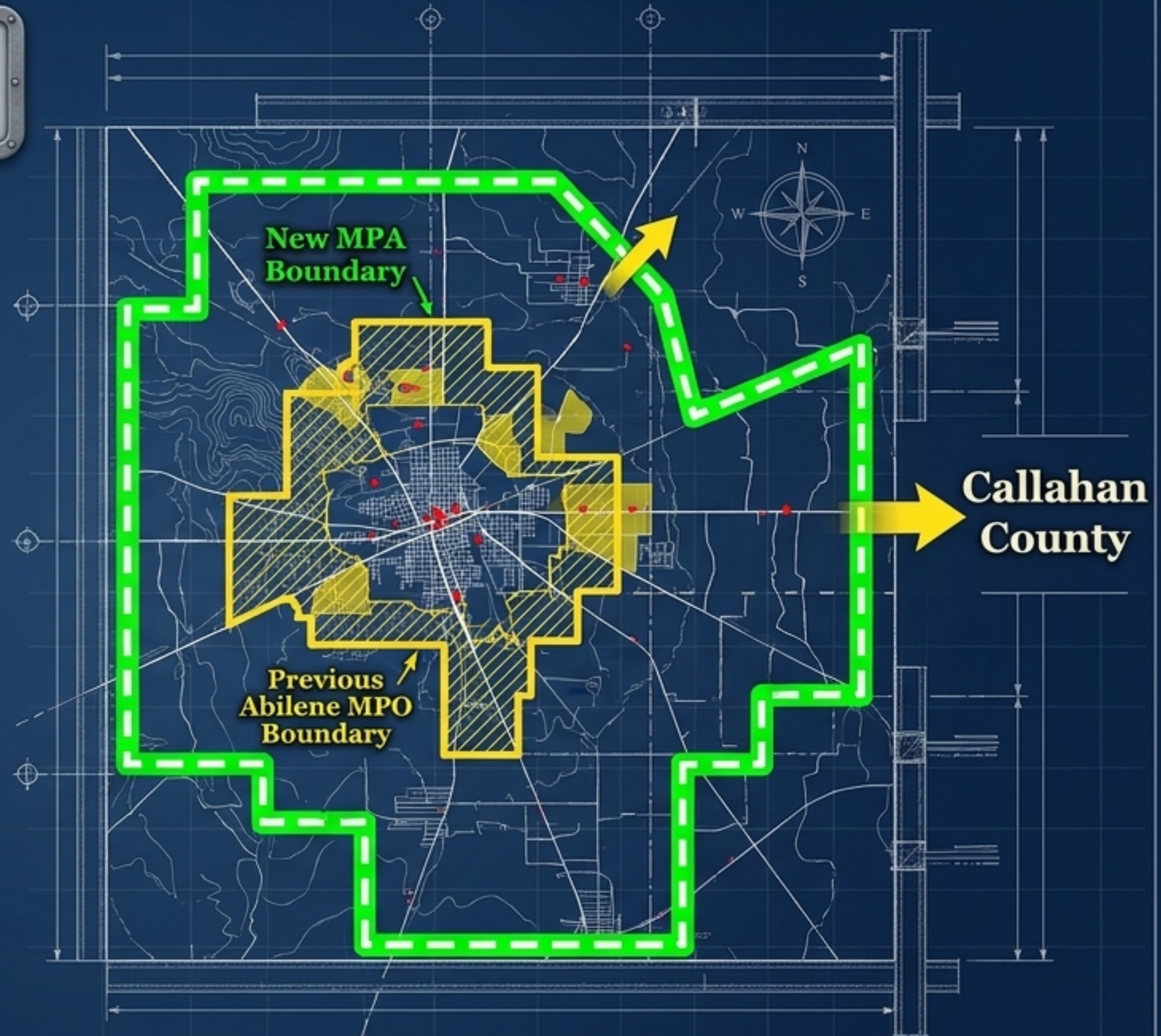
Item 13 | Bylaws Amendment

Action Requested: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the Amendment to the Bylaws.

The Catalyst: Expanding the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary into Callahan County to capture continuous growth, employment hubs, and vehicular traffic changes.

Governance Impact: The expansion legally necessitates adding the Callahan County Judge to the Transportation Policy Board.

Status: Draft boundary formally approved by the Governor.



Item 14 | Executive Session

Action Requested:
The Policy Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session.

Statutory Authority:
Authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Real Property), 551.073 (Gifts/Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), and 551.076 (Security Devices).

Focus:
551.074 (Personnel Matters) – Policy Board may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees.

Note: Any final action or vote will be taken upon reconvening in public.

Item 15 | Adjournment

Action Requested: Official adjournment of the April 29, 2026 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 16, 2026

To review today's packet or provide written comments, visit the MPO website or contact the office at (325) 437-9000