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Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization plans meetings to talk about long range transportation planning in the region

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) invites people from Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and Kendall Counties to attend one of four public meetings planned to discuss regional transportation planning. The meetings will be held:

<p>Kendall County Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:30 PM - Open House 6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Public Meeting Boerne Middle School South 10 Cascade Caverns Boerne, TX 78006</p>	<p>Comal County Monday, October 30, 2017 5:30 PM - Open House 6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Public Meeting New Braunfels Civic Center 375 S. Castell Ave. New Braunfels, TX 78130</p>
<p>Bexar County Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:30 PM - Open House 6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Public Meeting VIA Metropolitan Transit - VIA Metro Center 1021 San Pedro San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p>Guadalupe County Thursday, November 2, 2017 5:30 PM - Open House 6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Public Meeting Seguin-Guadalupe County Coliseum 950 S Austin St. Seguin, TX 78155</p>

According to the U.S. Census, Comal, Guadalupe, and Kendall Counties are three of the fastest growing counties in the United States. Bexar County alone will be adding 1.1 million people by 2045 (see table on following page). This will very likely double the vehicle miles traveled in the region which can impact commute times, congestion, the environment, and the overall quality of life of residents in the region.

	Population Forecast				Employment Forecast			
	2015	2045	Growth	%	2015	2045	Growth	%
Bexar	1,898,173	3,004,011	1,105,838	58%	893,782	1,571,410	677,628	76%
Comal	134,019	287,655	153,636	115%	52,683	119,352	66,669	127%
Guadalupe	165,183	365,048	199,865	121%	41,862	102,824	60,962	146%
Kendall	38,314	67,539	29,225	76%	13,707	24,728	11,021	80%
Total	2,235,689	3,724,253	1,488,564	67%	1,002,034	1,764,314	762,280	76%

To plan for this growth, the AAMPO will be updating their short and long-range plans and possibly completing a transportation conformity document, a document that outlines the impacts of our transportation projects on air quality, by June 2018. The public meetings will discuss 1) the *Mobility 2045: Metropolitan Transportation Plan* update process, as well as 2) the air quality status of the region.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations, like the AAMPO, are required by Federal law to update their long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at least every five years. This document includes strategies, actions and projects that will lead to “an integrated multimodal transportation system to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.” Federal funds cannot be used for transportation projects unless they are included in an adopted long-range plan. The MTP must also be financially constrained by the reasonably expected level of transportation funding.

All meetings will be similar in format and content and everyone is welcome to participate. The meetings are **BYOD (bring your own device) as participants will be walked through an interactive online activity**. The AAMPO will have iPads available for those who need them. Community members can also **participate online starting October 25, 2017 through November 3, 2017 at www.alamoareampo.org/mobility2045**.

For more information, please contact Linda Vela at alvarado-vela@alamoareampo.org or by phone at (210) 230-6929. More information on the online component for the public meetings will be released as it becomes available.

About the Alamo Area MPO: The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for a study area of almost 2 million residents who travel more than 50 million miles each day in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and a portion of Kendall Counties. Overseen by the 21 member Transportation Policy Board, which is comprised of elected and appointed officials, the Alamo Area MPO is one of approximately 400 MPOs across the country working to ensure a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous transportation planning process. For more information on the MPO, please visit our website at www.alamoareampo.org.