

Alamo Area MPO – Definition of Regionally Significant Roadways/Projects

Projects determined to be regionally significant, except as specifically exempted under [40 CFR Part 93.126](#) and [40 CFR Part 93.127](#), must come from a conforming MTP and TIP or be individually found to conform prior to the issuance of federal approvals and other actions. The MPO has developed the following definition to classify projects as regionally significant for transportation conformity purposes:

- Those facilities federally functionally classified as interstate freeways, other freeways or expressways
- Those facilities federally functionally classified as principal arterials
- Roadways and intermodal connectors included in the federally adopted National Highway System
- Roads designated as SH or US routes
- Community connections that provide direct, continuously signed connections between nearby or adjacent census defined urbanized areas, urban clusters and population centers with more than 5,000 people
- Roadways between activity centers that serve as primary regional connectors to an otherwise unserved regional activity center
- Extensions of Regionally Significant Roadways to connect non-connecting termini
- Fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel
- Tollways as documented in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Grade-separated interchange projects on Regionally Significant Roadways where no access existed previously

Exhibit 4.3-1 illustrates the roadway system within Bexar County that meets the definition of regionally significant. These roads are subject to transportation and project-level conformity determinations. All regionally significant roads in the MPO study area, including those outside the Bexar County nonattainment area, can be viewed online at: <http://www.alamoareampo.org/imap/> (check “on” the layer titled “Regionally Significant Roads”). Appendix 12.6 describes the local process undergone to identify a regionally significant roadway system.