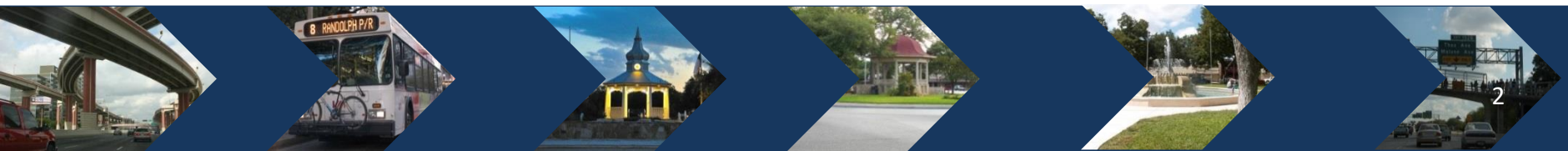


2020 Census Urban Areas

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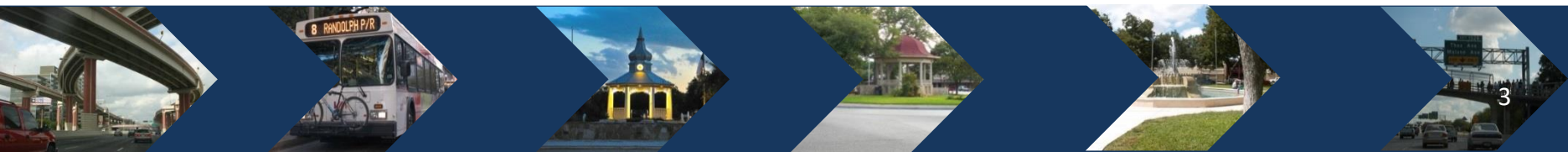


- The US Census Bureau defines **Urban Areas** (formerly Urbanized Areas) and has changed the definition of what constitutes **urban v. rural**.
- Urban Areas are based on population counts gathered by the Bureau.
- Urban Areas follow population density in **Census blocks, *not*** jurisdictional lines (e.g. city or county boundaries.)
- The Urban Area Boundary is a **factor** in determining Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) **study areas**.

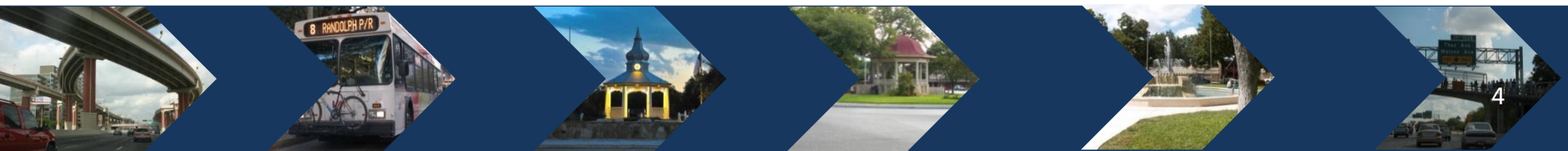


- Main criterion changed from population density to **housing unit** density (425 per sq. mi.)
- The population threshold was doubled (now 5,000 people or 2,000 housing units to qualify)
- No distinction between large (“urbanized”) and small (“clusters”) Urban Areas
- The length an Urban Area can extend along a roadway (“hops” and “jumps”) has been shortened and non-urban land along roadways is no longer included

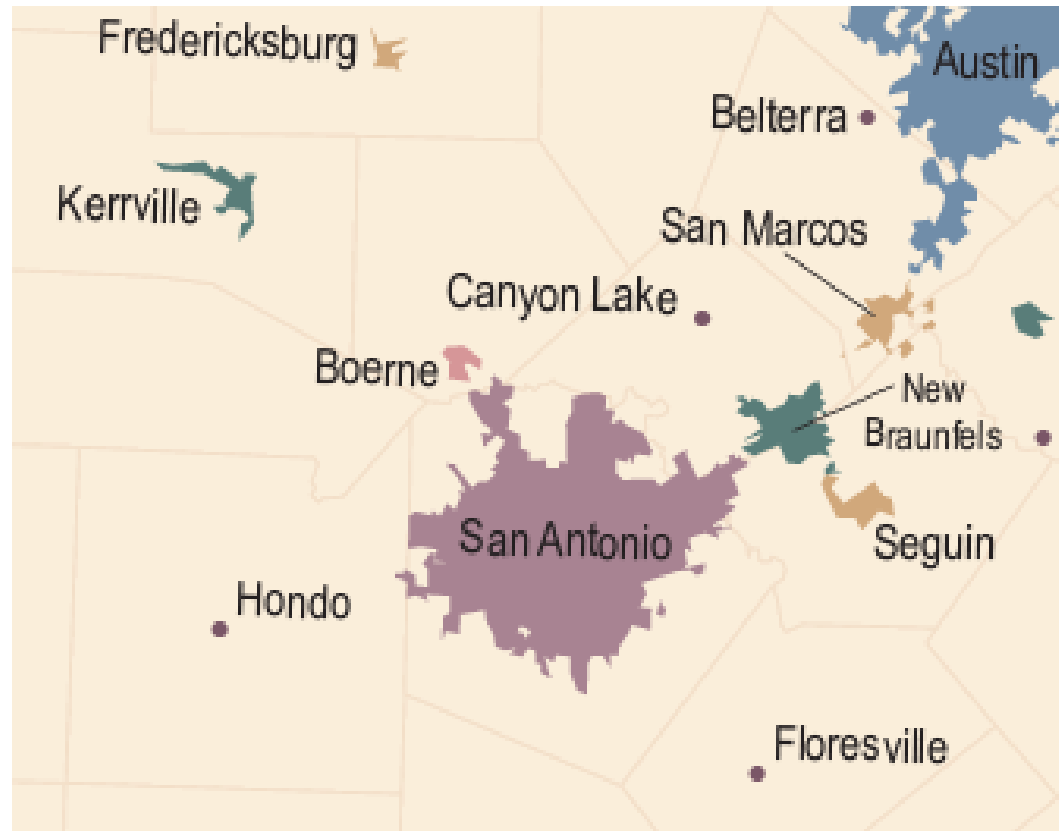
US Census Bureau Video, *Defining Urban Areas* ([link](#))



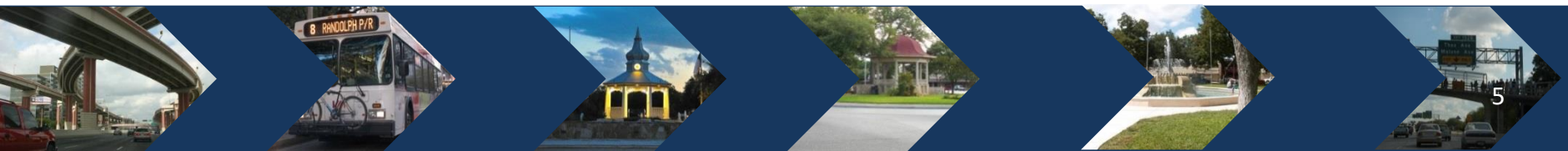
- Census Bureau intends to update Urban Areas more frequently using American Community Annual Survey instead of Decennial (10-year) Census.
- New definition impacted significant changes to the shape of Urban Area boundaries (but not the usual increase in overall size.)
- FHWA and FTA are working on adapting existing regulations to the new definition
- New Urban Area Boundaries will cause eventual expansion of MPO study areas.



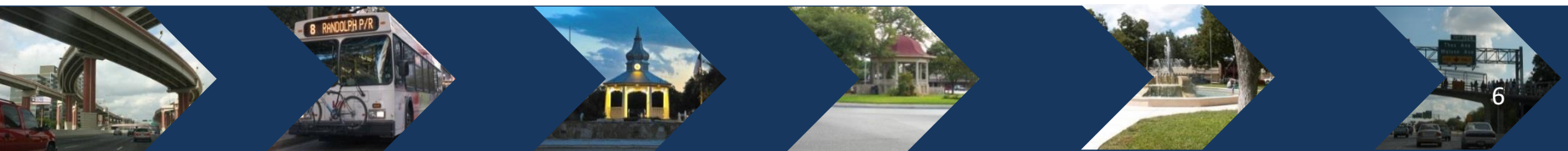
- 4 new urban areas in AAMPO Study Area
 - New Braunfels – 100,736
 - Seguin* - 28,998
 - Boerne* - 18,320
 - Canyon Lake* - 7,918
- San Antonio Urban Area population – 1,992,689

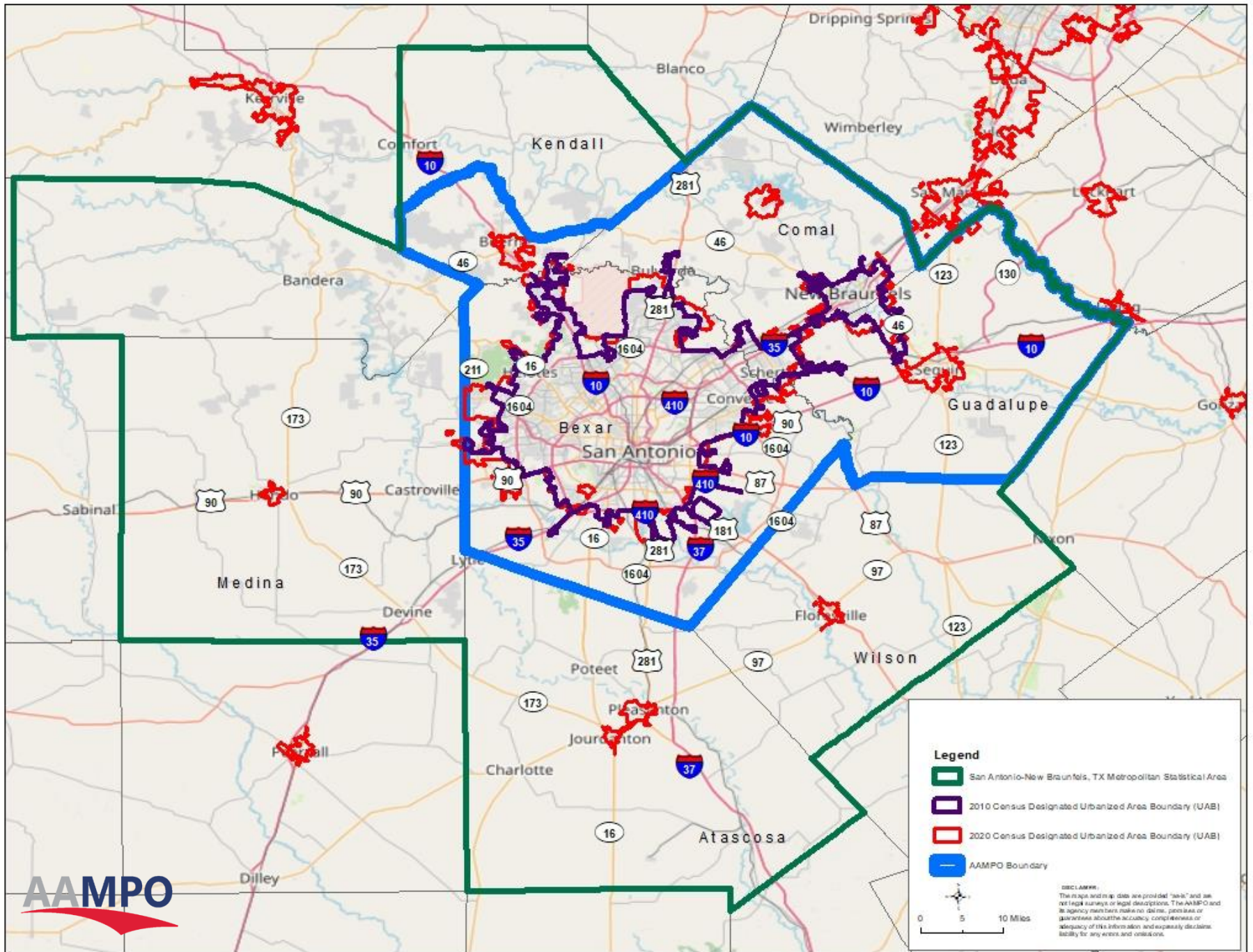


**former Urban Clusters under San Antonio-New Braunfels Urbanized Area designated in 2010.*



- The Urban Area is determined through Census information
- The Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) is also known as the MPO study area boundary. It is the planning area which is approved by the Governor or his designee
- Federal regulations state that the MPO boundary, at a minimum "shall cover the urban area and the contiguous geographic area likely to become urban within the twenty year forecast period covered by the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.





Legend

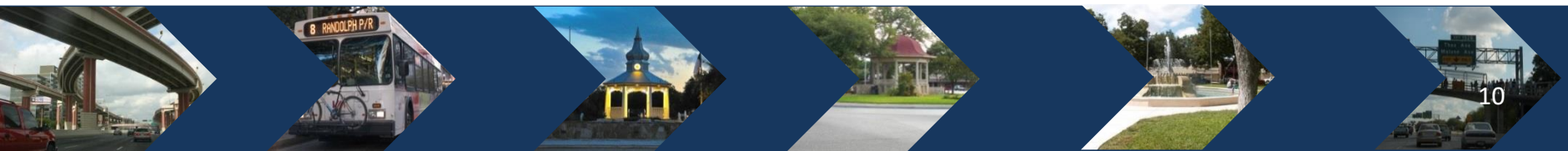
- San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area
- 2010 Census Designated Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB)
- 2020 Census Designated Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB)
- AAMPO Boundary

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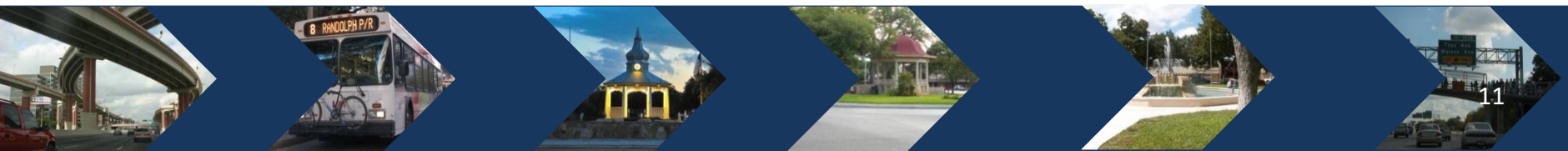
- Funding formulas using Urban Area (UA) population figures:
 - MPO Planning Funds
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Funds
 - Transportation Alternative Funds
 - Some Federal Transit Administration Funds
- Formulas using MPO Boundary Population figures:
 - TxDOT Category 2 – Metropolitan & Urban Corridor Projects



Category 2 Formula

Category 2 Formula Criteria	Percentage
Total Vehicle Miles (VMT) Traveled (both on/off the state highway system)	30%
MPO Boundary Population	17%
Lane Miles (on the state system only)	10%
Truck VMT (on the state system only)	14%
Percentage of Census Population below the federal poverty level	7%
Based on Congestion	15%
Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes	7%

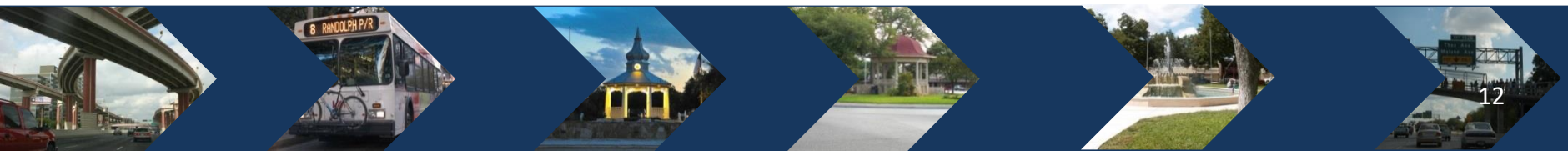
Category 2 addresses mobility and added capacity projects on urban corridors to mitigate traffic congestion, as well as traffic safety and roadway maintenance and rehabilitation. Funds are allocated to MPO's by formula and projects are scored and prioritized by the MPO with concurrence from the Texas Transportation Commission.





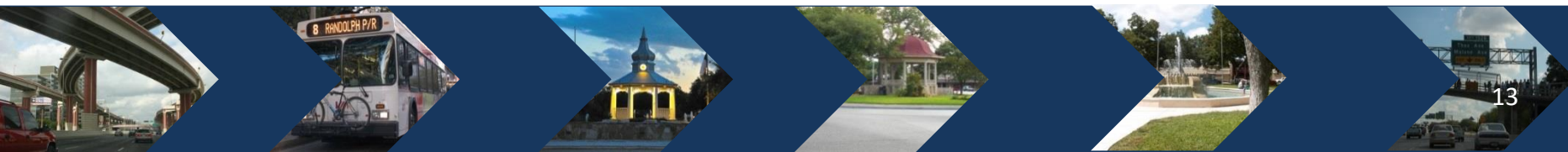
Texas Large Urban Area & MPO Populations

MPO Region	Urban Area (UA)	2020 UA Population	Counties in the MPO Boundary	2020 MPO Boundary Population
Alamo Area	San Antonio	1,992,689	3 full/1 partial	2,387,310
Capital Area MPO	Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown	1,809,888	6	2,332,494
North Central Texas Council of Governments	Dallas-Arlington-Ft. Worth	5,732,354	12	7,698,985
Houston-Galveston Area Council	Houston	5,853,575	8	7,092,073

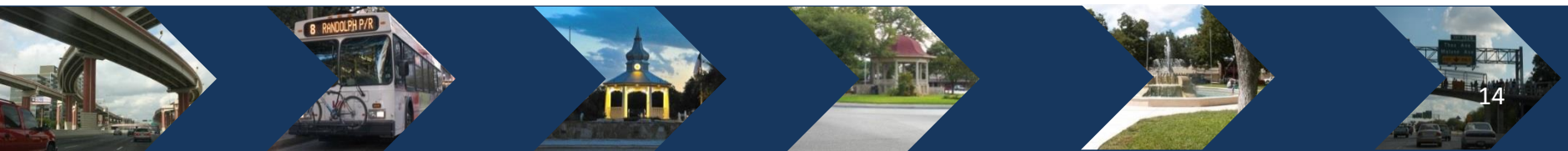


AAMPO Counties	2020 Census Population	Total Annual VMT	Truck Annual VMT	Total Lane Miles
Bexar	2,009,324	15,148,897,585	1,034,892,165	17,417
Comal	161,501	1,886,734,640	222,362,380	3,246
Guadalupe	172,706	1,385,280,120	238,801,250	3,297
Kendall	44,279	451,858,320	55,586,580	1,434
Medina*	50,748	544,944,270	101,269,615	2,641

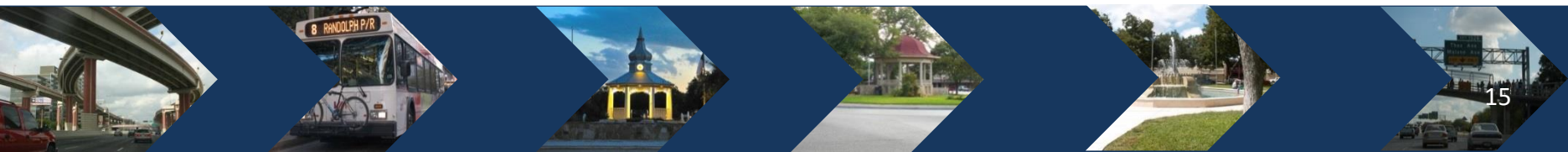
**Not currently in AAMPO Boundary*



- There will be some transit funding implications/requirements for New Braunfels (currently working with TxDOT on this issue)
- In order to **contain current and/or projected Urban Area**, AAMPO will need to expand study area boundary to take in a **small portion of Medina County**, at a minimum
- The AAMPO **Travel Demand Model (TDM)** will need to reflect at least extent of new study area boundary (Medina not currently modeled)
- AAMPO will begin work with TxDOT in the coming months to **smooth** Urban Area boundary to match planning boundaries and **update** Federal Functional Classification of associated roadways



- Small number of Census blocks in Medina County are included in San Antonio Urban Area
- Federal regulations state MPO boundaries must include all existing Urban Areas as well as projected extent of existing Urban Areas in next 20 years
- More of Kendall County may need to be included in study area based on 20-year growth projections
- Study area can be extended as far as boundary of Metropolitan Statistical Area (i.e. all of Kendall, Medina, etc.) boundary
- AAMPO staff will present options and effects for expansion as well as technical and legal process in coming months.





Questions?

*Presentation for information only,
no action requested today; Looking for direction
on how to proceed in the coming months*

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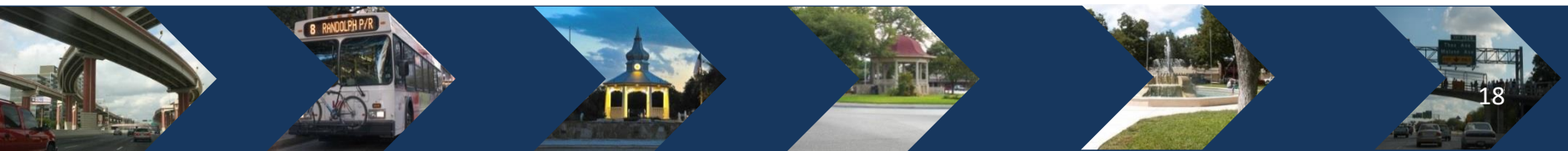
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AAMPO Leadership Positions

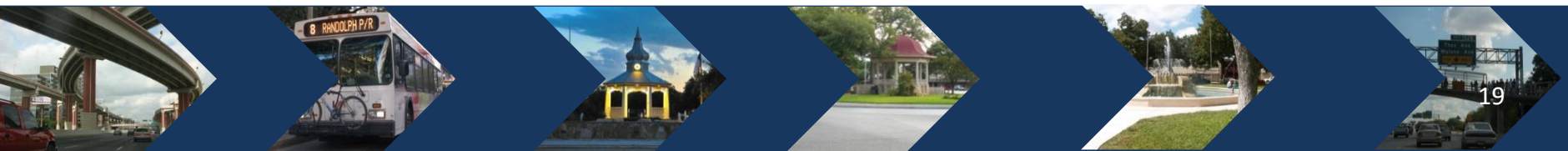
- The MPO has three leadership positions on the Transportation Policy Board
 - Chair, Currently filled by Comal Commissioner Kevin Webb
 - Chair-Elect, Currently filled by City of San Antonio Councilmember Melissa Cabello-Havrda
 - First Vice-Chair, Currently filled by Bexar County Commissioner Rebecca Clay-Flores
- In accordance with the MPO's bylaws, members serve in these positions for a two-year term, with elections being held in June of every odd year





AAMPO Leadership Positions

- The three leadership positions rotate among the following three constituencies:
 - City of San Antonio
 - Urban County/Suburban Cities (Bexar County/Greater Bexar County Council of Cities/Northeast Partnership)
 - Rural Counties/Rural Cities (Comal County, Guadalupe County, Kendall County geographic area/City of New Braunfels/City of Seguin)
- AAMPO Bylaws also state that the Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee and is tasked with:
 - Confirming that the current Chair Elect and First Vice Chair should move up to the office of Chair and Chair Elect
 - Nominate an elected official to serve as the First Vice Chair from the Rural Counties/Rural Cities Constituency



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