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**Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Appoints Brendon Wheeler as Executive Director**

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The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) announced today the appointment of Brendon Wheeler, P.E., CFM, as its new Executive Director following a comprehensive nationwide executive search upon the full Board Approval at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Transportation Policy Board.

The selection concludes a national recruitment effort. The search attracted more than thirty highly qualified candidates from across the country. Finalists advanced through a rigorous evaluation process that included three rounds of interviews, leadership and technical assessments, and a scenario-based case study designed to evaluate readiness to lead a complex metropolitan planning organization.

Mr. Wheeler has more than 16 years of experience spanning metropolitan planning organization operations, private-sector engineering, and regional policy leadership. He most recently served as Senior Program Manager for Metropolitan Transportation Planning at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), widely regarded as one of the most innovative and best-performing MPOs in the United States. In that role, he helped lead the development and implementation of a \$200 billion long-range transportation plan for the Dallas–Fort Worth region.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Wheeler spent a decade in the private sector as a design engineer and team leader, delivering complex public infrastructure projects and working directly with local governments on roadway, drainage, and utility improvements. This combination of hands-on engineering experience and senior-level MPO leadership distinguished him throughout the search process.

“This search process was lengthy and thorough,” said Bexar County Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores, Chair of the AAMPO Board. “Brendon brings a mix of operational understanding, engineering credibility, and MPO experience. The board is looking forward to working with him in supporting this region’s long-term transportation goals.”

Mr. Wheeler is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas and a Certified Floodplain Manager, with extensive experience working across federal, state, and local regulatory environments.

“I appreciate the confidence the Executive Committee has placed in me,” said Wheeler. “AAMPO plays a critical role in coordinating transportation planning across this region. I look forward to working with our partners and communities to deliver innovative, data-driven solutions that support mobility, growth, and fiscal responsibility.”

The Executive Committee would like to thank the former Executive Director, Sid Martinez, and the Interim Executive Director, Sonia Jiménez, JD, for her leadership during this transition period and her continued dedication and support as the Deputy Director to the AAMPO Board and Staff.

Mr. Wheeler will assume the role of Executive Director on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

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