

Continuing Phase Agreement

Transportation Policy Board
July 22, 2024

AAMPO



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- **Went into effect when San Antonio-Bexar County Urban Transportation Study** (now known as Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization – AAMPO) was created in **1974**.
- Used as a way to stand-up MPO's early in the process - **only a few remain in Texas**.
- Four signatories: **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Bexar County, City of San Antonio (CoSA), and VIA Metropolitan Transit**.
- **Revised five times** since its inception; most recently in 2013 following the 2010 AAMPO boundary expansion.

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- **Similar to Bylaws**, the document outlines the organization's purpose, voting membership, and the Director's responsibilities.
- **Requires all four signatories** (TxDOT, Bexar County, CoSA, and VIA) to approve changes or repeal it.
- **Executive Committee**, during May 2024 boundary expansion and associated membership discussions, **recommended terminating the agreement.**
- If approved, AAMPO staff will transmit the executed Resolution to each signatory agency for consideration.

Resolution for Consideration



Resolution to Terminate the Continuing Phase Agreement

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) were created by Congress in the 1970's to give local elected officials a say in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal law, in August 1977, the Governor of Texas designated the San Antonio-Bexar County Urban Transportation Study Steering Committee as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (SA-BC MPO) for the San Antonio urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the 2010 Census and federal regulations, the MPO's Study area was expanded transforming the Steering Committee into the Transportation Policy Board and making it the current forum for cooperative decision-making regarding regional transportation issues in Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties as well as a portion of Kendall County and converting the organization to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("AAMPO"); and

WHEREAS, now subsequent to the 2020 Census showing substantive population growth for our Urban Area, the AAMPO's Transportation Policy Board is preparing to once again expand its boundary to meet federal requirements by taking in the entirety of Kendall County and a portion of Medina County; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, when the SA-BC MPO was established, a document called the Continuing Phase Agreement (Agreement) was used to create and stand-up our local organization. The document has four signatories to it including Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, the Texas Department of Transportation and VIA Metropolitan Transit and outlines board membership as well as other items that are now all included in the AAMPO's bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, VIA Metropolitan Transit, and the State in January 1978, January 1992, June 1996, April 2010 and March 2013, have revised the Agreement, the most recent to reflect the 2010 boundary expansion; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend or terminate the Agreement, all four signatories have to agree to that process, which was reasonable when the organization was established and when it was an MPO primarily located in Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, as outlined above, the organization has evolved and transformed significantly since its inception because of population growth and regional transportation infrastructure needs that will continue in the future. Therefore, the AAMPO's board composition decisions should be left to itself, in-line with federal regulations, which consequently already require the inclusions of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, departments of transportation and transit providers, among others, ensuring that all four signatory entities will always be involved in the cooperative decision-making regarding regional transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALAMO AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD asks Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, the Texas Department of Transportation and VIA Metropolitan Transit to take action to terminate the Continuing Phase Agreement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this action take place as soon as possible to allow the organization to continue moving forward with its current boundary expansion and board changes expeditiously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of July 2024.

City of San Antonio Councilmember Melissa Cabello-Havrda, Chair
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



Requested Action

***Motion to approve the
Resolution to Terminate the
Continuing Phase Agreement***

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