

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**STIP**  
**2015-2018**

**ABILENE DISTRICT**  
**2015-2018 TIP**

**TRANSIT**



Initial 2015-2018 STIP



# ABILENE

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April 30, 2014

Mr. David Caffey P.E.  
TxDOT Advance Planning Manager  
Texas Department of Transportation  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, TX 79601

Dear Mr. Caffey:

Attached please find the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document. This TIP was approved at the MPO Policy Board's meeting on April 15, 2014 and was processed and adopted in accordance with the MPO's public participation plan. The document was made available for public review and comments beginning on March 18, 2014 at the MPO Policy Board meeting. The MPO and TxDOT also hosted a public meeting at the MPO offices on March 24, 2014 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Signed, written comments were accepted from March 19, 2014 until 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2014. Only one signed, written comment was received and is summarized in Appendix B.

Also included are the Highway and Transit Financial Summaries and their respective Excel spreadsheets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [thomas.cook@abilenetx.com](mailto:thomas.cook@abilenetx.com) or at 325-676-6243.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Cook*

Thomas Cook  
Abilene MPO Transportation Planner II

cc: Ms. Lori Morel, TxDOT TPP Division  
Mr. Kelly Kirkland, TxDOT PTN Division  
Mr. Joe Clark, TxDOT, MPO Coordinator  
Mr. Blair Haynie, P.E., TxDOT Abilene Director, Transportation Planning and Development

## **FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDED TRANSIT PROJECTS**

**NOTE:** On February 29, 2012, TxDOT issued a Memorandum to all MPOs with less than 200,000 population NOT to include any projects in their respective TIPs that contain FTA funding from Section 5310 (Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities), Section 5316 (Jobs Access and Reverse Commute, or JARC), and Section 5317 (New Freedom) grants. TxDOT is the recipient of these funds and will program and administer these funds for projects they will include in their State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This allows TxDOT to program the projects on a broader, more regional basis.

**FY 2015 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**  
**ABILENE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Operations	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$1,248,324
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$337,000
		Other Funds	\$911,324
Apportionment Year	2015	Fiscal Year Cost	\$2,496,648
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$2,496,648
Brief Project Description	Operations - general operating expenses of the entire transit system, e.g., wages, fuel and supplies.	TDCs Requested	\$0
Sec 5309 ID Number		TDCs Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Amendment Date & Action			
General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Administration	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$69,440
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$17,360
		Other Funds	\$0
Apportionment Year	2015	Fiscal Year Cost	\$86,800
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$86,800
Brief Project Description	Planning - wages of planning employees and planning activities.	TDCs Requested	\$0
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		State Funds from TxDOT	\$45,600
		Other Funds	\$0
Apportionment Year	2015	Fiscal Year Cost	\$273,600
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$273,600
Brief Project Description	Capital - small capital equipment purchases, shelters, signs, fare boxes and shop equipment.	TDCs Requested	\$0
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General Project Information		Funding Information (YOE)	
Project Sponsor	City of Abilene	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	Capital	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$192,165
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$48,042
		Other Funds	\$0
Apportionment Year	2015	Fiscal Year Cost	\$240,207
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$240,207
Brief Project Description	ADA Paratransit expenses allowable at the capital rate.	TDCs Requested	\$0
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		State Funds from TxDOT	\$102,934
		Other Funds	\$0
Apportionment Year	2015	Fiscal Year Cost	<b>\$514,666</b>
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	<b>\$514,666</b>
Brief Project Description	Preventive Maintenance	TDCs Requested	\$0
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## 2015 - 2018 TIP Transit Financial Summary with YOE Matrix

### Abilene MPO - District Number 8

#### FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

	Transit Program	FY 2015			FY 2016			FY 2017		
		Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total
1	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
2	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	\$2,149,661	\$1,462,260	\$3,611,921	\$2,149,661	\$1,462,260	\$3,611,921	\$2,149,661	\$1,462,260	\$3,611,921
3	Sec. 5309 - Fixed Guideway Investment			\$0			\$0			\$0
4	Sec. 5337 - State of Good Repair			\$0			\$0			\$0
5	Sec. 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
6	Sec. 5310-Seniors&People w/Disabilities >200k			\$0			\$0			\$0
7	Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
8	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
9	Other FTA			\$0			\$0			\$0
10	(incl FHWA transfers)			\$0			\$0			\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$2,149,661</b>	<b>\$1,462,260</b>	<b>\$3,611,921</b>	<b>\$2,149,661</b>	<b>\$1,462,260</b>	<b>\$3,611,921</b>	<b>\$2,149,661</b>	<b>\$1,462,260</b>	<b>\$3,611,921</b>
Transportation Development Credits										
	Requested			\$0			\$0			\$0
	Awarded			\$0			\$0			\$0

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

	Transit Programs	FY 2018			Total		
		Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total
1	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	\$2,149,661	\$1,462,260	\$3,611,921	\$8,598,644	\$5,849,040	\$14,447,684
3	Sec. 5309 - Fixed Guideway Investment			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	Sec. 5337 - State of Good Repair			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	Sec. 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Sec. 5310-Seniors&People w/Disabilities >200k			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	Other FTA			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	(incl FHWA transfers)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$2,149,661</b>	<b>\$1,462,260</b>	<b>\$3,611,921</b>	<b>\$8,598,644</b>	<b>\$5,849,040</b>	<b>\$14,447,684</b>
Transportation Development Credits							
	Requested			\$0			\$0
	Awarded			\$0			\$0

## APPENDIX D

### MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION – ATTAINMENT AREA

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.334, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Abilene, Texas urbanized area(s) hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- (5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (7) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (8) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (9) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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Abilene District  
Texas Department of Transportation

  
District Engineer

April 15, 2014

Date

Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Board Chairperson

  
Mayor of Abilene

April 15, 2014

Date

## SELF-CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

### **Metropolitan Planning:**

The State and the MPO shall annually certify to FHWA and FTA that the planning process is addressing major issues facing their area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable transportation planning requirements. The planning process will undergo joint review and evaluation by FHWA, FTA and TxDOT to determine if the process meets requirements. The Federal administrators will take the appropriate action for each TMA to either issue certification action, or deny certification if the TMA planning process fails to substantially meet requirements. If FHWA and FTA jointly determine that the transportation planning process in a TMA does not substantially meet the requirements, they may withhold, in whole or in part, the apportionment attributed to the relevant metropolitan planning area or withhold approval of all or certain categories of projects. Upon full, joint certification by FHWA and FTA, all funds withheld will be restored to the metropolitan area, unless they have lapsed.

For non-TMA areas TxDOT will determine whether a MPO's transportation planning process substantially meets requirements and act accordingly.  
(23 CFR 450.334; 49 CFR 613; USC Title 23, Sec. 134; and USC Title 49, Ch. 53, Sec's 5303 – 5306)

*All requested reports and necessary documentation are submitted as required and on a timely basis.*

### **Statewide Planning:**

The process for developing the transportation plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. The State shall coordinate transportation planning activities for metropolitan areas of the State, and shall carry out its responsibilities for the development of the transportation portion of the State implementation plan (STIP) to the extent required by the Clean Air Act.

The State will carry out the long range planning processes and the STIP in cooperation and consultation with designated metropolitan planning organizations, affected local transportation officials and affected tribal governments.

Transportation improvement programs should include financial plans that demonstrate how the programs can be implemented, indicates resources from public and private sources reasonably expected to be made available for carrying out the programs, and recommend any additional financing strategies for needed projects.

23 CFR 450.220; USC Title 23, Sec. 135; and USC Title 49, Ch. 53, Sec's 5307 – 5311, 5323(l)

*The Abilene MPO extends full cooperation and consultation as needed with the State on planning activities and programs.*

**Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964:**

Title VI prohibits exclusion from participation in, denial of benefits of, and discrimination under federally assisted programs on grounds of race, color, or national origin. Title VI assurance regulations were also executed by each State prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex or disability.

(23 USC 324, 29 USC 794)

*The Abilene MPO has in place a proactive Public Participation Plan that facilitates the participation of minority and low income populations in transportation decision making through coordination and advertisement of public meetings; publication and mail-outs to interested parties of project information; and continual update of information on the internet.*

**Environmental Justice:**

In support of Title VI regulations, each Federal agency must identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations.

State Highway agency responsibilities are to develop procedures for the collection of statistical data (race, color, religion, sex, and national origin) of participants in, and beneficiaries of State highway programs, i.e., relocatees, affected citizens and affected communities. Recipients of federally assisted programs shall keep documentation, for Federal review, demonstrating extent to which members of target populations are beneficiaries of such programs.

(EO 12898, 23 CFR 200.9 (b)(4), and 49 CFR 21.9 (b))

*The MPO Board members are from diversified organizations and each member is extremely knowledgeable about community needs within their areas of expertise. Every decision within the MPO is made with the challenge of ensuring that projects do not disproportionately have high or adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations.*

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE):**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program ensures equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets, addresses the effects of discrimination in transportation contracting, and promotes increased participation in federally funded contracts by small, socially and economically disadvantaged businesses, including minority and women owned enterprises. The statute provides that at least 10% of the amounts made available for any Federal-aid

highways, mass transit, and transportation research and technology program be expended with certified DBEs.

(TEA-21, Pub. L. 105-178, Sec. 1101(b); CFR 49, Subtitle A, Part 26)

*The Abilene MPO is committed to increasing the participation of minority and women owned enterprises in the transportation contracting markets. Through attendance at training sessions, the MPO staff is kept up-to-date on issues affecting DBE.*

**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990:**

Programs and activities funded with Federal dollars are prohibited from discrimination based on disability. Compliance with the applicable regulations is a condition of receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation.

(Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327 as amended; 49 CFR Parts 27, 37 and 38)

*The Abilene MPO exercises good judgment in ensuring that discrimination based on disability does not enter into transportation issues. This includes taking into account the special needs of disabled persons in aspects of the planning and implementation of new transportation projects.*

**Restrictions on influencing certain Federal activities:**

No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing a Federal employee regarding the award of Federal contracts, grants, loans or cooperative agreements.

(49 CFR, Part 20)

*The Abilene MPO does not expend any appropriated funds nor any other funds to pay any person for influencing a Federal employee regarding the award of Federal contracts, grants, loans, or cooperative agreements.*

**Clean Air Act: Air Pollution Prevention & Control:**

All State and local transportation officials will take part in a 3-C planning process in non-attainment areas to determine which planning elements will be developed, adopted and implemented to maintain or improve the air quality for said area. In non-attainment areas that include more than one State, the affected States may jointly undertake and implement air quality planning procedures.

Activities not conforming to approved plans will not be financially supported by the Federal government. Priority of funding will be given to those projects or programs that achieve and maintain national primary ambient air quality standards.

(42 USC, Ch. 85, Sec's. 7408, 7410, 7504, 7505a, 7511, 7512, 7506 (c) and (d) and 7604; 49 USC, Ch. 53, 23 USC, Sec. 134)

***The Abilene MPO is an attainment area in regards to Air Quality. In contrast to cities with intense compliance problems, air quality is not driving the transportation planning process in Abilene.***