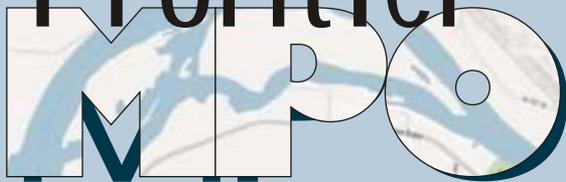


Frontier



Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

Arkansas

Crawford / Sebastian Counties
Alma
Barling
Bonanza
Central City
Fort Smith
Greenwood
Kibler
Lavaca
Van Buren

Oklahoma

LeFlore / Sequoyah Counties
Arkoma
Pocola

Mission

Together with other public and private partners, develop and maintain the appropriate management systems necessary for a safe, efficient, and convenient multi-modal transportation system that will effectively move people and goods on a coordinated transportation network that will advance and secure the economic prosperity and social equity for all residents, visitors, and businesses within the Frontier Metropolitan Planning region of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Vision

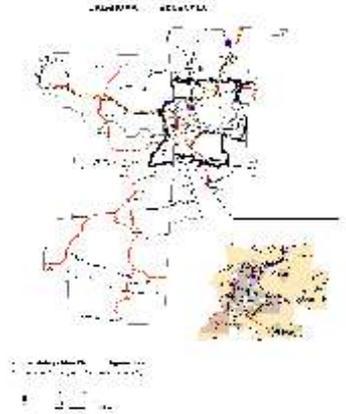
A comprehensive and coordinated multi-modal transportation environment based on the principles of inclusion, communications and innovation that will have the flexibility to respond to new technologies and methodologies to enhance the Frontier regions position in the regional, national, and international markets as well as provide accessible and affordable transportation services and opportunities to all of the regions current and future residents.

What is an MPO?

MPO stands for "Metropolitan Planning Organization." The Frontier MPO serves as the regional transportation planning organization for the Fort Smith urbanized area funded by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Arkansas and Oklahoma Departments of Transportation. The Frontier planning area is defined as the area projected to become urbanized within the next 20 years in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma.

Established in 1973 by Federal legislation through the 1973 Highway Act.

The MPO serves as a liaison between local governments and state and federal agencies in matters involving major regional needed transportation improvements. All urban areas in the U.S. with a population over 50K are required by federal regulations stemming from the 1973 Highway Act to have an MPO structure in place to administer transportation planning programs. The States and the Federal governments recognize the MPO as the official forum for regional transportation planning undertaken in the cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive manner in order to maximize the benefits and expenditure of federal and state monies in transportation planning and programming.



MPO Facts...

Location: Fort Smith, AR--2nd largest city in the state (2010 Census)

Population: Serving 168,852

Urbanized area: 122,947

Area: 491.14 sq. mi.

Serving 4 Counties:

- 24 sq. mi. Eastern Sequoyah County (OK)
- 51.5 sq. mi. Northeastern LeFlore County (OK)
- 179 sq. mi. Southwestern Crawford County (AR)
- 236.5 sq. mi. Northwestern Sebastian County (AR)

Transportation Modes:

Air: Fort Smith Regional Airport

Rail: 3 Class 1 Railroads

- Union Pacific
- Kansas City Southern
- Burlington Northern-Santa Fe

2 Class 3 “short-line” Railroads

- Arkansas-Missouri Line (A&M)
- Fort Smith Railroad

Water: McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System

Roadway:

Arkansas

East-West *State Highways:* 348, 282, 162, 22, 10, 10 Spur, 255

Federal Highways: I-40, I-540, US64

North-South *State Highways:* 59, 255, 45, 253

Federal Highways: I-540 (I-49), US71, US271

Oklahoma

East-West *Federal Highways:* I-40, US64

North-South *State Highways:* 9, 9A, 112

Federal Highways: US271, US59

Public Transportation: Fort Smith Public Transit System, Downtown Trolley.

Bicycle: Bikeway Plan (City of Fort Smith Master Street Plan), Greenwood Pedestrian-Bicycle Plan.

Pedestrian and Recreational Trails: Fort Smith Trails and Greenways Plan (22 corridors/88 miles of trails).



2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The 2035 MTP is the regional transportation plan for the Fort Smith Region which encompasses municipalities and unincorporated portions of counties in Arkansas and Oklahoma. It is a Plan that identifies the needs and financial resources available to meet the area's transportation needs over a 25 year period. Long range transportation planning requires the planning process to be a cooperative, continuing and comprehensive process that monitors regional growth and any subsequent socio-economic changes resulting from growth.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are to: (1) formalize the current cooperative efforts between Frontier, the member jurisdictions, Fort Smith Transit, and AHTD for the production and execution of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the ongoing transportation planning process in general; as well as (2) comply with the requirements of the current Federal Transportation Bill, all successors of this Act and subsequent regulations, and all other applicable laws and regulations.



Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for federal funds obligated in the preceding program year. The listing shall be prepared in accordance with federal requirements and shall include the TIP information and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years. The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.



Public Participation Plan (PPP)

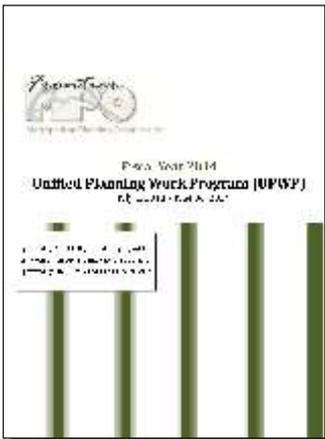
The PPP has been developed to assure that the transportation planning process conducted by the MPO complies with Federal requirements for public involvement and participation. This document presents the goals of the MPO for public participation and involvement, as well as the public involvement procedures designed for various MPO activities. These procedures will provide opportunities for citizens to contribute ideas and opinions early and at every stage of the planning process. Efforts will be made to assure participation in the transportation planning and programming process by traditionally underserved individuals, including elderly, low income and minority individuals, persons with disabilities, and persons with Limited English proficiency (LEP).



Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

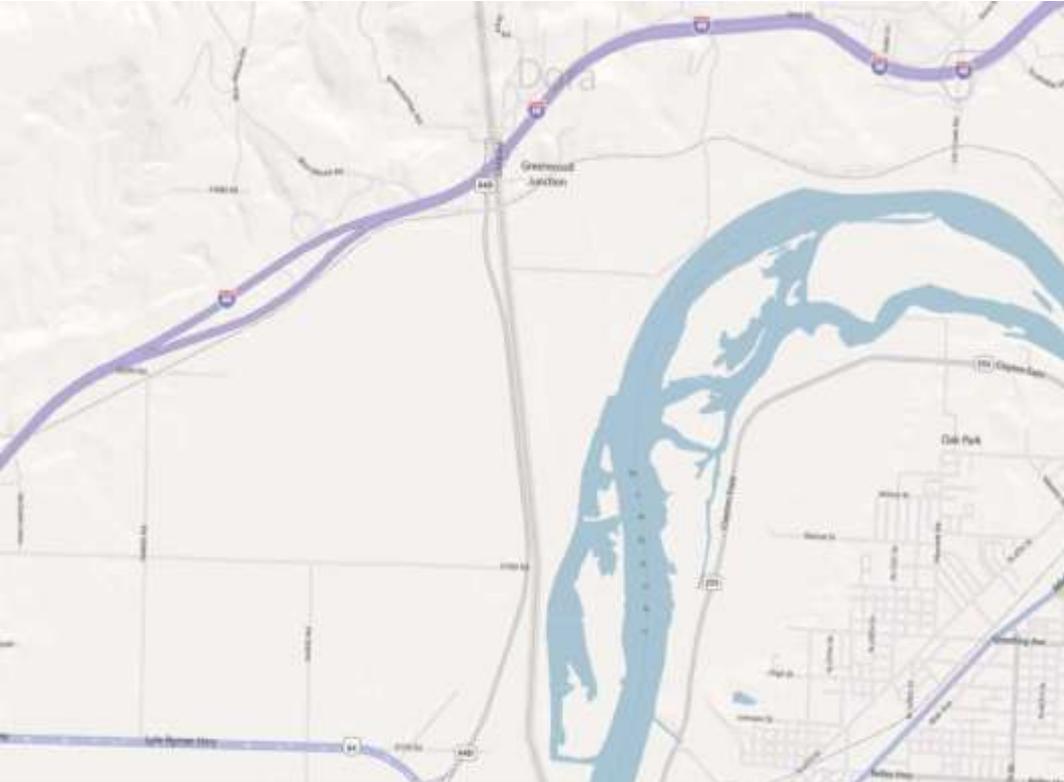
The TIP is a capital improvement program developed cooperatively by the Frontier MPO, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Fort Smith Transit, Oklahoma Department of Transportation and all participating agencies. It includes a list of multi-modal transportation projects, such as highway, transit and bicycle for example. The projects are drawn from and consistent with the MTP. The TIP serves as a short-term programming document that lists approximately four years of funded

transportation projects. These projects are designed to construct, implement, operate and maintain regional and statewide transportation systems in accordance with the recommendations of the MTP.



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The UPWP is a description of the proposed activities of the MPO during Fiscal Year (July 1 - June30). The program is prepared annually and serves as a basis for requesting Federal planning funds. It also serves as a management tool for scheduling, budgeting, and monitoring the planning activities of the participating agencies. This document was prepared by staff from the Metropolitan Planning Organization with assistance from various agencies, including the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, City of Fort Smith Transit



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