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## MPO 101: The What, Who, Where and When of an MPO.

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A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) means the policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Pursuant to Federal law, MPO's operate in urbanized areas (UZA) with a population of 50,000 people or more, as designated by the Bureau of the Census.

Notably, the MPO is a government agency. It is not a non-profit or for-profit entity. This MPO does not issue any grants.

There are 8 MPO's in Arkansas, which are designated in the following UZAs: Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Texarkana, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Jonesboro & West Memphis. The Tri-Lakes MPO, located in the Hot Springs UZA, was designated in 2003.

Federal law requires MPO's to carry out a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous (3-C) planning process. The MPO's planning partners include, but are not limited to the following:

- Local Public Agencies (LPAs) - e.g. City, County & Public Transit Agencies;
- State Agencies - e.g. Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT);
- Federal Agencies - e.g. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & National Park Service (NPS);
- Public; and
- Other planning partners.

Currently, the MPO's voting members include: Garland County, City of Hot springs, Town of Fountain Lake, Hot Springs Village, City of Mountain Pine, Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, Hot Spring County and ARDOT.

Below are some of the key planning documents developed by the MPO in coordination with its planning partners:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - A long-term transportation planning document addressing no less than a 20-year planning horizon; updated every 5 years;
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Documents short-term transportation projects covering a period of no less than 4 years, updated at least every 4 years;
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Documents metropolitan transportation planning activities to be performed with federal funds in the next 1 or 2 years;
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) – Defines the process of providing the public and other stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process;
- Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER) - Annual document reporting on the progress of activities identified in the UPWP;
- Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) - An annual listing of multi-modal

projects for which federal funds were obligated in the preceding year;

- Title VI Plan - Documents compliance with federal non-discrimination laws and regulations, particularly Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; updated every 3 years; Also contains a Language Assistance Plan (LAP) for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP);
- Bylaws – A policy document guiding the MPO; and
- Various other transportation planning documents and activities.

The Policy Board (PB) is the governing body of the MPO. It meets at-least semi-annually, on Thursdays.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides planning assistance and advice to the PB. The TAC also meets at least semi-annually, on Tuesdays.

Unless otherwise mentioned, all Tri-Lakes MPO TAC and PB meetings are held at 10:00 am at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (WCAPDD) offices at 1000 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR, 71901.

The public is encouraged to attend all MPO meetings because planning is incomplete without you! So, let's plan together ☺