

May 5, 2016

Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

An MPO Program Call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project applications was issued by the MPO staff in September 2015. The MPO will receive between 750,000 - 800,000 dollars in TAP monies over the next three (3) years (F.Y. 2017-2019). Applications were accepted by Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

With the input and cooperation of MPO Technical Committee members, MPO staff developed evaluation scoring criteria. The TAP scoring methodology and associated policies developed by the MPO Technical Committee, were officially adopted by the MPO Policy Committee members in January 2016.

A review committee composed of members of the MPO Technical Committee met on January 26, 2016 to evaluate or rank four submittals. The MPO Technical Committee members utilized the MPO's adopted TAP scoring methodology to assess these submittals, based on the following criteria:

- Increases Safety
- Completes a Gap / Provides an Alternative Route
- Provides for Alternate Modes
- Responds to Congestion Management Process (CMP) Issues or Reduces Travel Time or Trip Length
- Improves Air Quality
- Project is of Regional Significance
- Local Project Support
- Improves functioning of the MPO Network/Adding New Location
- Project Readiness
- Special Circumstances

The TAP (Category 9) Allocations approved by the MPO Policy Committee Members on March 2016 for funding are as follows:

- (1) Bike / Ped Safety Improvements (Sponsor: City of Brownsville); Total: \$300,802.
- (2) Brownsville Metro Eastside Transfer Station (Sponsor: Brownsville Metro/City of Brownsville) Total: \$812,862.

It is expected that within one or two years of letting, these improvements will be completed and open for use by local citizens.

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View from City Plaza, 1034 E. Levee St. 2nd Floor Brownsville, TX

Upcoming Policy Committee Meetings

Wednesday, **May 11, 2016**
At 10 a.m.

Wednesday, ~~June 8, 2016~~
At 10 a.m. **June 15, 2016**

Wednesday, **July 13, 2016**
At 10 a.m.

City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor, 1001 E. Elizabeth St., Brownsville, TX 78520

Note: Brownsville MPO Policy Committee Meetings are now televised effective September 1, 2015. Archived recordings of these meetings will be loaded onto the Brownsville MPO website: www.brownsvillempo.org.

May TIP Revision

Three projects have been included in the May 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision.

The IH-69E Frontage Overpass Project, Phase I is scheduled to let in Fiscal Year 2017. The project consists of construction of a vehicular overpass at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The construction site is along Southbound IH-69 frontage road, west of Alice Road. The total cost of Phase I is \$6,000,000 and is funded by Category 1 / Proposition 1.

Funding for Northbound Overpass structures is pending. These improvements are expected to receive funds from the MPO's Proposition Seven Allocation. This TxDOT –sponsored project consists of reconfiguration of the IH-69E ramps. These improvements will result in much improved (safer) traffic flow. The improvements will also include widening of the Morrison Road Overpass, to provide an additional northbound lane. This improvement project experienced a number of delays in 2015, some of which were due to weather conditions. In recent weeks, more progress has been evident. Travelers using this northbound corridor are urged to exercise caution on both the main lanes and the frontage road as construction progresses towards completion.

Two Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects were also included in the TIP Revision. The Brownsville Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Improvements project sponsored by the City of Brownsville will be let in 2017. This project entails construction of sidewalks, crosswalks and paved shared use paths for pedestrians and bicycle facilities in three areas of Brownsville: Historic Battlefield Trail meets Boca Chica, Ruben M. Torres Boulevard meets Expressway 77 and Historic Battlefield meets Alton Gloor Boulevard. The total cost of this project is \$300,802 and is funded by Category 9 and local monies.

The second TAP project is the Brownsville Metro Eastside Transfer Station located on Jose Colunga and Billy Mitchell Boulevard. TAP funds will be used to include paving, curb and gutter, drainage structures, canopy, lighting, striping, landscaping and irrigation. This project will be let in 2018 and total construction cost is \$812,862.

HURRICANE AWARENESS FAIR

Hurricane Season is here...

The Brownsville MPO will be available on site to answer questions you may have at the Hurricane Awareness Fair 2016. This fair is sponsored by the City of Brownsville Office of Emergency Management. We encourage you to stop by and let us know your transportation concerns during an emergency situation.



La Temporada de huracanes está aquí...

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Brownsville es disponible para responder a sus preguntas en sus oficinas o el evento de La Feria 2016 Para Tomar Conciencia de Huracán. Esta feria es patrocinada por la ciudad de Brownsville Oficina de Manejo de Emergencias. Te animamos a pasar por aquí y háganos saber sus inquietudes de transporte durante una situación de emergencia.

Thursday, May 26, 2016 / Jueves, 26 de Mayo 2016

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Brownsville Public Library / Biblioteca Pública, 2600 Central Blvd.

MAY IS BIKE MONTH
With so many reasons to ride, what's yours?

THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS

I RIDE TO ENJOY A LIFELONG SPORT.

I RIDE TO SAVE MONEY ON GAS.

I BIKE TO THE BUS TO GET PLACES FASTER.

I RIDE FOR CLEANER AIR.

I RIDE FOR LESS TRAFFIC.

I RIDE TO FEEL THE WIND ON MY FACE.

I RIDE BECAUSE IT MAKES MY BUSINESS RUN BETTER.

I RIDE TO TURN MY COMMUTE INTO A WORKOUT.

I RIDE TO CREATE A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY FOR MY KIDS.

#BIKEMONTH BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BIKEMONTH

MAYO ES EL MES DE BICICLETA

¿CON TANTOS MOTIVOS PARA PEDALEAR, CUAL ES EL TUYO?

PEDALEA PARA DISFRUTAR UN DEPORTE DE TODA LA VIDA.

PEDALEA PARA SUBIR AL AUTOBUS Y LLEGAR A LUGARES MÁS RÁPIDO.

PEDALEA PORQUE HACE TU NEGOCIO MARCHAR MEJOR.

PEDALEA PARA UN AIRE MÁS LIMPIO.

PEDALEA PARA AHORRAR DINERO EN GASOLINA.

PEDALEA PARA SENTIR EL VIENTO EN MI CARA.

PEDALEA PARA MENORAR EL TRÁFICO.

PEDALEA PARA CREAR UNA COMUNIDAD MÁS SALUDABLE PARA TUS HIJOS.

PEDALEA PARA CONVERTIR TU VIAJE EN UNA SESIÓN DE EJERCICIOS.

Survey

See poster above, courtesy of the League of American Bicyclists (translations by MPO Staff), and let us know your response by visiting:

<http://brownsvillempo.org/survey/>

The Challenge!

Brownsville MPO Staff would like to challenge you to ride your bike to work on Friday, May 20, 2016. Fill out the pledge on the next page.

Encuesta

Vea el póster de arriba, cortesía de la Liga de Ciclistas Americana (traducido por el personal del MPO del por medio de su visita) y háganos saber su respuesta:

<http://brownsvillempo.org/survey/>

¡El Reto!

El personal del Brownsville MPO quisiera proponerle un reto de pedalear su bicicleta para ir al trabajo el viernes, 20 de Mayo de 2016. Favor de llenar el siguiente compromiso.

Pledge Form / Forma de Compromiso

Name/Nombre: _____

Leaving/Saliendo: Intersection of/ Intersección de _____ and/y _____

Arriving/Legando: Intersection of / Intersección de _____ and/y _____

E-mail/ Correo Electrónico: _____

I pledge to ride my bicycle on Ride to Work Day, **May 20, 2016**.

Me comprometo andar en mi bicicleta el Día al Trabajo, **20 de Mayo de 2016**.

Signature / Firma



Photo Courtesy of TxDOT

F.M. 803 Realignment

Construction of this improvement project started about the beginning of 2015. This roadway is being realigned, as the geometrics at the old F.M. 511, or S.H. 550 intersection caused too many problems. The new connection for F.M. 803 is being built to the west, at the Northbound Frontage Road of IH-69 E, opposite Rancho Viejo Avenue.

The new F.M. 803 roadway will feature two travel lanes in each direction, eight foot wide outside shoulders, and a continuous fourteen foot wide left turn (middle) lane. The estimated completion date is June 2017, for this project, which will cost \$10,494,854 to construct.

Camino Vecinal FM 803 Realineación

La construcción de este proyecto comenzó para su mejoría a principios de 2015. Esta carretera es realineada, con la geometría en el antiguo Camino FM 511 o actualmente con la intersección de Carretera Estatal SH 550, que causaba demasiados problemas. La nueva conexión en Camino Vecinal FM 803 se está construyendo al oeste, en la vía lateral de la Carretera Estatal I-69, opuesto de Rancho Viejo Avenue.

El nuevo Camino Vecinal FM 803 contará con un camino bidireccional de dos carriles cada uno, con un ancho de ocho pies, y un carril central de la obra de catorce pies para poder doblar a la izquierda.

La fecha estimada de finalización es para junio de 2017, para este proyecto, que tendrá un costo estimado de \$10,494,854 para ser construido.

About Us

The Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization provides administrative support and technical services to coordinate, carry out and conduct transportation planning for Brownsville, Los Fresnos, the Town of Rancho Viejo and unincorporated parts of the MPO study area.

The activities conducted by the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are intended to identify policies, programs and improvement projects to address area transportation activities and needs. The adoption of transportation plans and policies by the MPO is an integral step in the process of obtaining federal funding for transportation improvements, and transit activities.

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Sobre Nosotros

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana (MPO) de Brownsville proporciona apoyo administrativo y servicios técnicos para coordinar, realizar y llevar a cabo planificación de transporte en las ciudades de Brownsville, Los Fresnos, el Pueblo de Rancho Viejo y partes de zonas no incorporadas dentro la área de estudio.

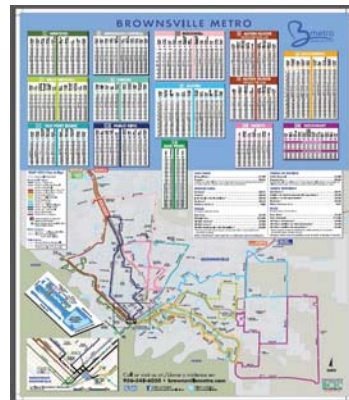
Las actividades realizadas por la organización MPO identifica las pólizas, programas y proyectos para mejorar las necesidades y actividades de transporte en el área. La adopción de planes de transporte y las pólizas del MPO es un paso integral en el proceso para obtener fondos federales para el mejoramiento de transporte viales y las actividades de tránsito.

Brownsville Metro News

Free Brochure Available

Stop by La Plaza at Brownsville, located at 755 International Boulevard, and visit the offices of BMetro to view the **NEW** system-wide map and pick up a new brochure!

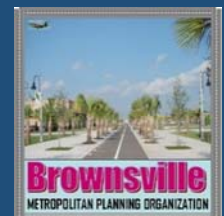
The brochure highlights all information needed to ride the bus, including: fare information, connections, routes and departure times.



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<p>PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION IN BROWNSVILLE BY SENDING US YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO:</p> <p>Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization c/o Brownsville Planning & Development Services Dept. P.O. Box 911 1034 E. Levee St., 2nd floor Brownsville, TX 78520</p> <p>Or E-mail: georgina.lopez@cob.us</p>	
<p>POR FAVOR AYUDENOS A MEJORAR EL SISTEMA DE TRANSPORTE EN BROWNSVILLE. QUEREMOS SU OPINIÓN DE USTED. ENVÍENOS SUS IDEAS, COMENTARIOS Y PREGUNTAS A LA SIGUIENTE DIRECCIÓN:</p> <p>Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization c/o Brownsville Planning & Development Services Dept. P.O. Box 911 1034 E. Levee St. 2nd floor Brownsville, TX 78520</p> <p>O Correo Electrónico: georgina.lopez@cob.us</p>	