



Jonesboro Area Transportation Study (JATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

What, Why, Who?



MPO

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MPO – What, Why, Who?



● MPO in Action

What is an MPO?

- A federally mandated, Policy Making, and Planning body for a region.
- Ensure federal spending on transportation occurs through a Comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) process.
- Usually “hosted” by another agency.



Why an MPO?

- To allocate scarce transportation funding resources appropriately.
- To reflect the region's shared vision for its future.
- Requires a comprehensive examination of the region's future and investment alternatives.
- MPO facilitates collaboration of governments, interested parties, and citizens.

Who is the MPO?



MPO Structure

- MPO Transportation Policy Committee.
- MPO Technical Advisory Committee.
- Other Special Standing or Ad hoc Committee.
- MPO Professional Staff.

The Policy Committee “is” The MPO

- Local Elected Officials:
 - Mayor and 2 Council members from City of Jonesboro.
 - County Judge and 1 member appointed by the Judge.
 - Mayors of cities of Brookland, Bono, and Bay.
- State Agency Officials: 2 members from AHTD: (Chief Planning and Research Engineer, and District Engineer).
- Public Transit Representative: Chairperson of JETS Board.

Technical Advisory Committee

- An advisory body to the MPO Policy Committee.
- Oversees MPO technical work and develops recommendations on projects and programs for MPO consideration.
- Three members from City of Jonesboro, two from Craighead county and one member each from Brookland, Bay and Bono.
- Three members from AHTD and one from JETS.

MPO Functions

Five Core Functions:

1. Establish a **fair and impartial** regional setting.
2. Evaluate Transportation Alternatives.
3. Maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
4. Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
5. Involve the public – residents and key affected sub-groups (PPP).



MPO Products

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CTP- HSTP).
- Public Participation Plan (PPP).
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan.
- Various technical reports and studies.



MPO Funding

- 80% Federal from FHWA and FTA.
- 20% Local shared proportionately on population basis by Jonesboro, Brookland, Bono, Bay, and Craighead County.
- Year 2009 Budget is \$176,000.
- Jonesboro share is \$28,000 (16% of the total).



Meeting Schedule

- MPO Transportation Policy Committee:
 - 3rd Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.
- Technical Advisory Committee:
 - 1st Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Summary

- Regional Transportation Planning Agency.
- Hosted by the City of Jonesboro.
- Working cooperatively for the collective interest of its participants.
- Plans and Improves transportation infrastructure with federal funding.

Questions

- Questions and Comments?

Your Role in MPO

- Please Help us to Serve you Better!
 - Remember:
 - Transportation Planning
 - We cannot do it without you.
 - Thank you.
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