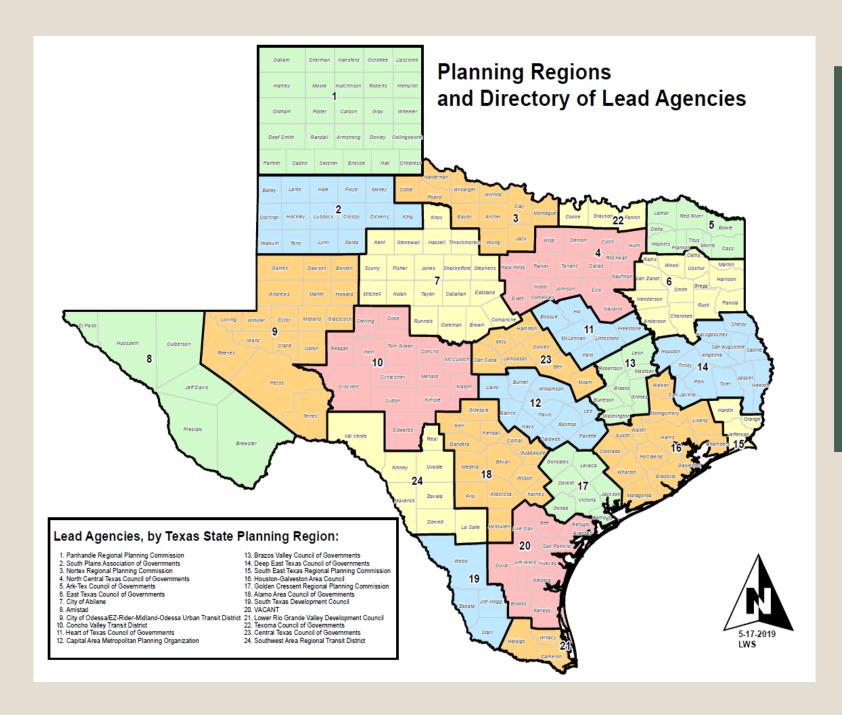
FAR WEST TEXAS/EL PASO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE (WTEP)

December 10, 2020



Region 8 – Upper Rio Grande

- 1. El Paso
- 2. Hudspeth
- 3. Culberson
- 4. Jeff Davis
- 5. Presidio
- 6. Brewster

Purpose

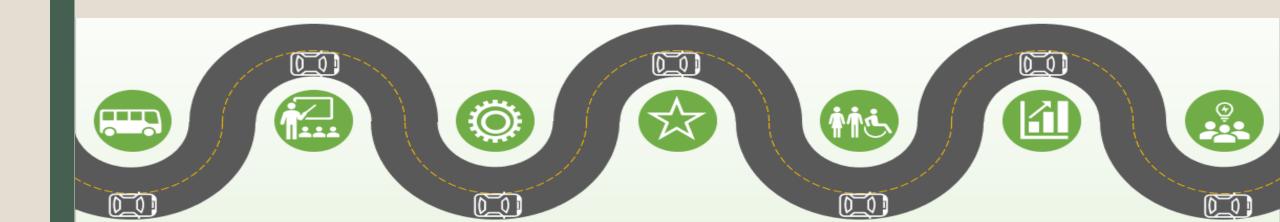
- 2006 Statewide Coordination of Public Transportation was established:
 - (1) to eliminate waste in the provision of public transportation services;
 - (2) to generate efficiencies that will permit increased levels of service; and
 - (3) to further the state's efforts to reduce air pollution.
- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) through their Public Transportation Division is responsible for monitoring, guiding, and funding.

Why Regional Planning?

- Plan for a more efficient and effective network of public transportation services
- Identify resources to get people to desired destinations
- Have communities come together to develop five-year public transportation - human services plan
- Identify inventories of transportation resources available
- Complete comprehensive needs assessments and gap analyses in the region

WTEP's Mission

■ To facilitate the coordination of transportation resources to provide a customer – centered, accountable and effective and efficient transit system for the general public of the six county Far West Texas/El Paso Region.



Goals 1-3

■ Goal 1: Maintain an inclusive and sustainable planning process that communicates its goals and activities to the public

■ Goal 2: Fill unacceptable gaps in service

■ Goal 3: Provide technical assistance and training to transit providers and create a customer-centered and seamless public transportation system

Goals 4-6

■ Goal 4: Ensure broad public knowledge of transit services and issues and maintain effective public awareness

■ Goal 5: Work to eliminate barriers to the delivery of seamless regional transportation

■ Goal 6: Enhance the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities through coordination of services and the efficient use of resources to fully meet the needs of rural and urban communities

Achievements

- Successful Transportation Summit (July 2019)
 - Panel discussions
 - Provided information to public and attendees
 - Participated in Public Meetings
 - County Commissioner Perez Welcoming Address
 - Participation by TxDOT Upper Management
 - Seventy-five attendees
 - Reported on status to date
 - New Stakeholders





Davita Dialysis

Amistad/ ADTRC

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Amistad

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HHS Region 10/ Access & Eligibility



City of Socorro

Amistad

City of El Paso

Sun Metro Big Bend
Community
Action (BBCA)

Bend County of nunity El Paso (BBCA)

Amistad

Partners – Implementation, fully achieved & identifying new gaps/needs

- One of our biggest successes and opportunities to connect with multiple entities was through our 2019 Transportation Summit
- Discussed and shared survey results and implications.
- Challenges faced by dialysis centers.
- Statistics.
- Impact without NEMT.

WTEP Stakeholders & Affiliates

- Aging Disability & Transportation Resource Center
- Amerigroup
- Big Bend Community Action (BBCA)*
- City of Socorro*
- County of El Paso*
- Davita Dialysis
- El Paso MPO
- Habitat for Humanity*
- HHSC Eligibility
- MAXIMUS
- NM Family Services*
- Opportunity Center for the Homeless*

- Project Amistad
- Project Bravo*
- Rio Grande Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging*
- South Central Regional Transit District*
- Sun Metro/ City of El Paso*
- Texas A&M
- TxDOT
- VIBA Transportation*
- Village of Vinton*
- Visually Impaired Persons Group
- Volar Center for Independent Living*

*Depicts those agencies with a Letter of Participation

2020 Steering Committee

Officers

- Chair Sal Alonzo,County of El Paso
- Vice Chair Victor Reta,City of Socorro
- Secretary Sonia Arceo,Village of Vinton

Members

- Rosario Fernandez, Amistad
- Tita Nuñez, Big Bend
 Community Action (BBCA)
- Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging
- Stacy Barnett, Amerigroup





The pandemic has been a challenge to all.



Continuation of meetings, planning and engagement.



Stakeholders/partners are invited and kept up to date.



Meetings conducted via Zoom.



Our website is frequently updated - www.gobusgo.org

Regular Meetings

- Steering Committee meetings held every other month on the first Thursday of the month
 - This meeting is to plan for the agenda items for the Stakeholders and to review and approve any necessary items
- Stakeholder meetings are held every other month on the third Thursday of the month
- Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are at 1:30 PM MST in Amistad's board room (3210 Dyer St. El Paso, TX 79930)
- COVID 19 has posed challenges regarding in person meetings, however, our group continues to meet virtually via Zoom.

Special Meetings

- First Transportation Summit held in July 2019
- Planning sessions can be organized with a designated planning group for special projects/events
 - Summit Planning
 - Implementation Plan
 - Metrics Reporting
 - Bylaw Revision/Updates



2021

WTEP Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 1:30 PM MST, unless otherwise indicated via email.



2021 WTEP CALENDAR

For additional information, visit our website: gobusgo.org

