



## ***News from the Helotes Heritage Association***

Dear Readers,

Following is a media release by the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) announcing workshops on their Mobility 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the planning of the San Antonio-Bexar County thoroughfare system.

Sincerely,  
Ron Green  
HHA, President

### **San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization Announces Visioning Workshops**

The San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is holding four identical visioning workshops to provide the public an opportunity to comment on how they envision the community growing and to identify ways to get from Point A to Point B in response to changes in growth patterns.

The visioning workshops will begin with an Open House that will provide information about the MPO, the current plan, *Mobility 2030, San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update process. After the Open House, there will be a brief overview of the MPO, followed by the workshop. During the workshop, participants will examine and comment on various possible growth scenarios, as well as how each scenario affects our transportation network. The ultimate goal of the workshops will be to identify a community vision for future growth and the appropriate means of supporting that growth with various modes of transportation (i.e., roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and freight).

Visioning Workshop #1  
Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
St. Philip's College, Heritage Room  
1801 Martin Luther King Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78203

Visioning Workshop #2  
Thursday, September 20, 2007  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Judson High School Cafeteria  
91422 FM 78  
Converse, TX 78109

Visioning Workshop #3  
Tuesday, September 25, 2007  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
South San High School Cafeteria  
2515 Navajo  
San Antonio, TX 78203

Visioning Workshop #4  
Thursday, September 27, 2007  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Leon Valley Community Center  
6427 Evers Road  
Leon Valley, TX 78238

The MPO is responsible for conducting the urban transportation planning process that the MPO planning area - which includes Bexar County and parts of Comal and Guadalupe counties - needs to follow in order to receive over \$200 million annually in federal and state transportation funding.

The MTP is a 25-year, long-range plan and the basic framework for all of the MPO's transportation planning. The MTP is a guide used to plan for future transportation needs in the MPO planning area and the expenditure of federal, state, and local funds that become available for these projects. The current plan, *Mobility 2030: San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, was approved in December 2004 and programs approximately \$8 billion dollars worth of transportation improvements through 2030.

Transportation planning is important to everyone. As the population grows in the area, the MPO needs to ensure that the transportation system remains safe and efficient. The MPO gives the public an opportunity to identify future transportation needs to ensure that tax dollars are used for the greater good of the community.

For more information of the upcoming visioning workshops or the 2035 MTP update, please contact Jessica Casarez at (9210) 785-0888.