





# AMPO Public Involvement Working Group Meeting

March 11, 2019 at 2pm eastern time





## Welcome and Announcements

- Leadership Group Update
  - **Chris Ryan**, Broward MPO – Thank you for the leadership you have provided the committee
  - **Anthea Thomas** serves as the Public Outreach Manager at the Broward MPO. Anthea joined the MPO in March 2015 and oversees the agency's public outreach program, including public involvement, community outreach strategy and event coordination. She also manages all MPO social media platforms. Her eclectic background includes 15 years of experience ranging from public sector with the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) District Six office to private sector with URS Corporation (now AECOM) Transportation Planning office in Miami. There, she worked on outreach efforts for various state agencies including FDOT District-wide Public Involvement and Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Public Awareness. Anthea holds a Bachelors' Degree in Hospitality Management from Florida International University's nationally ranked Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

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- 2019 TRB Annual Meeting Workshop 1060 - Facilitating Equitable Outcomes: The Intersection Between Public Engagement and Equity in Transportation
  - Joint effort between our AMPO Public Involvement Working Group, the TRB Public Involvement and Environmental Justice Committees, and the AASHTO Environmental Justice Community of Practice
- 2019 Webinar Series Topics
  - Evaluation (#1 survey result) – please let Rachel know ([rroper@ampo.org](mailto:rroper@ampo.org)) if you are interested in presenting

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## Presenters

- As the **Alamo Area MPO's Regional Transportation Planner**, **Allison Blazosky** is part of the team planning for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in the Alamo Area. Her work focuses on air quality and freight planning, the congestion management process, and traffic safety information. Allison joined AAMPO in June 2013 and previously served as the Active Transportation Planner. She is an AICP-certified planner and board member of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) San Antonio Region. She holds a Masters of Urban Planning from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Trinity University.




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## Presentations

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- **Communicating Performance**

  - Allison will speak to the challenges encountered in adopting local safety performance measure targets in a region committed to Vision Zero, the traffic safety approach that accepts no loss of life on our roads. This presentation will cover the MPO's analysis of historical crash data, the process staff developed to facilitate informed discussions around safety target-setting, challenges encountered during the process, and next steps for enhancing roadway safety in the Alamo Area.

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- **Linda Vela** joined the **Alamo Area MPO as its Planning & Public Involvement Program Manager** in January 2016 after working 18 years in the private sector as a consultant in the areas of facilitation, community relations and public involvement. She leads a team of professionals to increase awareness of the MPO's various planning initiatives, while supporting both short and long-term planning processes. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from the University of the Incarnate Word.



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## Presentations

- **Evaluation**
  - Linda Vela will discuss a key component of the public involvement process: evaluation. Evaluation ensures our public involvement goes beyond just checking a box, but is useful to the planning process, helps us measure success, and achieves desired outcomes. It should be helping us gather quality and relevant information, reach our stakeholders and community members, and make the best use of the tools in our public involvement tool box.

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## Next Steps

- Next meeting: June 10, 2019, 2pm eastern
- Please continue to send resources for our website and YouTube Channel, and also suggestions for webinar presentations/topics.

<http://www.ampo.org/resources-publications/ampo-work-groups/public-involvement-working-group-2/>

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## Thank you

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- Linda Alvarado-Vela, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Melissa Roberts, Atlanta Regional Commission
- Anthea Thomas, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Amanda Wilson, North Central Texas Council of Governments

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