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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, June 12, 2026 (9:00 AM)

Government Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101

Members' Present

Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish – Chair
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish – Vice Chair
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Stephen Jean – MPC of Caddo/Shreveport
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran

Members Absent

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Ms. Heidi Stewart - NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mrs. Bryant called the meeting to order. Mrs. Bryant asked Mayor Arceneaux to lead us in prayer, and Mr. Washington to lead us for the pledge. She stated if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mayor Arceneaux led us in prayer followed by Mr. Washington leading us for the pledge. Mrs. Bryant asked Mr. Rogers to begin roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Chevallier stated they had not received any requests for public comment.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2026

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the May 27, 2026, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Norton seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Amendments and Modifications

Mr. Rogers stated the first one was for introduction for maintenance work and improvements on I-49 between Southern Loop and Murphy Street. There will be some mill, overlay and concrete patching, along with replacement of expansion joints. The next two are adoptions that they were introduced to at the last meeting, and they've received no public comments on them. Those are the US 171 project and the US 84 to LA 3015.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Adopt the Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications and Amendments. Mr. Washington motioned, and Mayor Arceneaux seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year 2027 UPWP

- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Rogers said they were sent and have seen the full version of the UPWP that was given to them through emails and whatnot. It was put out for public comment, and they did receive comments back from Kim Mitchell, with Allendale Strong. Mr. Rogers said he forwarded those comments to them and they're reviewing those comments at this time. He will send them over to Mr. Chevallier to let him review their responses before making a formal response back to them. Mr. Rogers said that he didn't see any comments that would make any sustenance change to the work program. Mainly the comments they received were from DOTD, FHWA and FTA for minor typos.

Mayor Arceneaux asked if they should wait to adopt or move to adopt.

Mr. Rogers said that he would move to adopt. They need to have it adopted prior to the ten days end of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Blanton seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Schedule

- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Rogers said that there was only one change from what they initially sent out to them and it was the date change for the July meeting from the seventeenth to the twenty-fourth. The rationale behind that is the NACo Conference is the week before and he knows that several members will be in attendance for that.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion for Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Schedule for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Washington motioned, and Mr. Norton seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

5. Fiscal Year 2026 MPO Officers

- Election of Fiscal Year 2027 Officers for the MPO

Mrs. Bryant said they have a recommendation for Mayor Arceneaux as Chair and Mrs. Askew-Brown as Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Accept the Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2027 Beginning July 1, 2026, and serving through June 30, 2027. Mr. England motioned, and Mr. Jean seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Plan Update Presentation from Neel-Schaffer

Mr. Rogers said they had Mr. Vijay Kunada from Neel-Schaffer to give an update and he was going to turn it over to him.

Please see attached slides for presentation.

Dr. Ward asked when looking at the pavement sections and the bridge sections, if those were based on public comments or were they based on observations in the field. If they were based on observations in the field, what techniques were used to determine the condition of the road as well as the bridge?

Mr. Kunada said that those are actually the data sets they have received from DOTD. They have the pavement conditions and assessments which tell them if they're in good, bad, or poor condition. They didn't go out and check each and every one of them.

Dr. Ward asked about Parish or City roads since DOTD doesn't look at them.

Mr. Kunada said that he probably should've clarified that everything they're showing is going to be the state routes that DOTD has provided data for.

Dr. Ward said the conditions of the roads and municipalities may be better than the overall

numbers from last year.

Mr. Kunada said, correct.

Mr. Rogers said that plan primarily focuses on what's classified as a federal elector.

Dr. Ward said that a lot of people would misunderstand that they're talking about the total infrastructure of their community and it's really not. It's just that federal highway section. He just wanted to make sure that was clear.

- Call For Projects

Mr. Rogers said that they will be sending out to technical members a formal call for projects. They'll send them a list of all the projects that they have in the plan and what's in the current TIP and being developed for 2031. Basically, ask them if there's anything they're missing, add, or any new projects out there that haven't been developed yet. Start working those into this process.

Mr. Petro wanted to add that they've been in constant contact with this process with all their technical staff, so it won't be a surprise when they go checking in with them. They are on board with what they've been doing these past few months.

Dr. Ward asked if they could define "multimodal".

Mr. Rogers said that typically that includes crossings and transit. He knows that Mr. Washington has bike racks on the front of the buses. Multi-use trails are both pedestrian and bike.

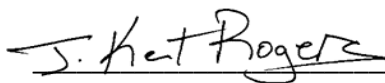
Dr. Ward said that he just wanted to clarify when looking at projects. It's not just down to roads. They have demands for that all over their region.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, July 24, 2026, in the Government Chambers at 9:00 am.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Norton second, and the meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

MPO Meeting

June 12, 2026

Agenda

- Planning Process
- Schedule
- Phase 1 Outreach
- Existing Conditions
- Next Steps

Planning Process



Schedule

- Needs Assessment – June/July
- Project Prioritization – July 
- Staged Program Development – August
- Draft Plan – September
- Public Commenting – September/October 

 Round of Community Engagement

Listening and Learning – Phase 1 Outreach

- 236 People Engaged
 - 109 online responses
 - 127 in-person responses at multiple events
 - Public outreach event at SPORTran Terminal (Appx. 30 respondents)



Transportation Priorities

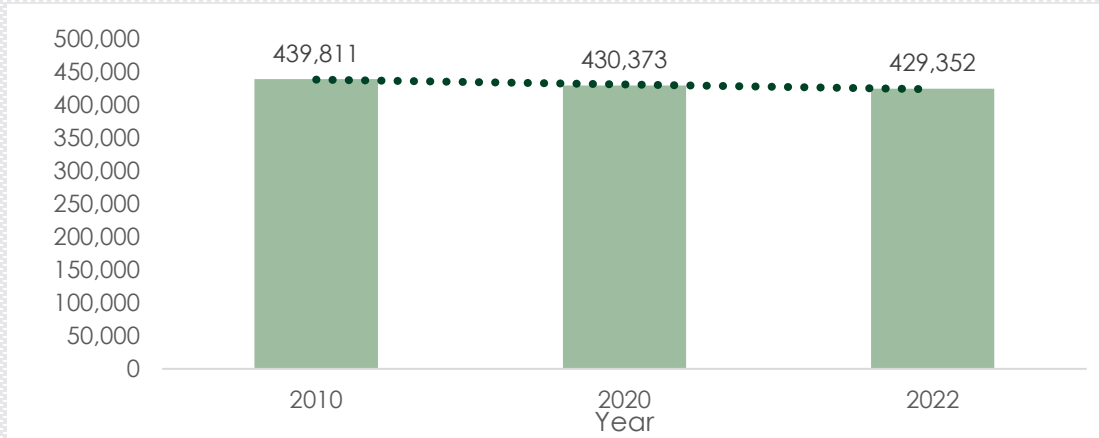


Budget Priorities



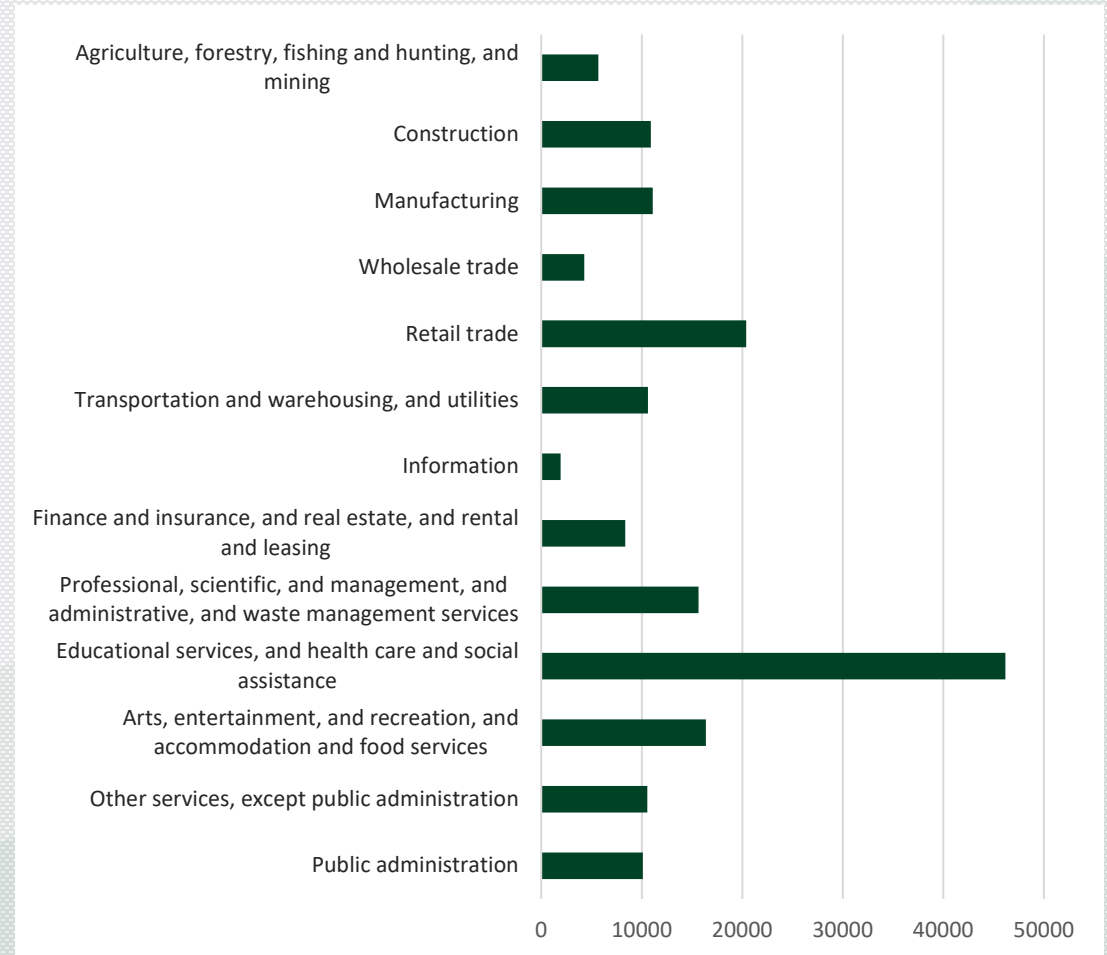
Existing Conditions (2022)

Population



- Total Population - 429,352
- Total Employment - 172,077
- Total School Enrollment - 98,978

Employment



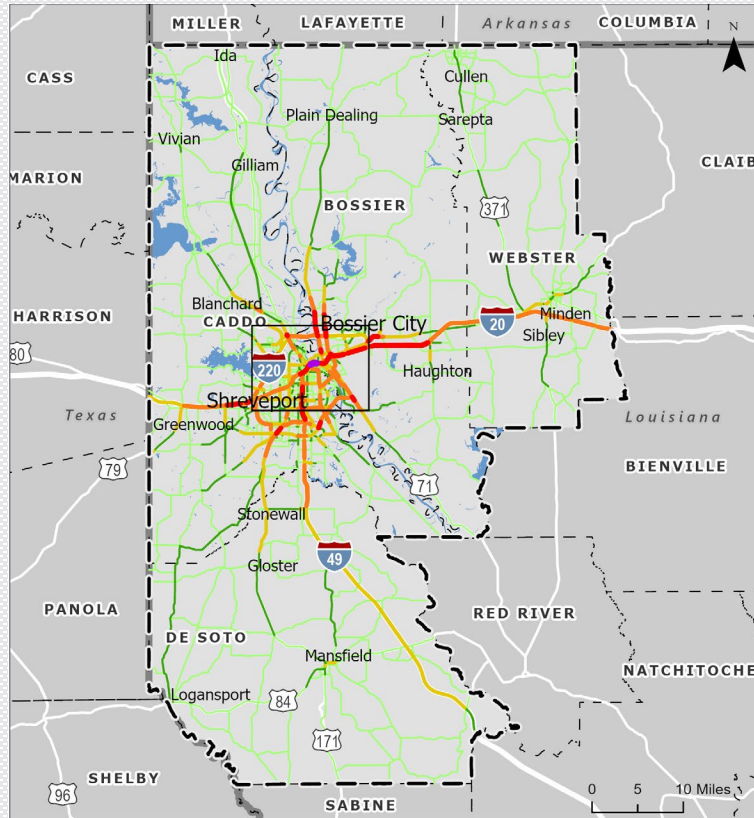
Existing Conditions (2022)

Housing & Transportation Index

Area	Housing Cost %	Transportation Cost %	H&T Cost%	Key Challenge
Bossier Parish	30	27	57	Transportation
Caddo Parish	26	26	52	Transportation
DeSoto Parish	25	31	56	Transportation
Webster Parish	31	41	72	Housing and Transportation
Shreveport-Bossier City CBSA	27	27	54	Transportation
Minden CBSA	31	41	72	Housing and Transportation

- Housing alone is traditionally deemed affordable when consuming no more than 30% of income.
- The H&T Index incorporates transportation costs - typically the household's second-largest expense.
- The H&T Index, at 45% of income, offers an expanded view of affordability within a region.

Existing Conditions (2022)



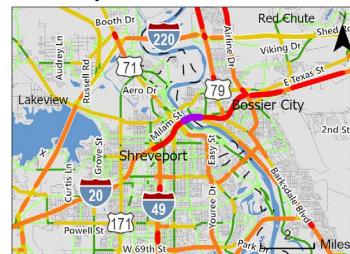
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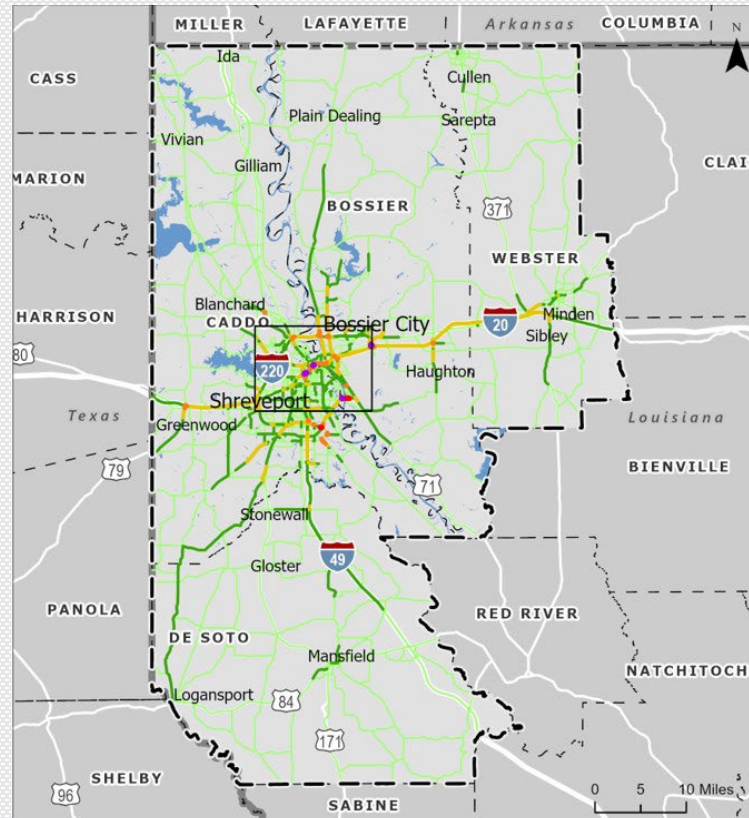
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- 5,001 - 10,000
- 10,001 - 20,000
- 20,001 - 30,000
- 30,001 - 50,000
- > 50,000

NLCOG Planning Area

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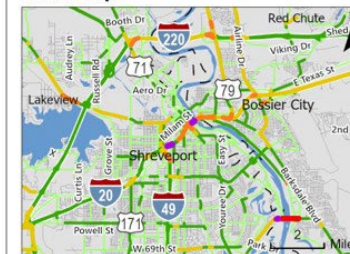
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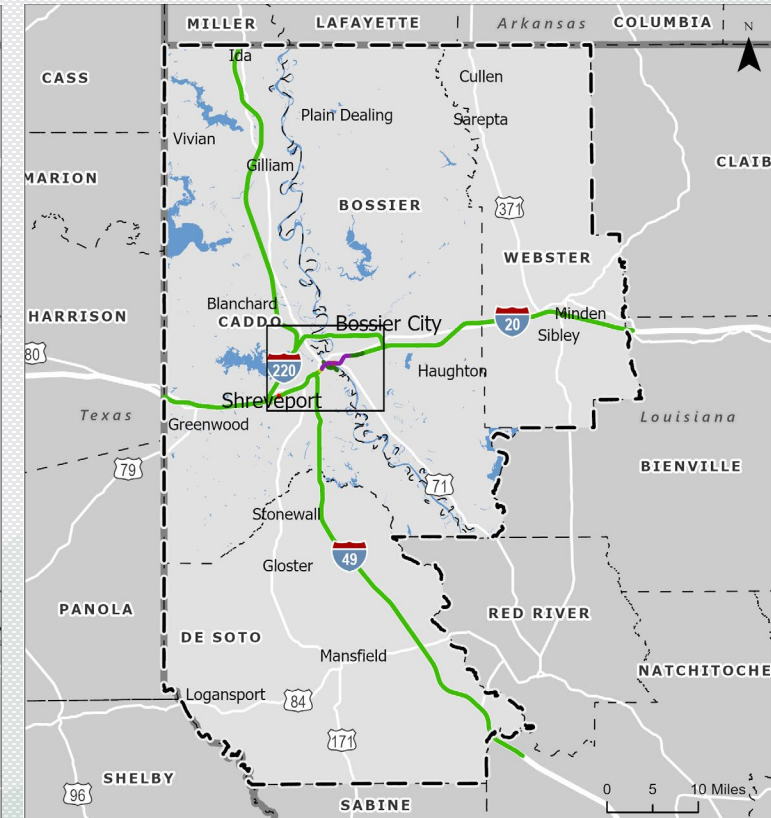
- 0.00 - 0.25
- 0.26 - 0.50
- 0.51 - 0.75
- 0.76 - 1.00
- 1.01 - 1.20
- > 1.20

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Level of Time Travel Reliability (LOTR)

- 1.03 - 1.10
- 1.11 - 1.20
- 1.21 - 1.30
- 1.31 - 1.40
- 1.41 - 1.50
- > 1.50

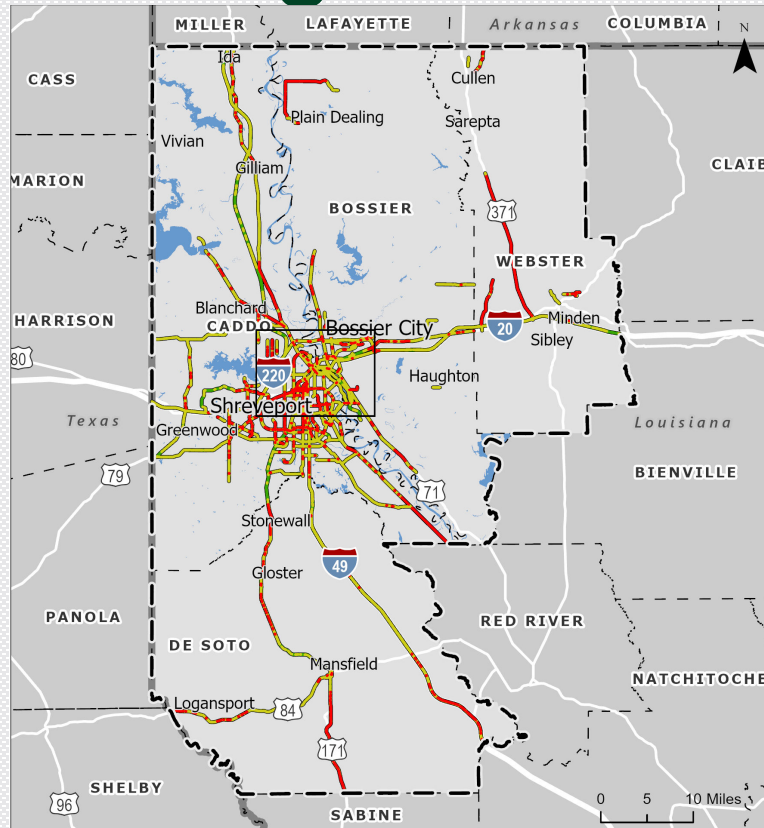
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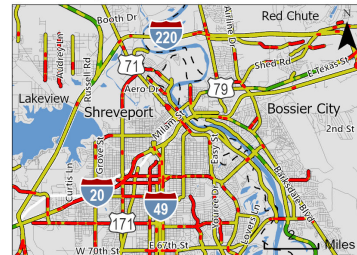


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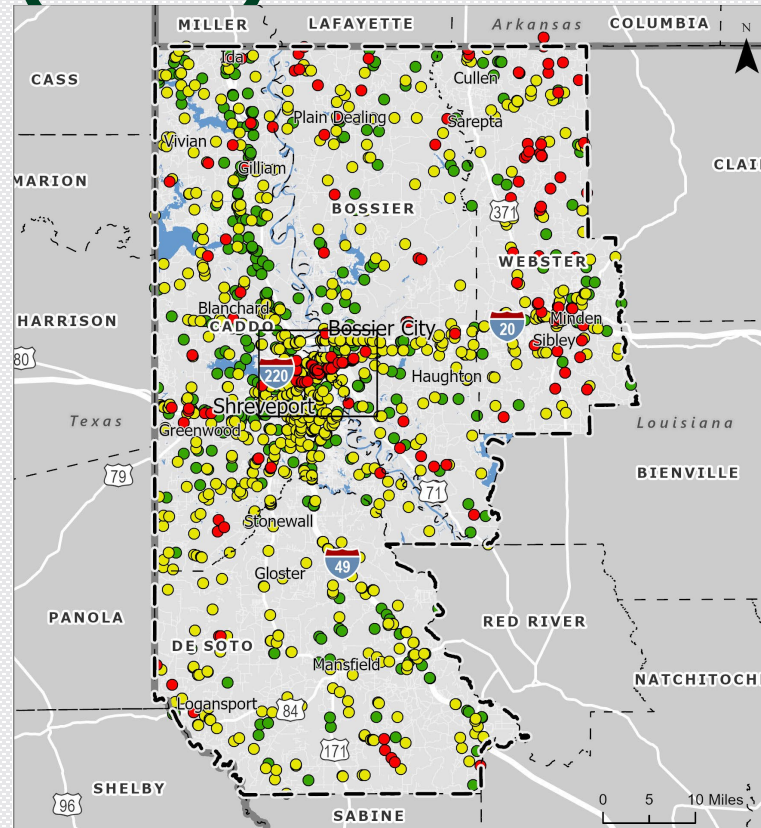
Pavement Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
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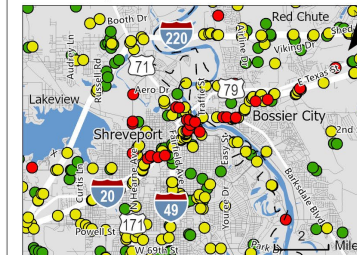


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Bridge Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- NLCOG Planning Area

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48.0% of NBI
defined NHS
Bridges are in
Good Condition.

6.0% of NBI
defined NHS
Bridges are in
Poor Condition.

By deck area*

Next Steps

- Needs Assessment
 - Horizon year (2050) needs
 - Short-term, actionable projects to address current and forecast challenges
- Project Development
 - Transportation improvements from various sources, including public and stakeholders
- Project Prioritization
 - Prioritize projects based on anticipated future funds

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2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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