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Residents can provide road-project input online

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Residents who are unable to attend the March 1 public meeting on Comal County- and New Braunfels-related transportation improvement projects can now submit their feedback online.

The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is holding a public meeting to discuss the possible inclusion of Comal County-related projects on the agency's short-term Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The meeting is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave.

Because that is also Election Day, County Engineer Tom Hornseth encouraged residents to visit <http://alamoareampopo.org/yourmove/> and submit feedback online through Thursday, March 3.

“Public participation is a key factor the MPO looks at to rank the projects included in the TIP,” Hornseth said. “Going online and providing your feedback helps increase the chances that Comal County and New Braunfels projects get funded.”

Forty-one projects, totaling more than \$414 million, have been submitted for consideration by local entities in Comal, Bexar, Guadalupe and Kendall counties. The TIP is expected to schedule about \$100 million in projects.

Comal County is seeking funding for an expansion of FM 2252 between the county line and FM 3009 in the southern corner of the county. The estimated \$26.2 million project would complete a four-lane road running parallel to Interstate 35 between FM 3009 and Loop 1604, providing relief for Comal County

drivers commuting to San Antonio.

The City of New Braunfels has submitted an expansion of FM 725 in Guadalupe County. A third project – a \$37 million expansion of State Highway 46 on either side of U.S. Highway 281 in Bulverde – is also under consideration, although it may be funded through other means, given its expected cost.

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