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### **Jonesboro MPO honored for long-term plan**

The Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization has received a notable honor from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association presented the MPO with the Achievement in Plan Implementation Award for their work implementing Momentum 2040, the region's long-term transportation plan. The award recognizes the Jonesboro MPO's success in developing a Regional Active Transportation Plan, an essential component to furthering the regional vision of enhancing multimodal accessibility and connectivity outlined in Momentum 2040.

"Right now our community is mostly auto-centric," Jonesboro MPO Director Erica Tait said. "We need to begin considering all forms of transportation in the transportation planning process. That includes walking, cycling, and transit." That is the purpose of the Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Tait was presented the award at the chapter's fall conference in Bentonville. "This award is meaningful to us because it validates the overall goal of the Jonesboro MPO to remain continuous, cooperative and comprehensive in our transportation planning efforts," she said.

The annual awards program of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association recognizes persons, projects and media publications that represent excellence in the field of planning. The Achievement in Plan Implementation Award is given for work that furthers the expeditious implementation of a written plan. To learn more about the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association, please visit [www.arkansasapa.org](http://www.arkansasapa.org).

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