



**KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023
2:30 PM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

Freight Advisory Committee Members

Ginger Watkins—Cameron Industrial Foundation
Jared Garmon-BNSF Railway*

Tamara Brown-BellTec*
Keith Sledd-Heart of Texas Defense Alliance*

Additional Attendees

Dominic Elizondo—KTMPO
Connie Quinto—KTMPO
Anita Janke-KTMPO
Jaesup Lee-FHWA *
Nate Hickman-TCEQ*

Hope Geiger—KTMPO
James McGill-KTMPO
Jeff Purdy-FHWA*
Jennifer Lasseter-TCEQ*

**Denotes online attendee*

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: As committee Chair Jason Deckman was not present, Dominic Elizondo asked the committee to nominate a member to preside over the meeting at 2:31 PM. Ginger Watkins nominated herself and

Tamara Brown made a motion to approve Ms. Watkins to preside over the meeting, seconded by Keith Sledd; the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Watkins at 2:33 PM.

2. Public Comments: No public comments were made.

3. Staff Update: Dominic Elizondo discussed the schedule for upcoming KTMPO meetings, and the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, a pending Federal bill which would authorize \$755 million for States, cities, and MPOs for truck parking, and the special provision in the federal FY 2023 Appropriations Act

allowing SLFRF funds to be used for additional uses, including for transportation infrastructure. Additionally, Connie Quinto provided an update on the Bell County Thoroughfare Plan public engagement process as well as KTMPO's Federal Certification Review (FCR) results. James McGill provided an overview of the air quality data for the KTMPO region and EPA standards.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Approve minutes from the October 25th, 2022 meeting.

Keith Sledd made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Tamara Brown; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding FHWA Freight Performance Measure Tools and Guidelines Presentation.

Jeffrey Purdy provided an overview of the freight performance measure tools and guidelines available from the FHWA. The FHWA provides metrics for measuring freight performance in safety, maintenance and preservation, mobility reliability, accessibility and connectivity, and the environment. FHWA has a National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) for states and MPOs that provides travel time data to provide information on congestion and travel time reliability. NPMRDS is used for FHWA's Freight Mobility Trends page. TxDOT has a "Texas 100 Most Congested Roadway Sections" tool for identifying bottlenecks and measuring performance of a freight system. FHWA also promotes Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategies for optimizing current transportation infrastructure.

Keith Sledd said Fort Hood is looking to work with several communities to create an intermodal facility in west Fort Hood and said he would contact Jeffrey Purdy to ask questions about freight in the area and anything that make help the project. Mr. Purdy said he would be happy to help and that anytime freight moves from truck to rail it provides opportunities for reducing congestion and bolstering economic development.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding Texas Emissions Reduction Program Grants Presentation.

Nate Hickman provided an overview of Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) grants and rebates. TERP provides grant and rebate programs that help reduce nitrogen oxides emissions by replacing older vehicles and equipment with more energy efficient models. The Emissions Reduction Incentive Program provides grants to upgrade or replace non-road equipment and locomotives while the Rebate Grants Program offers grants to replace on road heavy duty diesel vehicles. The Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grants Program, Texas Clean Fleets Program, and Alternative Fueling Facilities Program all offer grants that help replace heavy duty vehicles and fueling infrastructure with natural gas and other alternative fuel sources. The Light-Duty Purchase or Lease Incentive Program provides rebates for the purchase of light duty vehicles powered by natural gas, hydrogen fuel cell, or other electric drive. Mr. Hickman noted that the funding for all of these programs comes from surcharges related to the sale, use, and registration of diesel vehicles and equipment.

Dominic Elizondo asked what the matches looked like for these programs, and Mr. Hickman responded that for most of them the grants or rebates will cover 80% of costs at most depending on age of equipment.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Discussion on Local KTMPO Freight Topics.

Dominic Elizondo asked for committee discussion on any freight needs or gaps in the KTMPO region and possible ways to address them. No comments were made. Connie Quinto stated that committee members can always reach out to KTMPO staff by email.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding Discussion on Public Input Received Through January 2023.

No comments were made.

9. Member Comments.

No comments were made.

10. Discuss Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting on April 25th, 2023.

Keith Sledd asked if meetings would always be at the same time and Dominic Elizondo responded that they would always be the fourth Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:00 PM.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM

These meeting minutes were approved by the FAC members on their meeting on 25 Apr 2023



Jason Deckman, Chair of FAC



Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director