



KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMP)

Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB)

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:30 AM

Regular Meeting

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

Policy Board Voting Members

Chair Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County

Vice Chair Councilmember Susan Long – City of Temple

Ryan Haverlah for Mayor Dan Yancey – City of Copperas Cove

Mayor Michael Blomquist – City of Harker Heights

Riakos Adams – City of Killeen

Mayor Tim Davis – City of Temple

Darrell Burtner – Hill County Transit District

Victor Goebel for Stan Swiatek – TxDOT Waco District

Non-Voting Members

Additional Attendees

Bob van Til – City of Belton

*Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove

Jason Deckman – City of Temple

Dan Lamers – NCTCOG

Brendon Wheeler – NCTCOG

*Zack Lamothe – TransPod

*Madison Coupland – TransPod

Arthur Chambers – Waco MPO

Nora Roy – Waco MPO

*Mukesh Kumar – Waco MPO

Cory Erskine – City of Morgan's Point Resort

Dalton Rice – City of Morgan's Point Resort

Keith Sledd – HOTDA

**Denotes online attendee*

*Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP

*Michael Yates – TxDOT Belton Area Engineer

Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District

Nicole Gray – TxDOT Waco District

*Jodie Kelly – TxDOT Brownwood District

*Amanda Mooney – TxDOT Waco District

*Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District

Uryan Nelson – KTMO Director

Connie Quinto – KTMO Assistant Director

James McGill – KTMO

Hope Davis – KTMO

Dominic Elizondo – KTMO

Tane'ya Floyd -- KTMO

*Anita Janke – KTMO

*Kendra Coufal – KTMO

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Judge Roger Miller called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.

3. Staff Update: Meeting Schedule; Other Updates; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the Policy Board of upcoming KTMPO meetings through October. Mr. Nelson updated the Policy Board on TxDOT annual traffic counts for the Waco District happening August 7th through the 24th. Mr. Nelson informed the board of the AMPO professional guidance on ChatGPT coming out. Mr. Nelson shared that TxDOT has provided a new smoothed urbanized area boundary to staff based on the 2020 Census that has two small areas in Coryell County outside of the current official MPO boundary. Mr. Nelson reminded the Policy Board of Officer elections happening next month. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of June were 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 60 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the July 19, 2023, meeting.

Riakos Adams made a motion to approve the July 19, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Ryan Haverlah the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding the Fort Worth to Laredo High Speed Rail Study presentation.

Dan Lamers and Brendon Wheeler from NCTCOG and Zack Lamothe from TransPod presented their vision for the high-speed rail from Fort Worth to Laredo, and how KTMPO can be a part of that vision.

The floor opened for discussion following the presentation, several key points were discussed. Uryan Nelson proposed a potential test track between Temple and Killeen, which NCTCOG confirmed as feasible. Victor Goebel asked about local government and TxDOT roles in utility relocation, ROW, and environmental studies, TransPod clarified that no financial contribution is sought. The project aims for private funding, requiring TxDOT's intercity jurisdictional support currently. Jason Deckman inquired about power source, with a response indicating a mix of own generation and grid use.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding revisions to the KTMPO Call for Projects Application Form & Scoring Guidelines.

James McGill presented the updated KTMPO Project Scoring Guidelines and updated Call for Projects Application Form. Mr. McGill highlighted the changes to the scoring guidelines. These changes include combining similar subjective criteria together and removing other criteria completely. Mr. McGill noted that the main reason for reducing the number of criteria is to reduce the burden on TAC during project scoring. Mr. McGill also stated that less subjective criteria would make objective criteria more valuable and noted that no project came close to receiving all subjective points during the last project call. Mr. McGill noted two other changes that roadway projects would be split into two rankings (Major Roadway & Minor Roadway) after scoring and that projects where additional match above the required 20% are eligible for 1 bonus point via a vote from TAC.

Ryan Haverlah asked about the removal of category local support criteria. James McGill mentioned that projects can still gain points in other subjective criterion based on the information in letters of support and that staff believes the submitting entity should determine how important projects are instead of scoring entities.

Ryan Haverlah made a motion to approve the KTMPO Call for Projects Applications Form and Scoring Guidelines, seconded by Mayor Michael Blomquist; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the 2023 KTMPO Call for Projects dates.

James McGill shared that staff is proposing to open the KTMPO Call for Projects on September 1, 2023, with a submission deadline of October 27, 2023. Mr. McGill made mention that originally the closing date was October 13, but after discussion with TAC that recommendation was moved to October 27th, to allow more time for submission.

Riakos Adams made a motion to approve the 2023 KTMPO Call for Projects dates, seconded by Councilmember Susan Long; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding updates on the Bylaws, Safety, and Project Scoring Workgroups.

Uryan Nelson stated that the Bylaws working group would be meeting following the Policy Board meeting to finalize their draft recommendations, which will be brought back next month for consideration. James McGill shared that the Safety Workgroup meet for the first time on August 8, 2023 and planning to meet again in September where staff will present some methodology ideas.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Grant.

Uryan Nelson shared that KTMPO's grant agreement with FHWA has been fully executed grant and that 3 RFP proposals were received. Mr. Nelson noted that the CTCOG and KTMPO officers met and selected a consultant. The consultant is working on the scope of work for the project now and we should have a signed contract with them soon. Mr. Nelson also informed the Policy Board that if any discussion related to SS4A needs to be documented and submitted to the KTMPO to be used as in-kind match requirement.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the possible MPO Boundary Expansion.

Uryan Nelson shared that there is currently no update on the possible MPO Boundary Expansion.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through July 2023.

James McGill shared that staff received an email from a citizen via TxDOT requesting a loop and more sidewalks/bike lanes in the region.

12. Member Comments:

Judge Roger Miller thanked everyone for working so diligently on the working groups and making a big impact.

13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the TPPB members at their meeting on Sept. 20, 2023



Judge Roger Miller, Chair



Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

