

**KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY BOARD (TPPB) MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Scott Cosper—City of Killeen	Joe Craig—Bell County
Mayor Dan Corbin—City of Killeen	Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen	Commissioner Jack Cox—Lampasas County
Councilmember Spencer Smith—City of Harker Heights	Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)
Mayor Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple	Sam Listi for Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson—City of Belton
Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County	Andrea Gardner for Mayor John Hull—City of Copperas Cove

Others Present

Erin Newcomer—City of Belton	Will Clifton—FHWA
David Blackburn—City of Temple	Tim Juarez—TxDOT North Region
Bill Jones—City of Temple	Ed Kabobel—TxDOT Waco District
Bryan Neaves—Bell County	Mike Chaney—Alliance Transportation
Steven Pearl—City of Nolanville	Annette Shepherd—KTMPO
George Lueck—City of Killeen	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Robert Ator—HCTD	Mark Collier—KTMPO
Andy Bird—Fort Hood	Angela Smith—KTMPO
Casey Carlton—FHWA	Jason Deckman—KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Scott Cosper called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** There were no public comments. Chair Cosper recognized Casey Carlton and Will Clifton from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).
3. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from September 18, 2013 Policy Board meeting.

Vice Chair Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Special Presentation:** Recognition of Bill Jones' service to KTMPO.

Chair Cosper and Vice Chair Dunn presented Bill Jones with a Texas plaque and thanked him for his service to KTMPO from 2002 to 2013.

5. **Special Presentation:** My 35 Corridor Study by Bell County Commissioner Tim Brown.

Commissioner Brown, Chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission's Interstate 35 Corridor Advisory Committee, provided a video highlighting the I35 Corridor and the ongoing improvements for this roadway. He summarized that this major international corridor would need to be improved on a continual basis to accommodate population growth and that there was no single solution to movement along I35 but likely a mix of projects to include a bypass route and rail options—both freight and passenger—through the State of Texas. He stated there was a lot of work ahead that would require dedication and cooperation of all the communities represented on the KTMPO Board.

Chair Cospers thanked Commissioner Brown for his leadership on the My 35 Advisory Committee.

6. Action Item: Approval of TPPB Chair for FY2014.

Chair Cospers announced that typically the Vice Chair will move to the Chair position. Ms. Shepherd confirmed this and informed the Board members that Vice Chair Dunn was willing to serve as Chair.

Ms. Warlick made a motion to approve Mayor Dunn as the TPPB Chair, seconded by Mayor Corbin; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dunn thanked Mr. Cospers for his work as chair during the past two years. Chair Dunn presided over the remainder of the meeting.

7. Action Item: Nomination and election of TPPB Vice Chair for FY2014.

Ms. Shepherd informed the Board members that typically the Chair and Vice Chair represent different areas of the KTMPO region. Since a nominating committee had not been established, Chair Dunn opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Cospers nominated Mayor Corbin; Commissioner Brown nominated Councilmember Smith. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Cospers; the motion passed unanimously.

Ballots were distributed to Board members and then collected by MPO staff. While staff tallied the votes, the Board moved to Agenda Items 8 and 9.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Regarding initiation of public involvement process for amendments to the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to incorporate selected Surface Transportation Program—Metropolitan Mobility (STPMM) (Category 7) projects and FTA 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities) transit project.

Ms. Shepherd provided a summary of the proposed MTP amendments to include a tentative schedule with two public hearings and a 15 day public comment period from October 19 – November 3. She stated the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended the TPPB begin the public involvement process and asked the TPPB to take action to this effect.

Mr. Listi made a motion to begin the public involvement process, seconded by Mr. Cospers; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Regarding initiation of public involvement process for amendments to the FY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to incorporate selected STPMM projects.

Ms. Shepherd provided a summary of the TIP amendments, stating it involved the same projects and schedule discussed under the MTP amendment. She stated the TAC recommended the TPPB begin the public involvement process and asked the TPPB to take action to this effect.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to begin the public involvement process, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dunn returned to Agenda Item 7

7. **Action Item:** Nomination and election of TPPB Vice Chair for FY2014.

Chair Dunn announced Mayor Corbin had received the majority vote for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve Mayor Corbin as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Cosper; the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Regarding approval of KTMPO Congestion Management Process.

Ms. Shepherd provided a brief overview of the proposed Congestion Management Process (CMP) and recapped the schedule that included two public hearings and a 30 day public comment period. She stated the TAC recommended the TPPB approve the CMP at their October 2nd meeting and asked the TPPB to take action to approve the CMP.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackstone made a motion to approve the CMP, seconded by Councilmember Davis; the motion passed unanimously.

11. **Staff Presentation:** Regarding Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding (Category 9).

Ms. Shepherd provided a brief overview of TAP funding noting it incorporated several programs such as Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to Schools. She provided a summary of eligible activities and eligible entities that may apply for the funds, and explained that due to TMA (Transportation Management Area) designation, the KTMPO will select projects to receive TAP funding in consultation with TxDOT and through a competitive process to be determined at a later date. She added that the MPO could expect an allocation of approximately \$390,000 on an annual basis beginning in FY2013. Ms. Shepherd stated MPO staff were learning more about this program and would provide more information to the Board at a later date.

12. **Discussion Item:** Regarding development of the 2040 MTP to include update on call for projects.

Ms. Shepherd briefed the Board on the funding outlook for the next few years noting that Categories 7 (STPMM) and 9 (TAP) may be the only source of funding. She announced that the call for projects has been extended to October 30, 2013 and outlined a proposed schedule to include the Bus Tour of projects on December 11th.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Regarding meeting schedule for FY2014.

Ms. Shepherd discussed the meeting schedule for FY2014 noting a conflict with the TAC meeting on January 1st. It was suggested this meeting be moved to January 8th.

Mr. Cosper made a motion to approve the TAC meeting date change to January 8th, seconded by Councilmember Davis; the motion passed unanimously.

14. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.