

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County
Mayor Dan Corbin—City of Killeen	Commissioner Jack Cox—Lampasas County
Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen	Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple	Andrea Gardner for Mayor John Hull—City of Copperas Cove
Councilmember Spencer Smith—City of Harker Heights	Kevin Dickey for Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District
Judge John Firth—Coryell County	Jason Scantling for Elias Rmeili—TxDOT Brownwood District

Others Present

Steven Pearl—City of Nolanville	Annette Shepherd—KTMPO
George Lueck—City of Killeen	Angela Smith—KTMPO
Robert Ator—HCTD	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Tim Juarez—TxDOT MPO Coordination	Mark Collier—KTMPO
Ed Kabobel—TxDOT Waco District	Jason Deckman—KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from November 20, 2013 Policy Board meeting.

Carole Warlick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Spencer Smith; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Regarding project selection process for Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040 roadway projects.

Annette Shepherd provided an overview of the project selection process for the MTP 2040. Angela Smith described the steps for project evaluation and explained the scoring criteria guidelines. She discussed the 5 scoring criteria: Congestion, Traffic, Safety, MTP Priority, and Local Priority. Ms. Smith discussed the proposed MTP development schedule with project scoring occurring at the January 8th Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and resulting ranking discussed at the February 5th TAC meeting. TPPB action on project ranking is anticipated at the February 19th TPPB meeting.

Commissioner Tim Brown made a motion to affirm the project scoring criteria for the MTP 2040, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Regarding fiscal constraint options of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040.

Ms. Shepherd provided a summary of fiscal constraint and the financial planning process for the MTP 2040. She explained the TRENDS (Transportation Revenue Estimation and Needs Determination System) model was used to forecast revenues and develop funding scenarios. She described assumptions used to develop each of the five funding scenarios: Baseline, Low, Medium (without local option funding), Medium (with local option funding), and High. Ms. Shepherd explained the TxDOT funding categories and highlighted the projected funds generated by the various scenarios.

Ms. Shepherd informed the TPPB members of the TAC recommendation regarding fiscal constraint which was a mixture of the Baseline and Medium (without local option funding) scenarios. The TAC recommendation was to use the Baseline Scenario for the Short Range Mobility funding category and to use the Medium (without local option funding) scenario for the remaining categories – Short Range Maintenance, Long Range Maintenance and Mobility. This resulted in projected revenue through year 2040 of \$657,658,780.

The TPPB members discussed whether the assumption to raise the state and federal gas taxes by six cents in the years 2020 and 2030 was realistic.

Judge John Firth agreed that short range it was probably not realistic, but long range, he felt hopeful that most reasonable people in Texas realize what is needed to support economic growth and the related infrastructure and that folks will step up to the plate and make realistic decisions from a planning standpoint.

Ms. Shepherd explained she had consulted with the other MPO's along the I35 corridor and their staffs were proposing similar assumptions.

Mayor Dan Corbin stated that he felt the process was backwards and that needs should be considered first and then a determination as to how to fund the projects. Kevin Dickey stated the process was laid out by Federal Highways Administration. He stated that at the end of the day we needed to be able to say that based on available information, we made a reasonable decision to come up with funding to allow future planning.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the TAC recommendation regarding fiscal constraint, seconded by Judge Firth; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Mayor Danny Dunn, Chair

Annette Shepherd, MPO Director