

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

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Danny Dunn—City of Temple
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple
Vice Chair Dan Corbin—City of Killeen
Mayor John Hull—City of Copperas Cove
Joe Craig—Bell County
Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District

Glenn Morrison for Mayor Scott Cosper—City of Killeen
George Lueck for Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen
David Mitchell for Councilmember Spencer Smith— City of Harker Heights
Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)

Others Present

Erin Newcomer—City of Belton
Kevin Dickey—TxDOT Waco District
Ed Kabobel—TxDOT Waco District
Frank Seffrood—City of Copperas Cove
Scott Dukette, Klotz Associates

Page Scott—KTMPO
Angela Smith—KTMPO
Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Mark Collier—KTMPO
Jason Deckman--KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and introduced Page Scott to the TPPB members.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
3. **Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from May 14, 2014 TPPB meeting.**

Mayor John Hull made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bobby Littlefield; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of the KTMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP).** Cheryl Maxwell provided a brief overview of the draft PPP identifying key changes to this document. The TPPB members were advised the public involvement process had been completed and no comments received. Ms. Maxwell noted minor revisions that were made after the document was presented for public comment. She informed the TPPB that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of this item at their June 4th meeting and TPPB approval was now requested.

Councilmember Tim Davis made a motion to approve the revised Public Participation Plan, seconded by Robert Ator; the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Presentation: Regarding air quality in the KTMPO region.** Ms. Maxwell informed the members Carrie Paige, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was joining the meeting via telephone and would be providing information regarding nonattainment and the Ozone Advance Program.

Ms. Maxwell provided information regarding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) noting the ozone standard was under review and more stringent requirements were being considered. The maximum allowed concentration may be changing from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a range of 60 – 70 ppb. Ms. Maxwell noted proposed dates for the revised standards to be released (December 2014) and the final rule to go into effect (October 2015). Carrie Paige confirmed the time line and informed the members the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee recently submitted their recommendation to the EPA and it supported lowering the allowed concentration to 60 – 70 ppb.

Ms. Maxwell informed the members ozone is formed when pollutants—volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen dioxide (NOx)—combine with sunlight and high temperatures. She discussed emission sources noting data indicates the primary source of NOx and VOC in Bell County is the mobile sector. Data from the Killeen ozone monitor was presented and the process for determining compliance was explained. It was noted the ozone levels at the Killeen monitoring site (74 ppb) was very close to exceeding the current 75 ppb standard and was in excess of the proposed 60 – 70 ppb standards.

Carrie Paige provided information regarding nonattainment designation to include transportation conformity with emissions budgets established in a State Implementation Plan (SIP) and transportation control measures. Page Scott clarified how the MPO could be affected if designated nonattainment noting projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program would be required to be within the emissions budget.

Ms. Paige provided information on the ozone advance program, which is a voluntary program, and answered questions from the members. Ms. Scott stated no immediate action was required but the members needed to be aware of the ozone situation and consider joining the ozone advance program. Staff will provide regular updates on local air quality monitoring, changes to national standards, and options for mitigating a potential non-attainment designation.

6. Staff Update: Regarding development of project selection scoring criteria for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – FHWA Category 9 funding.

Mr. Collier provided a status update on the development of TAP scoring criteria. He informed the members a draft had been developed based on input from the work group which would be presented to the TAC and TPPB for action at the July meetings.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Mayor Danny Dunn, Chair

J. Page Scott, MPO Director