

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Mayor Scott Cosper – City of Killeen
Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County	Glenn Morrison for Vice Chair Dan Corbin—City of Killeen
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple	George Lueck for Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen
Mayor John Hull—City of Copperas Cove	Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District
Mayor Marion Grayson—City of Belton	Elias Rmeili—TxDOT Brownwood District
Councilmember Spencer Smith— City of Harker Heights	Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District
Judge John Firth— Coryell County	

Others Present

Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove	Christina Currier—Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)
Frank Seffrood – City of Copperas Cove	Corey Dunn—FHWA
Erin Newcomer—City of Belton	David Blackburn—City of Temple
Stephen Pearl—City of Nolanville	Ralph Gauer—Senator Troy Fraser’s Office
Kevin Dickey—TxDOT Waco District	Page Scott—KTMPO
Edward Kabobel, Jr.—TxDOT Waco District	Angela Smith—KTMPO
Robert Ator—Hill Country Transit District	Mark Collier—KTMPO
Wayne Gilmore-City of Killeen	Jason Deckman--KTMPO
Dennis Biggs – City of Nolanville	

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
3. **Director’s Report:**
 - a. Page Scott provided federal updates to the board, including information on the current Highway Trust Fund and proposed planning regulations and performance measures. She informed the board that the MPO has not submitted comments for the proposed rules, but staff is keeping in touch with counterparts at other MPOs to determine if this will be necessary.
 - b. Ms. Scott informed the board members that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will occur at the Annual Meeting in September. She advised the board to work with their judges and city councils to appoint elected officials to fill seats that will become vacant at the Annual Meeting.
 - c. Jason Deckman explained the current ozone readings for the region from the Killeen and Temple monitoring sites and how they compare to the current and proposed EPA standard.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from June 18, 2014 TPPB meeting.

Mayor Scott Cospers made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Glenn Morrison; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of project call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Category 9 funding

Mark Collier informed the board members that staff met with the work group after previous TPPB direction to move forward to develop a TAP scoring criteria and process. Mr. Collier provided an overview of the changes made by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), namely 1) removing a sentence that prohibits non-profit organizations from partnering with eligible entities for purposes of match or receipt of Category 9 funding, and explained that this change was from new guidance received by TxDOT; and 2) to provide a link to the Environmental Justice (EJ) maps on the KTMPO website.

Chair Dunn asked Mr. Collier if the project call will combine FY13 and FY14 funds. Mr. Collier confirmed this and presented the option to the board to delay the project selection to include FY15 funds if this was desirable.

George Lueck raised a question regarding the interpretation of the federal rule that states the eligibility of a Transportation Management Area (TMA) to compete on a statewide basis for TAP funds and expressed the importance of this ability by the region. He suggested that the MPO make comments by August 11 on the rule to express that TMAs be eligible at the statewide level. Ed Kabobel responded that he agrees that the rule is not clear and has requested clarification from TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP), specifically regarding a TMA's ability to compete statewide if they do not compete in the MPO process. Ms. Scott read the statement from the rule and stated her interpretation that the only opportunity TMAs have for competing for TAP funds is through the MPO process. She affirmed that the MPO can make a comment if the board felt it was important.

Chair Dunn requested questions or comments regarding the TAP process. Carole Warlick asked for clarification on the total amount of funds available and match requirements, and Ms. Scott and Mr. Collier responded.

Mark Collier presented a tentative schedule for the TAP process. Councilmember Spencer Smith noted a conflict with the scheduled TAP scoring meeting at the October TAC meeting and Mr. Collier responded that he would handle meeting adjustments.

Carole Warlick made a motion to approve the project call for Transportation Alternatives Program, seconded by Mayor Marion Grayson; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation: Regarding the “Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970,” (Uniform Act) by Christina Currier, Realty Specialist, FHWA

Ms. Currier presented information to the board members regarding the Uniform Act and answered questions posed by Commissioner Brown and Page Scott.

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

Mayor Danny Dunn, Chair

J. Page Scott, MPO Director