

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

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

**Policy Board Voting Members Present**

Chair Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple	Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County
Vice Chair Scott Cospers—City of Killeen	Commissioner Robert Vincent—Lampasas Co.
Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen	Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)
Jose Segarra—City of Killeen	Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District
Mayor Marion Grayson—City of Belton	Elias Rmeili—TxDOT Brownwood District
Councilmember Spencer Smith—City of Harker Heights	

**Others Present**

Erin Newcomer—City of Belton	Barbara Maley, FHWA
Mark Peterson—City of Copperas Cove	Page Scott—KTMPO
Jonathan Graham—City of Temple	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Keith Gogas—Fort Hood	Mark Collier—KTMPO
Tim Juarez, TxDOT TPP	Trevor Barrington--KTMPO
Andy Petter—TxDOT Waco District	Jason Deckman—KTMPO
Ed Kabobel—TxDOT Waco District	Alex Wukman—Temple Daily Telegram

**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Danny Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Director's Report:**

KTMPO Director Page Scott introduced new staff member Trevor Barrington, GIS/Planner. Trevor joined the KMTPO staff in December 2014.

Ms. Scott commented that the statewide call for projects for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has been released by TxDOT. The board members confirmed they have received the information.

Cheryl Maxwell provided an update on air quality, informing the board members the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released proposed revised ozone standards in December. The proposed revised standards range from 65 to 70 parts per billion (ppb) and are more stringent than the current 75 ppb concentration. Compliance will be based on years 2014 – 2016. She provided a tentative schedule noting a 90 day public comment period on the revised standards that ends on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Other key dates include October 2015—Revised ozone standards finalized; October 2016—State

recommendations on nonattainment areas due to EPA; and October 2017—Nonattainment designations finalized by EPA. Areas designated as nonattainment will have until December 2020 to come into compliance.

Ms. Maxwell provided ozone concentrations for the two monitoring stations within KTMPO. For 2014, the design value for the Temple monitoring station is 67 ppb, and 69 ppb for the Killeen monitoring station. Nonattainment status is based on a three year average of the design value. The most recent three year period (2012 – 2014) results in a value of 72 ppb for the Killeen station. The Temple station only has one full year of data at this point.

Ms. Maxwell reminded the board members that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has contracted with Environ to develop a conceptual model that includes the KTMPO region; the study should be completed by August 2015. She also informed the board members that MPO staff has consulted with local legislators regarding inclusion of our region in the Rider 8 Program. (This program provides funding and programs for near-nonattainment areas to help them stay in compliance with ozone requirements.)

**4. Information Item: Regarding upcoming Federal Certification Review—Barbara Maley, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Barbara Maley informed the board members that KTMPO would be having their first Federal Certification Review (FCR) the last week of February. A FCR conducted by FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is required of metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) that are Transportation Management Areas (TMA), i.e. MPOs with an urbanized area population over 200,000. KTMPO became a TMA in 2012 based on 2010 census data.

Ms. Maley provided an overview of the certification process noting that a FCR occurs every 4 years. She informed the board members that KTMPO staff provided a notebook to the review team summarizing the MPO's transportation planning process and accomplishments. Most of the review will be done based upon the notebook and supporting documents. The in-person portion of the review (Feb. 24 – 26) will provide an opportunity to ask questions and clarify any items if needed. It will also include an interview with 3 or 4 members of the policy board regarding the MPO's planning process and a public meeting to receive comments from the public. She stated the review will wrap up with a close out meeting on Feb. 26 where she and the review team will provide summary comments. The official findings will be provided during the following months.

**5. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from November 19, 2014 TPPB meeting.**

**Vice Chair Scott Cosper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Marion Grayson; the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Action Item: Regarding approval of proposed amendments to the Mobility 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Category 9 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects.**

Mark Collier informed the board members that the MTP needs to be amended to include the projects selected for FY13 and FY14 TAP funding. The Copperas Cove and Killeen projects are being added to the short range funded section. The Temple project is phase 1 of a larger project that is in the MTP; the amendment moves phase 1 to the short range funded section.

Mr. Collier stated the public involvement process for MTP amendments includes a 15 day public comment period which closed on December 15, 2014. Public hearings were held in the cities of Copperas Cove, Killeen, and Temple. No comments were officially submitted to the MPO; however, the City of Killeen received a comment regarding lighting along the trail. Lighting is already included in the project; therefore, no changes are proposed. Mr. Collier reported the Technical Advisory

Committee (TAC) recommended approval at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and action needed today is approval by the Policy Board.

**Vice Chair Cospser made a motion to approve the MTP amendments, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Action Item: Regarding approval of proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Category 9 TAP projects.**

Mr. Collier provided a summary of the TIP amendments noting they were for the same TAP projects presented in the previous agenda item. The same public involvement process (public comment period and public hearings) was followed for both the MTP and TIP amendments. Mr. Collier reported the TAC recommended approval of the TIP amendments at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Action needed today is approval by the Policy Board.

**Mayor Grayson made a motion to approve the TIP amendments, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Action Item: Regarding approval of proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 TIP for SH 317 improvements (Proposition 1 Funding).**

Ms. Scott stated this item had been tabled at the November meeting to allow time for decisions to be made for the Proposition 1 funding regarding the amount of funding available and how it would be dispersed. She advised the board members the KTMPO received notice they will receive \$14.1 million. The proposed project is \$18.9 million so TxDOT will provide the remaining funds for this project from their Proposition 1 allocation. She reminded the board members the public involvement process had already been completed in November and the TAC recommended approval at their November 5, 2014 meeting. Action needed today is approval by the Policy Board.

**Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the TIP amendment, seconded by Vice Chair Cospser; the motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Action Item: Regarding initiation of public involvement process for proposed amendment to the FY2015-2018 TIP to reflect change in funding sources for Project ID T25-06 (Loop 363/Spur 290 Interchange).**

Mr. Collier informed the board members the source of funding for this project was changing from a 50/50 split of state and local funds to 40% federal, 10% state, and 50% local. The project cost was also reduced from \$9,984,000 to \$9,640,000.

Mr. Collier stated the public involvement process includes a 15 day public comment period and a public hearing. He provided a tentative schedule noting the TAC recommended initiation of the public involvement process at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Action needed today is Policy Board approval to initiate the process.

**Mayor Grayson made a motion to initiate the public involvement process for the TIP amendment, seconded by Commissioner Brown; the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Collier commented the MPO was looking at operating procedures and whether initiation of the public involvement process for MTP and TIP amendments needed formal approval by the TPPB. Current practice brings proposed amendments to both the TAC and TPPB twice—once for approval to initiate the public involvement process and once for actual approval of the amendment.

Commissioner Brown and Vice Chair Cospers both stated they preferred the current two step method. Chair Dunn stated current policy would continue as is and the MPO staff could present proposed policy changes for consideration at a later date if they wished.

**10. Presentation: Update on TxDOT Waco District Activities—Bobby Littlefield, TxDOT Waco District Engineer.**

Bobby Littlefield provided an update of TxDOT Waco District projects to include I35 and US190. Elias Rmeili, TxDOT Brownwood District Engineer, also commented on projects within the Brownwood District that lie within the KTMPO planning boundary, noting FM2657.

**11. Roundtable:** No comments were made by the board members.

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Mayor Danny Dunn, Chair

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J. Page Scott, MPO Director