

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Andrea Gardner for Mayor John Hull—City of
Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple	Copperas Cove
Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen	Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)
Councilmember Jose Segarra—City of Killeen	Kevin Dickey for Bobby Littlefield—TxDOT Waco District
George Lueck for Vice Chair Scott Cosper— City of Killeen	

Others Present

Ed Kabobel—TxDOT Waco District	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Joseph Molis—City of Harker Heights	Mark Collier--KTMPO
Sarah Byrd—Central TX Master Naturalist	

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Director's Report:**
Updates were provided by Mr. Collier and Ms. Maxwell on the following items:
 - Call for projects for the Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program: Mr. Collier stated the MPO has provided several letters of support for projects submitted by local entities.
 - Federal Certification Review conducted in February: Mr. Collier noted the final report would be out around August or September.
 - Legislative Update: Mr. Collier stated a bill was under consideration that would require MPOs to broadcast board meetings.
Ms. Maxwell stated the federal surface transportation authorization bill expires on May 31st. A possible 2 month extension is under consideration. Approximately \$11 billion is needed to fund the program through December.
Texas HB1/SB2 is in a conference committee. The Senate version includes the Killeen-Temple region in the near nonattainment program and proposes additional funding; the House version does not include either listing the Killeen-Temple region or additional funding.
Texas HB 14 includes Bell County in the TERP (Texas Emission Reduction Plan) program.
 - Air Quality Update: Ms. Maxwell provided an update on air quality, providing ozone concentrations for the two monitoring stations within KTMPO. She noted the public comment period on proposed revisions to the NAAQS (National Ambient Air Quality Standards) for ozone had closed with approximately 400,000 comments received. She discussed the proposed schedule for finalizing standards and designating nonattainment areas.

4. **Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from February 18, 2015 TPPB meeting.**

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

5. **Action Item: Regarding initiation of the public involvement process for the FY2016/2017 KTMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).**

Mr. Collier briefed the board members on the draft UPWP and discussed the proposed schedule noting the 30 day public comment period and two public hearings scheduled for May 27th in Killeen and Temple.

Mr. Ator made a motion to initiate the public involvement process for the FY2016/2017 UPWP, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blackstone; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion Item: Regarding establishment of advisory committees for Bicycle/Pedestrian and Freight matters.**

Ms. Maxwell discussed establishing a Bike/Ped Advisory Committee and identified possible tasks and membership. Input from the board members was requested.

Chair Dunn relayed his support of a Bike/Ped Advisory Committee noting the City of Temple is actively supporting multi-modal transportation and including bike lanes and hike/bike facilities when possible. He cautioned on the size of the group noting a large group may be difficult to manage.

Mr. Lueck suggested dedicating a small percentage of the MPO's Category 9 funds (TAP—Transportation Alternatives Program) to this committee so it is under their control. This would enable the committee to feel more meaningful and they could work with other groups to establish partnerships for matching dollars.

Mr. Collier discussed establishing a Freight advisory committee; KTMPO is not required to establish an advisory committee, but both FHWA and TxDOT have recommended it. Mr. Collier discussed potential tasks and membership and asked for input from the board.

Chair Dunn expressed support of creating an advisory group for freight but questioned whether freight issues on I35 would dominate the discussion at each meeting, at least for the next couple of years.

Mr. Collier stated the committee could initially focus on freight corridors that feed into I35 and other major corridors like US190 and identify freight issues. He asked the board members to coordinate with their TAC member to provide MPO staff with recommendations for committee members.

7. **Roundtable:** There were no comments from the Board members.

Chair Dunn announced the resignation of Page Scott and wished her well in her future endeavors. Ms. Maxwell informed the board that Mr. Collier was appointed as the Interim 9-1-1 Director and she was appointed as the Interim Director over the other planning programs as well as the KTMPO. The appointments are for 90 days.

8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Danny Dunn, Chair

Cheryl Maxwell, Interim MPO Director