



**KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday August 16, 2017
11:30 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

Meeting Attendees

Raul Amado—Baylor Scott and White	Ginger Watkins—Cameron Industrial Foundation
Michael Bolin—Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District	Jim Butler—Fikes Wholesale
Tiffany Melvin—NASCO	Justin Morgan—FHWA
James Mulheron—Traffic MUT SPC	John Weber—CTCOG/KTMPO
Daniel Dougherty—LRC- Ft. Hood	Cheryl Maxwell—CTCOG/KTMPO
Collin Hill—LNC	Kendra Coufal—CTCOG/KTMPO
Joe Barber—Wheeler Asphalt Coatings	Jason Deckman—CTCOG/KTMPO

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order: Kendra Coufal called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and introductions were made.

The meeting moved to agenda item #4

4. Discussion Item: Regarding review of meeting notes from May 17, 2017 meeting.

Kendra Coufal presented the meeting notes from May 17, 2017 meeting. No comments were made.

5. Discussion Item: Freight needs, issues, and INFRA grant opportunity.

Kendra Coufal asked FAC for specific areas regarding freight issues and needs that were discussed at the May meeting. These recommendations can then be passed on to KTMPO committees for potential project development. No specific areas regarding the freight issues and needs were discussed. Staff will follow up with an email to solicit comments prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Coufal discussed potential truck congestion mitigation strategies recommended by Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). These mitigation strategies include north/south alternative and parallel routes, freight aimed ITS platform, off-peak delivery, consolidation of delivery for similar neighboring businesses, signage and state policy for route trucks, review of engineers for truck geometrics at intersections, advanced communication of truck parking vacancy and car-only lanes. TTI would like feedback on these truck congestion mitigation strategies. The floor opened for discussion. Feedback was

given on car-only lanes, real time traffic signs, better public notices on construction delays/closures and overnight truck parking. KTMPO asked FAC members to send their priorities of TTI's mitigation strategies to staff.

Justin Morgan provided information regarding the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. The due date for INFRA grant applications is November 2, 2017.

6. Discussion Item: Ways to collaborate with and solicit the freight community.

Kendra Coufal asked FAC members if there are any other freight stakeholder groups that should be contacted to be part of this committee. Potential freight stakeholder groups include companies that are outside of the MPO boundary that use the infrastructure within the MPO boundary. A potential strategy to recruit new members is going door to door to meet with potential stakeholder groups and discuss the importance of the MPO.

Tiffany Melvin provided an update on the model pilot program for I-35 construction between Waco and Austin. This program, currently being tested, provides traffic information for freight haulers when traveling on I-35. Ms. Melvin stated that Old Dominion and McLane are part of this program and if this is successful, this program can be used nationwide.

7. Video Presentation: The Freight Economy.

8. Discussion & Possible Action Item: Guidance on the following.

- a. Committee guidelines;
- b. Established Membership and attendance and quorum;
- c. Mission statement, vision and goals.

Kendra Coufal asked for feedback regarding how the FAC should be structured. For membership, attendees present at this meeting and at the May meeting are considered members unless stated otherwise. Items that were also discussed were election of officers, mission statement, bylaws and what other MPOs are doing regarding freight committees. These items will be finalized at November's meeting.

9. Member Comments, Question & Answer.

FAC members discussed ways to get and distribute information on forecasted projects that could affect freight traffic. Suggested contact groups were freight logistics committees, TxDOT stakeholders list, and Tiffany Melvin's pilot program list, and agriculture co-ops, Texas Truck Association regional chapter in Austin.

10. Discuss date, time and possible agenda items for next meeting.

The next FAC meeting will be held in November 15, 2017.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

These meeting notes were presented to the FAC at their meeting on _____.

Cheryl Maxwell, KTMO Director